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**SPECIAL EVENT**

**“Interests and Asset Disclosures by Public Officials:  
What Works and What does not? Latest insights from  
anti-corruption monitoring bodies”**

**8 November 2017, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
CONFERENCE ROOM: Press Room**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The side event will examine whether and how the deliverables of interests and asset disclosures by public officials (IADPOs) correspond to the objectives set for those systems when designed initially and ascertain what has worked best and why. Where IADPOs have proven less effective, it will seek to establish potential obstacles to more effective implementation and enforcement and share innovative ideas, concepts and solutions. The side event will give fresh momentum to the global dialogue on IADPOs by ascertaining the true functionality of IADPOs and their actual role and place in a holistic national anti-corruption strategy and in the promotion of public sector integrity specifically by gauging whether IADPOs have an impact on or are at present generating potential for more forceful prevention and detection of corruption and public perception thereof.

**II. PANELLISTS**

Ms Laura STEFAN, OECD Consultant, Expert Forum, Rules of Law and Anticorruption Co-ordinator, Romania  
Mr Guillaume VALETTE-VALLA, Secretary General, High Authority for Transparency in Public Life, France  
Ms Liubov SAMOKHINA, Senior Counsel, Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe  
Mr Shervin MAJLESSI, Senior Financial Sector Specialist/Senior Legal Adviser, World Bank/UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)  
Ms Laura GELER, Deputy Director of the Planning Policy Transparency Area, Anticorruption Office, Argentina  
Ms Conchita CARPIO MORALES, Ombudsperson of the Philippines

Moderator: Mr Constantine Palicarsky, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**III. FORMAT AND AGENDA**

The side event will feature six presentations, including by representatives of international anti-corruption monitoring bodies, independent national oversight bodies and anti-corruption experts. Two of the presentations will share the findings and provide an illustration of a future OECD/ACN publication entitled “Assessing the implementation and effectiveness of systems for disclosing interests and assets by public officials.”

Agenda:

“Progress. Work in Progress. Financial disclosures and the way they shape the legal and institutional landscape” - Ms Laura STEFAN, OECD Consultant, Expert Forum, Rules of Law and Anticorruption Co-ordinator, Romania

“Transparency in action: asset and interest disclosure, two sides of the same coin” - Mr Guillaume VALETTE-VALLA, Secretary General, High Authority for Transparency in Public Life, France

“Shining a light on veiling corruption?: Disclosure of interests and assets by public officials in GRECO member States” - Ms Liubov SAMOKHINA, Senior Counsel, Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe

Mr Shervin MAJLESSI, Senior Financial Sector Specialist/Senior Legal Adviser, World Bank/UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)

“Asset declaration as a tool for transparency and prevention of corruption. First experiences in open format exploitation in Argentina” - Ms Laura GELER, Deputy Director of the Planning Policy Transparency Area, Anticorruption Office, Argentina

Ms Conchita CARPIO MORALES, Ombudsperson of the Philippines

Questions and answers

**IV. PUBLICATIONS**

Corruption Prevention. Members of Parliament, Judges and Prosecutors. Conclusions and Trends. Group of States against Corruption, 4<sup>th</sup> Evaluation Round, Council of Europe, October 2017.

GRECO. Group of States against Corruption. The Council of Europe Anti-corruption Body.