

**Minutes of the meeting n.5 of  
the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities**

4-5 December 2019  
Strasbourg

**Agenda:**

Points of discussion
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of Guidelines on Codes of Conduct</li><li>2. Mid-term results of ongoing projects:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Perception of Corruption in relation to Prevention of Corruption</li><li>b. Mapping of anti-corruption agencies internationally</li><li>c. Small Facilitation Payments</li></ol></li><li>3. Initial results of on-going projects namely:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Transparency in the legislative process</li><li>b. Asset declarations</li><li>c. Whistleblowing + other sectors</li><li>d. Transparency in business sector</li><li>e. Understand what is perception</li><li>f. Citizens incentives for integrity</li></ol></li><li>4. Discussion on Network name, logo and website</li><li>5. Amendments to the Charter to reflect different types of membership</li><li>6. Interest for accession from peer agencies and partners</li><li>7. Preparation of upcoming UNCAC CoSP: side events and plenary discussions</li><li>8. Election of Presidency and co-Vice Presidents for 2020</li></ol>
Additional points of discussion and going forward

**1) Approval of Guidelines on Codes of Conduct**

The technical guidelines on codes of conduct have been officially approved. The guidelines are now published online:

- English <https://rm.coe.int/technical-guide-to-corruption-prevention-instruments/168098d06a>
- French <https://rm.coe.int/guide-technique-sur-les-instruments-de-prevention-de-la-corruption/168098d069>

## 2) Mid-term results of ongoing projects:

- Perception of Corruption in relation to Prevention of Corruption
  - Still few replies have been received in order to have a meaningful conclusions. Members are therefore invited to send their answers as soon as possible.
- Mapping of anti-corruption agencies internationally
  - Successful exercise, results will be circulated shortly
  - Side event will be organized at the CoSP in Abu Dhabi. Those entities that will attend the next CoSP will have the opportunity to discuss these results and the next steps of the project, during the Special event that France will have the honor to sponsor on Dec 17th, together with Italy, Egypt, Vietnam, Burkina Faso, the COE and the OECD, on the topic: From Theory to Practice: What do Anti-Corruption Authorities really look like?
- Small Facilitation Payments
  - In the past weeks, there has been an event, together with the World Bank and OECD, focused on France based companies, discussing AC policies and passive corruption for SMEs
  - Another initiative on economic diplomacy should be organized soon on how small facilitation payments are used on the ground

## 3) Initial results of on-going projects namely:

- Transparency in the legislative process
- Asset declarations
  - The collaboration has started. Initial results: AD is a strong tool to prevent corruption, recognized by UN and other international organizations (including the WB). Also there is a consensus within CoE and at the IPACS (International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport – IPACS, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/ipacs>).
- Whistleblowing + other sectors: Further information is needed.
- Transparency in business sector: The work and collaboration has started.
- Understand what is perception: Updated during next meeting.
- Citizens incentives for integrity

## 4) Discussion on Network name, logo and website

- Name: the Network acronym is “NCPA”, the extended name is Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities, or Agencies.

Website: there is great news, we have a fabulous webpage, up and running <https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network>

The network wishes to thank the Council of Europe colleagues, including the GRECO secretariat, for their incredible contribution for this result.

## 5) Amendments to the Charter to reflect different types of membership

It is proposed to amend Rule 1 of the Charter, by adding the point number 4 (below)

## Membership in the Network

1. Membership in the Network shall take effect on the day following receipt by the Secretariat of the signature of the Declaration for a Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (open for signature in Šibenik, Croatia, on 16 October 2018).
2. Other possible ways to join the Network include a Letter of notification, with signature filed no later than 1 year after the letter of notification has been sent.
3. All members are encouraged to actively participate in and contribute to the work of the Network.
- 4. The Network also accepts observers and partners.**

French version: **4. Le réseau accepte également des observateurs et des partenaires.**

The group hereby reminds the conclusions of the discussion has had in previous meetings, concerning the interest and possibilities to associate affiliates, partners, observers to support the mandate of the Network. The idea behind this affiliation is that associating observers and partners is beneficial both to the Network and corruption prevention entities. Having a large community of supporters will no doubt allow the Network to extend, deepen and elevate its voice and message, and reach more easily and effectively different communities, sectors, regions and levels of societies. This being said, the Network agrees on the fact that two levels of affiliation status are welcome, namely:

- I) **Observer:** for those agencies, departments or in general State entities as an initial step of association, in view of full membership. Observer members should be invited to attend each meeting of the Network, and are invited to actively contribute to the discussion. Observers do **not** vote.
- II) **Partner:** for any other kind of affiliates, including but not limited to international and regional organizations, think-tanks, universities, NGOs and CSOs which support and work towards to strengthening of the prevention of corruption or improvement of integrity, in the public and private sectors. However, given their structure, nature or other relevant elements, partners cannot become a full member of the Network. Partners may be invited to attend and/or actively participate to some meetings. Partners do **not** vote.

## 5) Interest for accession from peer agencies and partners

- Canada: *Commissaire à la Lutte à la Corruption*

*L'Unité permanente anticorruption (UPAC), créée par le gouvernement du Québec le 18 février 2011, est une organisation qui, sous la responsabilité du commissaire à la lutte contre la corruption, coordonne et dirige les forces et expertises en place au sein du gouvernement pour lutter contre la corruption.*

*En juin 2011, la charge de Commissaire à la lutte contre la corruption (Commissaire) est instituée par la Loi concernant la lutte contre la corruption. Le commissaire accomplit les fonctions que lui confère la Loi concernant la lutte contre la corruption, c'est-à-dire, assumer un rôle de **prévention et d'éducation en matière de lutte contre la corruption**, diriger et coordonner les activités d'enquêtes et de vérification de l'UPAC afin que ses membres agissent en synergie et en concertation pour réaliser son objectif.*

The Group has decided to accept the accession of UPAC, which is invited to officially sign the Declaration of Sibenik within one year.

○ Palestinian Authority: PACC Palestine Anti-Corruption Commission.

The Group has decided to accept the accession of PACC, which is invited to officially sign the Declaration of Sibenik within one year.

## **6) Preparation of upcoming UNCAC CoSP: side events and plenary discussions**

This year in December there will be the 8<sup>th</sup> conference of State parties (CoSP) of UNCAC. Many members of the NCPA will either attend the conference and/or organize side events. Each member is kindly invited to actively take part in the conference and promote/disseminate the work of the NCPA.

a) ANAC event on

### **INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION: SHORT TO LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVES**

December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 to 10 am

Room # 1

National Exhibition Centre

Abu Dhabi

The International Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies aims at recognize and promote solid standards and good practices for the prevention of corruption and, on the other hand, strengthening close collaboration among peer corruption prevention agencies and groups around the globe. This event will:

- ✓ Raise public awareness of existing networks of agencies for the prevention of corruption
- ✓ Increase knowledge sharing, through dissemination of the technical guidelines
- ✓ Establish closer links among corruption prevention regional networks

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:00 Opening remarks by Ms.Nicoletta Parisi (Board member of ANAC and past-Chair of the International Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies)
- 09:10 Speakers:
  1. Mr.Charles Duchaine (Director of Agence Francaise Anti-corruption – AFA and current Chair of the International Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies)

2. Mr.Nelson Shack (Head of the Peruvian Comptroller Office and President of Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions - OLACEFS)
3. Mr.Francis Ben Kaifal (Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission in Sierra Leone and President of Network of National Anti-Corruption Institutions in West Africa - NACIWA)
4. (tbc) (representative of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network ACINET)
5. Ms. Mathilde Mesnard (Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD-Asia)

Moderator: Mr.Francesco Clementucci (Sr.Adviser, Italian ANAC)

- b) AFA side event: Co-sponsored by France, Italy, Egypt, Vietnam, Burkina Faso, OECD, Council of Europe. "From Theory to Practice: What do Anti-Corruption Authorities really look like?" 16 or 17 December 2019, 13.00 - 14.00, conference room CR5 (room 2), Interpretation English/French

## **INTRODUCTION**

National anti-corruption authorities are instrumental in implementing UNCAC provisions on prevention of corruption. Since the adoption of the UNCAC, more and more anti-corruption authorities and agencies were established by Member States. But beyond the apparent similarities and shared principles, national institutions are intrinsically diverse. It is now time to look back over the different national examples to better understand specific needs, identify common challenges and explore concrete avenues for cooperation. To this end, the French Anti-Corruption Agency, in partnership with the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe, the OECD, and the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities conducted a global mapping of national authorities tasked with preventing and fighting corruption. This event will provide a global picture of the various anti-corruption systems implemented around the world, based on the results of an international online survey.

## **SPEAKERS**

- Welcoming by H.E. Mr. Xavier STICKER, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and International Organisations in Vienna (moderator)
- Opening remarks by:
  - o Mr. Jeffrey SCHLAGENHAUF, OECD Deputy Secretary-General
  - o Mr. Marin MRČELA, President of the Council of Europe's GRECO

- Ms. Brigitte STROBEL-SHAW, Chief of the UNODC Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Secretary of the UN Convention against Corruption
  - H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude BRUNET, French Special Representative for the fight against transnational criminal threats
- Expert panel discussion:
- Mr. Charles DUCHAINE, Director of the French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France
  - Ms. Nicoletta PARISI, Council Member of the National Anti-Corruption Authority, Italy (ANAC)
  - Ms. Camila COLARES, Chief of International Relations, Office of the Comptroller General of the Union (CGU), Brazil
  - Representative of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), Indonesia
  - Representative of the Administrative Control Authority, Egypt (TBC)

Additionally, some anticorruption agencies and supreme audit institutions will participate in the **pre-CoSP** event, on the furthering collaboration among Court of Auditors (aka Supreme Audit Institutions – SAIs) and anticorruption agencies (ACAs). The event will take place on 13, 14 and 15 of December. It is organized by the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and it will bring together representatives of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and anti-corruption authorities (ACAs).

This meeting will be part of a broader initiative spearheaded by the UAE SAI, with the objective of enhancing the effectiveness of cooperation between anti-corruption authorities and supreme audit institutions for the detection and prevention of corruption offences, in the framework of the UNCAC.

## **7) Election of Presidency and co-Vice Presidents for 2020**

This meeting was the last session of the first Chair. After tour de table, the members have agreed to secure continuation and momentum to the Network, by securing a role to funding members, yet welcoming new energy from recent members. The Network has decided to extend the vice-Chairs for up-to 3 places. Thus, rule n.3 has been amended accordingly.

The group has again confirmed the strong agreement and has unanimously indicated this result:

- 1) Chair: French AFA
- 2) Vice-Chairs:
  - a. Serbian ACA
  - b. Moroccan INPPLC and
  - c. Italian ANAC

The Chair and 3 vice-Chairs will last one year, until December 2020.

Rule 3 of the Charter is modified in the following manner:

**Rule 3 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair:** 1. The Network shall elect in plenary its Chair and up-to **3** Vice-Chairs from among its representatives