

PRESS RELEASE

London Coalition welcome new guidance to support more efficient sovereign debt restructurings

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This week, the Steering Committee of the London Coalition on Sustainable Sovereign Debt welcomed the **Loan Creditor Committee (LCC) Guide** and **Export Credit Agency (ECA) Practice Note**, two practical resources developed through extensive consultation with sovereign borrowers, creditors, export credit agencies, international financial institutions and official sector stakeholders.

Drawing on lessons from recent sovereign debt restructuring cases, the documents are intended to support more effective creditor coordination, improved information-sharing and greater clarity around restructuring processes. Together, they represent a practical contribution to ongoing international efforts to make sovereign debt restructurings more timely, predictable and efficient.

These products build on **the Implementation Guide to Restructuring Private Sector Loans (“Implementation Guide”)**, welcomed by the IMF, World Bank, and the G20 Presidency’s Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR), and **published by the London Coalition in April**:

- The **Loan Creditor Committee Guide** is designed to help banks and other loan creditors establish and operate creditor committees during sovereign debt restructurings. The guide focuses on early coordination, information-sharing and engagement with borrowers, addressing practical issues such as committee formation, confidentiality, market sensitivities and governance arrangements.
- The **ECA Practice Note** provides an overview of the diverse structures and practices of Export Credit Agencies and explains how ECA-backed loans may be treated in sovereign debt restructurings. It is intended to help borrowers, advisers and creditors better understand ECA participation in restructuring processes and navigate the treatment of ECA-backed lending more effectively.

Both documents have undergone extensive consultation across the sovereign debt community, incorporating feedback from public and private sector stakeholders with experience of recent restructuring cases, with drafting support from Clifford Chance.

José Viñals, Co-Chair of the London Coalition, said:

“The Loan Creditor Committee Guide and ECA Practice Note reflect a significant collaborative effort across the sovereign debt community to capture lessons from recent restructuring cases and translate them into practical guidance. By providing greater clarity on creditor coordination, borrower engagement and the treatment of ECA-backed lending, these documents can help reduce uncertainty and support more efficient restructuring processes.

In particular, we hope the Loan Creditor Committee Guide will serve as a useful resource in future sovereign debt cases involving the Common Framework and contribute to more timely, predictable and orderly outcomes for borrowers and creditors alike.”

Lucy Rigby KC MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury and Co-Chair of the London Coalition, said:

“Practical solutions that can support more effective sovereign debt restructurings have a critically important role to play in assisting developing countries to address debt challenges.

As Co-Chair of the London Coalition, I’m pleased to see this priority furthered through new guidance to support faster and more predictable sovereign debt restructurings, and look forward to building on this ahead of the UK’s G20 Presidency next year.”

The London Coalition brings together sovereign borrowers, creditors, international organisations, legal experts and market participants to identify practical improvements to the sovereign debt architecture.

This support for the LCC Guide and ECA Practice Note reflects the Coalition's commitment to developing practical solutions that can support future restructuring cases and contribute to a more resilient international financial architecture.

Notes to Editors

About the London Coalition

The London Coalition is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together sovereign borrowers, creditors, international organisations, legal experts and market participants to promote practical improvements to the sovereign debt architecture. The Coalition provides a platform for dialogue, knowledge sharing and collaboration on solutions that can support more effective sovereign debt management and restructuring processes.

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