



Wilton Park

Provisional programme

Tackling corruption: making progress, learning lessons and building capacity

Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 January 2019 | WP1654

In September 2016 Wilton Park organised a conference in partnership with Transparency International (TI) and other NGOs to look ahead at implementation of anti-corruption commitments countries had made at the May 2016 international summit hosted by the UK. That conference examined opportunities, challenges and tools for implementing anti-corruption commitments.

Taking place more than two years later, this new Wilton Park dialogue in partnership with TI will:

- review international and country specific progress since the May 2016 UK Summit in the implementation of anti-corruption initiatives;
- share lessons from both cases of successful implementation as well as those where implementation fell short or failed; and
- help build capability and capacity within government, the business community and civil society to tackle corrupt practices through greater transparency and the development of cross-sectoral anti-corruption networks within and between countries.

Transparency in public procurement, open contracting (and its impact on health) and beneficial ownership will constitute major focal points of the discussion, including open contracting in the health sector. A number of TI country chapters such as from Afghanistan, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda and Zambia will lead discussions of key issues on which they are working. In its final stages the conference will examine the different elements needed to construct an effective national anti-corruption strategy and key pillars for implementation.

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Wednesday 16 January

1500-1600

Participants arrive. Refreshments on arrival

1600-1630

Welcome and introduction

Robert Grant

Programme Director, Wilton Park

Jameela Raymond

Project Manager- Commitments, Transparency International UK, London

Icebreaker and presentation of visual roadmap

Zack Brisson

Co-Founder and Principal, Reboot, New York

1630-1730

1. Promoting global standards in public procurement, open contracting and beneficial ownership: where are we now?

What progress has been made since the May 2016 Summit in the UK? What are key challenges that remain? In what ways do different national contexts present different impediments to achieving greater transparency and integrity in public procurement and beneficial ownership?

John Penrose

Prime Minister's Anticorruption Champion, Home Office, London

Robert Barrington

Executive Director, Transparency International, London

Deirdre Dimancesco

Technical Officer, World Health Organisation, Geneva

Hera Hussain

Senior Advocacy Manager, Open Contracting Partnership, Washington DC

1730-1800

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1800-1900

2. Roundtable discussion on promoting global standards in public procurement, open contracting and beneficial ownership

How can impediments to achieving greater transparency and integrity in public procurement and beneficial ownership be overcome in different national contexts? What has proven to be effective? How can implementation of approaches and tools be strengthened? In what ways do different political contexts – whether supportive, mixed or hostile – interact with the implementation of more technical approaches/tools.

1900

Reception and Session 4 facilitators meeting, Library

1930

Dinner

Thursday 17 January

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-0945

3. Introduction to world café tables

Thematic experts who will lead the world café discussions in the next session will make 4 minute presentations setting out the current state of play and challenges on which they are working. Participants will have the opportunity to propose and lead up to two additional world café table themes.

0945-1115

4. World café thematic tables

During the world café session, experts from a number of organisations will lead thematic based discussions focused on key challenges in areas related to beneficial ownership, open contracting and public procurement. Four rotations of 20 minutes each will take place. Participants will explore challenges and how to overcome them.

Beneficial ownership transparency

Public registers of beneficial ownership transparency:

Zosia Szykowski

Project Lead, Open Ownership, Washington, DC

Property/public contracting:

Naomi Hirst

Senior Campaigner, Global Witness, London

Open contracting

Open contracting and the open contracting data standard:

Gavin Hayman

Executive Director, Open Contracting Partnership, Washington DC

Open Contracting, working around issues in IT infrastructure, and Universal Healthcare.

Patrick Enaholo

Lecturer, School of Media and Communication, Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos

Public procurement

Corrupt bidders:

Susan Hawley

Director of Policy, Corruption Watch UK, London

1115-1145

Tea/coffee

1145-1300

5. Assessing the world café table discussions

Are the right levels of ambition being set in the different countries? What are the risks of aiming either too low or too high? What are key lessons that appear relevant across multiple national contexts?

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1700

6. National anti-corruption strategies

What are the major pillars of a national anti-corruption strategy that are largely applicable across different national contexts?

Tonu Basu

Thematic Manager, Open Government Partnership, Washington, DC

Rachel Davies

Head of Advocacy, Transparency International UK, London

Raj Baisya

Senior Policy Advisor, Joint Anti-corruption Unit, Home Office, London

1700-1730	Tea/coffee
1730-1900	7. Informal participant conversations and development of visual roadmap
1900	Reception and Session 8 chairs meeting, Library
1930	Dinner

Friday 18 January

0800-0900	Breakfast and checkout
0900-1100	<p>8. Breakout group discussions on creating effective pillars for national anti-corruption implementation</p> <p>The breakout group topics will be finalised during the conference to take the discussions into account, but could include themes such as:</p> <p>Strengthening incentives for transparency and integrity Co-chair: Tonu Basu Lead, Thematic Engagement, Open Government Partnership, Washington, DC</p> <p>Co-chair: Maheshi Herat Legal Officer, Transparency International, Colombo</p> <p>Building anti-corruption networks across sectors Chair: Ugochi Ekwueme Programme Associate, Reboot, Abuja</p> <p>Building capability and capacity to reduce corruption TBC</p> <p>Sharing lessons across sectors and countries Co-chair: Maria Emilia Berazategui Global Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International, Buenos Aires</p>
1100-1130	Tea/coffee
1130-1145	<p>9. Evaluation survey</p> <p>Completion of online survey</p>
1145-1300	10. Presentation of breakout group conclusions and recommendations with wrap up discussion
1300	Lunch
1400	Participants depart

This is a provisional programme and as such may be subject to change.

This is an invitation only conference.

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