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 governements, civil society, international organizations
Means for Governments

- Country Monitoring of internationally accepted standards as a means for public-private dialogue
- Publication of reports
Means for governments cont.

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