GOPAC’s Core Values

Integrity
Integrity is at the heart of the anti-corruption agenda. GOPAC is committed to conducting itself with the same honesty, openness, and principle it seeks to instil in governments.

Accountability
Accountability and transparency are the essence of good government. GOPAC is committed to leading by example, by ensuring we are accountable to our members, our partners, and our funders. We demand the same of all governments, by ensuring that accountability is a fundamental objective of all our initiatives.

Collaboration
GOPAC recognizes that the fight against corruption is a fight by all of us, for all of us, and can only succeed when we work together. We work in collaboration with legislators, civil society, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector, and seek to build a strong coalition against corruption across sectors and across society.

Diversity
GOPAC is an inclusive and diverse organization. We are committed to ensuring that our network is open and non-partisan, and welcomes members who believe in the same core values GOPAC holds, from all over the world regardless of age, race, religion, gender, or political affiliation.
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We started the 2012–2013 fiscal year celebrating our 10th anniversary. We took this opportunity to survey our successes and challenges and committed to facing the next decade with a renewed force. During this same time, our members and staff were feverishly preparing for our flagship event, the Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, which was held in Manila, Philippines in February. With the help of the Senate of the Philippines and our regional chapter in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption, we made this Global Conference our most successful to date.

Throughout the rest of the year, the perseverance of our members and the support of our partners enabled GOPAC to host 21 workshops and participate in an additional 15 partner events. From Jordan to Mongolia to Argentina, our members, now over 700 strong, represented GOPAC and spoke on our behalf at national and international events. They ensured that through our good work and collaboration with like-minded organizations, we celebrated and will continue to celebrate many successes in the fight against corruption.

Included in our long list of events, we had a record breaking presence at the International Anti-Corruption Conference, helping to bridge the gap between legislators and civil society in the fight against corruption. We profited from the occasion to sign a formal partnership agreement with Transparency International. Later in the year, we entered into a formal partnership with the International Anti-Corruption Academy and we were named Observers of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC. We also continued to work closely with long time partners such as the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Revenue Watch Institute, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the UNCAC Coalition and the World Bank Institute.

None of the work of the past year would have been possible without the generosity and support of the Government of Kuwait. Their funding has allowed us to grow both in breadth and depth.

GOPAC is also grateful for the hard work of our dedicated staff at the Global Secretariat and our national and regional secretariats around the world. On a daily basis these individuals support our members and ensure GOPAC has a strong network to realise our vision.

Ricardo Garcia Cervantes
Chair, GOPAC
Corruption robs citizens of our own resources, our fundamental rights, and our very identities as members of a free and equal society. It makes the weak prey to the strong, and delivers control of society into the hands of the unjust. It debilitates the nation, undermines the rule of law, and rots public confidence in democracy.

Across the world, in states newly liberated from old despots, where bloodied but unbowed peoples have sacrificed so much for the sake of democracy, corruption is a crime against hope itself.

Because of this, the fight against corruption is the mandate of our age.

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) has been leading the fight against corruption around the world, for twelve years. We believe that the solution to corruption is simple to describe, though difficult to achieve: a vigilant, relentless, and fearless community of parliamentarians, standing between our leaders and the levers of power.

In this year’s annual report, we outline our most recent activities and achievements. Together, they tell a story of the victories we have won, and how much more we have to fight for.

More importantly still, the annual report also enables GOPAC to maintain our own accountability and transparency to our members, and thereby uphold the same standards in governing ourselves, as we call for in those that govern our societies.

Our strength – indeed our very identity – is our membership: current and former parliamentarians, who have put aside the divisions of politics and partisanship, of history and geography, to stand together in a single fellowship for public integrity and public service.

From year to year, the battles shift in the worldwide campaign against corruption. But what remains constant this year as in all others is our shared commitment to working together for the common good of all peoples everywhere, to build governments worthy of the public trust.

Akaash Maharaj, FRSA
Executive Director, GOPAC
Fifth Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

The Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption is GOPAC’s flagship event, held biennially and hosted in collaborations with a national and regional chapter. During the 2012–2013 fiscal year, the Global Secretariat, together with the Senate of the Philippines, our regional chapter Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption and our national chapter in the Philippines, organized our fifth Global Conference, in Manila, Philippines.

This Global Conference was our most successful and well-attended conference since GOPAC’s inception. We welcomed over 600 legislators, representatives from NGOs and civil society actors from 69 countries around the world. The three days were packed with insightful dialogs and GOPAC members returned to their countries energized with new ideas to strengthen their fight against corruption.

At the close of the conference, GOPAC members passed a declaration which included eight major points covering the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, ethics and conduct, asset recovery, participation of civil society and the prosecution of perpetrators of corruption by the international community. The commitments made set our course for the following two years and shaped the work of our Global Secretariat, Global Task Forces and members.
Strengthening Women’s Capacity to Fight Corruption

While women make up just over 50 per cent of the world’s population, on average they represent just 20.7 per cent of parliamentarians and as little as 12.7 per cent in some regions. At GOPAC, we believe that women’s participation in politics and the different perspectives they bring to key policy issues can help to discover new dimensions in the fight against corruption.

This is why our global membership mandated us to create the Women in Parliament Network—a network that supports the efforts of female parliamentarians to combat corruption and to strengthen democracy and good governance. The group met for its inaugural meeting in January 2013 and participated in a panel session on women and the fight against corruption at GOPAC’s Global Conference, where distinguished speakers presented strong cases that governments that include more women in key decision-making positions tend to be more democratic and less susceptible to corruption. GOPAC officially announced the formation of the network on International Women’s Day.

It is vital that female legislators are empowered to become involved in the full range of parliamentary committees and not accept being confined to roles traditionally associated with women. GOPAC’s Women in Parliament Network will supports its members through a range of activities, including peer mentoring, capacity-building workshops, and the sharing of best practices. We also work with partners to conduct and share research on gender dimensions to the effects of corruption, transparency, and good governance.
Members on the Ground

Over the 2012-2013 fiscal year, GOPAC hosted 21 workshops and sessions for our members. The workshops and sessions served to share the work and knowledge-base of GOPAC with our members, potential members and observers. They covered major corruption issues and the resources, case studies and publications that are available through GOPAC. Our Global Task Force (GTF) members, experts on key corruption issues, lent their expertise to the discussions.

GLOBAL

International Anti-Corruption Conference

In November 2012, GOPAC participated in the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Brasilia, Brazil to unite parliamentarians and civil society actors in a collaborative international fight against corruption. GOPAC organised a special parliamentary panel to bring the perspective of parliamentarians to the IACC. Over 50 parliamentarians from around the world and members of civil society participated, including representatives from all five of GOPAC’s regional chapters.

Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Annual Conference

The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund invited GOPAC to host a panel session as part of their annual conference in May 2013, in Baku, Azerbaijan. The session discussed strengthening oversight of parliamentary-donor interaction. It also explored the creation of guidelines to support the engagement of parliamentarians in the design of projects and negotiation of loans. The session attracted over 100 participants and ended with a lively question and answer period.
AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS’ NETWORK AGAINST CORRUPTION

APNAC Capacity Building Workshop

GOPAC’s regional chapter in Africa, the African Parliamentarians’ Network Against Corruption (APNAC), hosted two workshops to help build capacity within the region and to discuss amendments to the APNAC Constitution. The first meeting was held in September, in Entebbe, Uganda, and drew together members and stakeholders from Anglophone Africa. A later meeting in October, in Dakar, Senegal, brought together members from Francophone Africa.

Capacity Building in Southern African Development Community Region

Legislators from nine countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region gathered in Gaborone, Botswana, in April to discuss the development of a sub-regional chapter of APNAC. The meeting, hosted by the Southern African Parliamentary Support Trust and supported by the GOPAC’s Global Secretariat, provided a platform to share the work of GOPAC with particular emphasis on the experiences of APNAC national chapters. Participants also had an opportunity to share information about the state of corruption in their countries. Following discussions, participants elected a steering committee to oversee the formation of the sub-regional chapter.

Anti-Corruption Workshop in South Sudan

GOPAC collaborated with the World Bank’s Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative to host a capacity building workshop for over 50 legislators from South Sudan in April. The workshop covered key anti-corruption topics, such as the importance of effective parliamentary oversight; the responsibilities involved in ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC); and the need to establish an independent anti-corruption commission. The Hon Willias Madzimure, Chair of APNAC-Zimbabwe and member of the Parliamentary Oversight GTF, represented GOPAC at this event and spoke highly of the level of commitment to adopt effective anti-corruption tools that he encountered in South Sudan.
Workshop on Improving the Partisan Landscape in Benin Politics

APNAC-Benin and the Beninese Association of Constitutional Law hosted a workshop about the status of opposition parties in Benin with the goal of improving the partisan landscape in Benin politics. The two-day event in July was also supported by the Hanns Seidel Foundation. Over 30 parliamentarians, representatives from political parties, civil society actors and experts from the Beninese legal system participated in the event. Participants engaged in discussions, debates and workshop activities. They also explored ways in which to improve the legal framework for the establishment, operation and financing of political parties in Benin.

Strengthening the Fight Against Corruption in East Africa

Over 100 anti-corruption advocates gathered at the Parliament Buildings in Kigali, Rwanda in June for a workshop focused on strengthening the role of African parliaments in the fight against corruption and promoting public finance management. The three-day event was hosted by APNAC-Rwanda and the African Development Bank. Participants included members of APNAC’s executive, members from APNAC national chapters from countries who are part of the East African Community (EAC), Rwandan lawmakers and heads of EAC anti-corruption authorities.

ARAB REGION PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION

Train the Trainers Event on Transparency in Political Financing

As part of ARPAC’s commitment to enhance transparency in political finance in the Arab region, the regional chapter worked in collaboration with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) to organise a Train the Trainers session on political finance in Amman, Jordan in November. The objective of the session was to establish a political finance foundation and to share information on monitoring and evaluation, as well as financial reporting requirements.

Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct Workshop

In November, members of GOPAC Morocco came together to develop a new code of conduct for their country’s parliamentarians. The exercise was supported by GOPAC’s regional chapter, Arab Parliamentarians Against Corruption (ARPAC), and by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. GOPAC Chair, Dr Naser Al Sane, chaired a session in which presenters shared other countries’ experiences in parliamentary ethics and code of conduct systems. Dr Sean Farren, former Minister and former Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and Ms Fazela Mahomed, South Africa’s Registrar of Members Interests, spoke on the experiences of their respective countries.
Transparency in Political Finance Workshops in Yemen and Kuwait

ARPAC partnered with IFES to host a series of workshops on transparency in political finance. The workshops are part of ARPAC’s commitment to enhance transparency in political finance in the Arab region. The workshops took place in Yemen in March and in Kuwait in April. The Kuwait workshop also included representatives from Bahrain. Legislators from ARPAC national chapters, representatives from civil society organizations and media, as well as political parties, participated. The main objective of the workshops was to discuss Country Assessment Reports and to set and agree on recommendations for increasing transparency in political finance in the participating countries.

The conference provided participants with a unique common space to acquire in-depth knowledge about the recent efforts of Arab countries in the area of anti-corruption and draw lessons from the experiences of countries outside the Arab region.

Fourth UNDP Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network Conference

In April, members of ARPAC participated in the Fourth UNDP Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network Conference in Beirut, Lebanon hosted by the United Nations Development Program. The conference provided participants with a unique common space to acquire in-depth knowledge about the recent efforts of Arab countries in the area of anti-corruption and draw lessons from the experiences of countries outside the Arab region.

GOPAC Executive Director, Akaash Maharaj, presented at the Strengthening Cooperation to Recover Assets Derived from Corruption workshop. He shared the challenges countries may face; how new governments can identify stolen assets and work with foreign governments to facilitate the recovery of the funds; and how countries can work together to bring perpetrators of grand corruption before international institutions.

"The conference provided participants with a unique common space to acquire in-depth knowledge about the recent efforts of Arab countries in the area of anti-corruption and draw lessons from the experiences of countries outside the Arab region."
Regional Workshop on Transparency in Political Finance

ARPAC and the IFES organized the closing regional workshop on enhancing transparency in political finance in the Arab Region in Amman, Jordan in September. The aim of the workshop was to present and discuss the lessons learned from Enhancing Transparency in Political Finance in the Arab Region, an ARPAC and IFES joint project. Participants also discussed the successes and challenges faced by the two organizations during the implementation of the project and on creating a future roadmap. The project was the first regional initiative to address the issue of political finance in the Arab region and it sought to reconcile parliamentarians, stakeholders, and civil society organizations. It was implemented in the following countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen; and was funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).

GOPAC LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Strengthen Anti-Money Laundering Regimes

In March, the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Powers in Central America and the Caribbean (FOPREL) held the First Working Meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Commission on Financial, Economic and Budgetary Issues in Panama City, Panama. Their discussions focused on how to strengthen their respective anti-money laundering regimes. Parliamentarians from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama were keen to learn more about GOPAC and what national chapters could do to enhance their national anti-corruption strategies. Mary King, a member of GOPAC’s Anti-Money Laundering Global Task Force, introduced the GOPAC Anti-Money Laundering Action Guide for Parliamentarians. She encouraged participants to join the GOPAC network, establish coalitions of parliamentarians and develop concrete, multi-partisan national anti-money laundering action plans.
Parliamentary Ethics Forum

GOPAC Latin America and the Caribbean collaborated with the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador to host a parliamentary ethics forum in San Salvador, El Salvador in April. The event drew over 80 participants to discuss the theoretical and practical role of ethics in parliament and in the civil service. It concluded with an introduction to GOPAC’s *Handbook on Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct: A guide for parliamentarians*, a key resource to guide parliamentarians in the understanding and improvement of standards of ethical conduct within legislative bodies.

UNCAC workshop

In June, legislators from Brazil gathered in the National Congress to officially launch GOPAC Brazil and participate in a workshop on the UNCAC which Brazil ratified in 2005. Through this workshop our members gained a greater understanding of the convention and how to ensure its government is living up to its commitments. It was clear during the meeting that the multi-party legislators understood that to succeed they would need to work not only with each other but also with all members of society in Brazil.

Anti-corruption Seminar Focusing on the Administration and Enforcement of Justice

Anti-corruption advocates gathered in Mexico City, Mexico for an international seminar on corruption with a focus on the administration and enforcement of justice in June. The event was hosted by GOPAC Mexico and GOPAC Latin America and the Caribbean in collaboration with the Attorney General’s Office and the Federal Judicial Council. It consisted of four workshops: a general session on fighting corruption; a session on civil society’s role in fighting corruption; a session on the prevention of corrupt acts and the role assets declarations; and a session on information transparency and accountability. Speakers from Argentina, Spain, Italy and Peru lent their voices to the proceedings.

Peru’s Fourth International Anti-Corruption Conference

GOPAC hosted a panel session at Peru’s Fourth International Anti-Corruption Conference hosted by the Controller General’s Office of Peru in September. Representing GOPAC’s Parliamentary Oversight GTF, Cesar Jauregui from GOPAC Mexico spoke about the important role Parliamentarians play in combatting corruption through oversight of the Executive. GOPAC’s GTF Program Advisor Vicki Baxter Amade highlighted some of the steps parliamentarians can take in promoting the participation of society in combatting corruption. The recently established GOPAC Peru chapter called for the appointment of an Independent Auditor General to oversee the finances of Peru’s Congress, and committed to work in partnership with the Controller General’s Office in combatting corruption.

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION

**UNCAC Workshop**

Eighteen legislators from Indonesia along with representatives from Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC), GOPAC’s regional chapter in Southeast Asia, gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia in December for a workshop on the UNCAC. The workshop provided legislators with an overview of the UNCAC and its origins; demonstrate its importance globally; and encouraged the legislators to push for its adoption and implementation in Indonesia.

**Anti-Money Laundering Workshop**

The GOPAC national chapter in Indonesia called on parliamentarians to take a more active role in strengthening the anti-money laundering regime and Indonesia’s political financing laws at a national workshop held in Jakarta, in June. The event welcomed over 50 parliamentarians from across party lines to discuss challenges facing Indonesia anti-money laundering and political finance legislation. This workshop was in line with their goal to strengthen anti-money laundering laws as set out in the chapter’s action plan.

**Strengthening Anti-Corruption fight in Myanmar**

Legislators from the Assembly of the Union of Myanmar gathered in Nay Pi Taw, Myanmar in June for a two-day workshop to strengthen the fight against corruption in Myanmar. The event welcomed 30 parliamentarians from across party lines and included representatives from national parliamentary committees. Spectrum, a local NGO, worked with GOPAC to organize the workshop. The two-day workshop focused on parliamentary ethics and conduct, the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), and transparency and accountability in the management of public finance. Participants were introduced to the *Handbook on Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct: A Guide for Parliamentarians*. They also formed an Interim Steering Committee with the goal of launching a GOPAC chapter in Myanmar.

COUNTRIES OUTSIDE GOPAC REGIONS

**Parliamentary Oversight Workshop**

In May, four members of GOPAC Canada went to Kingston, Jamaica for a peer-to-peer exchange on parliamentary oversight with members of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament of Jamaica. The event was also an opportunity to share knowledge about the steps to setting up a GOPAC national chapter in the country. During the meetings GOPAC Canada and the Parliament of Jamaica signed an agreement to improve scrutiny, transparency and accountability.

**Strengthening Public Accounts**

In June, four members of Guyana’s Public Accounts Committee attended a four-day training exercise in Ottawa, Canada to explore ways of strengthening the estimates process for the annual budget. The delegation, a multi-party group, had the opportunity to witness, firsthand, the Canadian system. They attended a sitting of the Senate Committee of Finance, the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates, and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts where they witnessed a state organization testifying before the committee. In addition, the delegation participated in a dialogue with GOPAC Canada members regarding the estimates process in each country.
Fighting Corruption Workshop

A dedicated group of 30 anti-corruption advocates engaged in very frank, sometimes difficult discussions on their current efforts in fighting corruption during a workshop in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan in August. The workshop welcomed legislators and representatives from civil society organizations and encouraged them to assess their own compliance with the UNCAC. It was organized by GOPAC and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and funded with the support of USAID. Participants completed the GOPAC-UNDP Anti-Corruption Assessment Tool as part of the workshop activities.

Results

Bringing Corruption Perpetrators to Justice in the Ukraine

GOPAC Ukraine has been working with the Anti-Corruption Action Center to fight corruption and massive money laundering in the health sector in Ukraine and globally. The two organizations had been monitoring activities of a state-run pharmaceutical company which has now resulted in a criminal investigation involving the company’s Director.

Following repeated requests for information by Ukraine parliamentarians which were ignored, the Chair of GOPAC Ukraine, Viktor Chumak, requested that law enforcement bring the Director to justice for obstructing the work of a member of parliament. This is just the first step in fighting corruption and money laundering in Ukraine. GOPAC Ukraine will continue to work with the Anti-Corruption Action Center to ensure proper oversight and use of public procurement funds in Ukraine.

Beneficial Ownership in the UK

In September, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Anti-Corruption (APPG), GOPAC’s national chapter in the UK, in collaboration with Christian Aid and Global Witness, encouraged parliamentarians in the UK to call for the creation of public registers of beneficial company ownership. The call came following a briefing for parliamentarians hosted by the three organizations to discuss the issue of corporate secrecy and of using a public register as a tool in combating the issue. The meeting resulted in parliamentarians signing a joint submission to consultations run by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

GOPAC Kiribati Members Push for Stronger Accountability

Members of GOPAC Kiribati met with GOPAC Oceania Chair John Hyde at the United Nations headquarters for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand in September. They discussed anti-corruption issues on the sidelines of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference at which Kiribati played a major role. Under leadership from Kiribati MPs, including members of GOPAC Kiribati, a majority of nations committed to empower communities to ensure the accountability of governments as well as health and social service providers in the implementation of International Conference on Population and Development programmes.

Anti-Money Laundering Legislation in the UK

The APPG worked with Global Witness to highlight the UK’s Banking Reform Bill as a rare and appropriate opportunity to improve anti-money laundering compliance amongst British-based financial institutions. Throughout the process, the APPG pressured the government, provided support to peers who were submitting amendments to the Bill, and engaged in dialogs with members from all parties. They also facilitated a meeting with the minister leading the legislation to discuss their concerns. Following much back and forth, they were successful in both clarifying the language of the Bill and securing an explicit commitment from the Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority that the regulator will require a senior person to have anti-money laundering responsibilities.
Publications

The State of Nations

The State of Nations: GOPAC anti-corruption report is an in-depth analysis of the state of corruption – and of the progress towards accountability and integrity – in Morocco. It examines the steps ARPAC Morocco legislators are taking to press the anti-corruption agenda forward, highlights governance strengths and weaknesses, and discusses proposals for improvement.

Transparency Through Beneficial Ownership Declarations

Transparency Through Beneficial Ownership Declarations is a GOPAC position paper that examines beneficial ownership declarations as a tool to help fight corruption. The paper is a product of our Anti-Money Laundering Global Task Force (GTF-AML) and was authored by our GTF-AML Chair Sen Teofisto Guingona III and GTF-AML member the Hon Roy Cullen, with support from other GTF-AML members and Priya Sood, the GTF’s Program Advisor. It sets out concrete and effective steps that nations can take to stop international money laundering and thwart the criminal enterprises money laundering supports: organized crime, terrorism, and despotic regimes. The position paper provides for a fair and balanced distribution of responsibilities by requiring financial institutions to obtain Beneficial Ownership Declarations and depositors to provide the necessary information. It also provides advice on what parliamentarians can do to move this matter forward and ways in which GOPAC can help.

Guidelines to Strengthen Oversight Through Parliamentarian-Donor Collaboration

Guidelines to Strengthen Oversight Through Parliamentarian-Donor Collaboration is a resource created to support parliamentarians’ fight against corruption by improving oversight in the management of development aid. The guidelines are the result of collaboration between GOPAC and the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. They include 14 recommendations on: collaboration between parliamentarians and donor organizations; regulatory frameworks on the management of funds; and the building of institutional oversight capacity. They will also help parliamentarians vigorously scrutinize foreign loans and donor assistance programmes, and collaborate with international financial institutions to ensure that all stages of loan negotiations are subject to democratic accountability.
On Behalf of GOPAC

Over the 2012–2013 fiscal year, representatives of GOPAC spoke on behalf of the organization at 15 events across the world. They shared information about our work, our resources and the fight against corruption at the national, regional and global level.

Transparency International Anti-corruption Conference

As part of GOPAC’s ongoing relationship with Transparency International (TI), GOPAC Chair, Dr Naser Al Sane, spoke at a TI anti-corruption conference in Amman, Jordan in October. The roundtable session dealt with judicial transparency, the rule of law, the role of civil society, and social accountability.

The 127th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly

GOPAC CEO John Williams spoke at the 127th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Quebec City in October. Mr Williams was a member of the panel on parliamentary immunity and spoke out against extensive parliamentary immunity, arguing that it is counterproductive and outdated. He drew on the recent decision by the Slovak Parliament to abolish the requirement for parliamentary authorisation before a member of parliament can be prosecuted.

International Seminar on Ethics and Transparency

The Chair of GOPAC Chile, Senator Hernan Larrain, and GOPAC’s Executive Director, Akaash Maharaj, spoke at the International Seminar on Ethics and Transparency in Buenos Aires, Argentina in December. Sen Hernan Larrain spoke on a panel on accountability and Mr Maharaj spoke on a panel on parliamentary ethics. The event, hosted by the President of the Argentine Committee on the Modernization of Parliament, Rep Paula María Bertol, on behalf of the Latin American Network Against Corruption, Access to Information, and Integrity, welcomed legislators and representative from anti-corruption NGOs from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru, and Uruguay.

International Conference on Promotion of Transparency and Accountability for Strengthened Integrity Systems

The Hon Roy Cullen, Chair of GOPAC’s Anti-Money Laundering Global Task Force (GTF-AML), was in Ankara, Turkey in December to address participants at the International Conference on Promotion of Transparency and Accountability for Strengthened Integrity Systems. The Hon Cullen spoke as part of a panel on openness and transparency in the financing of political parties and election campaigns. The event was co-hosted by the Government of Turkey and the United Nations Development Program.

Raising Public Awareness to Combat Corruption in Timor-Leste National Forum

In December, the Chair of GOPAC Australia, John Hyde, joined members of GOPAC Timor-Leste at the Raising Public Awareness to Combat Corruption in Timor-Leste national forum in Dili, Timor-Leste. Mr Hyde presented as part of a panel that explored national and international perspectives, and he focussed on parliamentary immunity. The Centre of Studies for Peace and Development, Interpeace, and MISEREOR hosted the forum.
Open Government Partnership Meeting

GOPAC Global Task Force (GTF) Program Advisor Vicki Baxter Amade attended an Open Government Partnership meeting in Santiago, Chile in January. Ms Baxter Amade spoke on a panel on open parliament, where she discussed the plans of GOPAC’s Participation of Society GTF in addressing the need for parliamentarians to become more engaged with their constituents. She called on civil society to ensure that this is a two-way process, encouraging them to actively demand action from parliamentarians to combat corruption.

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference

GTF Program Advisor Dr Lesley Burns represented GOPAC at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference in Toronto, Canada in March. Dr Burns used the opportunity to promote GOPAC and our work in resource revenue transparency as well as establish relationships with NGOs working in the area of resource revenue transparency. As a result of contacts made at the event, Dr Burns was later invited to participate in the consultation process on the Canada’s Foreign Corruption Practices Act.

The 128th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

GTF Program Advisor Vicki Baxter Amade represented GOPAC at the 128th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Quito, Ecuador. GOPAC’s presence at the event provided the opportunity to establish key contacts in a number of areas, particularly those relating to governance, rights of parliamentarians and gender programmes. Ms Baxter Amade received a number of enquiries about GOPAC workshops and programmes, especially following the session focussed on the role of governance in achieving sustainable development goals.

Women Fight Corruption

H.E. Pramono Anung, Chair of Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC) and GOPAC Indonesia, and GOPAC Timor Leste’s Fernanda Borges were in Jakarta, Indonesia in March for the Women Fight Corruption conference. H.E. Anung spoke about transparency and political financing and Ms Borges spoke about the important role that parliamentarians play in empowering women and fighting corruption. The event was hosted by the Indonesia office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with funding from the Royal Norwegian Government and welcomed over 90 representatives from civil society organizations and from governments from Indonesia, India, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

GOPAC participated in the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy as part of the Seventh Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Budiman Sudjatmiko from GOPAC Indonesia spoke on a panel on parliaments combatting corruption and Mairamkul Tilenchieva of GOPAC Kyrgyzstan spoke on capacity building and future cooperation. The forum brought together over 50 delegates and observers from 15 countries.

World Bank and International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings

In April, GTF Program Advisor Dr Lesley Burns, attended the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (WB/IMF) Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C. where she participated in meetings with parliamentarians.
and leading WB/IMF anti-corruption staff. As part of the event, she attended a training session on WB anti-corruption practices. She also met with staff from the Parliamentary Network on the WB/IMF to discuss our participation in their annual conference and the development of guidelines to support parliamentarians fight against corruption by improving oversight in the management of development aid.

**UNCAC Implementation Review Group Non-Governmental Organization Briefing**

The Chair of GOPAC’s United Nations Convention Against Corruption GTF, Dr Naser Al Sane participated in the UNCAC Implementation Review Group Non-Governmental Organization Briefing as a member of Transparency International’s delegation. The briefing took place in Vienna, Austria in May. During the session, Dr Al Sane stated that GOPAC is urging its member parliamentarians to work with international organizations and civil society organizations such as the UNODC, the UNCAC Coalition and Transparency International to ensure that the Implementation Review Mechanism is an open and transparent process at the national level. He also stressed that States Parties need to follow the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties which state that NGOs should be admitted as observers to Implementation Review Group sessions.

**International Anti-Corruption Academy Summer Academy**

GOPAC Board Member and Chair of the Management Committee Dr Naser Al Sane was a guest lecturer at the International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria in July. The course *Engaging Parliamentarians in Eradicating Corruption and Promoting Development and the Rule of Law*, focused on the oversight powers legislators have to fight corruption and promote good government. It also examined how legislators not only create and promote laws but also ensure that they are enforced. The summer academy welcomed 70 participants who represented over 50 countries, from Canada to Argentina to India.

**Institute of Public Administration of Canada Training Session**

GOPAC’s Executive Director, Akaash Marahaj, addressed 100 senior executives of the Government of India as part of a training mission hosted by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada in July. During his presentation, Mr Maharaj spoke about transparency and accountability, of GOPAC’s anti-corruption work and of how GOPAC can help to further the fight against corruption. He also discussed the cost of corruption, both economically and socially, and the role civil servants can play in the fight.

**Twenty-first Egmont Group Plenary**

The Hon Robert Masitara, a member of GOPAC’s GTF-AML, attended the 21st Egmont Group Plenary in Sun City, South Africa. His participation included presenting a lecture on the role of GOPAC, its formation and the ways in which GOPAC can assist the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units. The Hon Masitara elaborated on the *GOPAC Anti-Money Laundering Action Guide for Parliamentarians*, and touched on anti-money laundering issues and challenges such as beneficial ownership, due diligence, dual criminality, national interest and bank secrecy, and double jeopardy.
Stronger Together

CHAPTERS

GOPAC welcomed seven new chapters in 2012–2013.

African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC)
- APNAC-Benin
- APNAC-Burkina Faso
- APNAC-Chad
- APNAC-Democratic Republic of Congo
- APNAC-Ghana
- APNAC-Kenya
- APNAC-Mali
- APNAC-Mozambique
- APNAC-Rwanda
- APNAC-Senegal
- APNAC-Tanzania
- APNAC-Uganda
- APNAC-Zambia
- APNAC-Zimbabwe

Arab Region Parliamentarians Against Corruption (ARPAC)
- ARPAC Algeria
- ARPAC Bahrain
- ARPAC Iraq
- ARPAC Jordan
- KUPAC (Kuwait)
- LEBPAC (Lebanon)
- ARPAC Morocco
- ARPAC Palestine
- YEMENPAC (Yemen)
GOPAC Latin America and the Caribbean
- GOPAC Argentina
- GOPAC Brazil
- GOPAC Chile
- GOPAC El Salvador
- GOPAC Mexico
- GOPAC Peru

GOPAC Oceania
- GOPAC Australia
- GOPAC Kiribati
- GOPAC New Zealand

Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC)
- GOPAC Indonesia
- GOPAC Malaysia
- GOPAC Philippines
- GOPAC Timor-Leste

South Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SAPAC) – (Regional chapter in development)
- GOPAC Bangladesh
- GOPAC Nepal
- GOPAC Sri Lanka

National chapters not affiliated with a regional chapter
- GOPAC Albania
- GOPAC Azerbaijan
- GOPAC Canada
- GOPAC Italy
- GOPAC Kyrgyzstan
- GOPAC Mongolia
- GOPAC Montenegro
- GOPAC Serbia
- GOPAC UK (The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Anti-Corruption)
- GOPAC Ukraine

APNAC Biennial General Meeting
Members of APNAC gathered for their Biennial General Meeting in Kampala, Uganda in April. The meeting provided them with the opportunity to elect a new Board, to review and amend the Constitution and to adopt a 5-year Strategic Plan. The amended constitution strengthens APNAC’s governance both through its body and the inclusion of a very strong code of conduct.

ARPAC Executive Board Meeting
On the side lines of the Fourth UNDP Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network Conference in April, ARPAC hosted a meeting of its Executive Board and invited GOPAC Executive Director, Akaash Maharaj, to participate. The group used the opportunity to discuss ARPAC’s priorities and goals. Mr. Maharaj affirmed the Global Secretariat’s commitment to support GOPAC regional chapters and to help facilitate the realisation of their priorities.

SEAPAC Launches New Website
This year the SEAPAC Secretariat moved from the Philippines to Indonesia. Under the direction of the new Executive Director, Endah Retnoastuti, SEAPAC launched a new website in June. The website serves as a hub for GOPAC members and anti-corruption stakeholders in the region, providing information about the activities of the regional chapter as well as information about the national chapter in Indonesia and the global organization.
FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

The success of GOPAC and our members in the fight against corruption is highly reliant on our funders and partners. Whether it is lending support to a specific workshop or project or joining our cause on a global level, our success was made possible in part due to these generous and dedicated organizations and governments.

The Government of Kuwait has been our core funder for three years. Their support has enabled numerous publications and workshops and has been paramount to numerous successes in countries around the world.

GOPAC has received additional project-based funding and in-kind contributions from:

- Canadian Embassy in Equador
- Department of International Development, Government of the UK
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Office of the Controller General, Government of Peru
- Senate of the Philippines
- Southern African Parliamentary Support Trust
- Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative
- Transparency International
- United Nations Development Programme
- World Bank Institute

We have also worked closely with the following partner organizations:

- Asia Foundation
- Affiliated Network for Social Accountability
- Committee on Finance and Budget, National Assembly of Burkina Faso
- Ethics and Transparency Committee, Senate of Chile
- European Union
- Global Partners and Associates
- Good Governance Foundation
- Institute of Directors
- National Democratic Institute
- National Parliament of Timor Leste
- Office for the Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy, European Parliament
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Parliamentary Centre
- PariAmericas
- Parliamentary Institute of South Africa
- Parliamentary Network of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund
- Tearfund
- UNCAC Coalition
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Westminster Foundation for Democracy
Collaboration Framework Agreement with Transparency International

In November, the Chair of GOPAC, Dr Naser Al Sane, and the Chair of Transparency International (TI), Dr Huguette Labelle, signed a landmark Collaboration Framework Agreement between the two organizations. Under the agreement, GOPAC and TI are committed to developing mutually coherent approaches to combatting corruption and promoting transparency and good governance.

GOPAC and TI will engage in joint advocacy on anti-corruption issues and will identify opportunities for information-sharing, knowledge exchanges, and consultations. They will also work on strengthening parliamentarians as key anti-corruption agents, and on promoting parliamentarians’ active participation in anti-corruption reforms. Finally, they will help parliamentarians take a more active role in global and regional anti-corruption initiatives.

Partnership Agreement with the International Anti-Corruption Academy

In February, Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) joined outgoing GOPAC Chair Dr Naser Al Sane in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that formalizes the organizations’ shared commitment to working collaboratively in the prevention of and fight against corruption. GOPAC and IACA will work together to develop the capacity of parliamentarians by inviting GOPAC members to participate in specialized training courses as participants as well as instructors.

Observer Status with the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) granted GOPAC Observer status which was made official at the 128th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Quito, Ecuador in April. As such, GOPAC has the right to speak at certain meetings and put forth suggestions for agenda items in certain contexts. We also are invited to attend their regional meetings and annual general assembly.

Observer Status at Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC

GOPAC was granted Official Observer status to the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). Official Observer status allows GOPAC to participate in NGO briefings during the conference in addition to other NCAC working group and implementation review group meetings. This access allows for greater opportunities to ensure State Parties to the UNCAC are sharing information openly as well as to remind them of their commitments to promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption more efficiently and effectively and to ensure their implementation.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee
Chair
Ricardo García Cervantes
Mexico

Secretary
Mary King
Trinidad and Tobago

Member-at-large and Chair of Management Committee
Dr Naser Al Sane
Kuwait

Board Members
Dr Mamdouh Al Abbadi
Jordan

Hon Mahi Bahi Ammar
Algeria

John Hyde
Australia

Hon Osei Kyei-Mensa-Bonsu
Ghana

Hon Willias Madzimure
Zimbabwe

Dr Anisul Mahmud
Bangladesh

Sen Marie Claire Mukasine
Rwanda

GLOBAL SECRETARIAT STAFF

John Williams
Chief Executive Officer

Akaash Maharaj
Executive Director

Hon Roy Cullen
Member of Management Committee

Yaye Barry
Program Assistant

Vicki Baxter Amade
GTF Program Advisor

Lindsey Belaire
Administrative Assistant

Livia Belcea
Communications Assistant

Dr Lesley Burns
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Executive Assistant to the CEO

Emilie Salinas
Program Assistant

Priya Sood
GTF Program Advisor

Jean Roberth Souza
Membership Coordinator

STUDENT INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

Waleed Rushdi Kadray
Corina Pinto
Christopher Manor
Courtney Dutsch
Anthony Amade
Independent Auditors’ Report

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at September 30, 2013 and the Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets, and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant policies and other explanatory information.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the organization’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the GLOBAL ORGANIZATIO OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION as at September 30, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Emphasis of Matter
Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 9 to the financial statements which describes management’s plans in regard to material uncertainty that exists, resulting from the completion of the agreement of funding with the government of Kuwait, and thus raises substantial doubt about the organization’s ability to continue as a going concern.

Parker Prins Lebano Chartered Accountants Professional Corporation
Authorized to practice public accounting by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario

Ottawa, Ontario
January 10, 2014
Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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