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International Anti-Corruption Academy Sponsors GOPAC Anti-Corruption Award

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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.

Ottawa, Canada – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) announces that the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is sponsoring the first annual GOPAC International Anti-Corruption Award. The winner of the award will be presented with a scholarship to attend the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) in 2015.

The award seeks legislators and former legislators who, through their anti-corruption initiatives, have exemplified to the highest degree what it means to be a GOPAC member. The call for nominations is open until 31 October 2014 at 11:59pm EDT.

“Fighting corruption needs to be a collaborative effort where leaders all over the world can learn from each other’s challenges and successes,” said GOPAC Chair Ricardo Garcia Cervantes. “This award promotes education through shared experience and we thank IACA, a leader in anti-corruption education, for their support.”

IACSA is an intensive programme run by IACA in Laxenburg (Vienna), Austria and will take place from 2 to 11 July 2015. It is designed for professionals looking to expand their knowledge and experience to better counter corruption.

“Each Summer Academy brings together around 70 professionals of different cultural and vocational backgrounds, from all over the world”, says Martin Kreutner, Dean of IACA. “When these individuals come together and embark on a collective journey of bridging the gap between theory and practice, that is when the real magic happens”.

GOPAC and the IACA signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding at the fifth Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption in February 2013, in Manila, Philippines.

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 50 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, on Twitter at twitter.com/GOPAC_Eng, and on Facebook at facebook.com/gopacnetwork.

[IACA](http://www.iaca.int) is an international organization which aims to substantially contribute to the fight against corruption. Through education, research and cooperation, its goal is to overcome current shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption and empower professionals for the challenges of tomorrow. IACA benefits from strong global support and the fabric of its constituency, spread over 59 Parties and 53 Signatories around the world. Visit IACA on the web at www.iaca.int, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/IACA.Laxenburg, and on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-anti-corruption-academy-iaca->.

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