6th Forum of Parliamentarians

Introduction to GOPAC (The Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption)

6th Forum of Parliamentarians at CoSP 6, St Petersburg, Russia. November 5, 2015
GOPAC’s vision

achieve accountability and transparency through effective anti-corruption mechanisms and inclusive participation and cooperation between parliamentarians, government and civil society.
assist and support parliamentarians in their advocacy and legislation to make our governments accountable and transparent.
GOPAC’s membership

Membership to GOPAC is available to current and former parliamentarians, and to those who have been denied the right to take up their seat in Parliament.

NGOs and CSOs can obtain observer status
SDG Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

**Goal 16 TARGETS:**

16.4 by 2030 significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, **strengthen recovery and return of stolen assets**, and combat all forms of organized crime

16.5 **substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all its forms**

16.6 develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

The Myworld survey with 7.4m responses found that ‘an honest and responsive government’ is among the top four priorities of ordinary people.
57 National Chapters, 6 Regions
Interest in forming new chapters in:

- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomons
- Fiji
- Samoa
- Tuvalu
Oceania Region anti-corruption
Key workshops with GOPAC Kiribati, Cook Islands and Tonga parliamentarians; other Pacific MPs engaged at CoSP, IACC, ACP-EU, GOPAC World Conference
National Chapters’ Objectives

• To bring together parliamentarians and others within the country to combat corruption.
• To effectively implement change by:
  – Introducing bills related to fighting corruption;
  – Ensuring their implementation by the government;
  – Advocate ratification of UNCAC and review processes;
  – Obtaining public visibility and political significance;
  – Serving as a professional development support for its members; and
  – Engaging civil society in anti-corruption efforts.
The National Chapter develops
— a national plan of action;
— monitors national developments; and
— Encourages the emergence of a broad alliance against corruption.
Structure

The National Chapter is composed of National Chapter members; and

An Executive Committee consisting of a

– Chair;
– Vice-Chair;
– Secretary;
– Treasurer
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