

AGENDA



Promoting Integrity and Strengthening Anti- Corruption Efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean

OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Programme

Side Event to OECD Integrity Week 2018

28 March 2018

Room CC9, OECD Conference Centre
Paris, France



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In January 2016, OECD members decided to strengthen co-operation with the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region through the creation of the OECD LAC Regional Programme (LACRP). The Programme was launched on June 1st 2016 at the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in Paris, with the presence of the Presidents of Chile and Peru, Ministers and high level representatives from the region and the Heads of partner international organisations ECLAC, CAF, IDB and SEIGB. The main goal of the LACRP is supporting the region in advancing its reform agenda along three key regional priorities: increasing productivity, advancing social inclusion and strengthening institutions and governance.

A Steering Group provides overall strategic guidance and priority setting to the Programme. It brings together policymakers with a whole-of-government vision from OECD and LAC countries and representatives from partner international organisations (IOs). In December 2016, the Steering Group endorsed the Programmatic Document for 2016-2018, which defines of the Programme's envisaged activities to support countries in their reform agendas. These activities include a series of annual high-level meetings (HLMs), focusing on each of the Programme's key priorities. Following the two previous Ministerial Meetings on "*Boosting Productivity and Inclusive Growth*" held in Santiago, Chile on December 5-6, 2016; and "*Towards Inclusive Social Protection Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean*" held in Asuncion, Paraguay on November 16, 2017, a third HLM on Governance is planned to take place in Peru from 18-19 October 2018.

While this forthcoming Governance HLM will focus on various governance-related topics in which the OECD is supporting LAC countries' reform efforts, the issues of integrity and anti-corruption will be key for follow-up from the discussion of the 2018 Summit of the Americas, on "Democratic Governance in the face of Corruption". This side event, held in the context of OECD Integrity Week 2018, is thus an opportunity to focus on the development of this narrative with LACRP stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

Key objectives of this meeting are:

- Bring to the attention of relevant stakeholders from the LAC region coming to the Integrity Week, as well as LACRP Ambassadorial stakeholders present in Paris, main strands of OECD work related to strengthening integrity and governance in the region, including the OECD-IDB LAC Public Integrity Network, the OECD LAC Anti-Corruption Programme, the LAC Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Network, and the 2018 Latin American Economic Outlook on Rethinking Institutions for Development.
- Consolidate the narrative and test the ground for the integrity and anti-corruption-related aspects of the forthcoming LACRP HLM on Governance

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

For information:

- Summary Record: 1st Meeting of the OECD-IDB LAC Public Integrity Network, held in Santiago, Chile from 18-19 May 2017 – [1 pager](#)
- [Summary Record](#): 5th Meeting of the LAC Corporate Governance of SOEs Network, held from 30 November – 1 December 2017 in Bogota, Colombia
- OECD Recommendation on Public Integrity – [ENG/ESP](#)
- [The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention](#)
- [OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises](#)
- [OECD-Basel High Level Reporting Mechanism \(HLRM\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

- Latest (2016-2018) OECD Integrity Reviews of LAC Countries:
 - Peru (2017) – [ENG/ESP](#)
 - Colombia (2017) – [ENG/ESP](#)
 - Mexico (2017) – [ENG/ESP](#)
 - Coahuila, Mexico (2017) – [ENG/ESP](#)
- Latest (2016-2018) LAC Country Reports on the Implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention:
 - [Chile](#) (2016 - Phase 3 follow-up)
 - [Argentina](#) (2017 - Phase 3bis)
 - [Brazil](#) (2017 - Phase 3 follow-up)
 - [Costa Rica](#) (2017 - Phase 1)
 - [Colombia \(2018 – Phase 2 follow-up\)](#)
- [Survey on Integrity and Anti-corruption in SOEs in Latin America and OECD countries \(2017\)](#)

Promoting Integrity and Strengthening Anti-Corruption Efforts in LAC

OECD LACRP Side Event to OECD Integrity Week 2018

28 March 2018

Room CC9, OECD Conference Centre

(English/Spanish simultaneous translation available)

13:30 – 13:45 OPENING REMARKS

Welcoming remarks and Presentation of the LACRP

- **Claudia Serrano**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the OECD and Co-Chair of the Programme
- **Marcos Bonturi**, Director for Public Governance, OECD

Overall context for the event's discussion, introducing the OECD LAC Regional Programme (LACRP) and its next forthcoming high level event on governance, which will take place in Peru during October 2018.

13:45 – 15:15 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: SUPPORTING LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN'S INTEGRITY AGENDA

Moderator: José Antonio Ardavín, Head of the LAC Unit, OECD Global Relations

1. Overview of the Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO) 2018: Rethinking Institutions for Development

- **Sebastian Nieto**, Deputy Head of LAC Unit, OECD Development Centre
- **Juan Vazquez**, Economist and LEO 2018 Coordinator, LAC Unit, OECD Development Centre

Brief presentation of the main findings of the LEO 2018, which this year focuses on the role of Institutions in Development, including analysis on the role of integrity and anti-corruption policies in strengthening trust in the region.

2. OECD-IDB Public Integrity Network, Integrity Reviews at National and Sub-national Level

- **Janos Bertok**, Head of Public Sector Integrity Division, OECD Directorate for Public Governance

Brief presentation of the new OECD-IDB LAC Public Integrity Network and related OECD work in supporting integrity-enhancing reforms in LAC. Report on the outcomes of the first meeting held in Santiago, Chile in May 2017 and the future plans.

3. LAC Engagement with the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

- **Patrick Moulette**, Head of Anti-Corruption Division, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs

Brief intervention on challenges to enforcing the foreign bribery offence in Latin America, with a discussion of recent cases in the region. It will also discuss recent reforms that will contribute to enhanced enforcement (e.g. enactment of corporate liability legislation) as well as initiatives to enhance multijurisdictional co-operation in such cases (e.g. Brasilia declaration).

4. LAC Corporate Governance of SOEs Network: Integrity and Anti-Corruption Frameworks

- **Daniel Blume**, Senior Policy Analyst for Corporate Affairs, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs

Brief report on the key issues and relevant reforms considered at the latest meeting of the LAC Corporate Governance of SOEs Network, held from 30 November – 1 December 2017 in Bogota, Colombia, which focused on the themes of transparency, board performance and integrity of SOEs.

5. OECD-Basel High Level Reporting Mechanism (HLRM)

- **Nicola Bonucci**, Director of Legal Affairs, OECD

Brief introduction to this new reporting mechanism, which is already getting good traction among LAC countries. The HLRM was developed by the OECD and the Basel Institute of Governance to effectively address complaints of bribery solicitation and related practices that involve public officials.

6. Discussion

Participants are invited to discuss ways in which Latin American countries have benefited from OECD tools to prevent and combat corruption. This discussion should help shape the narrative of the LACRP HLM on Governance that will take place in Peru during October 2018. The discussion will start with brief interventions from four lead discussants, after which the floor will be open to all participants.

Lead Discussants:

- **Gabriel Cifuentes Ghidini**, Secretary of Transparency, Colombia
- **Dr. Eber Omar Betanzos Torres**, Deputy Minister for Public Administration, Ministry of Public Administration, Mexico
- **Mora Kantor**, Undersecretary for Integrity and Transparency, Anticorruption Office, Argentina
- **Michel Macara-Chvili**, Executive Director of the Fondo Nacional de Financiamiento de la Actividad Empresarial del Estado (Fonafe), Peru

Roundtable Discussion

15:15 – 15:30

CONCLUSIONS: TOWARDS THE LACRP HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON INTEGRITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

- **Jaime Pomareda**, Director General of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and Co-Chair of the Programme
- **Andreas Schaal**, Director, OECD Global Relations Secretariat