The conference is drawing together the most important business transparency initiatives in Latvia and region wide. Corporate leaders of business integrity will present their cases of positive change and discuss challenges of putting business integrity into practice.

“There are economic leaders who demand and promote clean business”, Huguette Labelle, Chair of the Board, Transparency International

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9:00 - 9:30
Registration, coffee

9:30 - 9:45
Opening of the Conference
Ambassador of Norway Mr. JAN GREVSTAD
Ambassador of Netherlands Mr.HENDRIK (Henk) G.C. VAN DEN DOOL
Chair of the Board of Transparency International Latvia INESE VOIKA

9:45-11:15
Part I

Looking Inside the Business Transparency: Can it be Measured

Presenting Corporate Transparency Index created by Transparency International (TI) in 2012 -
Speaker: KAREN EGGER, head of Private Sector work, Transparency International Secretariat (Berlin)

Regional transparency indexes - a chance for growth in organisational commitment; corporate transparency index of Sweden and Norway
Speakers: BIRGITTA NYGREN, Board member, Transparency International Sweden
GURO SLETTMARK, Director, Transparency International Norway

Best practice in corporate governance: transparency and anti-corruption tools:
“Siemens Case: Compliance - Competitive Edge or Bureaucracy”
Speaker, MIKA WINQVIST (Finland), Siemens Regional Compliance Officer
“Bank Citadele - From a Collapsed Institution into the Best Governed Baltic State Owned Enterprise”
Speaker: KASPARS CIKMAČS, Board member, Citadele
Panel Discussion: “How transparency and anti-corruption tools can help companies to achieve their goals”

11:15 - 11:45
Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15
Part II

Working Towards Better Governance of State Owned Enterprises in Latvia
Looking at the current status quo and efforts by the government and NGOs to improve the governance of the state owned companies. The panel highlight the most important aspects of the reform and share some of the best practices.

Speakers:  DANIELS PAVLUTS, Minster of Economy of Latvia  
JUSTIN BANKROFT, the Baltic Institute for Corporate Governance  
DAVID MOORE, IMF Representative in Latvia  

Panel discussion: “How to avoid hindrance to reforms of better governed state owned enterprises”  
TĀLIS LINKAITIS, economist  
ANSIS, SPRIDZĀNS, Head, the Latvian Privatisation Agency  
ANRĪ LEIMANIS, Representative of the Government’s Working group  
ARNIS KURGS, Board member, Latvenergo

Coffee/Lunch break

Part III

Setting Government's Agenda to Improve Transparency of Business Environment

Many business organisations have expressed their concerns as well as suggestions towards fair and transparent business environment in Latvia. This panel aims to discuss the most urgent tasks and find ways of moving forward. Representatives of the government institutions will present their view of the business responsibility towards better Governance, as well as will answer the questions about the reforms.

Current Tasks Working Against Corruption in Public and Private Sector in Latvia

Speaker:  JAROSLAVS STREĻČENOKS, KNAB (Anti-corruption bureau)  
Panel:  JERRY WIRTH, Chair of the Board, Foreign Investors Council in Latvia  
KRISTAPS PETERMANIS, Director, Transparency International Latvia  
MĀRTIŅŠ LAZDOVSKIS, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice of Latvia

Closing of the conference, ways forward

JĀNIS GRĒVINŠ, Rector, Riga Business School (will participate via webcast)