

**Specialty Session: Internal Oversight: Prevention, Detection and Investigation**  
**February 25, 1999**

**Moderator: Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers**

**Purpose:** To identify common approaches and obstacles to internal governmental oversight mechanisms for the prevention detection and investigation of fraud waste and abuse in the context of a variety of governmental structures.

**Findings:**

1. To serve our people, government must operate free from the waste and uncertainty that fraud and corruption create.
2. In countries where large scale privatization is replacing government-provided services, anti-corruption efforts must also encompass the private sector.
3. In newly independent nations an additional challenge to anti-corruption efforts is to build a sense of ownership where there was once widespread distrust of the government that had been externally imposed.
4. Whatever the government structure, transparency in governmental functions is essential to creating and maintaining the public's confidence in their government and in the integrity of public officials.
5. In countries where bribery has become way of life, and graft is perceived as a necessary way of sustaining your family, corruption must be linked to a loss of public services that the government can provide.
6. International cooperation against corruption is essential to ensure there is no safe haven or financial advantage for the gains associated with corrupt practices.

**Panel Participants:**

Mr. Michael Bromwich - US

Mr. Rodrigo Moraga Guerrero - Chile

Mrs. Miria R.K. Matembe - Republic of Uganda

Mr. Giorgi Baramidze - Republic of Georgia

# **INTERNAL OVERSIGHT: PREVENTION, DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION**

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3:45 PM Room 1107

This panel is designed to offer an international perspective on internal government oversight mechanisms. Discussions will focus on strategies to prevent, detect and investigate fraud, waste and misconduct as well as common challenges in the oversight process.

The moderator, Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, will open the session with a brief discussion of the role of the United States' offices of Inspectors General to assist the executive and legislative branches of government in maintaining the public trust. Each participant will give a brief overview of their organization including the mission and responsibilities, scope of authorities, reporting channels of the Executive, Legislative or Judicial branches of government and a brief discussion of their independence from potential impediments to integrity and products. Following their overview, each panelist is invited to elaborate upon their choice of discussion topics listed for the panel. Participation from audience members is encouraged.

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