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19th Steering Group Meeting
Phnom Penh, 2 September 2014

# Minutes of the Meeting

## Participants

**Member countries and jurisdictions:** Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Timor-Leste; and Viet Nam.

**Advisory Group:** Transparency International (TI); German Development Cooperation (GIZ); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); American Bar Association (ABA); and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

**Observer countries:** Brunei Darussalam; Lao PDR; Myanmar

**Secretariat:** Asian Development Bank (ADB); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

## Summary of the Discussions

### 1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

H.E Top Som, the President of National Council Against Corruption (NCAC), provided the meeting's opening address. The Steering Group then adopted the Meeting agenda.

### 2. Thematic Review on Corporate Compliance, Internal Controls and Ethics Measures to Prevent and Detect Corruption

This session was Chaired by H.E Yonn Sinat, Assistant to the President of the Anti-Corruption Unit of Cambodia (ACU). Patrick Meagher, the consultant retained by the Initiative to conduct the Thematic Review, briefly presented the Review's draft country and horizontal reports. Steering Group members commented on the drafts. Several members indicated that they would provide additional comments shortly after the meeting. The Steering Group agreed that the Review's report would be finalised shortly after the Steering Group meeting.

### 3. Country Scoping Exercises and OECD Integrity Scans

This session was chaired by H.E Sar Sambath, Assistant to the ACU. The Secretariat proposed to conduct Integrity Scans as the Initiative's country scoping exercises. Integrity Scans help governments measure the strengths and weaknesses of their legal, administrative and economic frameworks against corruption. Both the methodology as well as the scope of this exercise could be adapted to the country-specific context. Thanks to partial funding provided by GIZ and ADB, a first scan could start soon. Several members indicated interest in undertaking the scan during and after the meeting.

### 4. Initiative's Programme of Work and Budget 2015-2017

This session was chaired by H.E Suy Mongleang, member of the National Council Against Corruption. The Secretariat presented the Initiative's Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for 2015-2017, including its strategic objectives, core activities, and financing arrangements. Three annual Steering Group meetings, two capacity-building seminars, a regional anti-corruption conference, various thematic and country reviews, as well as continued plans for strengthening partnerships with countries and international bodies are among the planned core activities. The

total estimated budget for the period is close to 1.8 million EUR. Following review and discussion, the PWB was approved. The Secretariat would circulate to the members a revised text of the PWB reflecting the discussions in the meeting.

**5. Presentations by Steering Group Members**

This session was chaired by Mr. Nuon Sothimon, Director of Department of Legal, Complaint and International Affairs of the ACU. As in previous meetings, Steering Group Members were invited to present their recent activities. The following presentations were made:

- Cambodia: Recent Anti-Corruption Developments
- Malaysia: Anti-Corruption Progress and Development on Implementing the UNCAC since July 2013
- Hong Kong, China: The Use of New Media for Transparency and Public Education in Anti-Corruption Work – The Hong Kong Experience
- Thailand: Report on Progress of UNCAC Implementation and Anti-Corruption Initiatives

**6. "Lightning Talks" by Steering Group Members**

This session was chaired by Mr Sin Vaidia, Assistant to Anti-Corruption Unit. Steering Group Members were invited to give quick presentations on significant achievements made, innovative approaches tried, or other anti-corruption developments in their jurisdiction since the 18th Steering Group Meeting in 2013. The following presentations were made:

- Macao, China: Recent Legislative Development in Macao – Criminalizing Bribery of Foreign Public Officials
- Timor-Leste: Country Report on UNCAC Implementation 2013-2014
- Philippines: Forging Ahead - Unraveling the Pork Barrel Scam and Turning the Tide of Corruption
- India: Recent Anti-Corruption Developments
- Singapore: Anti-Corruption Efforts and Achievements Since the 18th Steering Group Meeting in Dili, Timor-Leste

**7. Presentations by Advisory Group and Observers**

This session was chaired by H.E Im Chanthol, Assistant to the ACU. Advisory Group members and observers were invited to present their recent work. The following presentations were made:

- Transparency International (TI): Measuring Impact of Anti-Corruption Agencies
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Innovating Against Corruption for Human Development,
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC): An Update on UNODC's Anti-Corruption Work in Asia-Pacific Region,
- German Technical Cooperation (GIZ): Developments and Trends in the GIZ Anti-Corruption and Integrity Portfolio with a Focus on Asia

**8. Secretariat Report and Other Business**

This session was chaired by H.E Kheang Seng, Vice President of the ACU. The Secretariat reported their recent work in the anti-corruption field outside of the Initiative.