



2020 Albanian OSCE Chairmanship Conference

**“Good Governance and the Fight against Corruption in the Digital Era:
Strengthening the Principles of Transparency, Integrity and Accountability”**

Vienna, 6-7 July 2020

DRAFT – AGENDA

Monday, 6 July 2020

10:00 – 12:00 Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Edi Rama**, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Prime Minister and Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania
- **H.E. Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General
- **H.E. Ms. Etilda Gjonaj**, Minister of Justice, Republic of Albania

High-Level Panel:

- **H.E. Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director General of the United Nations Office at Vienna
- **H.E. Mr. Nikola Dimitrov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia
- **H.E. Mr. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom
- **H.E. Mr. Rustam Badasyan**, Minister of Justice, Republic of Armenia
- **H.E. Ms. Suzana Pribilović**, Minister of Public Administration, Montenegro
- **Mr. Vittorio Ferraresi**, Under Secretary of State for Justice, Italy
- **Mr. Sherzod Asadov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uzbekistan
- **Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

12:00 – 12:30 **Coffee break**

12:30 – 14.00 **Session I: Strengthening accountability: the impact of combating corruption and enhancing good governance on security, stability and economic growth**

Suggested topics:

- Building trust and confidence in national institutions and the economy through effective, accountable and transparent governance;
- Facilitating enhanced economic growth by strengthening anti-corruption measures;
- Combating corruption in the security sector;
- Raising awareness about the links between corruption, money-laundering and transnational organized crime.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jonathan Parish**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Operations Division, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- **Ms. Kirsten Madison**, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States of America
- **Mr. Jürgen Stock**, Secretary General, INTERPOL
- **Mr. Marin Mrčela**, President, Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO)

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

14:00 – 15.00 **Lunch break**



15.00 – 16:30 Session II: Anti-corruption strategies and anti-corruption bodies in the OSCE area: best practices and lessons learned

Suggested topics:

- Development and implementation of anti-corruption policies;
- Anti-corruption monitoring and evaluation bodies – challenges and successes;
- Effective collaboration between anti-corruption bodies in international operations;
- International cooperation in the development of anti-corruption performance indicators;

Speakers:

- **Mr. Andrey Avetisyan**, Ambassador-at-Large for International Anti-Corruption Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- **Mr. Thomas Stelzer**, Dean, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)
- **Ms. Eka Tkeshelashvili**, Head, European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine
- **Prof. Nicoletta Parisi**, Member of the Board responsible for International Relations, Anti-Corruption National Authority (ANAC), Italy

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE

16.30 – 18:00 Session III: The role of digital technologies and innovation in preventing and combating corruption

Suggested topics:

- Fighting the culture of corruption through the use of digital solutions, simplified procedures and open data;
- Promoting the use of technology for more efficient, transparent, and responsive public service delivery;
- Digital tools to promote transparency in electoral processes;
- Preventing and combating corruption in public procurement through digital tools;



Speakers:

- **Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- **Dr. Christian Manquet**, Head, Unit for Substantive Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice, Austria
- **Ms. Judita Brzobohatá**, Expert, Department of Corruption Prevention, the Government Office, Republic of Slovakia

Discussion

Moderator: Ambassador Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna

18.00 Reception hosted by the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship (upon invitation):
“Palmenhaus”, Burggarten 1

Tuesday, 7 July 2020

09.00 – 10:30 **Session IV: The role of whistleblowers, media and civil society in tackling corruption**

Suggested topics:

- Effective mechanisms for the protection of whistleblowers in OSCE participating States;
- The role of investigative journalism and civil society organizations in the fight against corruption;
- The importance of media and national awareness-raising activities in the fight against corruption;

Speakers:

- **Mr. Harlem Désir**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- **Ms. Marija Ristic**, Regional Director, Balkan Investigative Regional Network (BIRN)
- **Mr. Ivan Odeljan**, Head, Anti-Corruption Sector, Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation, Republic of Croatia



- **Mr. Sotiraq Hroni**, Executive Director, Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), Republic of Albania

Moderator: Ambassador Emilia Kraleva, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the OSCE, the UN and other International Organizations in Vienna

Discussion

10.30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session V: International co-operation in the investigation and prosecution of corruption with the view to asset declarations and recovery**

Suggested topics:

- International joint investigation teams as an effective tool to investigate trans-border corruption cases - national and international co-operation on asset recovery
- Regulating disclosure of interest and assets by public officials;
- The role of law enforcement and national authorities in relation to asset declarations and the prevention of conflicts of interest;
- Applicability of the upcoming: “*International Treaty on Exchange of Data for the Verification of Asset Declarations*”;
- Effective mechanisms to seize, manage and re-use assets recovered from corrupt practices;

Speakers:

- **H.E. Ms. Renata Deskoska**, Minister of Justice, North Macedonia
- **Ms. Jennifer Moore**, Crown Prosecution Service, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Vladan Joksimović**, Head, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)
- **Ms. Evgjëni Bashari**, Secretary General, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflicts of Interests, Republic of Albania
- **Mr. Jonathan Spicer**, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist, International Centre for Asset Recovery, Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland

Discussion



Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 15.00 **Concluding Session**

Statements by delegations

Concluding remarks:

- **Professor Paola Severino**, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption
- **Mr. Agron Tare**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania

Moderator: Ms. Inid Milo, Head, OSCE Albanian Chairmanship Task Force