Capacity-building workshop in the framework of the Integrity Review of Thailand: Strengthening Public Ethics

26-27 June 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

Various countries in the Asia-Pacific region face challenges to effectively prevent corruption in the public sector and to mainstream a culture of integrity among civil servants. In response, the Public Integrity Network (PIN) of the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific provides a platform from Governments in the Asia-Pacific region to address these challenges through peer learning, country scoping exercises, and capacity building.

In Thailand, the Government has engaged with the OECD to strengthen its public integrity system and to promote integrity and accountability in the public sector. This cooperation resulted in the Integrity Review of Thailand Phase 1 (2018), the first of its kind in Asia. The Integrity Review identified a number of areas in which Thailand could focus its efforts to enhance integrity in the public sector, as well as recommended actions.

In order to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Integrity Review, the Government of Thailand and the OECD jointly organise a capacity-building workshop on public ethics for policy makers and government officials.

To give countries in the region with similar challenges the opportunity to benefit from the capacity building workshop in Thailand, a number of slots are available for delegates from the members of the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific.

Description

The objective of the workshop is to empower policy makers and practitioners in strengthening public integrity, in effectively managing conflicts of interest, and in addressing ethical dilemmas.

The workshop is organised over two days (26 – 27 June 2019). The first day of the workshop aims to improve the understanding of the main concepts of public ethics, such as integrity values, definitions of conflicts of interest and ethical leadership, as well as provide tools to promote them in practice. The second day will focus on interactive and group-work sessions that will present tools to strengthen integrity in the public sector, discuss case studies on how to integrate ethical reasoning and management of conflict of interest principles in their daily activities, and explore the elements for cultivating an open organisational culture that will empower public officials to raise ethical dilemmas.
During the workshop, participants will have the opportunity for peer-to-peer learning and exchange with attendees around the following topics:

- Public Integrity and Values of Ethics
- Defining Conflicts of Interest
- Ethical Leadership
- Tools for strengthening public ethics and integrity
- Recognising ethical dilemmas
- Cultivating an open organisational culture.

Speakers will include peers from OECD member countries, such as a representative from the Australian Public Service Commission, as well as various experts.

**Target Audience**

Policy makers and practitioners from government institutions and public agencies involved in corruption prevention and promoting integrity are encouraged to participate. The workshop is open for delegates of members of the Public Integrity Network of the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific. Delegates are expected to contribute to the dialogue by providing insights based on their country experience.

**Practical Information**

- Due to limited availability, the slots are allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Delegates are encouraged to indicate their interest as soon as possible.
- A detailed programme with venue information will be shared with those expressing interest.
- Participation is free of charge. However, travel and accommodation are not covered by the organisers and need to be organised by participants themselves.
- Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English during all sessions.

**Organisers**

The workshop is organised by the OECD in cooperation with the Office of the Public Sector Development (OPDC) and the Office of the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC). The workshop is supported by the Government of Thailand under the OECD - Thailand Country Programme.

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