

AGENDA

Regional Seminar | 12-14 May 2026, Tashkent

Partnering across public and private sectors to foster integrity and fight corruption in Asia and the Pacific

Background information

ADB-OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific (ACI)

The Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific (ACI), established in 1999, provides a regional forum for policy makers, practitioners, experts, and private sector representatives to exchange practices and experiences to fight corruption and promote integrity. The Initiative includes 35 member economies¹ in Asia and the Pacific and is operated under the joint Secretariat of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The Initiative is mandated to support member governments' efforts through 1) policy dialogue and sharing of anti-corruption best practices at regional meetings and conferences, 2) policy analysis, including thematic reviews and stocktaking, and 3) capacity development activities.

About the Regional Seminar

The ACI, in collaboration with the Anti-Corruption Agency of Uzbekistan, is organising the ACI 2026 Regional Seminar on Partnering across public and private sectors to foster integrity and fight corruption in Asia and the Pacific in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 12-14 May 2026.

The ACI 2026 Seminar brings together national anti-corruption practitioners and experts from its 35 member economies, as well as representatives from civil society, international organisations, and the private sector. The Regional Seminar aims to share international good practices and build capacity to develop integrity, risk and accountability measures that support resilient governance and, in parallel, measures that foster an ethical business environment.

The ACI Regional Seminar will be structured as follows:

- **12 May 2026 | One-day (restricted and confidential) meeting of the Law Enforcement Network (LEN).** The LEN provides an opportunity for investigators, prosecutors, and other law enforcement practitioners to exchange experiences on corruption offences and investigation and prosecution methods. The LEN meeting is restricted to law enforcement practitioners only. The 8th Law Enforcement Network's meeting will focus on two key topics: the use of technology and data analytics to detect and investigate transnational corruption cases and conducting financial investigations in corruption and bribery cases.

- **13-14 May 2026 | Two-day public-private dialogue on integrity, which will include interactive workshops and discussions based on mock legislation and practical case studies.** The first day will explore the identification, management and prevention of conflict of interests. It will also cover integrity risk management, including developing prioritisation and mitigation measures. The second day will explore how to design effective whistleblower protection systems, and, how to design and develop a well-balanced set of incentives for compliance, as well as broader experiences and lessons related to corporate liability and sanctions, to foster business integrity.

Day 1 | 12 May 2026

8th Meeting of the Asia and the Pacific Law Enforcement Network (AP LEN) (restricted)

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-09:45 Welcome to the 8th Law Enforcement Network for Asia and the Pacific Meeting

- AP LEN co-chairs
 - **Mr. Paul Whittaker**, Director, Operations Branch, National Anti-Corruption Commission, **Australia** (online)
 - **Mr. Gyeltshen**, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission, **Bhutan**

09:45-10:15 Icebreaker introductions

The Law Enforcement Network meeting is designed to be practical and interactive, requiring active participation from all members. This meeting aims to harness the collective knowledge and experience in investigating and prosecuting bribery and corruption through interactive sessions and collaborative discussions. Common challenges will be addressed, and innovative solutions explored.

This icebreaker will invite participants to introduce themselves by responding to light-hearted professional questions designed to set the tone for the meeting and encourage open dialogue. Each participant will have approximately 1-2 minutes to respond. This icebreaker aims to facilitate interaction among participants and ease the transition into the substantive sessions that will follow.

Moderator: **Mr. Andrii KUKHARUK**, Anti-Corruption Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break and networking

10:45-12:30 Session 1: Use of technology and data analytics to detect and investigate transnational corruption cases

Technology is reshaping both sides of the fight against transnational corruption: while it offers powerful tools to enhance the detection and investigation of corruption, it also creates new opportunities for more sophisticated forms of corruption.

With respect to detection, for instance, technology enables law enforcement agencies to identify patterns and anomalies that might indicate potential corruption activities. With respect to investigation, for instance, it supports the processing and analysis of large volumes of documents and enables cross-agency data integration. Similarly, law enforcement agencies' access to a variety of public and private databases and records, combined with their effective analysis, helps in early detection and more effective investigation of cross-border corruption.

This session will discuss best practices and challenges in using technology and data analysis in the detection and investigation of transnational corruption cases, with a focus on analytical methodologies and the use of modern technical and analytical tools. It will also explore the institutional aspects of providing analytical support, focusing on the role of in-house analytical units in detecting transnational corruption and supporting the investigation of such cases. Finally, the session will discuss how analysis findings can be converted into evidence.

Moderator: **Mr. Gyeltshen**, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission, **Bhutan**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Gary Wong**, Principal Investigator, Operations, Independent Commission Against Corruption, **Hong Kong, China**
- **Mr. Paul Whittaker**, Director, Operations Branch, National Anti-Corruption Commission, **Australia** (online)
- **Mr. Kadyrzhan Zharkenov**, Head of Department of Informatization and Digitalization, Prosecutor General's Office, **Kazakhstan**

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Session 2: Conducting financial investigations in corruption and bribery cases

Financial investigations in corruption cases focus on the financial aspects of criminal activity and play a crucial role in identifying the extent of criminal networks, tracing criminal property and assets of corresponding value, and developing evidence that can be used in both criminal and confiscation proceedings. Financial investigations are often underused in corruption cases due to the complexity of these investigations, the resources they may require, the availability of data and information to support them, a lack of training or specialised skills, and cultural expectations centred on achieving convictions of offenders.

This session will discuss best practices and challenges in conducting financial investigations related to corruption offences, focusing on the importance of conducting such investigations in parallel with criminal investigations to develop and collect evidence that can later be used in criminal and confiscation proceedings. This session will focus on how to initiate financial investigations, including the initial identification of assets, asset tracing techniques, the evaluation of assets, as well as other related methodological and organisational aspects. It will also explore challenges related to implementing strategies for pre-seizure planning and examine approaches to tracing and analysing cryptocurrencies.

Moderator: **Mr. Gyeltshen**, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission, **Bhutan**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Desmond Lim**, Assistant Director/Financial Investigation Branch, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, **Singapore**
- **Mr. Susilo Edy**, Investigator, Directorate of Preliminary Investigation, Corruption Eradication Commission, **Indonesia** (online)
- **Mr. Augusto da Costa Castro**, Senior Investigator, Anti-Corruption Commission, **Timor-Leste**
- **Ms. Ieshika Ranatunga**, Assistant Director, Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, **Sri Lanka**

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break and networking

16:00-17:30 Breakout session on the topics of sessions 1 and 2

Building on real-life cases and on the discussions held in previous sessions, participants will work in breakout groups to exchange practical experiences, good practices and challenges from their respective jurisdictions.

17:30-17:50 Debrief on the breakout session discussions

A rapporteur from each group will present key takeaways from the groups' discussion, in particular key challenges faced.

17:50-18:00 Conclusion and next steps

- **Mr. Gyeltshen**, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission, **Bhutan**
- **Ms. Elodie Beth**, Senior Manager, Global Relations, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

19.30 Gala dinner: All participants attending the LEN and the ACI Regional Seminar are invited to attend the gala dinner. Venue details will be communicated via email.

Day 2 | 13 May 2026
Public-Private Dialogue: Integrity, risk and accountability measures for resilient governance
08:30-09:00 Registration & welcome coffee
09:00-09:30 Opening remarks

- **Ms. Umida Tuxtasheva**, Deputy Director, Anti-Corruption Agency, **Uzbekistan**
- **Ms. Kanokpan Lao-Araya**, Uzbekistan Country Director, **ADB**
- **Mr. Jesper Johnsnøen**, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Open Government Division, **OECD**

09:30-10:30 Session 1: Identifying, managing and preventing conflict of interests

Effective management of conflicts of interest (COI) is a cornerstone of public integrity, helping to ensure that public officials' private interests do not interfere with or override their professional duties and that the public interest ultimately prevails.

The session will begin with presentations highlighting international and national standards and practices for managing conflicts of interest. Participants will then be invited to identify key challenges for effective COI management in their jurisdictions and across sectors through an interactive poll, followed by a facilitated collective discussion on practical mitigation and prevention measures.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jesper Johnsnøen**, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Open Government Division, **OECD**
- **Mr. Yuldashev Ravshan**, Chief Inspector, Department for the Implementation of the Compliance Control System and Regulation of Internal Control Units' Activities, Anti-Corruption Agency, **Uzbekistan**
- **Ms. Lavenia Ravuikadavu**, State Counsel, Legal Department, Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption, **Fiji**

Moderator: **Mr. Jesper Johnsnøen**, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Open Government Division, **OECD**

10:30-11:00 Coffee and networking break. Participants are also invited to take a group photo.
11:00-12:30 Workshop on conflict of interests

Participants will be split into groups to discuss COI case studies. The aim is to build and share reflections on how conflicts of interest can arise and be interpreted, considering legal and cultural norms, how they may affect public perceptions of integrity and trust, and explore the range of mitigation and prevention measures that can be used in practice.

Moderator: **Ms. Aman Johal**, Junior Policy Analyst, Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Open Government Division, **OECD**

A rapporteur from each group will present their findings for collective discussion.

12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:00 Session 2: Integrity risk management: Identifying risks and strengthening controls

Effective risk management policies and processes cover a range of measures to prevent, detect and respond to fraud and corruption, while ensuring that governments operate

efficiently to deliver programmes that benefit citizens. Such approaches help both governments and companies balance enforcement-focused models with proactive, preventive and risk-based strategies.

Speakers will provide a practical account of integrity risk identification processes, as well as preventive, detective, and corrective controls, that show how public and private organisational approaches support effective risk mitigation in practice.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Chiawen Kiew**, Advisor, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**
- **Mr. Jesper Johnsen**, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Open Government Division, **OECD**
- **Ms. Irene Wang**, Assistant Director, Corruption Prevention, Independent Commission Against Corruption, **Hong Kong, China**
- **Mr. Seokbin Lim**, Deputy Director, International Relations Division, Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, **Korea**
- **Ms. Vanessa Hans**, Director, Private Sector, **Basel Institute on Governance**

Moderator: **Mr. Chiawen Kiew**, Advisor, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**

15:00-15:30 Coffee and networking break

15:30-17:00 Workshop on integrity risk mapping

Participants will be split into groups to analyse integrity risk management case studies in a specific sector. The aim is to build participants' capacity to identify risk scenarios, assess the likelihood and impact of risks using a risk matrix to prioritise those presenting the greatest threat of fraud and corruption, and develop suitable control measures.

A rapporteur from each group will present their findings for collective discussion.

Moderators:

- **Mr. Chiawen Kiew**, Advisor, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**
- **Ms. Elsa Ronterre**, Integrity Specialist, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**

17:00-17:15 Wrap up of Day 2 and preparation for Day 3

Brief reflections will be made on the day's discussions and exchanges.

Participants will then be invited to complete a short poll during the wrap-up session, and the resulting insights will be used to guide and prompt discussions on Day 3.

Day 3 | 14 May 2026
Public-Private Dialogue: Working together towards an ethical business environment
09:30-10:45 Session 3: Corporate liability – Why it matters

Effective corporate liability frameworks are essential to tackle bribery, economic crime, and promote business integrity. It ensures that companies can be held liable for corruption and encourages the establishment of robust internal controls, ethics and compliance programmes or measures.

Participants will then be invited to discuss and reflect on why corporate liability matters through a series of practical approaches.

Public-private kick-off of the session:

- **Mr. Elshan Orujov**, Prosecutor, Preliminary Investigation and Preventative measures, Prosecutor General's Office, **Azerbaijan**
- **Mr. Chiawen Kiew**, Advisor, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**
- **Mr. Oliver Stolpe**, UNODC Regional Representative for Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran, and Pakistan, **UNODC**

Moderator: **Mr. Vitor Geromel**, Legal Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

10:45-11:15 - Coffee and networking break
11:15 – 12:30 Session 4: Designing Effective Whistleblower Protection Systems

Whistleblowers play a vital role in uncovering misconduct and corruption, often providing evidence that leads to successful prosecutions and the strengthening of companies' compliance programmes. This role highlights the importance of designing and implementing effective whistleblower protection systems.

Building on insights gathered through the poll, participants will be invited to briefly share their experiences on whistleblower protection. Participants will then be invited to individually analyse a mock piece of legislation on whistleblower protection and identify areas for improvement. After this, they will be invited to discuss briefly in groups (at their tables), with the help of facilitators, and report back to share lessons learned with all participants.

Moderator: **Ms. Cynthia Gabriel**, Legal Professional and Founder, Center to Combat Corruption & Cronyism, **Malaysia**

12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Session 5: Roundtable on balancing incentives and sanctions

Governments play a central role in promoting business integrity by establishing and enforcing anti-corruption frameworks and providing guidance on their implementation. Strengthening business integrity requires governments to consider the right mix of sanctions and incentivesⁱⁱ, both to deter corruption and to recognise and encourage responsible business practices.

This session will open with two kick-off presentations highlighting government and civil society perspectives on incentives and sanctions within the same economy. Building on insights

gathered through the poll, all participants will then be invited to share what incentives are used in their economies, what works, and what could be improved.

Public-private roundtable kick-off:

- **Mr. Prateep Kongsanit**, Deputy Secretary-General, National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), **Thailand**
- **Mr. Phrommet Bencharongkit**, Vice President, Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC), **Thailand**

Invitation for all participants to contribute to the roundtable discussions.

Moderator: **Ms. Elodie Beth**, Senior Manager, Global Relations, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Session 6: Business Integrity Regional Snapshot (BIRS)

The Business Integrity Snapshot (BIRS) consists of an evidence-based tool built on country-specific business integrity insights, best practices, challenges and recommendations for the Asia and Pacific region.

This session will open with a brief kick-off presentation highlighting the importance of evidence-based policies to strengthen business integrity in the region. This kick-off presentation will be followed by a brief presentation of the BIRS, including its objectives and methodology. Participants will then be invited to reflect on how the discussion of Day 3 of the Public-Private Dialogue can be captured by the BIRS. This session will conclude by exploring the interest of ACI economies in participating in this exercise.

Moderator: **Ms. Elodie Beth**, Senior Manager, Global Relations, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

Speakers:

- **Ms. Vanessa Hans**, Director, Private Sector, **Basel Institute on Governance**
- **Mr. Vitor Geromel**, Legal Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**

17:15-17:30 Closing session

- **Ms. Umida Tuxtasheva**, Deputy Director, Anti-Corruption Agency, **Uzbekistan**
- **Ms. Elodie Beth**, Senior Manager, Global Relations, Anti-Corruption Division, **OECD**
- **Mr. Chiawen Kiew**, Advisor, Office of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, **ADB**

ⁱ 35 countries and economies from the Asia and the Pacific region are ACI members: Afghanistan; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; People's Republic of China; Cook Islands; Fiji; Georgia; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; New Zealand; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

ⁱⁱ Incentives for compliance include mitigation of sanctions, tax incentives, public procurement incentives and any other types of incentives for companies to adopt effective anti-corruption compliance programmes.