

12th Steering Group Meeting  
Singapore, 24-25 November 2008

## StG12-1

### Draft Agenda

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#### ■ Meeting objectives

The objectives of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific are:

- 1) to report on and discuss the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, including recent anti-corruption reforms that have taken place since the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting in May 2008;
- 2) to discuss and adopt the Strategy and Work Program of the Initiative for 2009-2011;
- 3) to discuss and adopt the methodology for voluntary country reviews;
- 4) to discuss possible ways for sharing expertise on implementing standards under the UNCAC that are analogous to standards under the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention;
- 5) to discuss topics for thematic reviews and technical seminars for 2009-2011; and
- 6) to discuss and adopt the third edition of the report on anti-corruption policies in Asia and the Pacific.

For detailed notes on the individual items, please refer to the annotations to the agenda on p. 4.

#### ■ Background documents

StG12-1: Draft agenda of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (this document)

StG12-2: Preliminary list of participants of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting

StG12-3: Compilation of member countries' reports on steps taken to implement the Action Plan

StG12-4: Draft Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011

StG12-5: Draft methodology for voluntary country reviews

StG12-6: Draft report "Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific—Progress in Legal and Institutional Reform in 28 Economies"

StG12-7: "Criminalization under the UNCAC and Sharing Experience"

StG12-L: Logistical information for participants of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting and the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific

For information: Draft agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific

Draft list of participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific

For reference: "Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific". ADB/OECD: 2006.

#### ■ New publication

Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Technical Seminar: "Asset Recovery and Mutual Legal Assistance in Asia and the Pacific"

## Monday, 24 November 2008

8:30 – 9:00 *Registration of delegates*

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**9:00 – 9:30 1 – Opening session**

Welcoming remarks by Singapore

Introductory remarks by the Secretariat

Kathleen M. Moktan, Capacity Development and Governance Division, ADB

Patrick Moulette, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD

Brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers

Adoption of the agenda

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9:30 – 10:00 *Group photo, coffee and tea break*

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**10:00 – 12:30 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries**

10:00 – 10:15 Report by Singapore on steps taken to implement the three pillars of the Action Plan, followed by a roundtable discussion

10:15 – 12:30 Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 1:*

Reform Area 1 — Integrity in Public Service – recruitment and oversight

Reform Area 2 — Integrity in Public Service – codes of conduct and public management

Reform Area 3 — Accountability and Transparency – accountability of public service

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12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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**14:00 – 15:30 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries (cont.)**

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 2:*

Reform Area 4 — Effective Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution of corruption – legislation and enforcement of criminal law

Reform Area 5 — Corporate Responsibility and Accountability – corporate governance, tax measures, accounting and auditing and economic sanctions

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15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee and tea break*

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**15:45 – 17:15 2 – Implementation of the Action Plan – Reporting and exchanging experience on anti-corruption reform in member countries (cont.)**

Member countries' reports on recent steps taken to implement the standards in the Action Plan's areas for reform, and plenary discussion

*Pillar 3:*

Reform Area 6 — Public Discussion of Corruption – awareness raising

Reform Area 7 — Access to Information – public reporting and disclosure

Reform Area 8 — Public Participation – civil society and business sector involvement

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**17:15 – 17:30 3 – Report on anti-corruption measures in observer countries**

Reports by observer countries on recent steps taken in the fight against corruption

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19:30 *Welcome dinner*

## Tuesday, 25 November 2008

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**9:00 – 10:30 4 – Report by members of the Advisory Group and observer organizations on their assistance in support of reforms; Secretariat activity report**

Reports by members of the Advisory Group

Reports by observer organizations

Activity report by the Secretariat

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*10:30 – 10:45 Coffee and tea break*

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**10:45 – 12:30 5 – Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011, including options for thematic reviews and seminars**

Introduction by the Secretariat; plenary discussion and adoption of the draft strategy and work program 2009-2011.

Introduction by the Secretariat and plenary discussion on options for thematic reviews and seminars for 2009-2011, including:

1. Criminalization under the UNCAC and Sharing Experience
  2. Prevention of Corruption
  3. Impact of Corruption in the Natural Resource Sector
  4. Political Economy of Corruption
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*12:30 – 14:00 Lunch*

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**14:00 – 16:00 6 – Stocktaking of anti-corruption policies in Asia and the Pacific**

Discussion and adoption of the draft of the third edition of the Initiative's report "Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific—Progress in Legal and Institutional Reform in 28 Economies"

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*16:00 – 16:15 Coffee and tea break*

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**16:15 – 17:00 7 – Draft methodology of voluntary country reviews**

Introduction by the Secretariat and plenary discussion

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**17:00 – 17:15 8 – Closing session**

Summary of the Steering Group discussions and follow-up activities by the Secretariat

Closing roundtable/feedback

Closing remarks by the Secretariat

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## Notes on the Agenda

	Annotations	Document
<p><b>Item 1</b> <i>Opening session</i></p>	<p>The welcoming and introductory remarks by the host and the Secretariat will be followed by a brief roundtable introduction of delegates, Advisory Group members and observers. The agenda of the meeting will then be proposed to delegates for adoption.</p>	<p>StG12-1 StG12-2</p>
<p><b>Item 2</b> <i>Oral reports by member countries on steps taken to implement the Action Plan – Roundtable</i></p>	<p>Singapore as the host of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting will provide the Group with an overview on its recent efforts and achievements to implement the Action Plan since the last Steering Group meeting in May 2008.</p> <p>Member countries will then report on steps taken to implement the Action Plan since the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting. Reports will be delivered by thematic area: Countries that have chosen to report on reforms in a given thematic area will be invited to report on these reforms; a plenary discussion of the country experiences and reforms will follow each set of reports under the Action Plan's eight thematic areas. The countries' selection of areas to report on is available in Annex "A" to this agenda. A country report on measures in a given reform area should not exceed 4 minutes; slide presentations are thus discouraged.</p>	<p>StG12-3</p>
<p><b>Item 3</b> <i>Oral reports by observer countries</i></p>	<p>Observer countries will report on their anti-corruption policies and, if applicable, their interest in membership in the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific (5 to 7 minutes' presentation per country followed by a short question and answer session immediately after each country presentation).</p>	
<p><b>Item 4</b> <i>Oral reports by Advisory Group and observer organizations, and activity report by the Secretariat</i></p>	<p>International organizations and institutions represented in the Advisory Group, as well as other international organizations and institutions attending the Steering Group as observers will be invited to report on recent measures taken to support member countries' reforms.</p> <p>This item will end with an oral report by the Secretariat on activities undertaken since the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5</b> <i>Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011 including options for thematic reviews and seminars</i></p>	<p>At its 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting in May 2008, the Initiative's members discussed their demand and priorities for support of anti-corruption efforts through the Initiative. The Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft strategy and work program 2009-2011 for discussion and adoption at the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting.</p> <p>An important component of the Strategy and Work Program is the choice of thematic reviews and seminars. Previous thematic reviews covered the following topics: mechanisms to curb corruption in public procurement; and mutual legal assistance, extradition and asset recovery. Previous regional technical seminars covered: fighting bribery in public procurement; asset recovery and mutual legal assistance; managing conflicts of interest; meeting international anti-corruption standards; and</p>	<p>StG12-4 StG 12-7</p>

	Annotations	Document
	<p>effective prosecution of corruption.</p> <p>Proposals for thematic reviews and seminars for 2009-2011 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Criminalization under the UNCAC and Sharing Experience</li> <li>2. Prevention of Corruption</li> <li>3. Impact of Corruption in the Natural Resource Sector</li> <li>4. Political Economy of Corruption</li> </ol> <p>A summary of these proposals will be sent to Initiative members before the meeting. In addition, a paper on "Criminalization under the UNCAC and Sharing Experience" will be presented by the Secretariat.</p> <p>This session will discuss and adopt the Initiative's Strategy and Work Program 2009-2011, including topics for thematic reviews and seminars.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6</b> <i>Stocktaking on anti-corruption policies in Asia and the Pacific</i></p>	<p>The progress reviews that members of the Initiative deliver at the Steering Group meetings provide a wealth of information on the priorities and achievements in anti-corruption reform in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>To make this information publicly available in an easily accessible manner, the Initiative has adopted and published, in 2004 and 2006, two editions reports that summarize the progress and the status of anti-corruption policies in the region; these reports became known as the "stocktaking reports".</p> <p>Upon request of the Steering Group, the Secretariat has prepared an up-to-date summary report that reflects the reform efforts and achievements that the now 28 member countries of the Initiative have reported at the Steering Group meetings held since the 2006 edition.</p> <p>This session will discuss and review the draft report and gather additional information. The document will then be adopted for publication.</p>	StG12-6
<p><b>Item 7</b> <i>Draft Methodology of voluntary country reviews</i></p>	<p>In 2006, the Initiative's member countries decided to carry out voluntary country reviews as an additional mechanism to support legal and institutional reform. At the 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting, members of the Steering Group requested the Secretariat to develop a draft methodology for such reviews. This session will discuss the proposal and adopt the methodology.</p>	StG12-5

The meeting will take place in Ballroom 2/3, Level 2, Suntec City International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore

To whom it may concern:

**Meetings of the Advisory Group:** Sunday, 23 November 2008, 18:00: Preparatory meeting (venue tbd)  
Tuesday, 25 November 2008, 17:00: Debriefing (venue tbd)

## Annex A: Reports on Reform Areas under the Action Plan

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- **Reform Area 1** — Integrity in public service: Hiring of competent public officials; adequate remuneration of public officials; oversight over discretionary decisions; and rotation of officials (Pillar 1, Integrity in Public Service)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 2** — Codes of conduct for public officials that regulate conflict of interest; ensure proper use of public funds; and promote integrity (Pillar 1, Integrity in Public Service)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 3** — Effective legal frameworks; management practices and auditing procedures to ensure accountability of public service (Pillar 1, Accountability and Transparency)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 4** — Comprehensive anti-bribery and anti-money laundering legislation with effective sanctions; effective institutional frameworks and resources to investigate and prosecute these offenses; and effective mechanisms for transnational cooperation in the prosecution of corruption (Pillar 2, Effective Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 5** — Promotion of corporate governance; denial of tax deductibility of bribes; accounting and auditing standards and related enforcement mechanisms; and economic sanctions in response to corrupt business conduct (Pillar 2, Corporate Responsibility and Accountability)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 6** — Public awareness campaigns; support of non-governmental organizations involved in the fight against corruption (Pillar 3, Public Discussion of Corruption)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 7** — Access to information; public reporting; and disclosure mechanisms (Pillar 3, Access to Information)  
Reports by: tbd
- **Reform Area 8** — Cooperative relationships with civil society and business organizations; protection of whistleblowers; and involvement of civil society in monitoring public sector anti-corruption programs (Pillar 3, Public Participation)  
Reports by: tbd