



## The World Bank Group Integrity

The World Bank Group fights fraud and corruption in their projects. Misconduct of any kind can have serious consequences. Through the system of cross-debarment sanctions imposed by one multilateral institution are mutually recognized by other multilateral development banks. This fact sheet gives you an overview of the types of fraud and corruption, sanctions, the integrity guidelines, and where to report suspected fraud or corruption.

*What are the sanctionable offenses at the World Bank?*

- Fraud (Documentary misrepresentations of experience, financial capacity, over-invoicing etc)
- Corruption (Obtaining benefits by paying officials, often through third party agents or subcontractors)
- Collusion (Firms working together, negating competition)
- Coercion
- Obstructive practices

*What sanctions can the World Bank impose?*

- Letter of reprimand
- Conditional non-debarment
- Debarment with conditional release
- Debarment
- Restitution

Debarred parties will be required to meet certain rehabilitation conditions before they can apply for reinstatement to participate in WBG-financed activities.

*11 Principles of World Bank Group Integrity Compliance Guidelines:*

- Prohibition of Misconduct
- Responsibility (leadership, individual responsibility, compliance function)
- Program Initiation, Risk Assessment, and Reviews
- Internal Policies (vetting employees, conflict of interest, gifts, hospitality, entertainment, travel, political contributions, charity, facilitation payments, recordkeeping, and fraudulent, collusive and coercive practices)
- Business Partners (due diligence, informing partner of integrity program, reciprocal commitment, proper documentation, appropriate remuneration, monitoring/oversight)
- Internal Controls (financial, contractual obligations, decision-making processes)
- Training & Communication
- Incentives (positive, disciplinary measures)
- Reporting (duty to report, advice, whistle blowing/hotlines, periodic certification)
- Remediate Misconduct (investigating procedures, respond)
- Collective Action

*Where do I report suspected fraud or corruption:*

You can report suspected fraud or corruption through the [website](#) of the World Bank.

For more on Sanctions Procedures, visit [www.worldbank.org/sanctions](http://www.worldbank.org/sanctions) and for more on World Bank Group anti-corruption efforts, visit [www.worldbank.org/integrity](http://www.worldbank.org/integrity).

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