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Draft Agenda: Meeting of the Working Party of Senior Public Integrity Officials (SPIO)

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The meeting of the Working Party of Public Sector Integrity Officials (SPIO) will be held back to back with the 2016 OECD Integrity Forum on 19-20 April. Delegates are invited to participate in the sessions of the ‘Integrity Track’ of the Forum which will focus on pressing integrity issues.

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**Welcome and introductory remarks**

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: The meeting of the SPIO will take stock of the results of the public consultation on the draft Recommendation on Public Integrity, in order to build the consensus and consolidate the draft. The SPIO is also invited to indicate interest in practical tools and benchmarking to increase the relevance and impact of the draft Recommendation.

*Mary Anne Stevens,* Senior Director, Workplace Policies, Programs, Engagement and Ethics, GPP/OCHRO, Treasury Board Secretariat, Canada

*Janos Bertok,* Head, OECD Public Sector Integrity Division

**Session 1: How to increase relevance of the revised draft Recommendation**

OBJECTIVES: This session will launch the dialogue on the revised draft Recommendation, and share views about how the draft Recommendation could guide future work of the SPIO and contribute to the broader governance agenda. Delegates can indicate their needs for practical guidance. Delegates are also invited to share good practices on how the principles of the draft Recommendation could be effectively implemented within a specific country context.

*Terry Lamboo,* Senior Policy Analyst, OECD – ‘Introduction to the revised draft Recommendation.’

*Tour de Table,* delegates are invited to bring forward their views and experiences and to keep their contributions up to 5 minutes in order to allow sufficient time for discussion.

Questions for discussion:

- What are your overall views on the revised draft Recommendation, the approach, structure and content?
- How can the updated draft Recommendation give a new impetus to the efforts in your country to enhance integrity?
- How can the OECD support implementation of the draft Recommendation and increase its practical relevance?
- What issues would have priority for benchmarking and thematic reviews?

Background document:

- Revised draft OECD Recommendation on Public Integrity
2. **Session 2. A Coherent and Comprehensive Integrity System**

OBJECTIVES: Ensuring a coherent and comprehensive integrity system that incorporates a whole-of-government perspective provides challenges for many countries. The objective of this session is to better understand the policy options and trade-offs, of formal and informal collaboration mechanisms and incentives for multilevel governance.

*Silvia Späth*, Detective Chief Inspector, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany - ‘Formal and informal coordination and cooperation mechanisms on the central level.’

*Dora Ruiz*, Head of Framework Agreement Division, Observatorio ChileCompra - ‘Monitoring the bidding process: Business intelligence as an anticorruption tool for monitoring and prevention.’

*Laura Alonsa*, Oficina Anticorrupción Argentina - ‘A sectorial approach to corruption’

*Nikos Passas*, International Anti-Corruption Academy - ‘Reflections on the draft Recommendation.’

Questions for discussion:

- How formal and informal horizontal collaboration mechanisms at the central level function and how have you attempted to improve them?
- What are the formal or informal efforts in your country to enhance integrity at the subnational levels of governments, and other public sectors?
- How is the risk-based approach to integrity and misconduct incorporated at the strategic level? What are the main risks identified?
- How is the responsibility for monitoring and evaluating integrity system(s) organised?

Background documents:

- Fighting the Hidden Tariff: Global Trade without Corruption (2016 OECD Integrity Forum Background Report)
- Trafficking in persons and Corruption: Breaking the Chain

3. **Session 3: Building a culture of integrity**

OBJECTIVES: To develop a common understanding of how a merit based civil service can contribute to open organisational cultures that are supportive of integrity. In addition, the draft Recommendation specifies the role of political leadership and of management in creating cultures of integrity. The debate aims further to share insight in the practical implications of a whole-of-society approach.

*Michael Johnston*, Charles A. Dana Professor of political Science, Colgate University- ‘A culture of integrity and democratization – reflections on the draft Recommendation.’

*Kamel Ayadi*, Minister for Civil Service, Governance and Anti-Corruption, Tunisia

Questions for discussion:
• How to bring a whole-of-society perspective into the debate on public integrity? How is the role of civil society, private sector and citizens acknowledged?
• How can the merit based civil service be strengthened to promote an open organisational culture?
• How are managers supported and held accountable for their role within the integrity system?

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 4. Session 4: Promoting accountability, control and enforcement

OBJECTIVES: The draft Recommendation recognises the need to balance a value oriented approach to integrity with a compliance approach. Delegates will be invited to share their experience and discuss how a focus on compliance, through audit and control institutions, may support integrity in the public sector. Including their experiences with balancing the benefits and disadvantages of a focus on compliance.

Juan Portal, Auditor General, Auditoria Superior de la Federación de México – ‘Practical reflections on the role of SAI to promote effective integrity policies’

Linda Miller, Assistant Director, Government Accountability Office, USA – ‘A whole of governance perspective to fraud risk management: lessons learned’

Frederic Boehm, OECD, ‘Promoting inclusive growth and integrity through preventing policy capture’

Questions for discussion:
• How can internal control and audit reinforce the integrity system?
• What incentives supreme audit institutions use to increase the effectiveness of the integrity system?
• What are the forms and sources of policy capture and which sectors or stages of the policy cycle are most at risk? What effective measures can be taken to prevent policy capture; awareness, regulations, transparency?

Background documents:
• Public Decision-Making by Curbing The Risks of Capture
• Strengthening Anti-corruption and Integrity for Productivity, Inclusiveness and Development

17:30 – 18:00 5. Closing remarks

Rolf Alter, Director, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate

Mary Anne Stevens, Senior Director, Workplace Policies, Programs, Engagement and Ethics, GPP/OCHRO, Treasury Board Secretariat, Canada

18:00 – 20.00 Cocktail: Roger Ockrent room in the Château