

Office of Anticorruption and Integrity

The Integrity Learning Series

Marshall Islands: Anticorruption and Integrity Training

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Reminders







The session is being recorded.

Q&A after the presentation.

Prepare your devices.

Scenario



You find a wallet on the street. It has the owner's ID and \$1,000.

What would you do:

- 1. Keep the money: "Finders keepers!"
- 2. Turn in the wallet intact to the Lost and Found counter.
- 3. Contact the owner using the ID to return the wallet.



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ADB's Anticorruption & Integrity Framework



Applies to executing and implementing agencies, contractors, consultants, suppliers, ADB staff, and anyone connected to an ADB-financed, -administered, or -supported activity.

















What to expect

- I. Integrity Violations
- II. Recognizing and Reducing Integrity Risk
- III. Enforcement Actions and Impact
- IV. Conflict of Interest in Projects





I. Integrity Violations





Quiz



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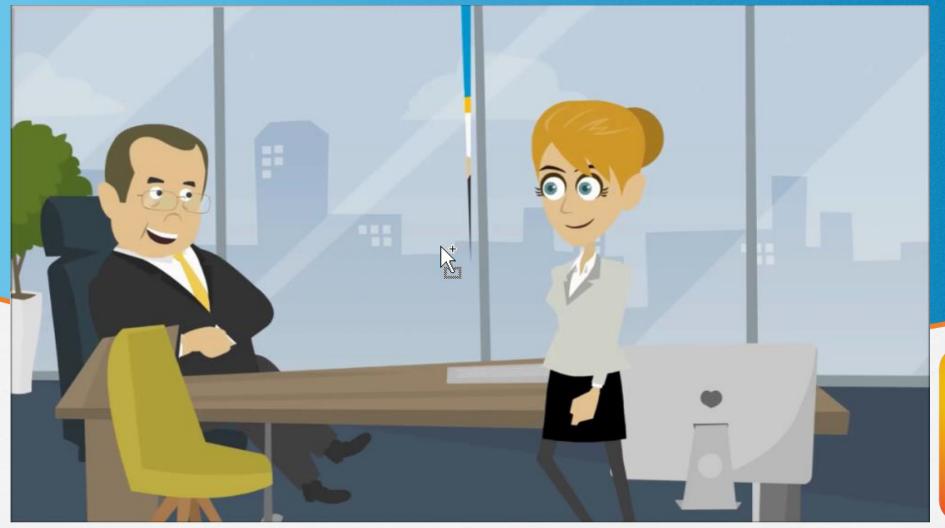














Integrity Violations



MDB-Harmonized Definitions























II. Recognizing and Reducing Integrity Risk

- Red Flags
- Due Diligence



What is Integrity Risk?





Integrity Risk

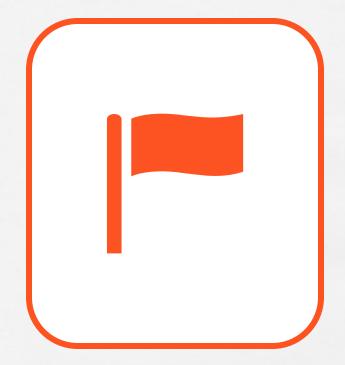
is the risk that a person or entity involved in ADB activities is implicated in financial or other ethical misconduct, resulting in potential adverse impacts on ADB.

Such misconduct includes any act which violates ADB's Anticorruption Policy, namely corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice, and other integrity violations as defined.

Such misconduct also encompasses other improper activity, including money laundering, terrorist financing, tax evasion, and predicate offences as defined by international standards in relation to financial crime risks.







Be alert to the red flags of integrity risks.

Project Implementation Processes



Procurement

Contract & Asset Management

Financial Management



Prequalification; bidding documents preparation; and bid advertisement, submission, and opening



Assessment of bidders' compliance with bidding requirements, and preparation and approval of evaluation report



Post-bid evaluation activities until contract is awarded and signed

Contract administration

The management of the day-to-day practicalities and administrative requirements under the contract

Output monitoring

Engagement with/supervision of contractors, consultants, and suppliers in relation to project outputs

Asset control

Safeguarding and maintenance of project assets including asset inventory

Approval and processing of payments for project expenditures

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Financial reporting

Project accounting and auditing

These sub-processes reflect those assessed by OAI and do not necessarily reflect all sub-processes that exist within each process.



Red Flags in Bidding





Ineligible bidders

In a rebidding, the bid evaluation committee decided that three suppliers were substantially responsive to the bidding requirements.

However, ADB had **debarred** two of these suppliers. \triangle



The remaining supplier (i) appeared to be related to the two debarred suppliers, (ii) purchased bidding documents on the day of the bid submission deadline, and (iii) submitted a bid to create an illusion of competition.



Leakage of Confidential Information

Negotiations between the project management unit and the supplier were initiated 2 months before quotations from other suppliers were sought.

Red Flags in Bid Evaluation



Financial Capacity



Outdated financial statements to support bidder's financial capacity.

Financial statements from different years have identical data. ^



Value of a bidder's cash and cash equivalents declared in the bidding form, which was higher than the value in the submitted audited financial statements.



Unaudited financial statements without first establishing that the law in the bidders' countries/ jurisdictions did not mandate financial statements to be audited. By default, the bidding documents required submission of audited financial statements, while unaudited financial statements are allowed only on an exceptional basis.



Unsupported credit lines.

Different bidders having identical credit lines.



Red Flags in Bid Evaluation





Pending Litigation



Bidder did not disclose its pending litigation as indicated in the notes to the financial statements. \triangle



Personnel



Represented years of experience based on submitted resume.

Using personnel from debarred entities.

Fake CVs or credentials





John Mark Software Engineer

Contact Details

12 11 2345 67

@ example@grail.com



Skills

- * Object Oriented Programming

- Communication

Languages

English: Fluent

French: intermediate

Profile

Experienced full-stack web developer proficient in Java, Python, and lavaticript, with 5x years of industry experience. Skilled in React, Mode js, PostgreSQL, and XXVS, and holds certifications in AWS and Oracle. Known for strong problemsolving skills and for developing highly scalable systems. Seeking a lead suftware engineer role in the finance, healthcare, or e-commerce industry.

Work Experience

Senior Software Developer

Bio 2001 - Dec 2013.

Company - Country

- . Gevelop and test software for XXZ product.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to ensure product quality and timely delivery

Web Developer

ann 2025 - Dec 2020

Company - Country

- Developed responsive and accessible web applications: using MTMs, CSS, and laveScript frameworks such as Angular and React
- Collaborated with UK designers and back-and developers to ensure seamless integration of front end and back-end functionalities

Education

Masters in Software Engineering

Am 2009 - Dec 2000

Ascetton

Bachelors in Computer Science

Jan 2015 - Dec 2018

Apoption

ChatGPT







II. Recognizing and Reducing Integrity Risk

- Red Flags
- Due Diligence











Due Diligence: Some Factors





Beneficial ownership



Financial background and payment of contract



Competency of third party



Public records resources:
History of corruption
and adverse news



Reputation: Commercial references



Approach to ethics and compliance

Potential Risk Flags





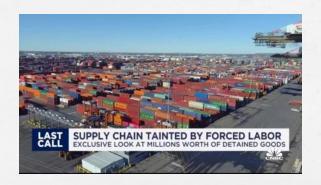
Bribery, corruption



Criminal convictions



Fraud, embezzlement



Illegal or disreputable activities



Money laundering, terrorist financing



Due Diligence: Sources





Due Diligence: Some Steps





Search Techniques



Use:

Specific Keywords

Q Jonathan vs Jonathan Mumbai engineer

And

"road construction" (AND "environmental impact"

Quotation Marks

Calcutta road project

Or

education **QR** training

Minus Operator (-)

"bridge construction projects"—"toll bridges"

More Search Techniques





Asterisk (*) as a wildcard



Site-specific searches



Advanced search options



Related searches



Time filters



Google Scholar



Reverse image search

Debarment and Suspension Checks





ADB Debarment and Suspension Register

The following page lists the entities temporarily suspended and debarred by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and those cross debarred by ADB in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions with other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). These entities are not eligible to participate in ADB-financed, – administered, or –supported activities.

PUBLISHED LIST

Accessible to the public

NO LOGIN REQUIRED

Publicly Disclosed Debarment or Suspension

View Publicly Disclosed Debarment or Suspension

What you will see in this subregister:

- · Debarments that have institutional considerations
- Debarments associated with the violation of a previous debarment
- · Second and subsequent debarments
- Debarred entities (firms and individuals) who are uncontactable
- · Cross debarred entities
- Subset of the ADB Debarment and Suspension register

AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY

Complete ADB Debarment and Suspension Register

View Non-Publicly Disclosed Debarment

What you will see in the register:

- · Published Debarments
- Non-published Debarments
- · Temporary suspension

How do I get access to this list?

This is a secure application operated by ADB for its official business. Only those given access to the application can access the list.

- For registered users, please proceed by Login.
- If you're a qualified user requiring access to the complete sanctions list, please Sign Up.
- If you have problems submitting the online application, please download the Application Form, complete it and email to integrity@adb.org.

http://sanctions.adb.org



COMPLETE LIST

Password-protected, accessible to:

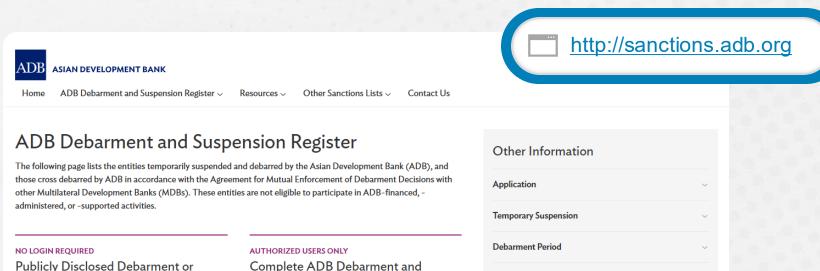
- ADB staff
- BoD

Debarr

- Parties with a "need to know": international organizations, bilateral and government partners
- EAs and IAs

Sign up: ADB Debarment and Suspension Register





Contract Variations

View Publicly Disclosed Debarment or Suspension

What you will see in this subregister:

Suspension

- · Debarments that have institutional considerations
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Sign-up here

Manual form available

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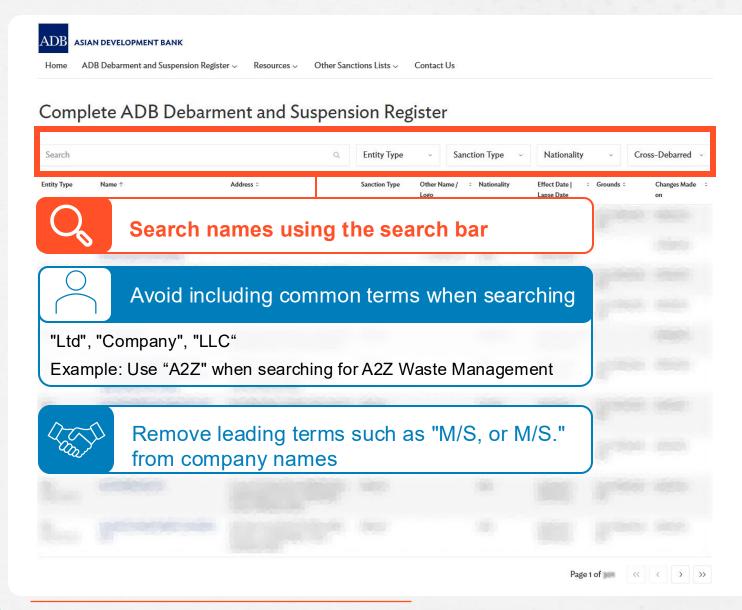


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Make sure you fill in the name and email address of an ADB project officer who can verify your involvement in the project

Search: ADB Debarment and Suspension Register







United Nations Security Council Sanctions: Obligations



United Nations Security Council Sanctions





United Nations Security Council Consolidated List

- · Composition of the List
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United Nations Security Council Consolidated List

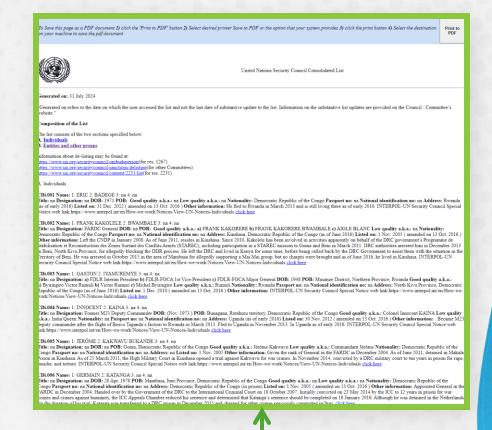
List in alphabetical order



The Consolidated List includes all individuals and entities subject to measures imposed by the Security Council. The inclusion of all names on one Consolidated List is to facilitate the implementation of the measures, and neither implies that all names are listed under one regime, nor that the criteria for listing specific names are the same. For each instance where the Security Council has decided to impose measures in response to a threat, a Security Council Committee manages the sanctions regime. Each sanctions committee established by the United Nations Security Council therefore publishes the names of individuals and entities listed in relation to that committee as well as information concerning the specific measures that apply to each listed name.

The current version of the Consolidated List is provided in .xml, .html and .pdf formats. Member States are obliged to implement the measures specific to each listed name as specified on the websites of the related sanctions committee.

For all comments and questions concerning all sanctions lists, including the United Nations Consolidated List, kindly contact the Secretariat via the email address: sc-sanctionslists@un.org.



Search options

Link to United Nations Security Council List

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list





III. Enforcement Actions and Impact

- Consequences of Integrity Violations in ADBsupported Projects
- Enforcement Actions
- Impact While Under Debarment



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Consequences of Integrity Violations in ADB-supported Projects



Debarment of firms or individuals



Suspension of loan or grant allocations



Termination of loan or grant allocations



Return of misused loan or grant resources to ADB



Changes of administrative arrangements



Request to investigate or change government staff



Cross debarment











Enforcement Actions





Debarment



Debarment with conditional reinstatement



Conditional Non-Debarment



Reprimand



Restitution and / other financial remedies

Impact While Under Debarment



Current contacts



Contract variations



Future tenders



Reinstatement



MAY CONTINUE OAI ENDORSEMENT

NOT PERMITTED

NOT AUTOMATIC



IV. Conflict of Interest in Projects

- ADB definition of conflict of interest
- Conflict of interest in projects
- Potential grounds for disqualification
- Managing conflict of interest



ADB definition of conflict of interest



A situation in which a party has interests that could improperly influence that party's performance of official duties or responsibilities, contractual obligations, or compliance with applicable laws and regulations





Conflict of interest in projects





May be a ground for disqualification



May or may not be an integrity violation

Potential grounds for disqualification





Drafting technical specifications for the package in question



Relationship with ADB staff or borrower personnel involved in the procurement



Bidders for the same package with common controlling shareholder

Managing conflict of interest



Identify Disclose Mitigate

Identify

Disclose

Mitigate

- 4.3 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidder may be considered to be in a conflict of interest with one or more parties in the bidding process if any of, including but not limited to, the following apply:
- (a) they have controlling shareholders in common; or
- (d) they have a <u>relationship with each other</u>, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to <u>material information about or improperly influence the bid of another Bidder</u>, or <u>influence the decisions of the Employer</u> regarding this bidding process; or
- (f) a Bidder, Joint Venture partner, associates, parent company, or any affiliated entity, <u>participated as a Consultant</u> in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the works that are the subject of the Bid; or
- (i) A Bidder that has a <u>financial or familial relationship with Employer's personnel</u> including personnel of project implementing/executing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan who: (i) are directly or indirectly involved in the preparation of the bidding documents or specifications of the contract, and/or the bid evaluation process of such contract; or (ii) would be involved in the implementation or supervision of such contract unless the conflict stemming from such relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to ADB throughout the procurement process and execution of the contract. [User Guide for Procurement of Works]



Disclose

Mitigate

We, our directors, key officers, key personnel, including any Subcontractors, consultants, subconsultants, manufacturers, service providers or Suppliers for any part of the contract, do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with ITB 4.3.

If there is any conflict of interest, please state details:

- (i) Parties involved in the conflict of interest:
- (ii) Details about the conflict of interest:

[Letter of Bid]



Identify Disclose

Mitigate



Implement mitigation measures

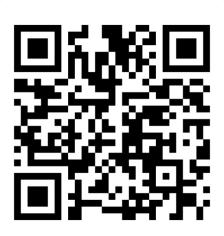


If not possible, exclude from bidding or reject a proposal for contract award

Mentimeter Scenario



- The EA is hiring a Safeguards Coordinator who will support the 3 IAs of the project and monitor compliance with the safeguards requirements of the 3 subprojects.
- The consultant's tasks will be performed under the guidance of the IAs.
- The candidate is a close relative of the head of one of the IAs (IA-1 Head).
- The IA-1 Head is responsible for implementing a subproject under that particular IA.
- IA-1 and its Head were not involved in preparing the TOR nor in the selection process.
- The Safeguards Coordinator will report to the PMU Director. He/she will not report to IA-1 or its Head.



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Mentimeter Scenario



What will be your recommendation:

- 1. Hire the candidate. There is no conflict of interest.
- 2. Disqualify the candidate because there is conflict of interest.
- 3. Hire the candidate but implement mitigation measures to address the conflict of interest.



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As a possible integrity violation





Conflict of interest is one of the integrity violations that ADB investigates



It may be addressed through mitigation measures



May constitute an integrity violation if not disclosed and managed

Other Resources









Remember





Know the integrity violations.



Sign up to access the Complete List.



Identify and manage integrity risks.



Report suspected integrity violations to OAI.



Evaluation



Your feedback would help the Office of Anticorruption and Integrity in providing knowledge products and services relevant to you.

Answers will be kept confidential and data will only be assessed in the aggregate.



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