



**World Bank 2nd Regional Conference on Financial Disclosure by Public Officials:
Practices, Challenges, and Lessons Learned in Asia**

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The goals of this regional event are to promote knowledge-sharing and raise awareness on financial disclosure systems for public officials, as well as to foster regional and country-level dialogue on disclosure systems and their impact on governance outcomes. More specifically, the event will focus on promoting the exchange of challenges, good practices and lessons learned from the design and implementation of financial disclosure systems in Asia as well as disseminating global research findings on in-law and in-practice aspects of disclosure systems.

The event may also serve as a platform to launch the creation of a regional network of financial disclosure practitioners and experts, which can help sustain the technical and policy dialogue beyond the event, and eventually act as a source of consultation and support for practitioners involved in the implementation of financial disclosure systems.

8.30 – 9.00	Welcoming Remarks
9.00 – 10.45	International perspective on financial disclosure systems: Global research findings from the World Bank
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 13.00	<p>Setting up a financial disclosure system: lessons on basic design elements from <i>China, India and Vietnam</i>.</p> <p>For this session panelists will be asked to focus on questions relating to different design features of a financial disclosure system, including: who should file and what should they declare.</p>
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch
15.00 – 17.00	<p>Addressing the data management challenge: Tools used to meeting financial disclosure objectives. Lessons from <i>Bhutan and Indonesia</i>.</p> <p>For this session panelists will be asked to focus on their agency's experiences and strategies for filing and storage of data, including the use of technology (for example, online filing, use of databases, etc.) and other tools to ensure effective compliance with disclosure requirements.</p>



Day Two

- 9.00 – 11.00 **Public Access, Communications and Complaints Mechanisms: Lessons from Hong Kong (SAR, China), New Zealand and Mongolia.**
- For this session panelists will be asked to focus on the following topics: public access to declarations; communicating with filers and the public; communicating and advising filers about conflict of interest regulations and responsibilities (if applicable); complaints mechanisms.
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 **Effective Verification of Declarations: Lessons from Australia, Republic of Korea and Thailand.**
- For this session panelists will be asked to focus on a range of questions relating to the verification of the content of declarations, including: selection of declarations for verification; procedures and technological tools used; etc.
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Inter-agency coordination, investigations and enforcement of sanctions: lessons from Singapore, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.**
- For this session panelists will be asked to focus on the following topics: Inter-agency coordination (for example, does your agency collaborate or share information with other agencies for the purposes of investigations and enforcement?); Investigations (are income and asset declarations used as sources of information or evidence for corruption investigations in your country?); and sanctions.
- 17.00 **Closing remarks**