



EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA
GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

ANKARA | JUNE 11-12

AGENDA

**BUILDING
EFFECTIVE,
ACCOUNTABLE,
AND INCLUSIVE
INSTITUTIONS**



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MONDAY



18:30 **WELCOMING COCKTAIL & CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION**

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TUESDAY

8:30 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

9:00 **CONFERENCE INAUGURATION: SETTING THE CONVERSATION**

[Cyril Muller](#), Vice President, Europe and Central Asia, the World Bank

[Berat Albayrak](#), Minister of Treasury and Finance, Republic of Turkey

9:45 **WELCOMING REMARKS**

[Myriam Ferran](#), Director for Strategy and Turkey, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

[Richard Dewdney](#), Head, FCO/DFID Good Governance Fund Joint Unit and Deputy Director, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom

[Werner Liepach](#), Director General, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

[Edward Olowo-Okere](#), Director, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

10:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 STRENGTHENING PUBLIC POLICY PROCESSES**Featuring:**

[Ivan Miklos](#), former Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister, Advisor to Ministers of Finance and Economic Development, Slovakia

[Lalita M. Moorthy](#), Director, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

[Roby Senderowitsch](#), Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

PLENARY SESSION 2

11:30 MANAGING PUBLIC RESOURCES**Featuring:**

[Bogdan Puscas](#), President, Public Procurement Agency ANAP under Ministry of Finance, Romania

[Juan Pablo Guerrero](#), Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency

[Vinay Sharma](#), Director, Procurement, World Bank

Moderator:

[Arup Banerji](#), Country Director for European Union, World Bank

12:30 LUNCH

PLENARY SESSION 3

13:30 GOVERNANCE OF SERVICE DELIVERY**Featuring:**

[Srdjan Svircev](#), Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank (Regional Justice)

[Tatiana Savva](#), Economist, Expert Grup, Moldova

[Fadia Sadaah](#), Director, Human Capital Project, World Bank

14:30 STRENGTHENING PUBLIC-PRIVATE INTERFACE & ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE**Featuring:**

[Thomas Barrett](#), Chairman, OECD Infrastructure Forum, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

[Salim Bensmail](#), Group Managing Director of Strategy & Partnerships

[John Laing](#), former Head of the Infrastructure Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance, France

[Marius Skuodis](#), Vice-Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Lithuania

[Max Nefyodov](#), First Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine

Moderator:

[Lilia Burunciuc](#), Country Director for Central Asia, World Bank

15:30 COFFEE BREAK**16:00 DRIVERS AND ENABLERS OF POLICY EFFECTIVENESS****Featuring:**

[Jorg Kristijan Petrovič](#), Vice President, Court of Audit, Republic of Slovenia

[Alina Mungiu-Pippidi](#), Professor of Democracy Studies, Hertie School of Governance (Berlin), Chair of the European Research Centre for Anti-Corruption and State-Building (ERCAS)

Moderator:

[Linda Van Gelder](#), Regional Director for Western Balkans, World Bank

17:00 PRESENTING GOVTECH**Featuring:**

[Anabela Pedroso](#), State Secretary for Justice, Portugal

[Marten Kaevats](#), National Digital Advisor, Government Office of Estonia

[Nick Kalisperas](#), Deputy Director, National, International & Research Group, Government Digital Service, United Kingdom

Moderator:

[Renaud Seligmann](#), Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

19:00 GALA DINNER

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 **WELCOME COFFEE**

9:00 **WELCOMING REMARKS AND RECAP OF DAY 1**

9:30 **SIX PARALLEL THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS**

ROOM A

Strengthening Public Policy Processes

1. Romania: Lessons in Public Policy Setting by:
Dragos Negoita, Director, General Secretariat of Government of Romania
2. Azerbaijan: Monitoring and Evaluation Process
3. Netherlands: Economic Policy Analysis and Processes by:
Sander van Veldhuizen, Program Manager Public Finance, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, the Netherlands

Discussants:

Mercy Tembon, Regional Director for South Caucasus, World Bank
Waleed Haider Malik, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Daniele Dotto, Head of Unit, Governance and Public Administration, European Commission

ROOM B

Managing Public Resources

1. Main Lessons from Bureaucracy Lab by:
Zahid Hasnain, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank
2. Public Finance Management Reform: Georgia's Path
3. Poland: Sealing Tax Gaps by:
Artur Gostomski, Director of Large Business Department, Ministry of Finance and
Grzegorz Poniatoski, Vice President, Centre for Social and Economic Research (CASE)
4. Bulgaria: Shared Services by:
Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister, Bulgaria

Discussant:

Anders Eldrup, former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Denmark
Jonas Arp Fallov, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Ivana Jakir-Bajo, Assistant Minister and Chief State Treasurer, Ministry of Finance, Croatia

ROOM C

Governance of Service Delivery

1. Albania: Citizen Eentric E-Services
2. Italy: Centralized Procurement for Better Service Delivery by:
Marco Sparro, Program for the Rationalisation of Public Spending on Goods and Services, Consip S.p.A., Italy
3. Armenia Infrastructure Sustainability: Improve Service Delivery in Water Sector

Discussant:

V.S. Krishnakumar, Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice, World Bank
Moses Wasike, Lead Financial Management Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Chiara Bronchi, Chief Thematic Officer, Asian Development Bank

Public-Private Interface & Economic Governance

1. Uzbekistan: State's Role in the Economy
2. Turkey: PPPs Program, Collaboration with the Private Sector, Impact on Service Delivery and its Governance Structures by: Sedef Yavuz Noyan, Head of Public Private Partnership Department, President's Strategy and Budget Administration, Republic of Turkey

Discussant:

Habib Rab, Program Leader, World Bank
Natalie Manuilova, Senior Financial Management Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Brian Finn, Senior Policy Adviser, SIGMA, OECD

Drivers and Enablers of Policy Effectiveness

1. Slovenia: Court of Audit Impact on Country Development by: Jorg Kristijan Petrovič, Vice president, Court of Audit, Republic of Slovenia
2. Azerbaijan: Experience in Raising Transparency of SOFAZ and its Impact on Political Economy
3. Ukraine: Process on Building Anti-Corruption Institutions by: Artem Sytnyk, Director, National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU)
Victoria Savchuk, Head of Communications, Anticorruption Action Centre (ANTAC)
Denys Bihus, Editor in Chief, Bihus.info

Discussant:

Satu Kähkönen, Country Director, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, World Bank
Verena Maria Fritz, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Jose-Manuel Bassat, Communications Advisor, World Bank

GovTech

1. United Kingdom: Kevin Cunnington, Director General, Government Digital Service, U.K.
2. E-procurement in Turkey: Use of Technology by: Sinem Danışman, Public Procurement Expert, Public Procurement Authority, Turkey

Discussants:

Justyna Orłowska, Head of Govtech Polska Programme, Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Poland
Edward Olowo-Okere, Director, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Moderator:

Kimberly D. Johns, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

12:30 LUNCH

13:45 COUNTRY AND SUB-REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Seven parallel country-specific / sub-region breakout sessions will allow for integration of different approaches into specific realities, allowing for regional knowledge exchange and synergies identification. The aim of this breakout will be to moderate and encourage forward looking perspective for governance reforms in each of ECA sub-regions, as well as providing inputs to the WBG Governance GP strategy for each sub-region.

Group 1: Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

Group 2: South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)

Group 3: Turkey

Group 4: Russia

Group 5: Eastern Europe (Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine)

Group 6: Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Serbia)

Group 7: EU Member States

16:00 COFFEE BREAK



PLENARY SESSION

16:30 THE WAY FORWARD – FACILITATED DISCUSSION

17:30 CLOSING REMARKS

[Auguste Kouame](#), Country Director for the Republic of Turkey, World Bank

[Myriam Ferran](#), Director for Strategy and Turkey, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

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