



OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Programme

A Regional Policy Network on Public Integrity, in collaboration with the IDB

A regional policy network has been jointly launched with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) at the presence of several high-level public officials responsible for the prevention of corruption and development of public integrity strategies in the governments of the LAC Region. This OECD-IDB LAC Public Integrity Network combines the experience of two leading institutions in the field of public governance and integrity, and builds on the fruitful collaboration established for the bi-annual OECD-IDB publication *Government at a Glance: Latin America and the Caribbean*. The Network brings together the actors involved in public integrity systems of the LAC region to exchange ideas, experiences and lessons learned, as well as to find solutions to common challenges in the implementation of public integrity policies.

Objectives

- Help to shape the policy debate and enable the exchange of good practices and lessons learned from policy implementation at the national, regional and international level
- Foster coordination and communication between the distinct integrity actors, both domestically and regionally
- Support countries in developing coherent and comprehensive public integrity systems

Expected deliverables

- **Monitoring tools, including quantitative and qualitative data on integrity**, which would also complement the global indicators designed to monitor progress on the implementation of the SDGs (in particular SDG 16), inform policy and ensure accountability of all stakeholders.
- **Regional comparative studies on integrity policies.** In co-operation with the OECD-IDB LAC Integrity Network, the OECD and IDB would prepare ahead of each yearly meeting a thematic comparative study on a specific area of integrity that would provide background for discussion at the yearly meeting.
- **An online platform for knowledge sharing.** Through the form of an online platform, such as an app, members could communicate and interact throughout the year. This platform could also work as a repository of all information from the OECD and IDB to be provided to members of the Network.
- **Yearly network meetings.** Once a year, the Network would bring together the key actors of the countries' integrity systems for a two-day policy dialogue to exchange good practices, and discuss implementation challenges, including tensions and political and administrative challenges related to steering the topic of integrity and anti-corruption.
- **Country Reviews on Integrity.** OECD Integrity Reviews help policy makers improve policies, adopt good practices and implement established principles and standards. The OECD-IDB LAC Integrity Network would provide a platform to discuss amongst peers the findings and preliminary recommendation of these reviews
- **Ad hoc technical advice, training and support.** Based on demand, the OECD and IDB can provide tailored support to develop the capacities of countries in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of integrity policies.

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Recent Developments

Organised by the Ministry of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of Chile, the OECD, and the IDB, the OECD-IDB LAC Network on Public Integrity was formally launched and held its first meeting in Santiago, Chile, on May 18 and 19, 2017.

The first meeting included high-level participants from 10 LAC countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay) and 20 national authorities working on integrity policies in the region. Many countries were represented by more than one public institution, including autonomous bodies, reflecting that Public Integrity Systems are composed of various key actors. During the meeting with the OECD and the IDB, the participants shaped the design of the Network, and defined priority areas, which included, amongst others, the challenge of an effective inter-institutional co-ordination, mainstreaming integrity in human resource management policies, monitoring and evaluating impact of integrity policies, ensuring an effective communication, and reaching the sub-national level. In particular, institutional co-ordination as well as the monitoring and evaluation of integrity policies have been identified as the areas which will be discussed in depth during the next meeting scheduled during the first half of 2018 in one of the three countries which showed the interest to host the event (Argentina, Guatemala, Perú). Furthermore, future meetings of the Network will include a session inviting representatives from the private sector and civil society to promote a dialogue beyond government agencies in order to promote a whole-of-society culture of public integrity.

The Network will be the privileged partner for the development of integrity indicators in the next edition of the *OECD-IDB Government at a Glance: Latin America and the Caribbean*. Furthermore, countries will use the 2017 OECD Recommendation on Public Integrity as the guiding framework for the Network's future work.

