

Political Finance Transparency & Oversight

INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

22-24 September 2026,
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

ABOUT THE ROUNDTABLE

Convened by the General Election Commission of Mongolia as a follow-up to UNCAC Resolution 11/7 on enhancing transparency and accountability in political finance, adopted at the 11th Conference of the States Parties in Doha. The roundtable brings together oversight institutions, electoral management bodies, anti-corruption and audit authorities, parliamentarians, civil society, researchers and international partners for a practical exchange on how political finance transparency is enforced in practice — and how its impact can be measured. The event will serve as a platform to discuss practical pathways for operationalizing UNCAC Resolution 11/7 and supporting future international guidance and implementation tools — and to inspire reform-oriented countries across Asia to take bold steps forward.

The programme opens with an invitation-only pre-conference session on 22 September, followed by two days of plenary and parallel sessions on 23 and 24 September.

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DAY ONE · OVERSIGHT SYSTEMS

Galleria Ulaanbaatar · Sükhbaatar District, 8th khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14200

Wednesday, 23 September

08:30- 09:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00-09:20 Opening Ceremony

Remarks: N. Myagmar, Chairperson, General Election Commission of Mongolia

Remarks: L. Munkhtushig, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

09:20-10:30

KEYNOTE PANEL

The Global Landscape of Political Finance Transparency

The state of political finance transparency worldwide and the commitments arising from UNCAC Resolution 11/7.

Moderator: Ilham Mohamed, Senior Regional Advisor for Asia, Transparency International

Panellists: Mats Benestad, Policy Director Norway, Department of Global Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs · Annika Wythes, Team Lead, Anti-Corruption Hub for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, UNODC · Fotjono Tace, Director of Cabinet, Office of the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anticorruption of Albania · D.Bayanduuren, Election Commissioner of Mongolia · Meghan Fitzgerald, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Department.

10:30-11:00

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Global Standards and the Asian Political Finance Landscape

Regulatory frameworks, disclosure regimes and oversight across Asia, measured against emerging standards.

Presented by: Jorge Valladares, Political Integrity Policy Lead, Transparency International

11:00-11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15–13:00

SESSION 1A

Oversight Systems: Institutions and Coordination

Independence, mandates and capacity of oversight bodies; inter-institutional coordination; risk-based monitoring.

Moderator: Khushbu Agrawal, Adviser, Money in Politics, Global Programmes Unit, International IDEA

Country presentations: Ibrahim Kholil, Directorate of Monitoring, Corruption Eradication Commission of Indonesia (tbc) · Nevena Stevanovich, Head of Department for the Control of Financing of Political Entities and Election, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Montenegro · Philippines · Atty. Efraim Q. Bag-id – Director III, Political Finance and Affairs Department, COMELEC, Philippines ·

13:00–14:00

LUNCH

14:00–15:15

SESSION 1B

Oversight Systems: Digital Tools and Enforcement

The second of two linked slots. Building on the institutional foundations discussed before lunch, this session examines how technology enables verification, cross-checking, and data-driven enforcement.

Moderator: Chelsea Dreher, Research & Anti-Corruption Specialist, International Foundation for Electoral Systems

Country presentations: D. Bat-Erdene, Head of Secretariat, The General Election Commission of Mongolia · Tigran Tsaturyan, Head of the Declaration Department, Corruption Prevention Commission of Armenia (tbc) · France (online, tbc)

15:15–15:35

COFFEE BREAK

15:35–17:15

PARALLEL TRACKS

Track A — Oversight and Enforcement Institutions, and Policymakers

Practitioner exchange: peer-to-peer discussion on implementation obstacles, casework and institutional practice.

Moderator: Goran Petrov, OSCE/ODIHR

Track B — Civil Society, Media and Researchers

Presentation: *Citizen Monitoring of Political and Campaign Finance in Asia: A Framework for Action*

Presented by: Adhy Aman, International IDEA · Brizza Rosales, Asian Network for Free Elections

Moderator: Ericka Blas-Senining, Program Officer for Asia-Pacific, Open Government Partnership

17:15–17:45

Day One Plenary Wrap-Up

Reporting back: Rapporteurs, Track A and Track B

Moderator: Enkhsetseg Dagva, Open Society Forum of Mongolia

DAY TWO · FROM IMPACT TO ACTION

Galleria Ulaanbaatar · Sükhbaatar District, 8th khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14200

Thursday, 24 September

08:30-09:00

Morning coffee

09:00-10:30

SESSION 2

From Transparency to Accountability: Measuring Impact

How disclosure systems contribute to detecting violations and strengthening public trust — and how that impact can be assessed.

Presentation: *On the Benefits of Party Finance Oversight: A Comparative Approach*

Fernando Casal Bertoa, Member of ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Political Parties

Presentation: *The ODIHR framework for assessing campaign finance rules: recommendations, technical assistance*

Goran Petrov, OSCE/ODIHR

Presentation: *Assessment of Political Finance Integrity in Mongolia (based on TI's CRINIS framework)*

Geser Ganbaatar, Open Society Forum of Mongolia

Moderator: Enkhtsetseg Dagva, Open Society Forum of Mongolia

Followed by open discussion and Q&A.

10:30-10:50

COFFEE BREAK

10:50-12:30

SESSION 3

Political Finance Risks and Mitigation

Addressing opaque funding sources, third-party financing and the misuse of state resources, and emerging risks.

Moderator: Zaza Namoradze, Geographic Lead for Central Asia and Mongolia, Open Society Foundations

Panellists: Nicolae Panfil, Director of the Monitoring Democratic Processes Program, Promo-LEX Association, Moldova · Graeme Ramshaw, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (tbc) · Egiimaa Tsolmonbaatar, Factcheck.mn, Mongolian Center for Investigative Journalism · Nevena Stevanovich, Head of Department for the Control of Financing of Political Entities and Election, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Montenegro

12:30-13:30

LUNCH

13:40-15:00

SESSION 4

Operationalizing International Commitments

Translating UNCAC Resolution 11/7 and related obligations into national practice: sequencing reform, resourcing institutions and sustaining momentum beyond the roundtable.

Moderator: Yukihiro Hamada, International IDEA

Panellists: Annika Wythes, Team Lead, Anti-Corruption Hub for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, UNODC · Mats Benestad, Policy Director Norway, Department of Global Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc) · Chelsea Dreher, Research & Anti-Corruption Specialist, International Foundation for Electoral Systems · Open Government Partnership · Otgonbaatar Byambaa, Deputy Director, Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia ·

15:00-15:15

COFFEE BREAK

15:15-16:15

Closing Plenary

Consolidated findings from both days, and next steps towards regional follow-up ahead of the 12th Conference of the States Parties.

Moderator: D. Bat-Erdene, Head of Secretariat, The General Election Commission of Mongolia Mongolia

Rapporteur: Magnus Öhman, International Foundation for Electoral Systems

Closing remarks: N. Myagmar, Chairperson, General Election Commission of Mongolia