Policy Dialogue

Money Laundering and its relationship with Corruption Investigations

Within the Framework of the Follow-up and Implementation of the VIII Summit of the Americas

Washington, D.C. - Hall of the Americas – OAS
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Supporting the Chair of the Summit of the Americas Process efforts, in particular, within the framework of the execution of the Mechanism for Follow-up and Implementation of the Lima Commitment: Democratic Governance against Corruption adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the VIII Summit of the Americas, the Summits Secretariat, in coordination with the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States (OAS), seek to promote through this dialogue the exchange of specialized information on the subject of assets laundering and corruption.

The objective of the dialogue is to offer a space to provide an update on the panorama of the evolution of the phenomenon of money laundering and its relationship with corruption investigations, through reflections of national cases in which the OAS and other organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the World Bank have supported. The event is aimed at the different actors of the Summits of the Americas Process, including the representatives of the participating States, entities of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG), representatives of civil society and other social actors, as well as external observers with interest in the subject.

The event consists of two panels. The first panel will focus on the "Implementation of parallel financial investigations in Latin America and the Caribbean based on case studies: Research strategies, achievements and gaps in their implementation." The second panel will address the "Recovery of assets from acts of corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean: Role of international cooperation in the development of investigation measures and strategies."

Among some of the guiding questions for the dialogue include: How are the risks of money laundering associated with corruption identified, and what policies have been designed in this regard? How effective have the implemented measures been? What are the channels being used to carry out illegal transactions? What are the main challenges in recovering assets from illicit origin? What is the role of the OAS and other entities, such as the IDB and the World Bank, in supporting the efforts of member states in this matter?

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration of Participants

9:00 a.m. Opening

- Ambassador James Lambert, OAS Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs
- Ambassador José Boza, Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS, Chair of the Summits Process
Farah Diva Urrutia, OAS Secretary for Multidimensional Security

9:30 –11:15 a.m. Implementation of parallel financial investigations in Latin America and the Caribbean based on case studies: Research strategies, achievements and gaps in their implementation

- Susana Silva, Secretary of Public Integrity of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and General Coordinator of the High Level Anti-Corruption Commission of Peru
- Ana María Calderón, Spokeswoman of the Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH / OAS) and Special Representative of the OAS Secretary General
- Jacopo Gamba, Technical Advisor, Transparency Fund, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

Moderator: John Grajales, Senior Specialist, Department against Transnational Organized Crime, OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security

11:15 -12:50 p.m. Recovery of assets from acts of corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean: Role of international cooperation in the development of investigation measures and strategies

- Janet Tello Gilardi, Supreme Judge and President of the Judicial Integrity Commission of Peru
- Lisa Bostwick, Senior Financial Integrity Specialist / STaR Initiative, World Bank

Moderator: Grenville Williams, Director, Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (ARIN-CARIB)

12:50 p.m. Closing - María Celina Conte, Acting Director, Summits Secretariat, OAS

The meeting will be held in the Main Building of the Organization of American States, in the corner of 17th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006, USA.

Spanish-English and English-Spanish interpretation service will be available.

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