



Reinforcing Political Will to Fight Corruption in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

High-Level Meeting

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10:00

OPENING

OECD High Level Official will open the meeting with introductory remarks.

10:30

SESSION 1: TOWARDS ROBUST ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES

Ministers, Heads of Anti-Corruption Institutions and other High Level Officials from ACN countries, as well as senior representatives from OECD countries will take stock of progress and challenges in developing and implementing anti-corruption strategies, and will discuss how to ensure that these strategies bring tangible results in the region. High Level Officials from International Organisations will discuss how international standards in this field can further guide the ACN region towards effective anti-corruption policies. Civil society delegates will contribute their views on how to fight corruption more effectively.

11:30

Coffee break

11.50

SESSION 2: ADVANCING REFORM OF CRIMINAL LEGISLATION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND STRENGTHENING LAW-ENFORCEMENT

High Level Law-Enforcement Officials and Heads of Anti-Corruption Institutions from ACN countries, as well as senior representatives from OECD countries will exchange views about ways to further advance the reform towards modern and effective legislation against corruption. They will discuss how to strengthen the capacity of law-enforcement bodies to detect and prosecute corruption crimes, and how to ensure integrity of the law-enforcement bodies. They will also identify strategic directions for improving international and regional cooperation in investigating and prosecuting corruption.

13:00

Family picture and lunch break

15:00

SESSION 3: TAKING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ministers and High Level Officials from ACN countries, as well as senior representatives from OECD countries will discuss a broad range of measures necessary to prevent corruption in different branches and sectors of public administration. The discussion will focus on how to ensure integrity in public service and judiciary, prevent political corruption, promote the role of financial control and audit institutions in the fight against corruption, ensure public access to information and develop targeted measures to counter corruption in sectors with high risks of corruption.

16:00

Coffee break

16:20

SESSION 4: ENGAGING IN A DIALOGUE WITH BUSINESS TO PREVENT CORRUPTION

Ministers and High Level Officials from ACN countries, as well as senior representatives from OECD countries, together with senior representatives from the business sector, will discuss measures that need to be taken to promote integrity and compliance by companies and business associations. They will also discuss possible forms of partnership with business sector that can be launched to prevent corruption and to improve business environment in the region.

17.15

CONCLUSIONS

Participants of the High Level Meeting will be invited to adopt a Statement on their commitment and Strategic Directions for Future Actions to Fight Corruption in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

18.00

Cocktail for all participants of the High Level Meeting

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Context

Countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia have been facing serious corruption challenges throughout the transition process. In response, they have developed anti-corruption policies, reformed legislation and institutions, have taken measures to prevent corruption in public administration and in the private sector, and have punished corrupt activities. However, important challenges persist and corruption remains a serious obstacle for sustainable economic and social development in the region. Therefore, for tangible results, strong political will and targeted anti-corruption efforts are needed to advance the fight against corruption in Eastern Europe and Central Europe.

Objectives and participants

The High Level Meeting will convene top anti-corruption decision-makers from countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, as well as senior representatives from OECD countries and countries participating in the OECD Working Group on Bribery, as well as representatives of international organisations, civil society and business organisations.

Ministers, Heads of Anti-Corruption Institutions, Prosecutor Generals and other high level officials from this region and other key stakeholders will meet at the international level in order to take stock of achievements and challenges to date and to develop a strategic vision reinforcing the fight against corruption in the region in the years to come, including through a *policy statement* that will be proposed for adoption.

The strategic directions for the fight against corruption identified by the High Level meeting will form the basis for the *Work Programme of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN)¹ for 2013-2015*. This programme will be presented for adoption and further discussed at the 14th Meeting of the ACN Steering Group on 11 December 2012.

The High Level meeting will draw on the findings in the progress report prepared by the Secretariat "*Fighting Corruption in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan. Second Round of Monitoring. 2009 – 2012*".

Organisation

The meeting will be conducted in **English** with simultaneous interpretation into **Russian**. Further information about the meeting venue is available on the [OECD Conference Centre website](#).

Contact information

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¹ The ACN is one of one of the OECD regional anti-corruption programmes established under the Programme of Work of the OECD Working Group on Bribery. It is open for Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, the FYROM, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.