

Anti-Corruption Summit - London 2016

Colombia Country Commitments

Corruption hinders stability and undermines peace. Aiming to secure development, social equality and a stable and durable peace, Colombia will strengthen its fight against corruption by enhancing prevention policies, fostering social control, supporting communities affected, building capacity to tackle the problem, holding accountable corrupt individuals and companies, and promoting a lawfulness culture.

Public/private information sharing partnerships

- Colombia commits to continue following the Financial Action Task Force standards for anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing and work with FATF to identify and overcome barriers to information sharing across international boundaries, particularly within the financial sector.
- Colombia commits to support effective information sharing between law enforcement, regulators and the financial sector to identify and disrupt complex global money laundering schemes.
- Colombia will actively collaborate with and participate in initiatives led by the Egmont network of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs).
- Colombia commits to share with other countries and international organizations information related to convictions or sanctions imposed upon persons, companies or other legal arrangements by Colombian authorities due to acts of corruption.
- Colombia commits to continue implementing the Common Reporting Standard on automatic exchange of information, as a tool vital for global tax transparency, and will consider committing to other tax transparency initiatives.
- Colombia supports the OECD Task Force on Tax Crime and will actively work to fulfill its mandates and recommendations.

Beneficial Ownership Information

- Colombia commits to create a Central Registry of Beneficial Ownership of National Companies, including those whose parent companies or investment legal arrangements are domiciled offshore, with effective and unrestricted access for local and foreign law enforcement authorities.
- Colombia commits to facilitate access to local and foreign law enforcement authorities on beneficial ownership information with the necessary measures aimed at preventing targeted companies, investment legal arrangements and individuals from being alerted of ongoing investigations.
- Colombia commits to continue participating and supporting the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP).
- Colombia commits to participate in the Global Beneficial Ownership Register with the information collected in public procurement platforms.

Fiscal Transparency, participation and accountability

- Colombia commits to continue implementing high standards of openness of fiscal information through the portal of economic transparency, work to create the links with other platforms registering public expenditure and work to offer such information in open data.
- Colombia commits to design transparency standards for fiscal information related to post-conflict expenditure.

Strengthening asset recovery legislation

- Colombia commits to constantly review its legislation and its recovery-of-assets performance and to find opportunities to improve existing procedures and legislation.
- Colombia commits to strengthen its superintendencies, but particularly the Superintendence of Public Services, the Superintendence of Health and the Superintendence of Solidary Economy; the Financial Information Analysis Unit and the Directorate for Anticorruption and Interpol of the National Police.

Practitioners networks on institutional integrity

- Colombia commits to continue working in practitioner-to-practitioner initiatives, participating in the existence networks on institutional integrity such as Open Government Partnership, CLAD, Leading Practitioners on Public Procurement from OECD; Interamerican Network of Public Procurement; Open Contracting Partnership, sharing knowledge and peer to peer learning.

Sports

- Colombia commits to tackle corruption in Sport. It will increase monitoring of suspicious activity and financial flows in the sector, and will work together with enforcement authorities to impede and sanction such conducts. It will also join efforts with domestic and international sports organizations to foster openness and good governance.
- Colombia welcomes the efforts to organize the International Sport Integrity Partnership, and will work with international sports organisations and other key stakeholders to support and strengthen efforts to implement its principles and to underpin the wider fight to eliminate corruption from sport.

Assets returned

- Colombia commits to support the development of non-binding guidelines for returning assets within Colombia and from Colombia; to follow such guidelines; and to partner with UNODC in order to issue internal procedures thereof.
- Colombia also commits to participate in Asset Recovery Forums aimed at ramping up asset recovery efforts at a global level, including the Global Forum for Asset Recovery taking place in 2017.

Open Contracting

- Colombia commits to continue the deployment of its procurement transactional platform which links with budgetary platforms.
- Colombia commits to enhance the disclosure of public procurement data at national and subnational levels, focusing on increasing the publication of procurement information at the subnational level.
- Colombia commits to continue its ongoing effort to fully comply with the highest Open Contracting Data Standards –OCDS-.
- Colombia will join the Contracting 5 group to promote open contracting globally.
- Colombia commits to continue working with the Open Contracting Partnership, as it has done since 2012.
- Colombia commits to continue using the Ministry of Technology open-data web site to give standardized information of public procurement that can be easily used by the civil society.

Antibribery

- Colombia will issue regulation to set an antibribery compliance standard and further continue training public officials, the private sector and civil society under the legislation recently enacted and the OECD Antibribery Convention.

Culture of lawfulness / Economy of Legality

- Colombia commits to deploy campaigns of culture of lawfulness to expose, target and make socially unacceptable all forms of corruption and of cultural behaviour complacent with such behaviour. It will promote integrity in the public and private sector, and will adopt necessary measures to achieve cultural change and a zero-tolerance-on-corruption mindset.
- Colombia commits to leverage existing technologies and deploy new ones to expose abuse, strengthen accountability, and improve prevention and law enforcement capabilities while respecting human rights.
- Colombia also welcomes the application of behavioural science and new technology partnerships to combat corruption, and will partner with the Behavioural Insights Team of the United Kingdom toward the development of a pilot project.
- The Anticorruption Observatory and the National Planning Department will join efforts with the Behavioural Insights Team in order to better understand corruption and to display better solutions and strategies against it.
- Colombia will align the Sustainable Development Goal 16 to its anticorruption efforts.

Whistleblower Protection

- Colombia commits to file with Congress a Whistleblower Protection Bill enabling persons to report openly or anonymously incidents of corruption without fear of reprisal.