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## **Anti-Corruption and the Post-2015 Development Agenda Call to Action to Governments from the Private Sector**

*Special Event at the 5th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN  
Convention against Corruption*

**Date:** 25 November, 2013 (Monday)

**Time:** 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Room Lagunilla, Atlapa Convention Center, Panama City, Panama

### **Overview**

Corruption is the single greatest obstacle to economic and social development globally, having adverse impacts on sustainable development. For the private sector, corruption raises transaction costs, undermines fair competition, distorts development priorities and impedes long-term foreign and domestic investment. The Report of the High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the post-2015 development agenda, suggests peace and good governance as one of five “transformative” shifts needed to drive this new agenda. A “transparency and data revolution” is also needed to guarantee full accountability. To prevent future development efforts from being undermined through corruption, it is critical to integrate good governance and anti-corruption into the post-2015 development agenda.

This session will discuss the *Call to Action* campaign recently launched by the UN Global Compact in collaboration with Transparency International and the World Bank Institute. The *Call to Action* is a collective action initiative to support transparency in conducting business as well as the implementation of the UNCAC. During the session, participants will explore the tenets of the *Call to Action* and its five specific requests to governments from the private sector. The session will mainly explore:

- (1) What is the *Call to Action* campaign and what would be its impact?
- (2) Why is business calling on governments to integrate anti-corruption and good governance into the Post-2015 Development Agenda?
- (3) What are the implications for business as well as the added value of signing on to the *Call to Action*?
- (4) How to integrate anti-corruption and good governance into the Post-2015 Development Agenda?

### **Speakers**

Moderator:

- Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Head, Transparency and Anti-Corruption initiatives, UN Global Compact

Panel:

- Mr. John Sandage, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UN Office on Drugs and Crime
- Ms. Anna Spindler, Deputy Director, Procurement Operations, UN Office for Project Services
- Ms. Lindsey Marchessault, Consultant on International Standards and Best practices on Open Contracting, The World Bank Institute
- Mr. Kevin Boyle, Partner, Latham & Watkins
- Ms. Kari K. Gregory, Associate, Latham & Watkins
- Ms. Mary Jane Ncube, Executive Director, Transparency International, Zimbabwe

**Agenda**

- 13:30 – 14:30            Opening and Presentation by Speakers on:
- Overview of the *Call to Action*
  - Importance of anti-corruption and good governance in the Post-2015 Development Agenda
  - Overview of fair, transparent and competitive processes
  - Added value of signing on to the *Call to Action*
  - What companies can do to bring the appeals of the *Call to Action* into the Post-2015 Development Agenda
  - Ways to engage with the *Call to Action*
- 14:30 – 15:00            Questions & Answers

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