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28th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

“Promoting security, stability and economic growth in the OSCE area by preventing and combating corruption through innovation, increased transparency and digitalization”

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
15-16 June 2020

Venue: via Zoom

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 15 June 2020

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks:

– Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship

– Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

Keynote speakers:

– Mr. Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

– Professor Paola Severino, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship

Statements by Delegations / Discussion
10:30 - 12:00  Session I: Advancing stability through innovative anti-corruption policies that improve business and investment climate, good governance, promotion of economic participation and transparency

Selected Topics:

- Establishment and sharing of best practices for legal and policy structures to promote good governance and combat corruption;
- Importance of anti-corruption action plans, legal accountability and compliance programmes for advancing economic development and enhancing the investment climate;
- New technologies and innovative solutions as means to preventing corruption, improving the business climate and promoting stability;
- Benefits of digitalization for public procurement and contracting processes for both the public and private sector;
- Effective policies on promoting economic participation in the digital era.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Marin Mrčela**, President, The Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe
- **Mr. Sherzod Asadov**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Mirlinda Karçanaj**, Director General, National Agency for Information Society, Albania
- **Mr. Maxim Zinovik**, Senior Prosecutor of the Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime Department, Prosecutor General's Office, Belarus
- **Ms. Natali Engstam Phalén**, Secretary General, Anti-Corruption Institute (IIM), Sweden

Moderator: **Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey**, Permanent Representative, Delegation of Malta to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Discussion

12:00 - 13:30  Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00  Session II: Preventing and combating corruption and money laundering by promoting transparency and accountability

Selected Topics:
• Use of new technologies to support compliance with international standards on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT);
• Mechanisms to raise awareness about the links between corruption and organized crime, and their impact on economic growth;
• The role of whistle-blowers, law enforcement bodies, the judiciary, civil society, media and education in preventing and combating corruption and money laundering;
• Beneficial ownership platforms and registers to increase transparency;
• Investment screening mechanisms in the fight against corruption.

Speakers:

– Ms. Vasilika Vjero, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania
– Mr. Anthony M. Sankey, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Public Corruption Unit, United States of America
– Ms. Branka Glojnaric, Office for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Ministry of Finance, Slovenia
– Mr. Thom Townsend, Executive Director, Open Ownership, United Kingdom
– Mr. Victor Baldin, Head, Department for Supervision over Legislation for Combating Corruption, Prosecutor General’s Office, the Russian Federation

Moderator: Ambassador Igor Djundev, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of North Macedonia to the OSCE, UN, and other International Organizations in Vienna

Discussion

Tuesday, 16 June 2020

09:00 -10:30  Session III: Anti-corruption efforts in the area of management of natural resources to promote stability and economic growth

Selected Topics:

• Rule of law, good governance, and employment promotion in the fight against transnational organized crime, and its links to corruption, money laundering, and illicit trafficking in natural resources;
• Economic, environmental, and public health impact of mismanagement and degradation of natural resources;
Existing international legal frameworks in preventing and combating corruption and the unsustainable use of natural resources, including recovery of assets and proceeds from corrupt practices;

- Strengthening international co-operation to reduce corruption related to the mismanagement and depletion of natural resources, including through consumer education and demand reduction;

- Sharing best practices and anti-corruption initiatives at national, regional and international levels on the strengthening of sustainable management of natural resources.

Speakers:

- Ms. Irina Ghaplanyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Armenia
- Mr. Jorge Rios, Chief, Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Mr. Joseph A. Poux, Deputy Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, Department of Justice, the United States of America
- Dr. Sophie Lemaître, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-corruption Resource Centre, Norway

Moderator: Ambassador Päivi Laivola de Rosière, Permanent Representative, Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE

Discussion

10:30 - 12:00 Session IV: The role of innovation and digitalization in addressing the challenges of environmental protection including those posed by corruption

Selected Topics:

- Innovative anti-corruption tools in environmental management, disaster risk reduction, including early warning systems and access to information;
- E-governance, transparency measures, environmental impact assessment and Smart Cities as tools to combat corruption, improve sustainability and economic opportunities, and promote public participation;
- Supporting the transition to an inclusive green economy by investing in technology, innovation, knowledge exchange and addressing corruption and related environmental challenges;
• Public-private partnerships and alternative financing models as a source of innovative, economically-viable and corruption-free solutions to environmental protection challenges;

Speakers:

– Mr. Dusan Polovic, Director General, E-Governance and Information Security, Ministry of Public Administration, Montenegro
– Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
– Mr. William Neale, Advisor for Circular Economy and Green Growth, DG Environment, DG Environment, European Commission
– Ms. Nicole Botha, Head, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, Governance and Human Rights Governance, Global Policy, GIZ, Germany
– Mr. Gerhard Wotawa, Head of Division Data, Methods, Modelling, National Meteorological And Geophysical Services (ZAMG), Austria

Moderator: Ambassador Emilia Kraleva, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the OSCE, the UN, and other International Organizations in Vienna

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 13:30 Concluding Session

Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks

– Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-Ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
– Ms. Inid Milo, Head, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship Task Force