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## December 2010 News Update



This year's IACC participants included more than 1,200 people from the public, private and non-profit sectors of 135 countries.



Richard Alderman of the UK's Serious Fraud Office with TI-USA's Nancy Boswell at the workshop on settling foreign bribery cases.



Aleksander Shkolnikov of CIPE, Anupama Jha of TI-India, Rezki Wibowo of TI-Indonesia and Matthieu Salomon of TI's Vietnam chapter at the workshop on procurement Integrity

*Photos: TI-USA*

### International Anti-Corruption Conference in Bangkok

The biennial International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), held in Bangkok from November 10-13, 2010 and organized by Transparency International, brought together over 1,200 public and private sectors leaders from the global anti-corruption community for a wide-ranging exchange. World Bank Managing Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati reflected the consensus concerns when she remarked that "corruption remains intertwined with politics and there are brazen attacks on those fighting corruption." She also pointed to the current challenge - the critical need for "more follow-up from national authorities" from developing and rich nations alike.

TI-USA organized and moderated two workshops at the IACC:

**Settling Foreign Bribery Cases: A Deterrent or Dodge?** Former US Justice Department prosecutor, Mark Mendelsohn, now a TI-USA Board Member practicing at Paul Weiss, joined UK Serious Fraud Office Director Richard Alderman and TI-Russia Director Elena Panfilova in discussing the importance of prosecution of those who pay and those who demand bribes. The workshop focused on the benefits and drawbacks of settlements and their place in the enforcement picture in the US and the UK.

**Enhancing Procurement Integrity through Collective Action.** Featuring experts from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and TI chapters in India, Vietnam and Indonesia, this workshop focused on recent initiatives to enhance transparency and integrity and reduce corruption in public purchasing, notably through collective action.

Other IACC workshops focused on implementing G20 and convention commitments, enhancing private sector practices and addressing development, human rights and environmental challenges.



TI-USA welcomes last week's G20 agreement to a detailed Action Plan with timelines and annual progress reports starting in 2011.

Photo: G-20

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The IACC closed with the issuance of the **Bangkok Declaration**, which stated that the anti-corruption community should push governments to turn words into actions by enforcing anti-corruption laws in all areas. It also must mobilize ordinary people, particularly the young, to demand such action.

Check out our IACC photos on the [TI-USA Facebook page](#).

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### G-20 Agree to an Anti-Corruption Action Plan

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The G-20 Leaders, meeting in Seoul, Korea, from November 11-12, 2010, agreed to a detailed Anti-Corruption **Action Plan** and to play a leadership role in its implementation. Their commitments, which TI had called for, included enacting laws against foreign bribery and protecting whistleblowers and ratifying the UN Convention against Corruption (which neither Germany nor India have done.) Given the implementation challenge, the Leaders pledge to hold themselves accountable and their mandate the G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group "to submit annual reports on the implementation of our commitments to future Summits for the duration of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan" should help ensure that promises are kept.

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### APEC Leaders Report Progress on Transparency

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The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting from November 10-11 in Yokohama, Japan, agreed to report progress regularly on meeting their commitments to tackle corruption and increase transparency. The **APEC Ministerial Statement** identifies the numerous commitments undertaken over many years by the member economies to combat corruption and bribery, promises regular public reporting on progress. It also stresses the need for deeper cooperation among economies and with the private sector.

TI-USA has worked with the National Center for APEC to secure this commitment as a means of encouraging action.

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