

EXPERT ROUND TABLE

ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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On the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day

CONTEXT

Anti-corruption education and training are key to preventing and detecting corruption effectively. However, recent reports of the United Nations highlight that all countries across continents face such challenges as relatively little attention to anti-corruption education programmes, lack of a culture of integrity in some parts of the public sector and frequent failure of business ethics.

This is why Russia has identified anti-corruption education as a priority of its BRICS Chairmanship in 2020. The BRICS already have a standing cooperation in the field which is to be reinforced by expert support and knowledge.

The Round Table on Anti-Corruption Education and Training to be held on the occasion of the forthcoming International Anti-Corruption Day will focus on good practices and common challenges of the BRICS in three strictly intertwined areas: raising public awareness about corruption, anti-corruption education in universities and training for anti-corruption practitioners and officials.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

H.E. Andrey Avetisyan,

Ambassador-at-Large for International Anti-Corruption Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation – Chair of the BRICS Working Group on Anti-Corruption Cooperation

SESSIONS

Each session of approximately an hour will consist of an introduction made by the moderator and brief interventions/presentations by national experts and educators to provide food for thought and kick-off the subsequent open discussion.

SESSION ONE RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT CORRUPTION

The session will focus on the the present anti-corruption framework and general public attitudes towards corruption in the BRICS countries. The experts will discuss whether the current measures are effective and what is to be done in order to step up the commitment to reinforcing general culture of intolerance towards corruption.

Moderator

Mr. Vijayendra Bidari, Deputy Director, International Police Cooperation Unit, Central Bureau of Investigation, India

Speakers

- Mr. Michael Seloane, Commissioner, Office of Public Service Commission, South Africa
- Gen. Aslan Yusufov, Deputy Director, Department for Supervision over Enforcement of Anti-Corruption Legislation, Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation, GRECO Bureau Member
- Prof. GUO Yong, Director of the Research Center for Anti-Corruption and Governance, Vice Chair of the University Council, Tsinghua University, China

SESSION TWO ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITIES

Does anti-corruption education make a contribution to strengthening the rule of law? What are the most effective methods and serious challenges in teaching anti-corruption in universities? Can international programmes be helpful in this endeavour? These and other issues will be discussed in the session.

Moderator

Dr. Xiumei WANG, Professor of Law, Beijing Normal University, China

Speakers

- Mr. Atul Singh, Additional Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission, Government of India
- Dr. Benni Lekubu, Senior Lecturer and Anti-Corruption Subject Matter Expert, College of Law, University of South Africa
- Mr. Pawan Kumar Sinha, Director of Academic Programmes, International Anti-Corruption Academy
- Constantine Palicarsky, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

SESSION THREE TRAINING FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION PRACTITIONERS AND OFFICIALS

For anti-corruption reforms to be successful, it is not enough to adopt comprehensive legislation. It is equally important to ensure that relevant stakeholders clearly understand anti-corruption requirements. Professional training as a means to achieve this goal will be in the center of the discussion.

Moderator

Mr. Alexey Konov, Director for Anti-Corruption Policy, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Speakers

- Mr. Marconi Costa Melo, General Coordinator of International Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Brazil
- Mr. Paul Daniel, Additional Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission, Government of India
- Mr. Busani Ngcaweni, Principal of National School of Government, South Africa
- Ms. Meiqing XIN, Programme coordinator, Training Department, Academy of Discipline Inspection and Supervision (CADIS), Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and National Commission of Supervision, China

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Common challenges and opportunities for strengthening BRICS cooperation in the field identified in the course of the event along with the recommendations of the participants will be reflected in a focused strategic document by the Russian Chairmanship in the BRICS Working Group on Anti-Corruption Cooperation.

The outcome will also lay the basis for the programmes of two special projects initiated and financed by the Russian Federation under its BRICS Presidency:

- BRICS workshop for university educators "Enhancing Capacity to Teach Anti-Corruption, Integrity and Ethics", organized by UNODC under the auspices of the Education for Justice Initiative (Vienna, 2021);
- BRICS tailor-made "train the trainer" course in the International Anti-Corruption Academy (Laxenburg, 2021).

Participants of the Round Table will be eligible to take part in these expert initiatives.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the Russian BRICS Presidency' website: https://eng.brics-russia2020.ru/

For any further queries please contact us at anticorruption.mfa@mail.ru.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

All registered participants will receive the link to join the Zoom conference two hours before the starting time.

LANGUAGE

Please note that the event will be held in English only.

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