Implementing the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific: Reforms and anti-corruption resources Australia

Australia joined the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific in October 2003 (endorsement statement) and is represented in the Initiative’s Steering Group through its Attorney-General’s Department. Through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Australia supports the work of the Initiative; AusAID is represented in the Initiative’s Advisory Group.

Anti-Corruption reform in the framework of the Action Plan

Australia’s current priorities for reform under the Anti-Corruption Action Plan concern leading a campaign on raising the awareness of the foreign bribery offense.

Australia’s reform progress is documented in the regular reports that the country delivered at the Steering Group meetings (reform progress). The region-wide report on Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia-Pacific provides a horizontal overview of Australia’s policies, institutions and frameworks as well as progress in this area as of the first quarter of 2006. The outcome of the Initiative’s Thematic Reviews provides more detailed analysis of mechanisms to curb corruption in public procurement and the instruments in place to seek and provide mutual legal assistance, extradition and the recovery of proceeds of corruption.

Selected anti-corruption resources

- Government Institutions
  - Attorney-General’s Department
  - National Audit Office
  - Public Service Commission
  - Crime Commission
  - Federal Police
  - Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)
  - The Australian Law Reform Commission
  - Corruption Prevention Network (CPN)
  - National Institute for Governance
  - Public Service and Merit Protection Commission
  - The Australian Law Reform Commission
  - New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
  - New South Wales Crime Commission
  - Police Integrity Commission (NSW)
  - Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) Western Australia
  - Anti-Corruption Commission Western Australia
  - Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) (Queensland)

- Framework and contacts for mutual legal assistance, extradition and asset recovery
  Information as of September 2007
Regulatory resources
SCALEplus
Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII)

Analysis
Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific, OECD, Paris, 2006
Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement, OECD, Paris, 2006
Phase 2 Report on Implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, October 2005
Phase 1 Report on Implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, December 1999

NGOs and business organizations
Transparency International Australia
Whistleblowers Australia
The Association of Consulting Engineers Australia
Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics (AAPAE)
Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
Centre for Democratic Institutions
Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance