

Marcelo tapped for 2nd term as WB adviser



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THE World Bank has offered former Ombudsman Simeon V. Marcelo a second three-year term as adviser on good governance and anti-corruption.

Along with Marcelo, World Bank president Robert Zoellick also invited Peter Costelo, Chester Crocker, and Mark Pieth for another term as members of the Independent Advisory Board (IAB).

The IAB, established in 2008, advises the World Bank president and the Group Audit Committee on matters concerning governance and anti-corruption measures.

Marcelo has maintained his advocacy against corruption since leaving public

office and returning to private practice as chief litigator of CVC Law, also known as "The Firm."

Recently, he led the widespread opposition to the plea bargain deal with Maj. Gen. (ret.) Carlos Garcia and participated in congressional inquiries into the controversial agreement entered into by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Costelo is one of the longest-serving finance ministers in the world who worked as Australia's treasurer from 1996 to 2007 and chaired the APEC and G-20 group of finance ministers.

Crocker has been chairman of the board of the US Institute of Peace. Pieth, one of the best experts in good governance and anti-corruption, chairs the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and is a professor at Basel University.

WB invites Marcelo to new term as adviser

THE Independent Advisory Board (IAB) of the World Bank (WB) has invited former Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo to a new three-year term as adviser on good government and anticorruption.

The invitation was extended during the final session of the midyear meeting of the WB-IAB held at Washington D.C. late last week. World Bank president Robert Zoellick, through managing director Sri Mulyani, transmitted the invitation to Marcelo.

Also invited by Zoellick to serve another term were other IAB members, Peter Costello, Chester Crocker and Mark Pieth. Costello is one of the longest-serving finance ministers in the world having served as Australia's Treasurer from 1996 to 2007 and pre-

viously chaired the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and G-20 Group of Finance Ministers. Crocker was the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs from 1981-89 and also chaired the board of the United States Institute of Peace. Pieth is one of the leading anticorruption and good governance experts. He chairs the Office of Economic Cooperation and Development Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and is a professor at Basle University in Switzerland.

Established in September 2008, the IAB provides advice to the World Bank Group on a range of governance and anticorruption measures, fulfilling a recommendation made by the

Independent Review of the World Bank's Integrity Vice-Presidency, led by former US Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker.

The IAB aims to protect the independence and strengthen the accountability of the World Bank's Department of Institutional Integrity (INT)—a critical part of the bank's governance and anticorruption strategy—by giving advices on policies and procedures and on the department's interactions within the World Bank Group. It also provides advice to World Bank.

Zoellick and the World Bank Group Audit Committee on the performance of INT and the implementation of related recommendations of the Volcker Panel.