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to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

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ENGAGING UNCAC CONSTITUENTS: THE GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CITIES NETWORK

OVERVIEW

This side event will introduce the Global Anti-Corruption Cities Network (GACCN) initiative, which will be owned by the participating local government entities and supported by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA). The participants will present the concept of the Network and talk about the way they expect the Network to facilitate their efforts to prevent and fight corruption

At the core of the GACCN, lies the concept that fighting corruption is key to economic prosperity (according to UNODC, investment in a relatively corrupt country compared to an uncorrupt country can be up to 20% more costly), development efforts, and the realization of human and political rights. The GACCN will provide a platform for mutual support for cities and other local governments in order to improve their ability to mitigate corruption effectively and efficiently. The Network will facilitate

the exchange of best practices, help mainstream anti-corruption strategies into community policies, aid in the development of resilient anti-corruption systems, encourage networking between like-minded entities, support international anti-corruption advocacy networks, facilitate access to a network of research and mitigating tools from other anti-corruption cities and contribute to the integration of global actions through the sharing of resources.

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MODERATOR

Thomas Stelzer

Dean and Executive Secretary

International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

SPEAKERS

Shams Asadi

**Human Rights Commissioner, Head of the
Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna**

William Dau Chamat

Mayor, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Alexander Huber

**Chief of Staff, Senior Policy Advisor to the
Deputy Mayor of Vienna**

Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye

**Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and
other related Offences Commission
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

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BIOGRAPHIES

Thomas Stelzer



Mr. Stelzer has been a member of the foreign service of the Republic of Austria. He has served as Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office in Vienna, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization Preparatory Commission; and more recently as Ambassador to Portugal. He also served as Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs at the United Nations, and as the Secretary of the United Nations Chief Executives Board. At the Austrian Permanent Mission in New York, he had worked in the areas of international security and disarmament issues, as well as development cooperation. He was also Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban-Treaty Organization (CTBTO PrepCom). Among his various other professional activities, Thomas Stelzer has also held the position of Deputy-Director of the Austrian Cultural Institute in New York. Before joining the Foreign Service, he worked as a free-lance journalist and political science researcher in Latin America. He has extensively lectured on the International System. Thomas Stelzer is holding degrees from Vienna University and Stanford University and a Diploma from The Johns Hopkins University, School for Advanced International Studies.

Shams Asadi



Shams Asadi is the Human Rights Commissioner and head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna. She is a university of technology graduate and has many years of practical and academic experience in Urban Regeneration and Urban Development with a focus on European and international affairs. The human rights dimension of urban development accompanied her from the beginning of her professional life and since 2010; human rights are the main subject of her career.

William Dau Chamatt



William Dau Chamatt is the Mayor of the District of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. After specializing in Tax Law, he worked for 13 years as a lawyer. During this time, he served as auditor for Exxon and Occidental Petroleum Company in Colombia and created the ombudsman "Corporación Cartagena Honesta" to fight against corruption in Cartagena. Mr. Dau was forced to take asylum in United States for 15 years, where he taught Law at Columbia University and joined a Law firm. While in New York, he formed a second ombudsman called "Salvemos a Cartagena", creating an anti-corruption movement that got him elected as Mayor in 2020.

Alexander Huber



Alexander Huber ist the Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Mayor of Vienna, Christoph Wiederkehr. He studied social anthropology and political science in Vienna, Austria and Montréal, Canada. Alexander Huber worked in several political campaigns on the federal as well as on the provincial level in the past eight years. His current field of work centers around the policy fields of transparency/anti-corruption education, migration and youth. Alexander's professional passion ist to contribute to the project of making Vienna the most liveable city in the world for children.

Bolaji Owasanoye



Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, SAN, is the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offenses Commission, the first anti-corruption and integrity institution in Nigeria. He is the first Taslim Elias Distinguished Professor of Law at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of Nigeria. Mr. Owasanoye has served as Executive Secretary of the Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption. In this capacity, he coordinated advisory and strategic work and led the preparation of key policy and anti-corruption strategy interventions of the government. He has been Secretary of the National Working Group on Review of Investment Laws in Nigeria under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Justice, and has chaired ECOWAS Drafting Committees on the Community Investment Code and Community Investment Policy. Mr. Owasanoye served as a Member of the African Union Committee on the Draft of the Pan African Investment Code and was a member of the expert group that drafted the Common African Position on Asset Recovery, which was adopted by African Union Heads of Government in February 2020. He was a member of the FACTI Panel set up by the President of UNGA and President of ECOSOC in 2020. He is co-founder of Human Development Initiatives (HDI), a not for profit and consulting organization. Together with other leading organizations, HDI implemented the Stop Impunity Nigeria Campaign focusing on eliminating impunity in public finance management. He was awarded the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria(SAN). Mr. Owasanoye holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Ife and a Master.