

# Expert Group Meeting

## Transparency in Political Finance

### 21 May 2019, Prague, Czechia

## Agenda

Tuesday 21 May 2019	
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 8:45	<p><b>Welcoming remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Magnus Ohman</b>, Senior Political Finance Advisor, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Samuel De Jaegere</b>, Anti-Corruption Advisor, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tour de table</b></p>
8:45 – 9:00	<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on the United Nations Convention against Corruption focused on Article 7 and the Implementation Review Mechanism by <b>Ms. Livia Krings</b>, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC</li> </ul>
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 1: Transparency in Political Party Financing – Illicit sources of funding</b></p> <p><i>This session will consider how to prevent illicit sources of funding being used for financing political parties, thereby subverting the rule of law and contributing to corrupt practices.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Zorana Markovic</b>, Regional Anti-corruption Adviser, UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on good practices by <b>Mr. Marcin Walecki</b>, Head, Democratization Department, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion (1h15)</b></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: Transparency in Political Party and Campaign Financing – Donations</b></p> <p><i>This session will consider measures to deal with donations, including foreign donations and corporate funding, in a transparent manner, to political parties and political campaigns which may otherwise undermine trust in the political processes and electoral outcomes.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Julio Bacio Terracino</b>, Deputy Head, Public Sector Integrity Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on good practices by <b>Mr. Yukihiro Hamada</b>, Senior Programme Officer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) (15 min)</li> <li>▪ Presentation on good practices by <b>Mr. Yves-Marie Doublet</b>, Administrator, French National Assembly (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion (1h15)</b></p>

<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Transparency in Campaign Financing – Cost of elections</b></p> <p><i>This session will consider how the cost of elections may lead political candidates to engage in corrupt practices in order to raise vast quantities of assets for campaign financing, as well as ways to prevent such practices.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Niall McCann</b>, Lead Electoral Advisor, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on good practices by <b>Ms. Lolita Cigane</b>, Former TI Latvia Director, Former MP (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion (1h15)</b></p>
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Oversight over Political Financing to Enhance Transparency</b></p> <p><i>This session will consider measures to enhance transparency through reporting, oversight and the role of civil society and the media.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Lise Stensrud</b>, Policy Director Anti-Corruption, NORAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on good practices by <b>Mr. Magnus Ohman</b>, Senior Political Finance Advisor, IFES (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion (1h)</b></p>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Roadmap on moving forward and closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Moderators: Mr. Samuel De Jaegere</b>, Anti-Corruption Advisor, UNODC and <b>Mr. Magnus Ohman</b>, Senior Political Finance Advisor, IFES.</p> <p><i>In this final session, participants will discuss a roadmap moving forward, including proposed principles and recommendations on transparency in political finance to combat corruption involving vast quantities of assets more effectively, which will feed into discussions at the Expert Group Meeting in Oslo, Norway, in June 2019.</i></p>
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>