

Means for governments to strengthen integrity in private sector

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Means for governments

- Regulatory reforms – The interaction between governments and the private sector
- Private sector participation in law commissions
- Regulatory reform proposals subject to public hearings
- Transparency and access to information – governmental websites

Means for governments...cont.

- Norwegian government white paper to Parliament:

”Corporate Social Responsibility in a global economy” – January 2009:

The role of companies in a broader, social and cultural context.

Means for Governments..cont.

- What is the rationale of the government for a white paper on CSR?
 - Raising awareness of the issue in private and public sectors
 - Clarify governments expectations of the private sector
 - Discuss roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders

Means for governments..cont.

- The Norwegian government identifies the following areas as central:
- Respecting human rights
- Upholding core labour standards and ensuring decent working conditions
- Address environmental concerns
- Combating Corruption
- Maximizing transparency

Means for governments..cont.

- OECD Guidelines for Multilateral enterprises
- UN Global Compact
- "Kompakt" - since 1998 – Norwegian public - private forum for consultations
- The Due Diligence issue
- The Human Rights perspective
- Corruption and fraudulent transactions

Means for governments..cont.

- Action plan Against Economic Crime
- Action plans on public procurement
- SME's and Corporate Social Responsibility-
"Innovation Norway"
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative:
Promoting revenue transparency
Coalition of governments, civil society,
international organizations

Means for Governments

- Country Monitoring of internationally accepted standards as a means for public-private dialogue
- OECD, Council of Europe, The United Nations Convention Against Corruption, Financial Action Task Force
- Publication of reports

Means for governments cont.

- Export Credit
- Development Aid
- Information material
- Corporate governance
- Compulsory Whistle blowing procedures
- Public procurement

Means for governments

- Seminars
- Research
- Individual meetings with ministers

Means for Governments..

- Repression as a preventive tool
- Penal law provisions against corruption –
Normative clarity
- Enforcement
- Media coverage
- Relations between Law enforcement agencies
and the private sector