THE ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific

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Established in 1999 under the joint leadership of ADB and OECD, which support its Secretariat

A regional forum for supporting national and multilateral efforts to address corruption in Asia and the Pacific

Focus is support to members’ effective implementation of UNCAC
Membership

- Membership is open to any economy in Asia and the Pacific that commits to take steps to implement anti-corruption measures and to participate in the Initiative’s review mechanisms.
- 31 members have joined the Initiative.
Members

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- People’s Republic of China
- Cook Islands
- Fiji Islands
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- Republic of Korea
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Macao, China
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Republic of Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Timor-Leste
- Thailand
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam

Observer: Brunei Darussalam

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Advisory Group

- American Bar Association (ABA-ASIA)
- Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Transparency International (TI)
- World Bank
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
The 6 Strategic Principles

1. Extending Support for UNCAC Implementation
2. The Initiative’s Feature as a Regional Network
3. Support Learning with Action and Measurable Outcomes
4. Accommodate Diversity in Members and Stakeholders
5. Enhance Member Ownership
6. Avoid Duplicating Other Forums
Initiative’s Approach

- Develop a network of policy makers and practitioners
- Maintain strong links to regional and global anticorruption initiatives
- Capacity building based on peer-learning, mutual support and exchange of expertise
- Member ownership - governments formulate the Initiative’s strategies and implement activities with the help of the Secretariat

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Initiative’s Activities

- The Initiative engages in four main activities:
  - Annual meetings of its Steering Group and self-reporting
  - Capacity building seminars
  - Regional anti-corruption conferences
  - Thematic reviews on members’ efforts in particular areas.
Initiative’s Activities

Recent conferences and seminars have addressed areas relevant to UNCAC:

- Whistleblower Protection and Strengthening Anti-corruption Agencies (2013)
- Measures to Prevent and Detect Corruption in Public Procurement (2011)
- Citizen Contributions to Anti-Corruption Frameworks (2011)
Initiative’s Activities

Publications of Thematic Reviews:

- Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement in Asia and the Pacific (2006)
- Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition, and Recovery of Proceeds of Corruption in Asia and the Pacific (2008)
- Criminalisation of Bribery Offences under the UNCAC (2010)
- Corporate Compliance, Internal Controls and Ethics Measures to Fight Corruption in the Private Sector (ongoing)
Criminalisation of Bribery Offences

- Thematic Review published in 2010
- Reviews each member's implementation of Articles 15, 16 and 26 of UNCAC (domestic and foreign bribery by natural and legal persons)
- Touches upon Articles 30 (prosecution, adjudication and sanctions), 31 (freezing, seizure and confiscation), 37 (co-operation with law enforcement authorities), 40 (bank secrecy), 42 (jurisdiction) and 50 (special investigative techniques)

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Criminalisation of Bribery Offences

- Report includes recommendations to each member for improving its implementation of these provisions of UNCAC.
- Horizontal analysis identifies trends and challenges that cut across the Asia-Pacific region.
Further information

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