

HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND GLOBAL COMPETITION

The Forum will take place on 25 October 2011 in Marrakech, Morocco, in conjunction with the Fourth Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), starting at 3 p.m.

The principal objectives will be to strengthen private-sector involvement in the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption and utilizing the Convention to build a level playing field for global competition. Because UNCAC, with its worldwide membership and comprehensive scope, is the key instrument for combating global corruption, its success is of vital interest to international business. For most multination enterprises increased participation in emerging markets has become a top strategic objective. Utilizing UNCAC to promote a level playing field would benefit emerging and industrialized countries and would accelerate support for UNCAC.

The Forum will cover the following subjects:

1. Progress on UNCAC Implementation

Report on country reviews of implementation conducted in 2010-11 and plans for coming rounds of reviews, including lessons learned and challenges to be addressed. Issues to be addressed include:

- Contributions by private sector to country reviews.
- Private sector support for technical assistance to developing countries following implementation reviews.

Presenter: Dimitri Vlassis, Chief, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

Time: 15 minutes

2. Promoting Level Playing Field in Global Markets

Moderator: Jermyn Brooks

The capabilities of the UN Convention against Corruption for promoting a level playing field for global competition, overcoming both bribery by and extortion, will be addressed from three perspectives:

- Role of Governments from Major Emerging Market Countries.

Presenter: Roberta Solis Ribeiro, General Comptroller's Assistant, Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil / Vania Lucia Ribeiro Vieira, General Comptroller's Assistant, Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil, will discuss actions that have been taken and are being planned to implement UNCAC provisions relevant to ensuring a level playing field.

Commentator: Joel Salas Suárez, Head of the Unit for Transparency Policies and International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Function

- Role of Major Exporting Countries.

Presenter: Richard Boucher, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, will discuss the status of enforcement of prohibitions against foreign bribery by OECD governments, and actions needed where enforcement is lagging.

- Role of Multi-National Corporations

Presenter: Jay Ireland, President and CEO of GE Africa, Member of GE Corporate Executive Council, will discuss actions to strengthen standards for effective anti-bribery compliance programs, building a corporate culture of high integrity, and taking steps to improve public confidence in corporate compliance.

Commentator: Thomas Kremer, General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer, ThyssenKrupp AG

Time: Three 15 minute presentations, followed by discussion, total: 1 hour and 30 minutes

3. Collective Action Programs in Key Industry Sectors

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Méan

Overview of experience with sector-specific anti-corruption programs:

- Construction Industry Transparency Initiative: Christian Poortman
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI): Jurgen Reitmaier
- Partnership Against Corruption Initiative in Mongolia: Arthur Wasunna

Discussion will focus on lessons learned and consider other industry sectors where such programs should be undertaken.

Time: Short presentations followed by discussion: total: 45 minutes

4. Conclusions

Moderator: Fritz Heimann

Because the foregoing issues are complex and will require attention for a protracted period, consideration should be given to organizing a continuing Private Sector UNCAC Consulting Group. Conclusions from the Forum will be submitted for consideration to the CoSP.

Time: 30 minutes