

11th International Anti-Corruption Conference: Workshop 7.2

Presentation Abstract

1. Panelist Name: Mark Pieth	2. Workshop Title: Making the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention work – the need for North South co-operation
3. Title of case-study or paper: The Roles that civil society and other non-government actors can play in making the OECD Convention work: the perspective of the OECD Working Group on Bribery	

The presentation will set the context by defining the OECD Working Group's expectations of an effective implementation of the Convention. It would analyze the roles that have been and can be played by civil society and other non-government actors in achieving this goal. This would pave the way for later presenters to fill in detail from the perspectives of country-based civil society, internationally operating civil society and the private sector.

The context would embrace what is needed to obtain successful prosecutions in the North for offences committed in the South – as well as the mechanism for reporting these. This would presumably rest on the combined effect of national laws, the allocation by governments of adequate resources and suggested roles for civil society in raising awareness and encouraging north-south co-operation in bringing prosecutions. Particularly in the area of prosecutions, non-government action must interface with and complement that of government authorities and it is legitimate for the recommendations resulting from this workshop to include action by government and the OECD (care being taken to avoid the subject matter of Workshop 7.1). Although local civil society would have a role in the OECD monitoring process, there is a separate workshop dealing with peer review (7.3). Ideally, this presentation would refer to reported cases of prosecutions, how they may have come about, lessons to be learned etc

Recognizing that effectiveness of the Convention and the parallel recommendations involves much more than prosecutions – although these are very important - there is a role also for the private sector, in its own interests proactively to encourage the development of new standards and changes in practice within industries or sectors.