

High-Level Forum

**BUSINESS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION TO
PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

DRAFT AGENDA

28-29 November 2017

Athens, Greece



■ Background information

Corruption not only raises serious moral and political concerns, but it also undermines good governance and economic development, and distorts international competitive conditions. Businesses thus have a vested interest in fighting this phenomenon. Civil society and media also play a key role in fighting corruption, including corruption in the business context. Today, the need to fight corruption with a holistic approach is unchallenged: it has become the catalysing force behind anti-corruption discourses. But what does it mean in practice? To what extent is it true in all contexts? What is the nature of business and civil society's involvement? What can be learned from other countries' experience?

The Forum

The Greek government is prioritising the fight against corruption as well as bribery and is committed to taking immediate action. Revised in 2015, the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) calls for an increased prioritisation of anti-corruption initiatives and integrity promotion in the government's reform agendas and the private sector's business models, as well as raising public awareness on anti-corruption efforts. Within this framework, the OECD, with the support of the General Secretariat Against Corruption and financing from the European Union, is organising a High-Level Forum to promote and raise awareness on corruption prevention and private sector integrity and explore the role of civil society in the fight against corruption.

During the Forum

1. The OECD will launch its package of recommendation and measures to promote whistleblower protection, corporate compliance and corruption risk assessments in the private sector in Greece"
2. The Greek government will present its efforts in preventing and fighting corruption in the private sector
3. Business and civil society will discuss their role in the fight against corruption and in creating a level playing field for business in Greece

■ Date and venue

28-29 November 2017, Athens, Greece

Venue: Bank of Greece Head Office

2nd floor – Conference Room N.212-214

Entrance: Corner of Edouardou Lo & Stadiou Streets



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■ Draft agenda: Day One

9:00-10:00 *Registration and coffee*

10:00-11:00 **Key note speeches**

Moderator	Konstantinos Christou , Secretary General, General Secretariat Against Corruption (tbc)
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimitrios Papadimitriou, Minister of Economy and Development, Greece (tbc) • Gabriela Ramos, Chief of Staff, OECD (video message) • Dimitrios Papangelopoulos, Alternate Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights (tbc) • Pierre Poret, Deputy Director, Directorate of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD • High-Level Representative, European Commission (tbc)

SESSION ONE

11:00-12:30 **Promoting economic growth by fighting corruption**

Objectives	Corruption diverts resources from productive economic activity, leading to waste. This session will look at how anti-corruption measures can improve economic efficiency, growth and stability.
Moderator	Stelios Fazakis , Head, Office of the Secretary General, General Secretariat against Corruption, Greece (tbc)
Discussants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Ministry of Economy and Development, Greece or Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human rights (tbc) • Pierre Poret, Deputy Director, Directorate of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD • Akis Skertsos, General Director, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) • High Level Representative, Transparency International, Berlin (tbc)

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

SESSION TWO

14:00-15:30 **Shaping the future of Greek business: Responsible business conduct in fighting corruption**

Objectives	Business schools and academia play an imperative role in shaping the Greek business leaders of tomorrow. This session will examine how these bodies and business organizations promote responsible business conduct to engender business integrity, ethics, anti-corruption compliance and risk management.
Moderator	Mario Lopez Roldan , Head, Intelligence Outreach & Speech Writing Unit, Office of the Secretary-General, OECD
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Athens University of Economics and Business (ASOEE) (tbc) • Maria Alexiou, CSR Network • Nikos A. Vernikos, President, International Chamber of Commerce Greece

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

SESSION THREE

16:00-17:30 **Role of international organisations in setting international standards, fighting corruption and promoting economic development**

Objectives	International organisations can support national governments in fighting corruption by setting benchmarks to measure achievements and by sharing best practices for reform. External pressure to stimulate change can come from peer review mechanisms to monitor the implementation of treaties such as the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the UN Convention against Corruption. This session looks at the impact of these processes in Greece and the role that the private sector can play in these international mechanisms.
Moderator	Margarita Gasparinatos , Legislation Office, General Secretariat Against Corruption (GSAC)
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Moulette, Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD (tbc) • Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) • Hulya Ulku, Senior Economist, Global Indicators Group, Development Economics (DECIG), World Bank

End of Day 1

■ Draft agenda: Day Two

9:00-10:00 Registration and coffee

SESSION ONE

10:00-11:30 Corruption challenges facing the Greek private sector

Objectives	The Greek private sector faces a discouraging business environment. In addition to quotidian operational concerns, many Greek companies must find ways to address corruption, bureaucracy, and uneven enforcement. This session is an opportunity for Greek companies to voice the challenges that they face and discuss the various types of efforts and activities the private sector can engage in, both alone and in partnership with the government in fighting corruption that will foster long-term economic development.
Moderator	TBC
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Alpha Bank (tbc) • Representative, Unilever, Greece (tbc) • Representative, PESEDE Panhellenic Union of Public Works Constructors Associations (Πανελλήνιο σύνδεσμο εργοληπτών δημοσίων έργων) (tbc) • Gerasimos Leivadas, President, Association of Medical and Biomedical Technology Companies (SEIV) (Σύνδεσμος Επιχειρήσεων Ιατρικών & Βιοτεχνολογικών Προϊόντων (ΣΕΙΒ))

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

SESSION TWO

12:00-13:30 Government efforts to fight corruption and promote sustainable economic development

Objectives	This session will take the opportunity to highlight the Greek government's main achievements regarding the fight against corruption in the private sector and its efforts in developing a relationship of trust and cooperation between the Greek government, law enforcement authorities and the private sector.
Moderator	TBC
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Konstantinos Christou, Secretary General, General Secretariat Against Corruption (tbc) • Lois Labrianidis, Secretary General for Strategic and Private Investments, Ministry of Economy & Development (tbc) • Panagiotis Korkolis, Secretary General of Public Investment, Ministry of Finance and Development (ESPA) (tbc)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

SESSION THREE

14:30-16:00 The mass media's role in disabling and enabling corruption

Objectives	The media can play a powerful role in bringing corruption to light. But can it also be a source of corruption in certain contexts? This session will discuss this critical question and examine ways with which the media in Greece and abroad has tried to expose corruption and also shield itself from corrupt influences.
Moderator	Stelios Fazakis , Special Advisor to the General Secretary's Cabinet, General Secretariat Against Corruption (GSAC)
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Fitzgibbon, Reporter and partnership coordinator for Africa and the Middle East, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) • Nikolas Leontopoulos, Greek journalist • Harry Karanikas, Greek journalist (tbc)

16:00 Concluding Remarks

Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Konstantinos Christou, Secretary General, General Secretariat Against Corruption (tbc) • William Loo, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD
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