



17TH Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting

08-09 December 2015

Hotel Safari Park, Nairobi, Kenya

Agenda

Day 1: 08 December 2015

8:00 a.m. —
9:00 a.m.

Arrival & Registration

9:00 a.m. —
09:15 a.m.

Welcome and Keynote Remarks

09:15 a.m. —
11:00 a.m.

High Level Plenary: Role of the private sector in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and advancing the fight against corruption

The recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) define global sustainable development priorities and aspirations till 2030 and seek to mobilize global efforts around a common set of goals and targets. The adoption of the SDGs also marks a turning point in the global development agenda, with the timely inclusion of an aim to reduce corruption and promote transparency and accountability.

The SDGs call for worldwide action among governments, business and civil society for concerted and collaborative action towards global development. The Plenary Session will seek to explore the role of these stakeholders in reducing corruption and the manner in which they can contribute to the advancement of the SDGs, specifically Goal 16. The high level panel will also discuss how businesses can, through the implementation of the UN Global Compact's 10th Principle against Corruption, contribute to promoting transparency and creating accountable institutions. The session will also discuss key tenets of the recently signed joint commitment to promote good governance and anti-corruption between Kenya and the US.

11:00 a.m. —
11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. —
1.00 p.m.

The role of whistleblowers in the fight against corruption

In light of increasingly tougher enforcement of anti-corruption laws and regulations

worldwide, companies will need to increase efforts to implement mechanisms that can facilitate the reporting of corruption incidents and provide incentives for whistleblowers.

Whistleblowers often take on high personal risks. In many countries, whistleblowers remain burdened with negative stereotypes and derogatory labels such as “informer” and “snitch” preventing them from being recognized for taking personal risks to help the common good. This session will (i) explore the value of whistleblower (ii) how these contribute to tackle corruption (iii) attitudes/perceptions towards ethics reporting hotlines.

1:00 p.m. –

Lunch

2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. –

Doing business in emerging markets: Challenges and Opportunities

5:30 p.m.

70 percent of the world’s growth will come from emerging markets (UNDP-TI report). This clearly evidences the growing importance of emerging markets and their contribution to the global economy. However, emerging markets also pose various challenges including high levels of perceived corruption. Companies and investors doing business in emerging markets will need to ensure that their strategies integrate local business practices and regulations as well as assess potential risks and opportunities in order to prevent corruption.

This session will explore some of the key aspects of doing business in emerging markets from an anti-corruption perspective, by discussing topics such as: (i) corruption risks in Africa (ii) recent developments in anti-corruption both failures and successes in Africa (iii) the role of investors in promoting anti-corruption policies and practices by taking ‘governance’ issues into account while investing in emerging markets, (iv) anti-corruption compliance in value chains and third party suppliers and the role of MNCs in providing tangible business incentives to SMEs in the fight against corruption, (v) legal and regulatory frameworks in some emerging markets and good practices adopted by businesses in the fight against corruption.

5:30 p.m. –

Networking Reception

7:00 p.m.

The Networking Reception will serve to celebrate the 100th membership of the Global Compact Network Kenya

Day 2: 09 December 2015

9:00 a.m. –
9:30 a.m.

Welcome Coffee

9:30 a.m. –
11:00 a.m.

High Level Plenary: Corruption abetting illicit trade in wildlife & poaching: The role of private sector in combating illegal killing and trade of wildlife

Wildlife trafficking is valued at more than US\$ 7 billion a year, making it the world's fifth most lucrative illegal activity. Per UNODC reports, wildlife crime is a transnational organized crime generating billions of dollars and undermining development. It is also an inter-generational crime that can permanently scar the world through the loss of some of our most beautiful creatures.

For a holistic response to this problem, long term approach and collaboration between public and the private sector, communities, park managers, governments, and donors is needed. This session will explore the economic and social impact of illicit trade in wildlife and how the private sector can join the fight against illegal poaching and illicit trade.

11:00 a.m. –
11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. –
13:00 p.m.

Transparency in Beneficial Ownership

A beneficial owner is the real person who ultimately owns, controls or benefits from a company or trust fund and the income it generates. The term is used to contrast with the legal or nominee company owners and with trustees, all of whom might be registered the legal owners of an asset without actually possessing the right to enjoy its benefits. In 2014, the G20 leaders adopted new High Level Principles on Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Australia declaring financial transparency, in particular the transparency of beneficial ownership of legal persons and arrangements as high priority. This session will discuss the what, why and how of beneficial ownership and the manner in which transparency in beneficial ownership can lead to increased corporate integrity.

13:00 p.m. –
14:30 p.m.

Lunch

14:30 p.m. –
15:30 p.m.

Closing Plenary

This session will provide key local and global updates in the anti-corruption space. Key highlights from the events will be reported back and the day will end with closing keynote remarks.

The meeting will be governed by [Chatham House Rules](#).