

**SPECIAL EVENT
PUBLIC INTEREST WHISTLEBLOWER SYSTEMS:
INCENTIVES, PROTECTIONS AND NEW TOOLS**

**FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO
THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

**Sunday, 24 November 2013
Panama City, Panama
15:00 – 17:00, Teatro la Huaca**

I. Background

This special event organised by the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) will present the findings of World Bank case studies on public interest whistleblower systems, as well as the work of Transparency International, OECD, and UNRWA in this area. The session is intended to foster dialogue and exchange on international practices in the implementation of public interest corruption reporting mechanisms, including the use of whistleblower incentives and protections, and new tools for the reporting and handling of complaints.

II. Panellists

World Bank (WB), United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and Transparency International (TI)

III. Agenda

Opening Remarks (15:00-15:10)

- **World Bank Chair:** Galina J. Mikhlin-Oliver, World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency, Director of Strategy and Core Services

Panel Discussion (15:10 – 16:30):

- **World Bank:** case study findings on whistleblower and public interest reporting mechanisms and practices (selection of countries, plus regional examples)
 - Alexandra Habershon, World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency, International Corruption Hunters Alliance Coordinator
- **OECD:** good practices in implementing anti-corruption whistleblower legislation and measures, reporting channels and protections for the public and private sectors
 - Nicola Bonucci, OECD Legal Director and OECD representative to the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group
- **UN/UNRWA:** public interest reporting and whistleblower protection: UN approaches, challenges and lessons learned.
 - Lex Takkenberg, UNRWA, Chief, Ethics Office
- **Transparency International:** experiences in reporting and protection mechanisms at the local level
 - Slagjana Taseva, Transparency International Macedonia, Chair

Discussion (30 minutes)

IV. Publications:

Papers and presentations submitted by panellists will be disseminated electronically.

- Study on G20 Whistleblower Protection Frameworks, Compendium of Best Practices, and Guiding Principles for Legislation (OECD)
- OECD CleanGovBiz guidance, "Whistleblower protection: encouraging reporting"