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**GOPAC** is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

## GOPAC Leadership Transition

**Ottawa, Canada** – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption is implementing a significant professional leadership transition: John Williams, our founder, came to the conclusion of his tenure as our Chief Executive Officer at the Global Conference in Manila, Philippines, which closed on 02 February 2013.

“John Williams was GOPAC’s founder, and he built the organisation up for ten years, first as chairman and then as CEO. GOPAC exists because of his vision and determination, and we are all thankful to him,” said GOPAC’s outgoing Chairman, Dr Naser Al Sane. “The GOPAC Board of Directors unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Williams to the role of GOPAC Chairman Emeritus, to recognise his contributions to the organisation and to ensure that we do not lose his advice and experience. He will represent GOPAC as special envoy in certain occasions when needed.”

At the organization’s ten-year mark, the GOPAC Executive Board is confident that the Global Conference presents an opportune occasion for GOPAC to renew itself, to develop new ideas, and to take fresh approaches to its mandate.

John Williams stated, “GOPAC anti-corruption mission has been a passionate cause for me since I served as a Member of Parliament in Canada’s federal Parliament. Although I am leaving my role as CEO, my heart and my hopes remain with GOPAC.”

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 53 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support. Visit GOPAC on the web at [gopacnetwork.org](http://gopacnetwork.org), on Twitter at [twitter.com/GOPAC\\_Eng](https://twitter.com/GOPAC_Eng), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/gopacnetwork](https://www.facebook.com/gopacnetwork)

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