

United Nations Convention Against Corruption

GLOBAL TASK FORCE



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What is the UNCAC?

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) is the most comprehensive treaty on anti-corruption at a global level. Endorsed by over 150 countries in the world representing every region, this landmark convention came into force in 2005. The UNCAC provides a political instrument as well as binding framework to promote anti-corruption reforms. The Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC is the vehicle for the implementation of the Convention.

GOPAC and the UNCAC

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption's (GOPAC) involvement in the UNCAC began with its participation at the Merida, Mexico signing ceremony in October 2003. Based on consultations with a global team of experts, GOPAC members not only declared the organization's support for the UNCAC but also noted that strong parliamentary oversight would be essential to its effective implementation.

A resolution of the GOPAC Global Conference in Arusha, Tanzania in September, 2006 outlined a commitment to form the United Nations Convention Against Corruption Global Task Force (GTF-UNCAC). The GTF-UNCAC promotes the ratification and implementation of the UNCAC by motivating and engaging parliamentarians through workshops and supporting the development of legislative and oversight changes in parliament. With the assistance of the GOPAC Global Secretariat, GTF-UNCAC members from a region work with their GOPAC National Chapters to deliver capacity building workshops on the UNCAC tailored for parliamentarians.



The GTF - UNCAC National Workshop

The GOPAC GTF-UNCAC national workshop is a two-day event with parliamentarians from a country that has ratified the UNCAC. The country must also be planning to complete the UNCAC Review Mechanism developed by the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC.

The workshop provides a detailed explanation of the UNCAC, focusing on *Article 5: Preventive anti-corruption policies and practices* and *Article 63: Mechanisms for Implementation – Conference of State Parties to the Convention*. It also elaborates on the significant role Members of Parliament (MPs) play in ensuring its implementation at the national level. As part of the workshop participants will have an opportunity to review draft legislation related to *Article 5* and *Article 63* of the Convention as well as collaborate to tailor the legislation to their country's context.

This workshop is a unique peer-to-peer learning opportunity that will ensure that MPs have enough knowledge and resources to propel a national strategy on anti-corruption forward and urge their governments to domesticate the UNCAC.

Objectives

- Expand parliamentarian's knowledge and capacity to fight corruption by exposing them to the UNCAC, current initiatives, experts and knowledge in the field
- Generate interest and commitment from participants in working together to implement, domesticate, monitor and review the UNCAC at a national level
- Build capacity of MPs on their country's obligations to the UNCAC
- Develop an action plan for the GOPAC National Chapter on domesticating the UNCAC
- Provide public visibility around the importance of parliamentarians in effectively implementing and monitoring the UNCAC

Guidelines

- Workshops are held in Parliament
- A GTF-UNCAC regional member acts as Workshop Facilitator
- The Global Secretariat develops the agenda and subject matter resources
- The Global Secretariat covers participation costs of the GTF technical experts
- The National Chapter covers all local costs