

Meeting Participants

G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group

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- Blair Glencorse-C20 Anti-Corruption Working Group ChairRiccardo Moro -Steering Committee Member
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A brief on the meeting discussions

- ▶ Welcoming Remarks were presented by the C20 ACWG co-lead, followed by self-introduction by all participants from both parties.
- ▶ C20 Co-Sherpa shared the consultative process by which the policy pack was developed.

C20 Co-Sherpa highlighted the C20 intersectionality work with other working groups, including infrastructure and gender working groups, and encouraging the G20 officials to look at all the different groups with the aim to mainstream accountability across working groups

2020 C20 Anti-Corruption Recommendations

The C20 Anti-Corruption Co- Lead began by highlighting that:

- ▶ The practice around anti-corruption, especially in this global pandemic as corruption was both a cause and a consequence
- ▶ The continuing importance of other themes, including women and youth, to make sure that those constituencies are included as citizens in all issues discussed by the G20.
- ▶ Accountability of the G20 and the need to think through how to make sure that their commitments are followed up upon and appropriately implemented with better communication, transparency, and inclusion
- ▶ COVID-19 and ensuring accountability and fighting corruption as part of the response to this pandemic, with a particular focus on procurement and contracting, of course, making sure that information related to those issues are shared based on the open data principles.

- ▶ oversight boards and accountability mechanisms to be supported as part of stimulus funds. Individuals and bodies have the mandate and the support that they need to provide oversight.
- ▶ That emergency laws that are passed during this period are not used to curtail human rights and to be temporary in nature.
- ▶ Establishing mechanisms at every point for citizens and civil society organizations to oversee this process and guarantee that robust whistleblower protections are in place.

The C20 Anti-Corruption Co-lead presented 5 key priorities discussed in the 2020 C20 Policy Pack:

- 1- **Ensure accountability** and fight corruption within public health and emergency procurement in response to COVID-19.
2. **Facilitate** the use of and share lessons around ICTs and open data as tools for anti-corruption.
3. **Build** integrity within Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)
4. **Support** the development and implementation of national anti-corruption strategies.
5. **Accountability of the G20**

G20 Anti-Corruption Officials Response

- ▶ Thanked the C20 ACWG for the Policy Pack that they believed covered all areas for the first time in the G20 in their experience, which will help in exploring how the G20 can make anti-corruption as a cross-cutting issues similar to what C20 did. He shared that after 7 years of engagement in the G20 ACWG, this is the first time he receives the C20 Policy Pack.
 - ▶ Appreciated that the C20 structured the policy brief in accordance to the G20 priorities.
- ▶ Agreed with most of the recommendations and found them well-articulated, and committed to reflecting C20 recommendations to G20 outcome documents.
- ▶ Mentioned the G20 accountability report reform as a top priority for Saudi presidency and the G20 have been working on it from the beginning of the presidency with countries and international organizations with the support from the co-chair of Italy have developed a new methodology in which the G20 categorized all previously endorsed high-level panels into five categories including assets recovery and international cooperation.
- ▶ G20 ACWG is working with the UNODC on a very detailed questionnaire to evaluate the extent to which each country

complies with these requests and seek feedback from different countries with the hope of ensuring consensus.

- ▶ G20 officials also mentioned the development of another questionnaire on COVID-19 with the support of the co-chair of Italy and now are in consultation with the chair of the G20 Health Working Group. The questionnaire will seek countries good practices on mitigating corruption risks, not only in the health sector but also in other impacted sectors.
- ▶ G20 officials noted that once questionnaire is finalized the report will be circulated to the G20 countries to seek their feedback.

Anti- Corruption priorities presented by the G20 Officials for the Italian presidency

- ▶ The Italian presidency in the framework of anti-corruption will continue to put attention and emphasis on response to emergency and COVID-19 and on the two components the health sector and the new economic environment.
- ▶ The Italian presidency will start negotiating the next action plan for three years 2020 to 2024.
- ▶ The Italian presidency's overall theme will be around four Ps (People, Planet, Prosperity, and Public Health).
- ▶ The Italian ACWG would advance the discussion around measurement of corruption beyond the currently “perception-based” measures to include surveys, administrative data, judicial records, to measure the ‘concrete experience of corruption’ instead of its ‘perception’.
- ▶ The Italian presidency will also take sport integrity and organized crimes as ACWG priorities next year.
- ▶ The Italian presidency will utilize the opportunity of the UNGASS special session in 2021 to advance global anti-corruption efforts.
- ▶ Italy will also start the negotiation around the G20 Anti-Corruption Plan (2022-2024).

Follow-up and Next Steps

- The G20 officials in the anti-corruption track will update the C20 ACWG after consultation on the possibility of sharing the questionnaire on COVID-19 and the Accountability Framework for feedback from the C20 to help in shaping the questionnaire or sharing any lesson that will be helpful.
- Both parties agreed on the continued collaboration and knowledge sharing.