

Vienna, 15 June 2020

28th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

“Promoting security, stability and economic growth in the OSCE area by preventing and combating corruption through innovation, increased transparency and digitalization”

**SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
15-16 June 2020**

Venue: via Zoom

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 15 June 2020

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks:

- **Ambassador Igli Hasani**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Li Yong**, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- **Professor Paola Severino**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

10:30 - 12:00 **Session I: Advancing stability through innovative anti-corruption policies that improve business and investment climate, good governance, promotion of economic participation and transparency**

Selected Topics:

- Establishment and sharing of best practices for legal and policy structures to promote good governance and combat corruption;
- Importance of anti-corruption action plans, legal accountability and compliance programmes for advancing economic development and enhancing the investment climate;
- New technologies and innovative solutions as means to preventing corruption, improving the business climate and promoting stability;
- Benefits of digitalization for public procurement and contracting processes for both the public and private sector;
- Effective policies on promoting economic participation in the digital era.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Marin Mrčela**, President, The Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe
- **Mr. Sherzod Asadov**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Mirlinda Karçanaj**, Director General, National Agency for Information Society, Albania
- **Mr. Maxim Zinovik**, Senior Prosecutor of the Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime Department, Prosecutor General's Office, Belarus
- **Ms. Natali Engstam Phalén**, Secretary General, Anti-Corruption Institute (IIM), Sweden

Moderator: Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey, Permanent Representative, Delegation of Malta to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Discussion

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 **Session II: Preventing and combating corruption and money laundering by promoting transparency and accountability**

Selected Topics:

- Use of new technologies to support compliance with international standards on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT);
- Mechanisms to raise awareness about the links between corruption and organized crime, and their impact on economic growth;
- The role of whistle-blowers, law enforcement bodies, the judiciary, civil society, media and education in preventing and combating corruption and money laundering;
- Beneficial ownership platforms and registers to increase transparency;
- Investment screening mechanisms in the fight against corruption.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Vasilika Vjero**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania
- **Mr. Anthony M. Sankey**, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Public Corruption Unit, United States of America
- **Ms. Branka Glojnaric**, Office for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Ministry of Finance, Slovenia
- **Mr. Thom Townsend**, Executive Director, Open Ownership, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Victor Baldin**, Head, Department for Supervision over Legislation for Combating Corruption, Prosecutor General's Office, the Russian Federation

Moderator: Ambassador Igor Djundev, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of North Macedonia to the OSCE, UN, and other International Organizations in Vienna

Discussion

Tuesday, 16 June 2020

09:00 -10:30 **Session III: Anti-corruption efforts in the area of management of natural resources to promote stability and economic growth**

Selected Topics:

- Rule of law, good governance, and employment promotion in the fight against transnational organized crime, and its links to corruption, money laundering, and illicit trafficking in natural resources;
- Economic, environmental, and public health impact of mismanagement and degradation of natural resources;

- Existing international legal frameworks in preventing and combating corruption and the unsustainable use of natural resources, including recovery of assets and proceeds from corrupt practices;
- Strengthening international co-operation to reduce corruption related to the mismanagement and depletion of natural resources, including through consumer education and demand reduction;
- Sharing best practices and anti-corruption initiatives at national, regional and international levels on the strengthening of sustainable management of natural resources.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Irina Ghaplanyan**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Armenia
- **Mr. Jorge Rios**, Chief, Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- **Mr. Joseph A. Poux**, Deputy Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, Department of Justice, the United States of America
- **Dr. Sophie Lemaître**, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-corruption Resource Centre, Norway

Moderator: Ambassador Päivi Laivola de Rosière, Permanent Representative, Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE

Discussion

10:30 - 12:00

Session IV: The role of innovation and digitalization in addressing the challenges of environmental protection including those posed by corruption

Selected Topics:

- Innovative anti-corruption tools in environmental management, disaster risk reduction, including early warning systems and access to information;
- E-governance, transparency measures, environmental impact assessment and Smart Cities as tools to combat corruption, improve sustainability and economic opportunities, and promote public participation;
- Supporting the transition to an inclusive green economy by investing in technology, innovation, knowledge exchange and addressing corruption and related environmental challenges;

- Public-private partnerships and alternative financing models as a source of innovative, economically-viable and corruption-free solutions to environmental protection challenges;

Speakers:

- **Mr. Dusan Polovic**, Director General, E-Governance and Information Security, Ministry of Public Administration, Montenegro
- **Ms. Tamar Aladashvili**, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
- **Mr. William Neale**, Advisor for Circular Economy and Green Growth, DG Environment, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Ms. Nicole Botha**, Head, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, Governance and Human Rights Governance, Global Policy, GIZ, Germany
- **Mr. Gerhard Wotawa**, Head of Division Data, Methods, Modelling, National Meteorological And Geophysical Services (ZAMG), Austria

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

12:00 – 12:30 **Coffee break**

12:30 - 13:30 **Concluding Session**

Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-Ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ms. Inid Milo**, Head, 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship Task Force