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3rd G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting

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“As G20, our collective efforts can significantly support the fight against corruption. We can make a difference through enhanced international cooperation and implementation of robust measures that address the root causes of corruption.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 3rd and final meeting of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) under India's Presidency was held from August 9 - 11, 2023 in Kolkata. Over 154 delegates from G20 Members, 10 invitee countries, and various international organizations attended the meeting. Building on the work of the previous [two ACWG Meetings](#), the final meeting drafted and finalized the outcome of the Working Group which will feed into the Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meeting.

Under India's G20 presidency, ACWG has been able to achieve significant progress on anti-corruption cooperation regarding action against fugitive economic offenders and return of assets, guided by the [Nine Point Agenda for Action Against Fugitive Economic Offences and Asset Recovery](#), presented by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to G20 nations in 2018.

These pragmatic and action-oriented highest-level commitments will contribute towards the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of corruption offenses, strengthening domestic anti-corruption institutional frameworks, extradition of fugitive economic offenders, and recovery of assets of such offenders from foreign jurisdictions.



ACWG is also focusing on the role of audit institutions in tackling corruption. Earlier, in the year, side events were also organized to highlight the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in reducing corruption in public administration and delivery of public services and gender-related issues of corruption. The discussion on the impact of corruption on women initiated

under India's Presidency will generate further concrete action towards collective initiatives for adopting gender-sensitive and gender-responsive approaches in anti-corruption strategies.

The 3rd ACWG meeting in Kolkata gave direction to the future work of ACWG and furthered the commitments made on law enforcement cooperation, strengthening asset recovery mechanisms, and enhancing the integrity and effectiveness of anti-corruption authorities during India's G20 presidency.

The meeting also enabled the exchange of valuable insights and best practices related to combating corruption across different sectors by G20 members, invitee countries, and international organizations (IOs). G20 Engagement Groups (EGs) including Civil Society (C20), Women groups (W20), Think tanks (T20), Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI20), and Business Groups (B20) also updated the G20 ACWG on work pertaining to anti-corruption issues in their areas.

Day 1: August 9th, 2023

The first day of the meeting witnessed a flurry of activity as delegates from various countries converged to discuss and deliberate on pressing issues. With a clear agenda in mind, the focus was directed toward finding ways to advance the commitments that had been previously made regarding the priorities of the Working Group.



A significant portion of the discussions was done around the ambitious G20 Anti-Corruption Agenda. The delegates from G20 India played an active role on this day, engaging in detailed conversations aimed at finalizing the outcomes of the Anti-Corruption Ministerial discussions.



Day 2: August 10th, 2023

The second day of the meeting witnessed a roundtable discussion on the 'Measurement of Corruption', wherein a gathering of anti-corruption practitioners, experts, and academics came together under the co-organization of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Deliberations focused on advancing efforts toward improving the collection and analysis of data on corruption.



The 3rd Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting featured an important dialogue with G20 Engagement Groups. The discussions aimed to integrate the perspective of diverse stakeholders towards strengthening the global anti-corruption agenda.

Later, panel discussions were also held wherein the experts focused on the way forward in implementing ACWG's multi-pronged plan for strengthening law-enforcement cooperation to tackle cross-border corruption offenses and strengthening asset recovery mechanisms. A roadmap to take the **G20 India Presidency's 6-Point Strategy** ahead on the recovery of proceeds of corruption was also presented.



A spectacular cultural welcome!

The G20 Anti-Corruption delegates and Ministers witnessed an array of traditional dance forms representing the vibrant city of Kolkata. The mesmerizing performances served as a testament to India's rich artistic traditions.



References:

[3rd G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting and G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meeting will be held in Kolkata from 9 to 11 August, 2023 under India's Presidency](#)

[Ahead of the top G20 Ministerial meet and the final meeting of G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group \(ACWG\) at Kolkata tomorrow, India is seeking consensus among G20 nations against fugitive economic offenders, says Dr Jitendra Singh](#)

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[#Kolkata - a city that holds culture and tradition close to its heart is ready to host the 3rd #ACWG & Anti-Corruption Ministers' Meeting!](#)

[#Kolkata - The City of Joy - is ready to showcase its diversity and unmatched hospitality as host of the 3rd #ACWG & Anti-Corruption Ministers' Meeting](#)

[With the Anti-Corruption Ministers' Meeting set to take place in #Kolkata, here's looking back at this Working Group's notable journey so far in #G20India's Presidency!](#)

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