



Meeting with Ms Arely Gómez, Minister for Public Function of Mexico

On 8 October, the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa, Ms Gabriela Ramos, held a bilateral meeting with Ms Arely Gómez, Minister for Public Function of Mexico. During their meeting, Ms Ramos highlighted the fruitful collaboration between the Ministry and the OECD, which includes ongoing projects on topics such as integrity, anti-corruption and public procurement. Ms Ramos highlighted the importance of making faster progress with the implementation of the National Anticorruption System and reasserted that the OECD stands ready to continue providing support to the Ministry and to Mexico.

Global Parliamentary Network Meeting

On 10 October, Ms Gabriela Ramos participated in the Global Parliamentary Network Meeting at the OECD to discuss "[10 Years after the Financial Crisis](#)".

In her remarks, she acknowledged that the major legacy of the crisis is the lack of trust in governments and institutions and the backlash against multilateralism and globalisation. She added that policy design and decisions should also comprise knowledge from disciplines such as sociology, history and psychology. She also stated that, to achieve growth that is people centred, it is important to consider equity and sustainability, as well as to ensure that the outcomes of growth are shared fairly.



Meeting with Chilean Parliamentarians

On 11 October, Ms Gabriela Ramos held a bilateral meeting with Mr Patricio Melero and Mr Diego Paulsen, Parliamentarians from Chile. During the meeting, Ms Ramos highlighted the work on Inclusive Growth in Chile, which includes recommendations on the reforms to lift productivity and to provide equal opportunities in terms of education, on gender and skills acquisition, as well as on a more redistributive tax system. She also noted the OECD's support to APEC's policy agenda and underlined the close engagement with Chile in the preparation of its 2019 Presidency of APEC.

Roundtable Discussion with the People's Republic of China on the Anti-Bribery Convention

On 11 October, Ms Gabriela Ramos delivered welcome remarks at a Roundtable Discussion with the People's Republic of China on the [Anti-Bribery Convention](#). In her remarks, she mentioned that China's eventual accession to the Convention would deepen the power and relevance of this powerful global anti-corruption standard, which has helped bolster measures to tackle foreign bribery. She also highlighted additional benefits of engaging in the Convention, such as: better international co-operation on bribery cases, and reputational and competitive benefits for companies operating overseas.

Mission to Brussels, Belgium

On 12 October, Ms Gabriela Ramos was in Brussels, Belgium to meet with several European Union high-level officials. During the meeting with Mr Maarten Verwey, Director-General of the European Commission's Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS), they agreed to strengthen the co-operation between the OECD and the SRSS in providing structural reform support to EU Member States. Ms Ramos also indicated that the OECD was ready to step-up its work on implementation-oriented projects.



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During the meeting with Mr Stefano Manservigi, Director-General of the DG International Cooperation and Development, Ms Ramos focused on the need to keep supporting sustainable development. She stressed the importance of numerous aspects of the OECD-EU collaboration such as the [Development in Transition](#) initiative and the work on [Total Official Support for Sustainable Development](#). She also stressed the need to keep engaging in ODA with more countries.

During the meeting with Mr Antoine Kasel, European Union Sherpa to the G20, Ms Ramos addressed the topic on key deliverables for the G20 such as trade issues and digital taxation. The discussion also focused on the [Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity](#) and aluminium excess capacity.

Oxfam Conference on Inequalities

On 15 October, Ms Gabriela Ramos delivered a keynote speech on "[Global Inequalities](#)" at a conference organised by Oxfam and Development Finance International to launch their new "[Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index](#)." In her remarks, Ms Ramos stressed that economic and social inequalities accumulate over time and this is reflected in the subsequent decline in public trust in governments. As such, she emphasised that equity is a dimension that must be integrated in the design of public action. She also highlighted the need for a reassessment of measurement tools, moving away from material well-being, such as GDP, and placing greater focus on life satisfaction.

