

Development of Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action: Modern Challenges and Trends

*Side event to the seventh session of the UNCAC Conference of States Parties
Organized by: IACA – International Anti-Corruption Academy*

Date and Time: Wednesday, 8 November 2017, 13:00 – 14:30
Venue: Vienna International Centre, M Building, Conference Room M7

AGENDA AND EVENT SUMMARY

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Item/Speakers</u>
13:00 – 13:10	<p><u>Welcome and introductory remarks</u></p> <p>Mr. Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)</p>
13:10 – 14:00	<p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Martin Kreutner, IACA Dean and Executive Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gemma Aiolfi, Head of Compliance and Corporate Governance / Collective Action, Basel Institute on Governance • Ms. Heike Böhme, General Integrity, Compliance & Legal Counsel, Germany, SOS Children’s Villages International • Ms. Caroline Nicholas, Senior Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (UNCITRAL Secretariat) • Ms. Sabine Zindera, Vice-President, Legal and Compliance, Siemens AG
14:00 – 14:25	<p><u>Q & A session</u></p> <p><u>Main discussant:</u> Mr. Navin Beekarry, Director-General of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Republic of Mauritius</p>
14:25 – 14:30	<p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <p>Mr. Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)</p>

Summary of the event

The objective of this side event organized by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is to raise awareness on constantly evolving anti-corruption tools, processes and models. Also, key ingredients of the comprehensive collective action model will be discussed, and the benefits of a state-of-the-art compliance programme will be showcased.

In the recent past, the anti-corruption compliance framework has evolved significantly. This development has been possible because of very bold reforms in anti-corruption laws in both public and private sectors, landmark judgments, the evolution of corporate practices through innovative processes and methods, and the use of collaborative models like collective action.

In the anti-corruption arena, the term 'collective action' has been acquiring increasing attention as an option for companies volunteering to join forces against corruption. Just like a robust compliance system, collective action plays a crucial role in advancing the anti-corruption agenda and significantly contributes to a culture of transparency and accountability.

The side event will focus on a variety of activities of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in this respect, ranging from a focused corporate compliance programme to collaborative processes of stakeholder cooperation towards curbing corruption, boosting the effect of individual actions, and levelling the playing field among competitors. The discussions will showcase the achievements of these efforts, as well as illustrate existing anti-corruption principles for businesses, challenges and best practices in implementation, collective action initiatives, and modern trends in the rapidly evolving anti-corruption landscape.

Participants

Moderator:

- Mr. Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

Panelists:

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The **International Anti-Corruption Academy** (IACA), the first of its kind, aims to overcome current shortcomings of knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption. The Academy's mission is to deliver and facilitate anti-corruption education and training for practitioners from all sectors of society, and provide technical support and assistance to a wide variety of stakeholders.

The Academy covers a vast spectrum of lectures, seminars, events, conferences and other training activities, including academic degree programmes (Master of Arts in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) and International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC)), and a broad range of tailor-made courses.

The education and training offered by the Academy is largely based on the provisions of UNCAC and other comprehensive international instruments. To this end, IACA also assists States Parties in translating the provisions of the Convention into reality.

IACA was originally initiated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Republic of Austria and European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), as well as an ever-growing family of major stakeholders from all corners of the globe. IACA, having become an international organization on 8 March 2011 and currently counting 71 Parties, represents one of the most successful international initiatives ever. The Academy - a centre of excellence - provides a new, holistic approach to professionalizing anti-corruption education and research. It observes geographical and cultural diversity and seeks broad partnerships with public and private sector institutions, including academia and civil society.