

Fourth meeting of the Latin America and Caribbean Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Network



Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean underscore the importance of corporate liability and international cooperation in the fight against corruption to strengthen enforcement in the region

21/12/2022 - The fourth meeting of the **Latin America & Caribbean Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Network (“LAC LEN”)**, took place on 15-16 November 2022 in Santiago, Chile. The meeting was jointly organised by the Anti-Corruption Division of the OECD and Chile’s Public Prosecutors’ Office. The meeting was organised with the support of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

The LAC LEN, which was established in 2018 in Buenos Aires, aims to equip law enforcement authorities in Latin America and the Caribbean with the necessary tools, capacity and expertise to effectively investigate and prosecute complex corruption cases, including transnational ones. It also provides a vital platform for informal exchange of information to facilitate the provision of legal assistance among its members. The activities of the network aim to support the region’s efforts to strengthen democracy and the rule of law and to promote sustainable development in line with the Lima Commitment on Democratic Governance against Corruption adopted by the Summit of Americas in April 2018, and of the Action Plan for Integrity and Good Governance, endorsed by the High Level Meeting of the OECD LAC Regional Programme, in October 2018, in Lima, Peru.

This year, the meeting brought together more than 50 law enforcement officials from 13 countries. Representatives of the OECD and the Inter-American Development Bank also participated.

Recognising the importance of corporate liability and international cooperation in complex corruption cases, including those of transnational nature, the 2022 meeting focused on discussing the main trends, common challenges and good practices in the detection, investigation and prosecution of corruption cases and case-based peer-led training. Other priority topics for the region were also discussed such as gender and independence of corruption investigations, as well as key elements of the practical guidelines that are being developed by the OECD's Anti-Corruption Division in the context of the Project "Global Law Enforcement Response to Corruption in Crisis Situations". The following issues were the focus of the 2022 meeting:

- Various models of corporate liability in Latin America and the Caribbean and the characteristics of each;
- Good practices and challenges in obtaining digital evidence through international co-operation;
- Self-reporting and incentives for voluntary disclosure in corruption cases;
- Multijurisdictional resolutions of corruption cases in the LAC region;
- Corruption in emergency situations;
- Gender perspectives in corruption cases;
- Independence of investigations and prosecutions in corruption cases in the LAC region.

The LAC LEN meeting was followed by a training on "Financial and Assets Investigations" (17 November 2022) organised by Chile.

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