OECD Approach to Corruption Prevention

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Outline of the Presentation

• Prevention of Corruption
  - OECD mission and working methods
  - Tools and instruments to promote integrity and transparency

• Integrity and transparency at the centre of good governance
  a) Integrity Framework
  b) Integrity Reviews on vulnerable areas
OECD mission and working methods

**Mission:**

- *Partnering with countries for a cleaner, fairer and stronger world economy*

**Working Methods:**

- Multidisciplinary approach which focus on supporting the implementation of preventive anti-corruption policies based on practical tools, comparative data, analysis and principles
Tools and Instruments to promote Integrity and Transparency

- **Public Sector:**
  - Principles on Improving Ethical Conduct in the Public Sector
  - Guidelines & Tools for Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service
  - Principles, Checklist & Toolbox for Enhancing Integrity in Procurement
  - Integrity Management Framework
  - Assessment Framework
  - Principles for Transparency and Integrity in Lobbying
  - Best Practice Guidelines for Budget Transparency and International Budget Database

- **Private Sector:**
  - OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
  - FATF; Recommendation on bribery in export credits, *etc.*
  - Good Practices Guidance on Internal Controls, Ethics and Compliance
  - OECD Anti-Bribery Convention
  - Recommendation on Tax Deductibility of Bribes
Core Public Service Principles

Frequently stated core public service principles (2000 and 2009)

Percentage of the 25 countries that responded to both the 2000 and 2009 surveys
a) Integrity framework for Corruption Prevention

• Integrity framework: a comprehensive approach to prevent corruption

• Link to UNCAC Chapter II (Preventive Measures)

• Identify vulnerable areas to corruption:
  – Regulation of the interactions between the public sector and other stakeholders
  – Promotion sound procurement, merit-based human resource management, budget transparency and accountability
Main components of Integrity Framework

- Political commitment
- Public scrutiny
- Role of stakeholders (civil society, media, donors)

Legislative Framework
- Corruption prevention at organizational level

Accountability
- Guidance, advice and training
- Internal controls and risk mapping

Law enforcement
- Merit-based human resource management
- Transparent administrative procedures (e.g. procurement, budget)

Public management
b) Integrity Reviews on Vulnerable Areas

- Focus on specific instruments or administrative processes (e.g. public procurement, codes of conduct, etc.) as an *entry point* for governance reforms

- *Spill-over effect*: start small, but experience proves that reviews foster dialogue on anti-corruption frameworks

- Approach that is relevant in particularly *sensitive* environments where dialogue on corruption may otherwise be difficult
Experience with Joint Learning Studies in the MENA region

• Iraq: Public procurement (2009)

• Morocco: Public procurement (2009)

• Morocco: Increasing and disseminating information on corruption (2010)

• Jordan: Code of conduct (2010)

• Yemen: Public procurement (2010)

• Egypt: e-procurement (2010)

• Palestinian Authority: Code of Conduct (2010)
Country review in Yemen
Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement

• Public procurement is an entry point for strengthening governance and anti-corruption reforms

• Active involvement of Yemeni civil society and businesses in key stages of the review process

• Co-ordination with local donors on governance activities in Yemen (e.g. Roundtable during field mission)

• Publication of final reports to promote transparency and accessibility of findings

• Integration of reviews’ recommendations into action plans of the government
For Further Information

Website: http://www.oecd.org/gov/ethics

Selected publications:
• Principles for Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement (2009)
• Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement – Joint Learning Study on Yemen (2010)
• Integrity in Public Procurement: Good Practice from A to Z (2007)
• Public Sector Integrity: A Framework for Assessment (2005)

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