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Anti-Money Laundering Compliance and the Legal Profession - Sarah Kebbell 2021-11-30

Money laundering is a global issue and there is evidence that the services provided by the legal profession may be misused to launder the proceeds of crime. This book explores the experiences of professionals within Top 50 law firms when seeking to comply with the UK's anti-money laundering (AML) regime. The book draws upon empirical evidence from 40 in-depth interviews with solicitors and compliance personnel from 20 Top 50 law firms. Access to this section of the legal profession is challenging in the context of academic research, and the research provides an account, seldom heard in academic literature, directly from practitioners. The book uses these research findings to explore and discuss the AML compliance issues faced by this section of the profession. It highlights the challenges presented by the legislative architecture of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and considers compliance issues relating to customer due diligence, AML training, the client account and the suspicious activity reporting regime. It also considers participants' perceptions of the regime, their role within it, and their own assessment of money laundering risk. It concludes by using this evidence to recommend amendments to current AML policy and legislation. This book will be of interest to students and researchers studying Financial Crime Law, Business and Company Law, and White Collar Crime, as well as policy makers in the areas of money laundering, compliance, and corruption.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Yearbook 2015 - United Nations Commission on International Trade Law 2022-08-25

This Yearbook is a compilation of all substantive documents related to the work of the Commission and its Working Groups. It also reproduces the annual Report of the Commission which is published as Supplement No. 17 of the "Official Records of the General Assembly". UNCITRAL is the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. It specializes in the modernization and harmonization of rules on international business.

OECD Principles of Corporate Governance 2004 - OECD 2004-05-03

Since they were issued in 1999, the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance have gained worldwide recognition as an international benchmark for good corporate governance. This revised version takes into account developments since 1999 and includes several important amendments.

Abuse of Companies - Hanne S. Birkmose 2019-09-05

Whether the corporate form is used to avoid liabilities or cover illegal acts, or whether abuse is practised to obtain certain advantages, the subject of this first-ever in-depth survey and analysis garners more attention every day – both in legal literature and in popular media. Taken together, the authoritative contributions in this book clearly and comprehensively reveal typical situations where abuse may take place and how company law and other areas of law have tackled these incidents and practices in a variety of key jurisdictions. Focusing on Europe but with global implications, the topics raised include the following: how group structures may be used by multinational enterprises to escape regulation and avoid taxation; whether the decision to incorporate a company in a particular jurisdiction may be abusive; companies set up for the purpose of money laundering; letterbox companies formed as a front to allow a company to

benefit from one legal regime and avoid others; ex post transfers of seats such as cross-border mergers and conversions; when the use of phoenix companies may constitute an abuse of the corporate form; how corporate mobility is used to circumvent worker participation; and how online company formation and technological innovation may foster abuse. This book helps to explain how the line is drawn between abuse and (creative) use of the corporate form. Remedies covered include restricting the use of bearer shares, setting minimum capital requirements, piercing the corporate veil, ensuring transparency of beneficial ownership, using insolvency law to lodge claims against directors and shareholders and recover assets, and applying the general principle prohibiting abuse. There is no other book on the market focusing on abuse of companies and giving such a comprehensive analysis of the topic. Practitioners will get guidelines on how to avoid becoming involved in activities that may constitute abuse and how to address instances where abuse has occurred, and interested academics, legislators, and enforcement authorities in Europe and beyond will find this book's perspectives invaluable.

Company Law - Lee Roach 2022-03-11

Lee Roach guides the reader through the intricacies of the subject with unrivalled clarity and expert analysis of the application of principles to real-life cases.

Combating Money Laundering in Africa - John Hatchard 2020-10-30

This insightful book critically explores the political, constitutional, legal, and economic challenges of effectively combating the laundering of the proceeds of crime by politically exposed persons (PEPs) in Africa.

The World Dream - Amy Worth 2018-05-01

The book "The World Dream" has the idea of national dream for every country which finally comes as the "World Dream". The world dream has been briefly focused as the most important requirement for our future collective world.

Brazil - Mr. Antonio Spilimbergo 2019-03-14

Brazil is at crossroads, emerging slowly from a historic recession that was preceded by a huge economic boom. Reasons for the historic bust following a boom are manifold. Policy mistakes were an important contributory factor, and included the pursuit of countercyclical policies, introduced to deal with the effects of the global financial crisis, beyond the point where they were helpful. More fundamentally, it reflects longstanding structural weaknesses plaguing the economy, that also help explain Brazil's uninspiring growth performance over the past four decades.

The Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in Africa 2015 Promise and Performance - OECD 2015-11-03

In order to maintain the strong progress achieved since 2000 and meet Africa's longer-term challenges, it is important for both African governments and their international partners to meet their development commitments and to monitor and evaluate their results.

Shadow State - Camaren Peter 2018-07-01

A powerful analysis of events that helped galvanise resistance across civil society The 2017 publication of

Betrayal of the Promise, the report that detailed the systematic nature of state capture, marked a key moment in South Africa's most recent struggle for democracy. In the face of growing evidence of corruption and of the weakening of state and democratic institutions, it provided, for the first time, a powerful analysis of events that helped galvanise resistance within the Tripartite Alliance and across civil society. Working often secretly, the authors consolidated, for the first time, large amounts of evidence from a variety of sources. They showed that the Jacob Zuma administration was not simply a criminal network but part of an audacious political project to break the hold of whites and white business on the economy and to create a new class of black industrialists. State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) such as Eskom and Transnet were central to these plans. The report introduced a whole new language to discuss state capture, showing how SOEs were 'repurposed', how political power was shifting away from constitutional bodies to 'kitchen cabinets', and how a 'shadow state' at odds with the country's constitutional framework was being built. Shadow State is an updated version of the original, explosive report that changed South Africa's recent history.

[Taxing Africa](#) - Mick Moore 2018-07-15

Taxation has been seen as the domain of charisma-free accountants, lawyers and number crunchers – an unlikely place to encounter big societal questions about democracy, equity or good governance. Yet it is exactly these issues that pervade conversations about taxation among policymakers, tax collectors, civil society activists, journalists and foreign aid donors in Africa today. Tax has become viewed as central to African development. Written by leading international experts, Taxing Africa offers a cutting-edge analysis on all aspects of the continent's tax regime, displaying the crucial role such arrangements have on attempts to create social justice and push economic advancement. From tax evasion by multinational corporations and African elites to how ordinary people navigate complex webs of 'informal' local taxation, the book examines the potential for reform, and how space might be created for enabling locally-led strategies.

Global Ethics, Compliance & Integrity - Bartosz Makowicz 2019-01-28

Mit dem vorliegenden Werk wird eine Publikationsreihe begründet, mit der der weltweiten Compliance-Community die aktuellen Entwicklungen zu Compliance, Wirtschaftsethik und Integrität in Organisationen auf globaler Ebene sowie in verschiedenen Ländern der Welt fortlaufend vermittelt werden. Die erste Ausgabe enthält über 40 Einzelbeiträge von Fachexperten für Compliance aus diversen Staaten und internationalen Organisationen (darunter der OECD, Weltbank, G20 und anderer), die in mehrere thematische Abschnitte eingeteilt wurden: grenz- und kulturüberschreitendes Compliance Management (nebst Aspekten der Ethik und Integrität), grenzüberschreitende Korruptionsbekämpfung, grenzüberschreitende Standardisierung und Kommunikation, Whistleblowing und interne Ermittlungen sowie die Compliance des internationalen Handels. Abgerundet wird die Ausgabe um die Beiträge zu den Compliance-Herausforderungen der Zukunft. Das Werk bietet damit einen umfassenden, aktuellen und kompetenten Überblick über weltweites Know-how und die Entwicklungstendenzen in der Entwicklung der Compliance, Ethik und Integrität in diversen Organisationsarten auf nationaler und globaler Ebene. Um diesem Anspruch gerecht zu werden, erscheint das Werk vollständig in englischer Sprache. This yearbook is the first in the series of annual publications designed to inform the global expert community of the latest developments and future challenges in the area of Ethics, Compliance and Integrity in different organizations (corporations, associations, the public administration etc.). This first edition contains over 40 individual contributions by professionals representing various disciplines, countries and international organizations. It is divided into several thematic chapters, including cross-border and cross-cultural compliance and ethics management, cross-border anti-bribery systems, global standardization and intercultural communication, whistleblowing and internal investigations as well as international trade compliance. The yearbook is dedicated to compliance and ethics professionals, officers and managers, company directors, consultants, authorities, prosecutors, judges, scholars and any other interested persons.

Offshore Financial Centres and the Law - Dominic Thomas-James 2021-07-16

This book considers the ability of island jurisdictions with financial centres to meet the expectations of the international community in addressing the threats posed to themselves and others by their innocent (or otherwise) facilitation of the receipt of suspect wealth. In the global financial architecture, British Overseas Territories are of material significance. Through their inalienable right to self-determination, many developed offshore financial centres to achieve sustainable economic development. Focusing on Bermuda,

Turks and Caicos, and Anguilla, the book concerns suspect wealth emanating from financial crimes including corruption, money laundering and tax evasion, as well as controversial conduct like tax avoidance. This work considers the viability of international standards on suspect wealth in the context of the territories, how willing or able they are to comply with them, and how their financial centres can better prevent receipt of suspect wealth. While universalism is desirable in the modern approach to tackling suspect wealth, a one-size-fits-all approach is inappropriate for these jurisdictions. On critically evaluating their legislative and regulatory regimes, the book advances that they demonstrate willingness to comply with international standards. However, their abilities and levels of compliance vary. In acknowledging the facilitatively harmful role the territories can play, this work draws upon evidence of implication in transnational financial crime cases. Notwithstanding this, the book questions whether the degree of criticism that these offshore jurisdictions have encountered is warranted in light of apparent willingness to engage in the enactment and administration of internationally accepted laws and cooperate with international institutions.

A Beneficial Ownership Implementation Toolkit - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development 2019-05-21

In 2016, the G20 called on the FATF and the Global Forum to propose ways to improve the implementation of the international standards on transparency, including on the availability of beneficial ownership information, and its international exchange. The Global Forum developed a framework of proposed actions to answer that call, including a plan to facilitate effective implementation through examples of good implementation and technical assistance. This toolkit is in furtherance of the Global Forum's commitment to support countries' effective implementation. It is intended to help jurisdictions to develop an understanding of the beneficial ownership concepts contained in the international standards of transparency and exchange of information, and for use in conjunction with technical assistance seminars. It will support policy and implementation discussions in conjunction with capacity building workshops and technical assistance activities carried out by the Global Forum Secretariat as well as other supporting international organizations.

[Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Asia and the Pacific](#) - Asian Development Bank 2022-12-01

This publication examines beneficial ownership transparency in nine countries in Asia and the Pacific and explains how overcoming hurdles to ensure the full disclosure of company ownership is key to cracking down on crime and corruption. Focusing on countries including Armenia, Mongolia, and the Philippines, it offers a breakdown of relevant international standards and details challenges related to accurate data verification, collection, and disclosure. It highlights best practices, provides practical recommendations, and shows why a multipronged approach to cross-checking ownership information can help reduce money laundering, terrorism financing, tax evasion, and other economic crimes.

Ownership, Financial Accountability and the Law - Paul Beckett 2019-06-10

There is something visceral about ownership. This is mine; you can't have it. This is mine; you can share it. This is ours. Try to find it. Contemporary literature and investigative journalism are showing that the scale of the problem of tax evasion, money laundering, organised crime, terrorism, bribery, corruption and gross human rights abuses is vast. Ownership – specifically, the quest to identify beneficial owners – has been chosen by national and international regulators as the touchstone, the litmus test in the fight back. An owner by definition must possess something for which they are financially accountable. But what is meant by "ownership"? This book explains why ownership is pivotal to accountability, and what ownership means in common law, civil law and Shariah law terms. It looks in detail at State, regional and international transparency strategies and at an equally powerful global private counter-initiative to promote beneficial ownership avoidance through the use of so-called "orphan structures". Where there is no owner, there is no accountability. The distinction between privacy and legitimate confidentiality on the one hand, and concealment on the other is explained with reference to commercial and trade law and practice, principles of corporate governance and applicable business human rights. This book introduces one further counter initiative: the phenomenon of transient ownership made possible through the use of cryptocurrency and the blockchain. The study concludes with a blueprint for action with recommendations addressed to states, international organisations, practitioners and other stakeholders.

The Transnationalization of Anti-Corruption Law - Régis Bismuth 2021-05-28

The last twenty years have witnessed an astonishing transformation: the fight against corruption has grown from a handful of local undertakings into a truly global effort. Law occupies a central role in that effort and this timely book assesses the challenges faced in using law as it too morphs from a handful of local rules into a global regime. The book presents the perspectives of a global array of scholars, of policy makers, and of practitioners. Topics range from critical theoretical understandings of the global regime as a whole, to regional and local experiences in implementing and influencing the regime, including specific legal techniques such as deferred prosecution agreements, addressing corruption issues in dispute resolution, whistleblower protection, civil and administrative prosecutions, as well as blocking statutes. The book also includes discussions of the future shape of the global regime, the emergence of transnational compliance standards, and discussions by leaders of international organizations that take a leading role in the transnationalization of anti-corruption law. The *Transnationalization of Anti-Corruption Law* deals with the most salient aspects of the global anti-corruption regime. It is written by people who contribute to the structure of the regime, who practice within the regime, and who study the regime. It is written for anyone interested in corruption or corruption control in general, anyone with a general interest in jurisprudence or in international law, and especially anyone who is interested in critical thinking and analysis of how law can control corruption in a global context.

Tax Havens and International Human Rights - Paul Beckett 2017-10-02

This book sails in uncharted waters. It takes a human rights-based approach to tax havens, and is a detailed analysis of structures and the laws that generate and support these. It makes plain the unscrupulous or merely indifferent ways in which, using tax havens, businesses and individuals systematically undermine and for all practical purposes eliminate access to remedies under international human rights law. It exposes as abusive of human rights a complex structural web of trusts, companies, partnerships, foundations, nominees and fiduciaries; secrecy, immunity and smoke screens. It also lays bare the cynical manipulation by tax havens of traditional legal forms and conventions, and the creation of entities so bizarre and chimeric that they defy classification. Yet from the perspective of the tax havens themselves, these are entirely legitimate; the product of duly enacted domestic laws. This book is not a work of investigative journalism in the style of the Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of *The Panama Papers*, exposing political or financial corruption, money laundering or the financing of terrorism. All those elements are present of course, but the focus is on international human rights and how tax havens do not merely facilitate but actively connive at their breach. The tax havens are compromising the international human rights legal continuum.

Terrorism and Transatlantic Relations - Klaus Larres 2021

This book explores the development of transatlantic policy on international terrorism and assesses the situation today. It takes an interdisciplinary approach to terrorism and transatlantic relations, bringing together experts from contemporary history, political science, military strategy, psychology, law and security. Looking back to the roots of modern terrorism, from the late 70s to 9/11 and beyond, the volume evaluates how attitudes and approaches have changed over this period. It analyses potential solutions for finding a shared philosophy to counter the threat of transnational terrorism in the US and Europe, against a rapidly changing political landscape. Chapters cover a range of topics, including the psychology of terrorism, online propaganda, domestic terrorism, terrorism and finance and cyber security.

Resolving Foreign Bribery Cases with Non-Trial Resolutions Settlements and Non-Trial Agreements by Parties to the Anti-Bribery Convention - OECD 2019-03-10

Non-trial resolutions, often referred to as settlements, have been the predominant means of enforcing foreign bribery and other related offences since the entry into force of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention 20 years ago. The last decade has seen a steady increase in the use of coordinated multi-jurisdictional non-trial resolutions, which have, to date, permitted the highest global amount of combined financial penalties in foreign bribery cases. This study is the first cross-country examination of the different types of resolutions that can be used to resolve foreign bribery cases.

The G20 - Peter I. Hajnal 2019-01-24

This revised and updated edition presents detailed analysis of the history and current state of the G20, and

the challenges it faces. The emergence of the G20 was the result of calls for full inclusion of major developing and other systemically important countries and to reflect new global economic and political realities. The growth of Chinese power, growing significance of other major developing countries and new concerns concerning anti-globalization and rising protectionism in the West have all resulted in important changes to the dynamics of the institution. The suspension of Russia's membership in the G8 has also necessitated a change in G7/G20 dynamics and the G20's processes, agenda priorities and role in global governance. Providing a historical overview and analysis of the evolving agenda, methods of performance evaluation, relationship with structured international organizations and other external actors, Hajnal's text is an authoritative work of history, analysis and reference on the G20 and also G7/G8/G20 reform. This book is an essential source for researchers and students focusing on the G20, international organizations and global governance, and more generally for scholars in the fields of political science, economics, and finance.

Comparative Law Yearbook - Dennis Campbell 1992-09-07

The Yearbook's principal aim is to review significant legal developments in international business and offers an important forum and point of reference to international legal practitioners. Volume 14 continues to develop the inclusion of materials which are of particular value to practitioners and advisers working within the international business sector. This 1992 volume gathers a range of considerable international expertise to bear upon issues of Banking secrecy, Product Liability, Trademarks. Mergers and Acquisitions, Foreign Creditors' Remedies, Arbitration in China, Company Law, and the Maritime environment. The Yearbook is published under the auspices of the Centre of International Legal Studies, Austria.

Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax Matters, Second Edition - OECD 2017-03-27

This publication contains the following four parts: A model Competent Authority Agreement (CAA) for the automatic exchange of CRS information; the Common Reporting Standard; the Commentaries on the CAA and the CRS; and the CRS XML Schema User Guide.

The Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business - Dennis Campbell 2016-04-24

In this thirty-ninth volume of the *Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business*, practitioners and experts in various legal fields from Belgium, Canada, Germany, the Isle of Man, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, South Africa, and the United States examine issues from national and regional perspectives. Authors from New Zealand and South Africa review matters pertaining to cybercrime and cybersecurity law and employee use of social networking sites. Under the heading *Corporate Law*, practitioners from the United States, Canada, the Isle of Man, and Romania deal with issues such as transfer of business, choice of law regarding intermediated securities, beneficial ownership of companies, and shareholder activism. Finally, authors from Belgium and Japan treat best-efforts clauses, and copyright protection of digital rights management.

G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance - OECD 2015-11-30

Since they were issued in 1999, the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance have gained worldwide recognition as an international benchmark for good corporate governance.

Money Laundering - 2020-12-15

When one thinks of money laundering, the first thing that might come to mind is its connection to organized crime, with gangs and drug cartels hiding away large amounts of illegally obtained cash. However, many other groups and individuals also partake in money laundering, including white-collar criminals, terrorists, and even politicians. The viewpoints in this book examine what money laundering is and how it occurs, what domestic and international efforts are in place to fight it, and how technology both aids and complicates these efforts.

License to Drill - Cari L. Votava 2018-08-07

Natural resources have the transformational potential to support economic and political stability as well as contribute to national prosperity and economic development. However, in countries dependent upon natural resource sectors, poor management of these sectors often contributes to corruption, illicit financial flows (IFFs) and thus, poverty. Adequate transparency and accountability in regulatory management of these sectors is a challenge for resource rich countries. Poor licensing decisions in natural resource management can open a Pandora's box of corruption risks. This manual provides methods and options

based on good practices to improve transparency, accountability, and integrity in the regulatory licensing process and integrity due diligence. The manual borrows models from the Basel Core Principle 'fit and proper' concept, and provides options for conducting effective (a) beneficial ownership; (b) criminal/legal; and (c) conflicts of interest checks, with a goal of integrating these into the regulatory licensing process. The manual also identifies common legal framework defects that can facilitate corruption risks, and offers options based on principles of regulatory integrity to reduce these risks. The good practices identified can help countries allocate limited financial resources in conducting thorough background checks in a cost-effective manner, as well as meet EITI's requirements for public disclosure of beneficial owners and politically exposed persons. These strategies for reducing opportunities for corruption in extractive sectors can help reduce IFFs that can sap resources from the economy and inhibit a country's ability to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

OECD Development Policy Tools Corruption in the Extractive Value Chain Typology of Risks, Mitigation Measures and Incentives - OECD 2016-08-18

This report is intended to help policy makers, law enforcement officials and stakeholders strengthen prevention efforts at both the public and private levels, through improved understanding and enhanced awareness of corruption risk and mechanisms.

International Law Documents - Jan Klabbers 2016-10-06

This concise collection of the most important international law instruments is an essential resource for all students of international law. In addition to standard instruments such as the UN Charter, human rights documents and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the volume also features topics not usually included in similar collections, such as international labour instruments, the work of the G20, and bilateral and unilateral instruments. Taking a global approach, the collection incorporates American, African and Asian instruments alongside UN, EU and other international documents, to reflect the diverse nature of international law courses. The two-colour design aids student navigation through the materials, and lengthier documents such as UNCLOS and the ICC statute are presented in shortened form, making the volume concise and clear. An ideal companion for students of international law, the book is also valuable for students of international human rights law, international relations, global governance and international politics.

Beneficial Ownership in Tax Law and Tax Treaties - Pablo A Hernández González-Barreda 2020-05-28

This book explores the concept of beneficial ownership in equity law, the domestic tax laws of the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States, as well as its varied and increasing uses in international tax law. By analysing the evolution of beneficiary rights in equity and the use of beneficial ownership wording in tax law, the book draws a roadmap for dealing with beneficial ownership in both national and international tax law. This approach highlights those common misconceptions that can be avoided by understanding the origins of the concept and its engagement with equity, as well as the differences with tax law. However, the book does not limit itself to dealing with theoretical discussion, but also offers an instructive and detailed practical case study. Offering both academic commentary and a practitioner focus, the book will be of the utmost interest to scholars and practitioners from common and civil law countries dealing with tax and estate law, particularly given beneficial ownership's increasing relevance.

Global Banks on Trial - Pierre-Hugues Verdier 2020

"In the years since the 2008 financial crisis, U.S. federal prosecutors have brought dozens of criminal cases against the world's most powerful banks, charging them with manipulating financial indices, helping their customers evade taxes, evading sanctions, and laundering money. To settle these cases, global banks like UBS, Barclays, HSBC and BNP Paribas paid tens of billions of dollars in fines. They also agreed to extensive internal reforms, hiring hundreds of compliance officers, spending billions on new systems, and installing independent corporate monitors. In effect, they agreed to become worldwide enforcers of U.S. law and policies, including financial sanctions-sometimes despite their own governments' protests. This book examines the U.S. enforcement campaign against global banks across four areas: benchmark manipulation, tax evasion, sanctions violations, and sovereign debt. It shows that U.S. prosecutors have unilaterally carved out a new role as global bank regulators, heralding a fundamental shift in how international finance is overseen. Their ability to do so stems from U.S. control over vital hubs of the international financial

system, from which they can threaten global banks with exclusion. In some areas, these unilateral U.S. actions have ushered in important multilateral reforms, such as the rise of automatic tax information exchange and better-regulated financial indices. In other areas, such as financial sanctions, unilateralism has attracted protests from other states and attempts to bypass U.S.-based financial infrastructure, which could undermine the country's power."--

HC 685 - Jobs and Livelihoods - Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. International Development Committee 2015-03-24

The shortage of full time jobs and the difficulty in earning a livelihood are one of the greatest global problems. Increasing population, especially in Africa, looks much less likely to stabilise than experts complacently believed until recently. World-wide 600 million young people will enter the job market in the next decade with only 200 million jobs awaiting them. The failure to address the issue will have serious consequences and threatens widespread social and political unrest. The situation is recognised by donors, but there seems to be a lack of passion in attempts to address it. As DFID notes, the private sector is the driver of economic growth and will produce 90% of new jobs. DFID's approach to economic development is centred on its Economic Development Strategic Framework, which consists of a series of wide-ranging interventions, listed under five pillars, including international trade; improving the "enabling" environment in countries; catalysing capital flows; engaging with businesses to help their investments contribute to development; and ensuring growth is inclusive and benefits marginalised groups. The choice and balance of interventions depends on the particular circumstances of each country. This basic approach was supported by many witnesses. However, there are several concerns. DFID plans to spend £1.8 billion on economic development by 2015-16 - more than doubling the amount spent in 2012-13; is DFID geared up to spend the extra money cost-effectively? The Committee have seen examples of successful work on their visits, and urge DFID to publish lists of achievements under these programmes.

G20 Contribution to the 2030 Agenda Progress and Way Forward - OECD 2019-09-07

As the world's premier forum for international economic co-operation, the G20 plays a critical role in helping to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Based on robust evidence and available data, this report examines how the G20's contributions to the global goals across key sectors are already making a difference, while also suggesting where it could go further in leading by example to support the global goals. Collectively, G20 members account for around 85% of global gross domestic product, 75% of world trade and 80% of global carbon dioxide emissions - to name just a few areas of the G20's influence. This report, commissioned by the Government of Japan in support of its 2019 G20 Presidency, takes stock of the G20's progress to date against its Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Smarter Crowdsourcing for Anti-Corruption - Beth Simone Noveck 2018-04-30

Corruption presents a fundamental threat to the stability and prosperity of Mexico and combating it demands approaches that are both principled and practical. In 2017, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved project ME-T1351 to support Mexico in its fight against corruption using Open Innovation. Thus, the IDB partnered with the Governance Lab at NYU to support Mexico's Secretariat of Public Service (Secretaría de la Función Pública) to identify innovative solutions for the measurement, detection, and prevention of corruption in Mexico using the GovLab's open innovation methodology named Smarter Crowdsourcing. The purpose of Smarter Crowdsourcing was to identify concrete solutions that include the use of data analysis and technology to tackle corruption in the public sector. Although written at the behest of and for the Mexican context, the recommendations and plans for their implementation developed in this report could be adapted for use in other countries. This document contains 13 implementation plans laying out practical ways to address corruption. The plans emerged from "Smarter Crowdsourcing Anti-Corruption" (2017). The Smarter Crowdsourcing method is an agile process, which begins with robust problem definition followed by online sourcing of global expertise to surface innovative ideas and then turns them into practical implementation plans.

Corruption in Commercial Enterprise - Liz Campbell 2018-04-17

This edited collection analyses, from multiple disciplinary perspectives, the issue of corruption in commercial enterprise across different sectors and jurisdictions. Corruption is commonly recognised as a major 'social bad', and is seriously harmful to society, in terms of the functioning and legitimacy of political-

economic systems, and the day-to-day lives of individuals. There is nothing novel about bribes in brown envelopes and dubious backroom deals, ostensibly to grease the wheels of business. Corrupt practices like these go to the very heart of illicit transacting in both legal markets – such as kickbacks to facilitate contracts in international commerce – and illegal markets – such as payoffs to public officials to turn a blind eye to cross-border smuggling. Aside from the apparent pervasiveness and longevity of corruption in commercial enterprise, there is now renewed policy and operational attention on the phenomenon, prompting and meriting deeper analysis. Corruption in commercial enterprise, encompassing behaviours often associated with corporate and white-collar crime, and corruption in criminal commercial enterprise, where we see corruption central to organised crime activities, are major public policy issues. This collection gives us insight into their nature, organisation and governance, and how to respond most appropriately and effectively.

Combating Criminalized Power Structures - Michael Dzedzic 2016-07-18

Criminalized power structures are the predominant spoilers of peace settlements and stability operations. This volume focuses on the means available to practitioners to cope with the challenges posed by CPS along with recommendations for improving their efficacy and an enumeration of the conditions essential for their success.

Transparency of Stock Corporations in Europe - Vassilios Tountopoulos 2019-12-12

This edited collection explores transparency as a key regulatory strategy in European business law. It examines the rationales, limitations and further perspectives on transparency that have emerged in various areas of European law including corporate law, capital markets law and accounting law, as well as other areas of law relevant for European (listed) stock corporations. This book presents a clear and accurate picture of the recent reforms in the European transparency regime. In doing so it endorses a multi-dimensional notion of transparency, highlighting the need for careful consideration and contextualisation of the transparency phenomenon. In addition, the book considers relevant enforcement mechanisms and discusses the implications of disparate enforcement concepts in European law from both the private and public law perspectives. Written by a team of distinguished contributors, the collection offers a comprehensive analysis of the European transparency regime by discussing the fundamentals of transparency, the role of disclosure in European business law, and related enforcement questions.

The Puppet Masters - Emile van der Does de Willebois 2011-11-01

This report examines the use of these entities in nearly all cases of corruption. It builds upon case law, interviews with investigators, corporate registries and financial institutions and a 'mystery shopping' exercise to provide evidence of this criminal practice.

Unmasking Control - Francisca Fernando 2022-10-07

Revelations from many data leaks, court cases, and media reports are a constant reminder about how easy it is to abuse companies and other types of legal entities for money laundering, terrorist financing, and many other crimes with impunity when the beneficial owners—the real persons who own and control these legal entities—are hidden. Not knowing beneficial ownership information negatively affects countries' economies. It allows criminals to misuse these entities to hide their identities and the criminal origins of their assets, and to enjoy the proceeds of crimes, which produces all sorts of economic distortions, negatively impacts economic growth, and allows criminals to infiltrate and take control of the legal economy. This book is a guide for practitioners, policymakers, and other researchers to establish comprehensive frameworks for holding beneficial ownership information. It proposes questions to guide strategic thinking and discussion about the establishment of an effective system of beneficial ownership information, for anti-money laundering purposes. This book also sets out how an effective beneficial ownership framework can reduce opportunities for corruption, support efforts against tax evasion, help tackle illicit financial flows, protect national security interests, and benefit procurement transparency.

Corporate and Trust Structures - David Chaikin 2018-04-05

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