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**Subject: Invitation to the International Conference “*Time to Act: Reality of Anti-corruption Policies*”**

Dear,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the International Conference “*Time to Act: Reality of Anti-corruption Policies*” which will be held on **the 29 of November, 2019 in Hotel Swissôtel in Sarajevo.**

The Conference is organized by Transparency International in Bosnia and Herzegovina (TI BiH) with the support of Embassy of Sweden in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The overall theme of the Conference is to address the issue of lack of progress in curbing corruption and the approach in setting up anti-corruption policies. The Conference will be a platform for academics and practitioners to discuss the urging challenges in the fight against corruption and provide a forum for exchange of ideas, knowledge and practices that would address the key dilemma: *has anti-corruption failed?* Some of the leading international and regional experts among which are Jose Ugaz, Drago Kos, Paul M. Heywood, Anna Persson, Senada Šelo-Šabić, will attempt to provide an answer to this dilemma. They will analyse if the cause of standstill lies in the approach to the issue, or in the capacities and resources devoted to fight against corruption? Beside this, mechanisms for strengthening institutional capacities for combating corruption, managing apathy towards fight against corruption and possibility of political transformation will also be addressed.

The Conference is organized in two panels. Academics in the first panel will provide an insight into understanding of the problem of corruption and approaches towards it, based on their expertise in the fields: rule of law, corruption measurement, anti-corruption theories, reforms and strategies, transition and foreign policy. In the second panel, the practitioners will provide their overview on the aforementioned topics will from the perspective of domestic and international organizations devoted to resolving this issue such as: Transparency International, GRECO, OECD, and OSF.

The event will gather ambassadors, representatives of international organizations, executives of relevant domestic institutions, representatives of civil society organizations and others.

***We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by 22 November the latest, by phone number 033 220 049 or on e-mail address [lhodzic@ti-bih.org](mailto:lhodzic@ti-bih.org). Contact person is Lejla Hodžić.***

Hoping that we will have the honour of hosting you at the Conference, we are at your disposal for all additional information, while the details of the agenda are attached.

Best regards,



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Executive director  
Transparency International in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**“Time to Act: Reality of Anti-corruption Policies”**

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

29 November, 2019

**AGENDA**

**09:30**            **Arrival of Participants**

**09:30 – 10:00**   **Statements to the media**

**10:00 – 10:30**   **Introductory Remarks**

- *H.E. Johanna Strömquist*, Ambassador of Sweden to Bosnia and Herzegovina (TBC)
- *Srđan Blagovčanin*, Chair of Board of Directors, Transparency International in BiH

**Panel 1**

**10:30 - 12:30**    **Rethinking Anti-corruption Reform: Diagnosis v. Remedy**

- *Paul M. Heywood*, Professor, School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham
- *Anna Persson*, Associate Professor and Senior lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
- *Senada Šelo Šabić*, Senior Research Associate, Department for International Economic and Political Relations at the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) in Zagreb
- *Jasmin Mujanović*, Political scientist and analyst, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Policy Studies at Elon University

**12:30 - 13:00**    *Coffee Break*

**Panel 2**

**13:00 - 15:00**    **Effective Institutions in a State of Corruption and Apathy**

- *Jose Ugaz*, Jurist
- *Drago Kos*, Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
- *Zoran Stojiljković*, Professor, Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade
- *Agnes Czibik*, Project manager and analyst at Government Transparency Institute
- *Dobriša Govedarica*, Director of Open Society Foundations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- *Uglješa Vuković*, Transparency International in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**15:00 - 15:30**   **Concluding Remarks**

**15:30**            *Lunch*