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### **Abstract**

Good governance is increasingly recognised as a crucial factor for achieving economic, social and environmental objectives. In order to win investors and citizens' trust, governments constantly need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency as well as the transparency and accountability of their actions.

The OECD promotes good governance in the public service in order to prevent corruption. It provides a forum to identify good practices and work out standards for developing a sound "Integrity Framework" - the combination of laws, institutions and management mechanisms that help prevent corruption and promote integrity in the public service.

Promoting integrity requires more than designing and implementing core integrity and anti-corruption standards. Success also depends on the creation of a supportive environment in the administration in which transparency and accountability play an important role.

Having a pro-active attitude is also key to ensure integrity and build trust in government. A challenge for governments is also to anticipate risk areas for corruption at the interface of the public and private sectors. The OECD has identified measures to prevent conflict of interest and corruption in risk areas, in particular in public procurement, post public employment and lobbying.

### **Biography of Presenter**

Mr. Vergez is a French diplomat since 1981. From 1981 to 1991 he worked in the Human Resources Directorate in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1991 to 1997 he worked in the French Prime Minister's Office (General Secretariat of the Government).

In 1997 Mr. Vergez joined the OECD Public Management Service, now part of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV), where he was responsible for, or involved in, a number of subject areas, such as the network of Senior Officials from Centres of Government (CoG), the activity on Government-Citizen Relations, and the E-Government Project.

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