



**International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)
Executive Committee (ExCo)
Notes of First Meeting (Online)**

**Wednesday, 5 January 2022
6:00pm, Hong Kong Time (UTC+8)**

Present:

President **Mr Simon Peh**
Commissioner
Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
Hong Kong, China

Last President **Dr Thomas Péran**
(Supernumerary) Director
Executive Director, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption
Center (ROLACC), Geneva
[On behalf of **H.E. Dr Ali bin Fetais Al-Marri**
Head of the Board of Trustees, ROLAAC
Elected Member of the Shura Council, Qatar
Special Advocate against Corruption, United Nations]

Vice-Presidents **H.E. Mr Fikrat Mammadov**
Minister of Justice
Republic of Azerbaijan

Mr Charles Duchaine
Director
French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France

Adv JL Andy Mothibi
Head and Chief Executive
Special Investigating Unit, South Africa

Members

Dr Eduardo Vetere (Honorary Member)
Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Ms Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Suhana binti Haji Sudin
Director
Anti-Corruption Bureau, Brunei Darussalam

Mr Angelos Binis
Governor
National Transparency Authority (NTA), Greece

Dr Giuseppe Busia
President
National Anti-Corruption Authority, Italy

Mr Twalib Mbarak, CBS
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya

Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam bin Baki
Chief Commissioner
Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia

Dr Navin Beekarry
Director-General
Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius
(ICAC, Mauritius)

H.E. Mr Mohamed Bachir Rachdi
Chairman
National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight
Against Corruption, Morocco

Ms Julie Read
Director and Chief Executive
Serious Fraud Office, New Zealand

Mr Crin-Nicu Bologa
Chief Prosecutor (of the Directorate)
National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), Romania

Mrs Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate
Chair
National Office for Combating Fraud and Corruption
(OFNAC), Senegal

Mr Jeffrey Wang
Senior Deputy Director
Intelligence & International Affairs
Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB), Singapore
[On behalf of **Mr Denis Tang**, Director
CPIB, Singapore]

Secretary- General	Ms Sally Kwan Secretary to the Commission Against Corruption, ICAC Hong Kong, China
Advisers to Executive Committee	Hon. Tan Sri Hj. Abu Kassim bin Mohamed Chairman, National Financial Crime Centre, Malaysia Mr Giovanni Kessler Former Director General European Anti-Fraud Office
Observer	Mr Constantine Palicarsky Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC [On behalf of Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch UNODC]

IAACA Secretariat **Mr Lawrence Chung**
Principal International Liaison and Training Officer
ICAC
Hong Kong, China

In Attendance:

Mr Julien Betolaud
Senior International Affairs Officer
AFA, France

Ms Anastasia Sotiropoulou
Legal Counsel to the Governor
NTA, Greece

Mr Jackson Mue, OGW
Director
EACC, Kenya

Mr Stephen Karuga, HSC
Senior Legal Officer/Personal Assistant to CEO
EACC, Kenya

Mrs Nandita Suneechur-Nunkoo
Supervising Officer
Corruption Prevention and Education Division
ICAC, Mauritius

Mrs Costin Varlan
Chief Prosecutor of the Service for International Cooperation and Programs
DNA, Romania

Mr Cheikh Tidiane Mara
Vice-Chair
OFNAC, Senegal

Absent with Apologies:

Vice President **Mr Jorge Bermúdez Soto**
Comptroller
Comptroller General Office, Chile

Member	Mr Alejandro Luzón Cánovas Chief Prosecutor Special Prosecution Office Against Corruption and Organised Crime, Spain
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Opening Remarks by the President of the New Term

The President welcomed the Committee Members to attend the first meeting of the Executive Committee (the ExCo) for the new term and congratulated Members on the successful election to the ExCo at the General Meeting convened earlier the day (5 January 2022).

2. While expressing his gratitude to Members for serving in the new term of the ExCo, the President looked forward to working closely with Members in the next three years to achieve the objectives of IAACA which, among others, included (i) promoting effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); and (ii) assisting anti-corruption authorities in the prevention of and fight against corruption.

3. After introducing Ms Sally Kwan, candidate for the post of the Secretary-General of IAACA, and Mr Lawrence Chung, Ms Kwan's deputy, the President apprised Members that the meeting aimed to kick-start the work of the ExCo by (i) appointing the Secretary-General, Advisers to the ExCo and the Observer; (ii) introducing the new regional coordination mechanism; and (iii) setting up the Training Committee for the new term.

Adoption of the Agenda

4. The meeting adopted the Agenda at Annex I without amendments.

Introduction to the New Term of the ExCo

5. The meeting noted the composition of the new term of the ExCo at Annex II (EC Paper 1/2022) as approved by the General Meeting held on 5 January 2022. Members of the new term took turns to greet other Members.

6. The President explained to Members that the previous term of the ExCo laid down several criteria in coming up with the nominations to this new ExCo, such as the anti-corruption authorities' past participation in IAACA, their capability and resources, the principle of equitable geographical distribution as stipulated in the Constitution, etc. He emphasised the importance of participation and involvement in the Association when considering the nomination of the next term.

7. With reference to his election platform at Annex III (EC Paper 2/2022), the President drew Members' attention to the way forward of IAACA which had set forth three main objectives that he planned to achieve in this term: (i) fostering IAACA members' communication and collaboration through the regional coordination mechanism; (ii) enhancing IAACA's involvement in the international community by establishing closer working relationships with UNODC, other international and regional organisations, as well as anti-corruption experts around the world; and (iii) strengthening the administrative support to the

Association in terms of manpower and financial resources, knowledge management, etc. and in membership expansion.

8. Members were invited to contact the Secretariat if they had any views or suggestions on the way forward of IAACA.

Appointment of the Secretary-General

9. Following Article 12(3) of the Constitution that “The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the President”, the President recommended Ms Sally Kwan, Secretary to the Commission Against Corruption of the ICAC, to be appointed as Secretary-General of IAACA, and invited Members to refer to the biography of Ms Kwan at Annex IV (EC Paper 3/2022).

10. Ms Kwan thanked the President for the nomination and pledged that if appointed by the ExCo, she would give her best to provide professional support to the President, the ExCo, and the Association together with her Deputy, Mr Lawrence Chung, and a Secretariat staffed with a team of experienced ICAC officers.

11. Mr Mammadov, Mr Binis, Dr Beekarry and Dr Vetere expressed recognition of Ms KWAN’s strong credential and extensive experience in anti-corruption work and supported the nomination. Dr Vetere further indicated his expectation for the Secretariat to compile a membership list of the anti-

corruption agencies (ACAs) in order to get them more involved in the work of IAACA and facilitate networking among Members.

12. The appointment of Ms Sally Kwan as the Secretary-General of IAACA was endorsed unanimously. Ms Kwan thanked Members for their support and noted that their views and suggestions would be taken on-board by the Secretariat.

Appointment of Advisers

13. The meeting noted the proposed invitation of Tan Sri Abu Kassim bin Mohamed and Mr Giovanni Kessler as Advisers to the ExCo which was supported by the previous ExCo. Ms Kwan gave a brief introduction of the biographies (Annex V) of the two candidates, highlighting their wealth of experience and previous contribution to the work of IAACA.

14. Mr Mammadov, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam bin Baki and Dr Busia expressed full support to the candidates who were experienced and highly respected in the anti-corruption field.

15. The appointment of Tan Sri Abu Kassim and Mr Giovanni Kessler as advisers to the ExCo was endorsed unanimously.

Appointment of Observer

16. The meeting noted the proposed invitation of UNODC represented by Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch as

observer of IAACA. On explaining the rationale of the invitation, the President and the Secretary-General respectively pointed out the indispensable role of UNODC on the establishment of IAACA and its tremendous support to IAACA's development.

17. The appointment of UNODC represented by Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw as observer of IAACA was endorsed unanimously.

18. Mr Constantine Palicarsky, on behalf of Ms Strobel-Shaw, accepted the appointment with gratitude and stated that UNODC would continue to support and cooperate with IAACA. Since IAACA would become more active at the regional level, he would further explore the opportunities for enhancing cooperation.

New Regional Coordination Mechanism and Roles of Regional Coordinators

19. Ms Kwan briefed Members the new regional coordination mechanism of IAACA at Annex VI (EC Paper 4/2022) which was discussed at the last ExCo meeting held on 7 December 2021. The gist was as follows:

(a) The Organisational Members of IAACA were categorised under five regional groups based on the United Nations Regional Groups of Member States, i.e.:

- African States;
- Asia-Pacific States;
- Eastern European States;

- Latin American and Caribbean States; and
 - Western European and other States.
- (b) The President and the four Vice-Presidents would respectively take up the role of the Regional Coordinator (RC) of the region to which they belonged to.
- (c) Each RC would work with the ExCo Members of his/her regional group to:
- coordinate with the anti-corruption authorities within the region with a view to devising and implementing initiatives to promote networking and collaboration among members within the same regional group;
 - serve as a link between the ExCo and individual anti-corruption authorities in the region;
 - strengthen the relationship between IAACA and other regional anti-corruption organisations and networks; and
 - report the work progress in the region to the ExCo regularly.
- (d) RC and ExCo Members of each regional group were expected to form a Core Team after this meeting to develop and implement a three-year work plan for its region. Other stakeholders, such as anti-corruption authorities, training institutes, etc., could be invited to join the Core Team in developing and implementing the work plan.
- (e) RCs and their Core Teams would report in the next ExCo meeting scheduled for late February 2022 on the work plans and start implementing the initiatives from March 2022 onwards.
- (f) The Core Teams would report progress of the implementation of their work plans in the subsequent ExCo Meetings and General Meetings.

(g) IAACA Secretariat would sit in the regional meetings to serve as linkage between the Secretariat and the regional groups. Progress of the regional groups would be published in IAACA Newsletter.

20. To coordinate the work of different regional groups, the President mentioned that he would convene meetings with RCs. Recognising that regional coordination was a difficult task, he appealed to the RCs for their commitment to take forward the mechanism.

21. The President added that Chile was the only representative of the Regional Group of the Latin American and Caribbean States. He encouraged Members from other regional groups, who preferably spoke Spanish to join this Group, and to inform the Secretariat for making the arrangement.

22. The President suggested the RCs to discuss with their Members on how to approach the ACAs in their regions and identify their training needs. RCs were also asked to share their findings with the Secretariat for incorporation into the work plan of the ExCo and Training Committee as appropriate.

23. Mr Binis suggested that in addition to capacity building training, RC could provide solid and tangible assistance to address their Members' needs.

24. With no further comments, the President took the view that Members agreed to the work schedule and would report progress at the next ExCo meeting.

Establishment of the New term of IAACA Training Committee

25. The President asked Members to refer to the proposed Terms of Reference of IAACA Training Committee (TC) at Annex VII (EC Paper 5/2022) and the proposed membership at Annex VIII (EC Paper 6/2022).

26. Mr Lawrence Chung briefly introduced the documents. In gist,

- (a) TC was set up by the ExCo in February 2017 with the mandate to propose, oversee and evaluate training-related activities of IAACA. Since then, the Committee held three meetings among its Members and co-hosted two large-scale training programmes with the Hong Kong ICAC and MACC of Malaysia.
- (b) With the first term of the TC ended with the last ExCo in the General Meeting held on 5 January 2022, the new ExCo had proposed a new term for TC.
- (c) Under the proposed Terms of Reference, the new term of the TC would be the same as that of the ExCo.
- (d) While TC was appointed by the ExCo, it could invite other organisations or individuals to participate in its activities and meetings as Observers.
- (e) It was proposed that the President would continue to be Convenor of TC. Other Members proposed were anti-corruption authorities and international organisations with much experience in anti-corruption training.
- (f) TC would maintain close contact with RCs to achieve synergies in training programmes conducted at IAACA level as well as the regional level.

(g) After TC for the new term was formed, the Convenor would call for the first meeting to discuss the work plan and report the progress to the ExCo.

27. With regard to the topics of training programme, Mr Rachdi raised that risk mapping, anti-corruption strategy design and supervision were important topics for experience sharing among anti-corruption counterparts to sustain anti-corruption efforts. Dr Beekarry also expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to take part in TC.

28. The Terms of Reference and the composition of TC were endorsed unanimously.

Any Other Business

29. Mr Mammadov paid tribute to the late Mr Dimitri Vlassis, the former representative of UNODC to IAACA and other veterans of the Association, who had made great contribution to IAACA in its formative period. He also expressed appreciation of the appointment of honorary members of IAACA as a way to recognise these veterans' relentless efforts in fighting corruption and involvement in the work of IAACA, and would support similar appointments in the future.

30. As Governments around the world had significantly increased their spending on public procurement during the pandemic, Dr Busia proposed to include public procurement as a topic of experience sharing among Members.

31. In response to Mrs Ndiaye Diakhate's enquiry on membership fees, the President explained that the issues had been discussed in previous ExCo meetings and no concrete conclusion had been reached. The meeting noted that no membership fee was to be levied on any Members, and this issues could be discussed at an appropriate time in later meetings if considered necessary by Members.

32. Mr Duchaine requested for the contact details of the ExCo Members for kick-starting the communication with other Members. Ms Sally KWAN replied that the Secretariat would follow up.

33. Dr Beekarry concurred with the suggestions made by Dr Busia and Mrs Ndiaye Diakhate respectively on sharing the risk management of public procurement and the funding concern of IAACA. In addition, he asked if there would be any record of the meeting. The President assured Members that the relevant cost of operating the IAACA Secretariat would be borne by the Hong Kong ICAC, similar to the practice during previous presidencies. The Secretariat would circulate the notes of the meeting in due course.

34. As a final note, the President invited Members to suggest the items for discussion to the Secretariat for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting as appropriate.

Date of next meeting

35. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for late February 2022. The exact date was to be fixed.

36. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 7:08pm (Hong Kong Time).



**IAACA Secretariat
19 January 2022**



**International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities
Executive Committee**

**First Meeting (conducted via Zoom platform)
5 January 2022, Wednesday**

6:00 pm (Hong Kong Time, UTC +8)

Agenda

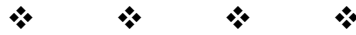
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- (1) Opening Remarks by the President of the New Term
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Training Committee

EC Paper 6/2022: Proposed composition of the New Term of IAACA Training Committee

(9) Any other business

(10) Date of next meeting



International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) Executive Committee

(Elected in General Meeting on 5 January 2022)

(In alphabetical order of country)

Position	Organisation	Official Representative	Regional Group
President	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China	Mr Simon PEH, Commissioner	Asia-Pacific States (Regional Coordinator)
Last President (Supernumerary)	(Last President of IAACA)	H.E. Dr Ali bin Fetais Al-Marri Head of the Board of Trustees, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center Elected Member of the Shura Council, Qatar Special Advocate against corruption, United Nations	
Vice-President	Ministry of Justice, Azerbaijan	H.E. Mr Fikrat MAMMADOV, Minister of Justice, Chairman of the Judicial Legal Council, Member of the State Anticorruption Commission	Eastern European States (Regional Coordinator)
Vice-President	Comptroller General Office, Chile	Mr Jorge Bermúdez SOTO, Comptroller	Latin American and Caribbean States (Regional Coordinator)
Vice-President	French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France	Mr Charles DUCHAINE, Director	Western European and other States (Regional Coordinator)
Vice-President	Special Investigating Unit (SIU), South Africa	Adv JL Andy MOTHIBI, Head and Chief Executive	African States (Regional Coordinator)

Position	Organisation	Official Representative	Regional Group
Member	(Honorary Member of IAACA)	Dr Eduardo VETERE Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	
Member	Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Brunei Darussalam	Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Suhana binti Haji SUDIN, Director	Asia-Pacific States
Member	National Transparency Authority (NTA), Greece	Mr Angelos BINIS, Governor	Western European and other States
Member	National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC), Italy	Dr Giuseppe BUSIA, President	Western European and other States
Member	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya	Mr Twalib MBARAK, CBS, Secretary/Chief Executive Officer	African States
Member	Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia	Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam bin BAKI, Chief Commissioner	Asia-Pacific States
Member	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mauritius	Dr Navin BEEKARRY, Director-General	African States
Member	National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption (INPPLC), Morocco	H.E. Mr Mohamed Bachir RACHDI, Chairman	African States
Member	Serious Fraud Office, New Zealand	Ms Julie READ, Director and Chief Executive	Western European and other States
Member	National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), Romania	Mr Crin-Nicu BOLOGA, Chief Prosecutor (of the Directorate)	Eastern European States
Member	National Office for Combating Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC), Senegal	Mrs Seynabou NDIAYE DIAKHATE, Chair	African States
Member	Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB), Singapore	Mr Denis TANG, Director	Asia-Pacific States
Member	Special Prosecution Office Against Corruption and Organised Crime, Spain	Mr Alejandro Luzón CÁNOVAS, Chief Prosecutor	Western European and other States

Position	Organisation	Official Representative	Regional Group
Secretary-General* (Ex-officio)	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China	Ms Sally KWAN, Director of International Cooperation & Corporate Services	
Adviser to the Executive Committee*		Hon. Tan Sri Hj. Abu Kassim bin Mohamed Chairman, National Financial Crime Centre, Malaysia Former Director General, National Center for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC), Malaysia Former Chief Commissioner, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia	
Adviser to the Executive Committee*		Mr Giovanni KESSLER Former Director General, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)	
Observer*	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	Ms Brigitte STROBEL-SHAW, Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch	

* Appointed by the Executive Committee



Simon Y L PEH
Commissioner
Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
People's Republic of China

Election Platform of Mr Simon PEH for the Presidency of IAACA

Mr Peh will work with all stakeholders, including the Executive Committee (ExCo), the Secretariat, IAACA members and external parties, to:

1. Foster IAACA members' communication and collaboration through the regional coordination mechanism

- Organisational Members will be categorised under five **regional groups**.¹ The President and the four Vice-Presidents of the IAACA will take up the role of Regional Coordinators.
- The **Regional Coordinators** will serve as a link between the ExCo and individual member authorities. They will work with the ExCo and the member authorities to devise and implement initiatives to promote networking and collaboration among members within the same regional group. Examples include understanding the

¹ The five regional groups are African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and Western European and other States, which follow the United Nations Regional Groups of Member States (<https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups>).

training needs of individual anti-corruption authorities, organising regional training activities, capacity building activities and regular meetings with the members.

- With members' input, a **newsletter** will be published regularly to report the IAACA's activities, recent work of regional groups and updates on individual member authorities thereby enhancing the communications among members.

2. Enhance IAACA's involvement in the international community

- The IAACA will establish closer working relationships with the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), international and regional organisations and anti-corruption experts** around the world. The Association will seek opportunities to co-organise projects with these important stakeholders to advance the joint anti-graft efforts around the globe.
- The IAACA's presence will be strengthened in the international arena by joining, speaking in and/or co-organising **international conferences and seminars**.

3. Strengthen the administrative support to the Association

- **The Secretary-General and the Secretariat** will be taken up by the ICAC with the necessary manpower and financial resources to provide professional support to the operation of the Association, such as organising General Meetings, ExCo meetings, conferences and training events.
- The Secretariat will upgrade its **database of existing and potential members** to facilitate the Association's future projects and further expansion.
- The **IAACA website** will be revamped to provide the latest updates on the Association to the members and the external parties.



Sally Y L KWAN

**Secretary to Commission Against Corruption
Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
People's Republic of China**

Ms Kwan is currently the Secretary to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China. She joined the ICAC in 1982 and developed her career initially in educating the public on anti-corruption messages and enlisting their support in the fight against corruption. She had contributed in instilling and embedding a probity culture and the core value of integrity in the Hong Kong society. In 1989, she moved on to the ICAC's Administration Branch which provides corporate services to the ICAC and supports the Commissioner of the ICAC in formulating and implementing policies on matters relating to finance, human resources management, media communications and international liaison and training.

In 2017, Ms Kwan assisted the Commissioner of the ICAC in setting up the International Liaison and Training Group. In the past few years, under her leadership, this Group helped the ICAC establish collaboration in anti-corruption capacity building with over 60 jurisdictions and conducted about 30 training programmes for more than 1,000 graft fighters of different ACAs around the world.

Ms Kwan rose through the ranks and was promoted to the directorate level as the Secretary to Commission Against Corruption in 2018 which heads the Administration Branch of the ICAC. She has a Master of Business Administration degree conferred by the City University of Hong Kong in 1992 and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) by the University of Hong Kong in 1982.



Tan Sri Haji Abu Kassim bin Mohamed
Director General,
National Centre for Governance, Integrity & Anti-Corruption,
Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

Short Biography

Tan Sri Haji Abu Kassim bin Mohamed is presently the Director General at the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption, Malaysia.

Mr Abu Kassim joined the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA), Malaysia in 1984 and had risen through the ranks starting as an Investigation Officer to Deputy Director General in-charge of ACA's operations. He also had a stint with the private sector when he was seconded to a government link entity Amanah Raya Berhad as Chief Integrity Officer. In 2010, he was appointed as Chief Commissioner of Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), a position he held till July 2016. After his tenure ended, he acted as the Consultant and Advisor at the Centre for Governance and Integrity at MARA University of Technology, Shah Alam, Malaysia till May 2018.

On the academic side, he has been a member of the Board of Governors for the International Anti-Corruption Academy since 2012 and its faculty member. He was also an Adjunct Professor at University Industry Selangor, Malaysia, and was a Board Director of the Institute Integrity Malaysia.



Mr Giovanni Kessler

**Former Director-General of
the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)**

Short Biography

Mr Giovanni Kessler is an Italian prosecutor. He served as Public Prosecutor in the criminal courts of Trento, Bolzano and at the Anti-Mafia Department in Sicily from 1986 until 1998. He dealt with organised crime, corruption and financial crimes.

In 2001, he was elected to the Italian Parliament as independent member. He sat on the Justice Affairs Committee and during his five-year term, he authored numerous bills on the International Criminal Court, the European Convention against corruption, the International Judiciary Cooperation and the European Arrest Warrant.

He served as the Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office of the European Commission (OLAF) from 2011 to 2017. In 2012, he was elected President of the European Partners Against Corruption / European Anti-Corruption Network (EPAC/EACN), a formal network comprising close to fifty anti-corruption authorities from European Union Member States. The Network was set up to improve cooperation between authorities mandated with the fight against corruption in the European Union, as well as to foster closer relations between Member States and the European institutions.

International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities New Regional Coordination Mechanism

Introduction

Since its establishment in 2006, the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) has pursued its objectives to promote the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and assist anti-corruption authorities internationally in the prevention of and fight against corruption.¹ Apart from hosting Executive Committee (ExCo) meetings for high level discussions on the Association’s strategies and direction, the IAACA has organized international conferences, training seminars, capacity building programmes and other international initiatives² to allow anti-corruption authorities and practitioners around the world to enhance communication, share experience and exchange with each other on the challenges and best practices in combating corruption. The Association has great potential in leveraging its diverse membership across different regions in the world to advance regional connection for its long-term development.

2. The objectives of the Association is also in support of the United Nations’ (UN) Sustainable Development Goal 16.5 to “substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms” in 2030. Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development, the target time for achieving this Goal is just nine years away. We are apparently far behind the progress which we should have achieved. Transparency International remarks that its latest Corruption Perceptions Index “paints a grim picture of the state of corruption worldwide”. Most countries have made little to no progress in tackling corruption in nearly a decade. More than two-thirds of the countries surveyed score below 50 in a scale of 1 to 100.³ Apparently, there is an urgent need for all anti-corruption authorities and related international organizations to quicken their pace and strengthen their efforts for the cause. The IAACA has a clear role to play to achieving this visionary target by forging

¹ Article 1, IAACA Constitution

² For example, the Association has participated in and submitted declarations to different sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC, and co-organized the International Anti-Corruption Public Service Announcement Competition and Workshop with the ICAC, Hong Kong, China in 2011

³ Transparency International, *Corruption Perceptions Index 2020*, p.4.

closer collaboration among anti-corruption authorities at both international and regional levels and enhancing their capacity to eradicate corruption significantly by 2030.

3. Anti-corruption authorities within the same region may face common challenges in the fight against corruption. They may have already established cooperation in one form or another, and are more ready to strengthen and expand the collaboration because of geographical proximity, mutual operational needs and/or socio-economic-cultural similarities. These features can serve as a foundation of wider regional and international anti-corruption collaboration under the umbrella of the IAACA.

4. In order to draw on the potential of regional connections, the ExCo of the IAACA endorsed at its meeting on 8 April 2021 the proposal made by Mr Simon Peh, Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China, to strengthen the Association's regional coordination. Under the new mechanism which will be elaborated as follows, the Association will play an even more active role in enhancing communication and exchange among anti-corruption authorities which is essential to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 16.5. This will also allow the Association to extend its reach to all anti-corruption authorities in different parts of the world on a regional basis, have a more prominent presence in different regions, engage the members in a systematic and coordinated approach, and involve the ExCo and other IAACA members actively in advancing the objectives of the Association.

Major concepts

Categorization of regional groups

5. The Organizational Members of the IAACA are categorized under five regional groups with reference to the United Nations Regional Groups of Member States:

African States	(around 55 states)
Asia-Pacific States	(around 55 states)
Eastern European States	(around 25 states)
Latin American and Caribbean States	(around 35 states)
Western European and other States	(around 30 states)

The list of the UN Member States categorized by Regional Groups can be found at **Appendix I**.

6. The actual regional grouping of IAACA members may be changed and decided by the ExCo taking into consideration various factors, such as the numbers of eligible and actual Organizational Members, as well as the number of jurisdictions and the population these members represent.

Regional Coordinators

7. The President and the four Vice-Presidents will take up the role of Regional Coordinators of the region they belong to. Each Regional Coordinator will work with the ExCo Members of his/her regional group to take charge of the following tasks which are not exhaustive:

- (a) working closely with the President and the ExCo members in performing the duties of the ExCo;
- (b) coordinating with anti-corruption authorities within the region with a view to devising and implementing initiatives to promote networking and collaboration among members within the same regional group. Examples include understanding the training needs of anti-corruption authorities, organizing regional training activities, capacity building activities and regular meetings with the members;
- (c) serving as a link between the ExCo and individual anti-corruption authorities in the region concerned to enhance communication within the Association. Relevant information will be published in newsletters for all IAACA members;
- (d) strengthening the relationship between the IAACA and other regional anti-corruption organizations and networks; and
- (e) reporting the work progress in regional coordination and other work to the ExCo regularly.

8. As the Regional Coordinators will facilitate communication and initiatives among IAACA members at the regional level, the ExCo, under the leadership of the President with the Secretariat’s support, will play a high level role in overseeing and coordinating the roles of the Regional Coordinators to ensure consistency with the objectives and directions of the Association. The ExCo may also elevate regional initiatives to the international level as and when appropriate. The ExCo, the Training Committee, the Secretariat and the Regional Coordinators should work closely to coordinate and implement the IAACA’s various initiatives and programmes.

Implementation

9. It is proposed that after the first ExCo Meeting, the Regional Coordinator and ExCo Members of the each regional group may form a Core Team to develop and implement a three-year work plan for its regional group to carry out the missions stated in paragraph 7 above. Regional Coordinators may invite other stakeholders (such as anti-corruption authorities, training institutes, etc) to join the Core Team in developing and implementing the work plan. The IAACA Secretariat may sit in meetings of the Core Teams to serve as the linkage between the Secretariat and the regional groups.

10. An initial work schedule is proposed as follows:

Date	Proposed Milestones
5 January 2022	First ExCo Meeting (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExCo to discuss the new regional coordination mechanism and the implementation schedule.
January - February 2022	Developing work plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional groups to form Core Teams to discuss and develop a three-year work plan for carrying out the missions stated in paragraph 7 above.
Late February 2022	Second ExCo Meeting (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Teams to report to the ExCo on the work plans.

Date	Proposed Milestones
From March 2022 onwards	<p>Implementing work plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of work plans with necessary adjustments in accordance with the actual development. • Updates on implementation progress through different channels, such as regular written reports, ExCo meetings, General Meetings, the IAACA's newsletters, etc.
June/July 2022	<p>Third ExCo Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Teams to report on the progress of implementation.
December 2022	<p>Fourth ExCo Meeting and General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Teams to report on the progress of implementation.

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United Nations Member States by Regional Groups (as at 22 December 2021)

Latest information can be found at the UN's website:

<https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups>

African States

**IAACA Vice President
and Regional
Coordinator:**

- Special Investigating Unit (SIU), South Africa

**Executive Committee
Members:**

- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya
- Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius
- National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption (INPPLC), Morocco
- National Office for Combating Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC), Senegal

UN Member States:

Algeria	Eswatini	Namibia
Angola	Ethiopia	Niger
Benin	Gabon	Nigeria
Botswana	Gambia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burundi	Guinea	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Somalia
Chad	Liberia	South Africa
Comoros	Libya	South Sudan
Congo	Madagascar	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Togo
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mali	Tunisia
Djibouti	Mauritania	Uganda
Egypt	Mauritius	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zambia
Eritrea	Mozambique	Zimbabwe

Asia-Pacific States

- IAACA President and Regional Coordinator:** • Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China
- Executive Committee Members:**
- Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Brunei Darussalam
 - Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia
 - Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB), Singapore

UN Member States:

Afghanistan	Kuwait	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Samoa
Bangladesh	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saudi Arabia
Bhutan	Lebanon	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Malaysia	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Maldives	Sri Lanka
China <i>(including Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR)</i>	Marshall Islands	Syrian Arab Republic
Cyprus	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tajikistan
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Thailand
Fiji	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
India	Nauru	Tonga
Indonesia	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Tuvalu
Iraq	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Japan	Palau	Uzbekistan
Jordan	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Kazakhstan	Philippines	Viet Nam
Kiribati	Qatar	Yemen

Note:

- In the United Nations, Turkey participates fully in both the Group of Western European and other States and the Group of Asia-Pacific States, but for electoral purposes is considered a member of the Group of Western European and other States only.

Eastern European States

IAACA Vice President and Regional Coordinator: • Ministry of Justice, Azerbaijan

Executive Committee Member: • National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), Romania

UN Member States:

Albania	Estonia	Republic of Moldova
Armenia	Georgia	Romania
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Russian Federation
Belarus	Latvia	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Montenegro	Slovenia
Croatia	North Macedonia	Ukraine
Czechia	Poland	

Latin America and Caribbean States

IAACA Vice President and Regional Coordinator: • Comptroller General and the Public Prosecutor's Office, Chile

UN Member States:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Nicaragua
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Panama
Bahamas	Ecuador	Paraguay
Barbados	El Salvador	Peru
Belize	Grenada	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guatemala	Saint Lucia
Brazil	Guyana	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Chile	Haiti	Suriname
Colombia	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Uruguay
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Western European and other States

IAACA Vice President and Regional Coordinator: • French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France

Executive Committee Members:

- National Transparency Authority (NTA), Greece
- National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC), Italy
- Serious Fraud Office, New Zealand
- Special Prosecution Office Against Corruption and Organised Crime, Spain

UN Member States:

Andorra	Iceland	Norway
Australia	Ireland	Portugal
Austria	Israel	San Marino
Belgium	Italy	Spain
Canada	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Denmark	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Finland	Malta	Turkey*
France	Monaco	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Germany	Netherlands	United States of America*
Greece	New Zealand	

Notes:

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- In the United Nations, the United States of America is not a member of any regional group, but attends meetings of the Group of Western European and other States as an observer and is considered to be a member of that group for electoral purposes.

**International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)
Training Committee**

Proposed Terms of Reference

1. The Training Committee is established by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 9(C)(o) of the IAACA Constitution.
2. The Training Committee is responsible for:
 - (a) Proposing, overseeing and evaluating the IAACA's training-related activities;
 - (b) Conducting training need analysis of the different anti-corruption agency professionals and prioritising professional groups and topics to be targeted;
 - (c) Elaborating and/or approving contents, programmes, and trainers of specialized courses and seminars;
 - (d) Selecting the training materials to be elaborated and their authors; and
 - (e) Proposing to the Executive Committee the signature of memorandums of understanding with universities and research centres.
3. The term of the Training Committee and the tenure of its Members shall end when the term of the Executive Committee that establishes the Training Committee ends.
4. The Executive Committee shall appoint to the Training Committee a Convenor, Member(s) and a Secretary. The Training Committee may at its discretion invite other IAACA Members, as well as organizations or individuals related to anti-corruption training, to participate in its activities and meetings as Observers. The Secretary and the Observers do not enjoy the right to vote in the Training Committee.

5. The Training Committee shall report its work progress to the Executive Committee regularly. It should maintain close liaison with the Regional Coordinators to achieve synergy between training initiatives organized at the Association-wide and region-wide levels.

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**International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)
Membership of the New Term of the Training Committee
(Position as at 5 January 2022)**

(In alphabetical order of country)

Position	Organisation	Official Representative	Remarks
Convenor	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China	Mr Simon Peh Commissioner	Also President of IAACA
Member*	Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), India	Mr Daniel Paul Additional Secretary	
Member	Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia	The Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azam bin Baki Chief Commissioner	Also ExCo Member of IAACA
Member*	Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius	To be confirmed	Also ExCo Member of IAACA
Member*	National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption (INPPLC), Morocco	H.E. Mr Mohammed Bachir Rachdi Chairman	Also ExCo Member of IAACA
Member	International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)	Mr Jaroslaw Pietrusiewicz Chief of Staff/Head of Strategic Partnerships and Projects	
Member	Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center (ROLACC), Qatar	Dr. Yasser Refaie Director	
Member	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	To be confirmed	Also Observer to IAACA
Secretary (without right to vote)	IAACA Secretariat	Ms Sally Kwan Secretary-General	

*New member