Recent events and activities

- **20th Steering Group Meeting, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 18 November 2015**
  More than 60 participants from the Initiative’s member countries and jurisdictions, Advisory Group, and observer countries discussed (1) the Mongolia Monitoring report under the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; (2) OECD Integrity Scans/Reviews; (3) the work and upcoming plans of the Secretariat; (4) the revised OECD Principles for Managing Ethics in the Public Service; and (5) significant anti-corruption developments in the region. Participants also held a dialogue with representatives of the private sector, civil society, and media from Mongolia and other Asian and Pacific countries. **[Read the meeting minutes and other documents]**

- **13th Regional Seminar on Tackling Corruption in Development Projects, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 19-20 November 2015**
  The seminar was opened by H.E. Mr. Enkhbold Zandaakh, Speaker of the Great Khural (Parliament) of Mongolia. H.E. Mr. Saikhanbileg Chimed, Prime Minister of Mongolia hosted the reception for more than 100 participants including Initiative members and observers, and representatives of international organizations, civil society, media and other bodies. Delegates discussed constraints, challenges, strategies, and learned good practices to tackle corruption in development projects. **[Read the agenda and seminar papers]**

- **Law Enforcement Practitioners Network Meeting, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 19 November 2015**
  This pilot meeting of law enforcement practitioners (including investigators and prosecutors) featured active exchanges based on real-life cases. Participants discussed practical aspects of enforcement and tracing illicit financial flows, and identified good practices that can be further promoted in the region. The meeting was well received by participants and will again be held in November 2016 as part of the Initiative’s activities.

Upcoming events and activities

- **The 21st Steering Group Meeting and 14th Regional Seminar in 2016**
  The Initiative’s meeting and seminar will be hosted by the Anti-Corruption Commission of Bhutan, 8-10 November 2016, in Thimphu, Bhutan. The theme of the seminar will be announced upon further consultation with the host and the Initiative’s members and advisers.

- **Thematic Review and Country Scoping Exercises**
  The Country Scoping Exercises of Indonesia and Thailand have been successfully launched in Jakarta and Bangkok respectively in March 2016. Voluntary Country Scoping Exercises will soon be implemented and will focus on selected integrity and anti-corruption areas in line with the country’s anti-corruption agenda. The next Thematic Review will be discussed during the Steering Group Meeting in 2016. **[Read the Thematic Reviews and methodology of country scoping exercises]**

Anti-corruption news from Asia-Pacific

- **The 17th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) will be held 1-4 December 2016 in Panama. IACC attracts many hundreds of delegates, bringing together heads of state, civil society, and the private sector to tackle the increasing challenges posed by corruption.** [Visit the IACC website]

- **Bhutan launched its National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy (NIACS) 2014-2018, which provides an effective platform for promoting integrity and anti-corruption measures by strengthening systems and building alliances. To ensure the mainstreaming of NIACS in the 11th Five Year Plan (2014-2018), its implementation and monitoring were integrated in the national policy.** [Visit the ACC Bhutan website]

- **ADB will continue to support the implementation of Strategy 2020’s governance and capacity development objectives through a recently-approved technical assistance (TA). The TA supports the implementation of country partnership strategies (CPs) and sector roadmaps through better analytics, innovative knowledge solutions, collaborative practices, and regional partnerships. One component of the TA supports continued implementation of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific.** [Visit the ADB website]

- **OECD’s Integrity Forum will take place 19-20 April 2016 at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris. The Forum has become one of the leading fora on integrity and anti-corruption worldwide, bringing together policy communities, the private sector, civil society, and academia. It offers two integrity tracks that seek to address intertwined and trade issues from various perspectives.** [Visit the Integrity Forum website]

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