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Presents a Global Dialogue on

"Leveraging E-Government for Successful Anti-Corruption Programs"

Wednesday, January 17, 2007: 9:30-11:30 am EST



Chair: Philippe Dongier (Sector Manager, CITPO, World Bank)

Speakers:

- Nancy Zucker Boswell (President and CEO, Transparency International USA),
- Knut Leipold (Senior Procurement Specialist, OPCPR, World Bank)
- Basheerhamad Shadrach (Asia Senior Program Officer, International Development Research Center, India) - via videoconference from Delhi
- Enrique Fanta (Senior Public Sector Specialist, LAC PREM Public Sector, World Bank) - via audio-bridge from Chile

Commentator/Co-Chair: Daniel Kauffmann
(Director, Global Programs, World Bank Institute)

Participating Countries: Armenia, India, Paraguay, Russia, Sri Lanka

Program Description.

Information communication technologies (ICT) -- and e-government more broadly -- is widely seen as a powerful tool to enhance service delivery and government effectiveness as part of administrative reform agenda. Yet, have we investigated sufficiently the role it can play in anti-corruption activities? This seminar seeks to discuss the role of ICT and e-government in the Bank's current anti-corruption agenda and generate discussion now that the Bank is looking for specific instruments to implement its new anti-corruption and governance strategy.

For example, how can e-government/ICT tools enhance anti-corruption efforts by the Bank and its client countries? Should anti-corruption become an explicit objective and design principle in order to close all possible loopholes when introducing e-government/IT systems in tax, procurement, customs and other areas? Can e-government serve as the "Trojan Horse" in difficult reform environments when more direct approaches are not politically feasible? Should anti-corruption become one of the key objectives of an e-government strategy? What are the pros and cons of giving more prominence to e-government/ICT tools in anti-corruption efforts by the Bank and its client countries? Can e-government programs lead to more corruption? What should Bank TTLs and clients do differently to leverage e-government tools more effectively?

We have invited several Bank and external experts to discuss these issues and the role of ICT in anti-corruption and governance agenda from different perspectives. They will be joined by a number of country clients, including senior government officials in charge of administrative reforms, via videoconference. The featured speakers include:

Nancy Zucker Boswell (President & CEO, Transparency International-USA) will present from a perspective of a leading international NGO in the anti-corruption area on TI's views of the key entry points for leveraging e-government opportunities to combat corruption.

Knut Leipold (Senior Procurement Specialist, OPCPR) will provide an overview of the Bank's and clients experience in fighting corruption with ICT and will in particular focus on how ICT can dramatically reduce corruption in the public procurement area.

Basheerhamad Shadrach (Asia Senior Program Officer, IDRC, India) will provide a developing country perspective on using ICT for anticorruption in India across sectors and regions.

Enrique Fanta (Senior Public Sector Specialist, LAC PREM Public Sector) will share his experience in fighting corruption with ICT, using the examples of customs and procurement in Chile.

Finally, **Daniel Kauffmann** (Director, Global Governance, WBI) will provide a commentary and discuss implications and possible next steps for the World Bank Group to leverage e-government and IT tools for anticorruption work as an aspect of implementing the Bank's governance and anticorruption strategy. Daniel will also co-chair this session.

Speaker Biographies:



Philippe Dongier is the Sector Manager at CITPO, Bank's sector unit for Information and Communication Technologies. Earlier was Manager for Afghanistan Reconstruction in South Asia Region Energy and Infrastructure Unit since November 2001. Before that, led the CDD anchor in SDV/ESSD (2000-2001), and was manager of the Water and Sanitation Program in INF (1998-2000). Before joining the Bank, was Engagement Manager with McKinsey & Company, working on a range of strategy and organization change projects in various industries. From 1986 to 1992, was Regional Manager of a Canadian NGO based in Nepal (Canadian Center for International Studies and Cooperation), working on rural infrastructure and micro-finance.



Daniel Kaufmann is regarded as a leading expert, researcher, and adviser to countries on governance and development, Mr. Kaufmann, along with colleagues, has pioneered survey methodologies and work on indicators and on capacity building approaches for good governance and anti-corruption programs around the world. He currently heads the work on Global Governance and Anti-Corruption, and previously held positions at the World Bank which include managing a team on Finance, Regulation and Governance, heading capacity building for Latin America, and also serving as Lead Economist both in economies in transition as well as in the Bank's research department. In the early nineties, he was the first Chief of Mission of the World Bank to Ukraine, and then he was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University prior to resuming his career at the World Bank. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum (Davos) Faculty. His research on economic development, governance, the unofficial economy, macro-economics, investment, corruption, privatization, and urban and labor economics has been published in leading journals. Mr. Kaufmann is a frequent speaker on governance issues in major fora, such as keynote presentations at international Governance and Anti-Corruption Conferences, and at the First Global Forum on Media Development, as well as delivering the Annual Goodman Lecture at the University of Toronto, and he is a guest expert at major programs such as the BBC, CNBC, Bloomberg and VOA, and his work on governance and development is frequently featured in printed international media and policy circles. A Chilean national, Daniel Kaufmann received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard, and a B.A. in Economics and Statistics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Nancy Zucker Boswell is the President & CEO of Transparency International-USA; the U.S. chapter of the global non-profit organization dedicated to combating corruption. She works with government officials, multilateral institutions, and the private sector to promote the international agenda. She is also a member of the Transparency International board of directors. Ms. Boswell has practiced international law at Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C., focusing on extraterritorial jurisdiction, export controls, and customs and trade disputes. Previously, she was responsible for congressional liaison at the American Association of University Women and international financial matters at Citibank. Among her affiliations are the USAID Advisory Committee for Voluntary Foreign Aid, the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy and the US Trade Representative's Trade & Environmental Policy Advisory Committee. Her board service includes PACT, which focuses on civil society, and the International Senior Lawyers Project, which provides pro bono legal advice to NGOs around the world. Ms. Boswell is a member of the Conference Board Working Group on Global Business Ethics Principles and the Carnegie Endowment study group on Managing Global Issues. Ms. Boswell is a *summa cum laude* graduate of American University's Washington College of Law.



Knut Leipold works as Senior Procurement Specialist and e-GP (electronic government procurement) expert in the Bank's procurement anchor unit OPCPR. He has led the Bank's efforts of providing support and advice in designing and implementing e-GP programs and of developing e-GP guidance in line with the Bank's procurement policy, and of assessing e-GP country systems for their use under Bank-funded operations. He chairs the e-GP working group of the Multilateral Banks' Heads of Procurement initiative and has contributed to fully harmonizing the e-GP agenda. In addition, he is a member of the e-Procurement Working Group of the European Commission and of the e-GP Expert Working Group of UNCITRAL. Prior to his assignment at the Bank, he had worked in the private sector with focus on e-Government solutions for more than 10 years.



Basheerhamad Shadrach has worked since 1986 for a variety of organizations in South Asia and Europe prior to joining IDRC as the Asia Senior Program Officer for telecentre.org. His pioneering efforts in the field of information and communication for development include the creation

of an on-line news indexing system for the Indian Express group; developing the first ever Indian on-line development community, indev; organizing the first ever South Asian ICT conference, Tasknet; and, the launch of the first ever global anti-corruption Portal, CORIS. He has held several senior positions such as the member of Transparency International's Senior Management team, member of the Management Committee of OneWorld International Network and the Secretary of Mission 2007, a national coalition that aspires to provide each and every village in India with access to knowledge centers.



Enrique Fanta Ivanovic is Senior Public Sector at the World Bank's LAC Region. He received a degree of Civil Industrial Engineer from Universidad de Chile and was Deputy Director of Chilean IRS before becoming Head of Chilean Customs Service. After that, Enrique was deputy Director of the State Modernization Project , in charge of e-government. At the same time, during his period as Head of Customs and the state modernization, he was member of the Council of Internal Auditing for the Chilean government.

MAIN EVENT LOCATION: Room I1-200 (1850 I Street NW Washington DC USA)

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Refreshments will be served

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