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GOPAC Board Member Lectures at International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy

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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 – Dr Naser Al Sane, a member of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption’s (GOPAC) Board of Directors and Chair of the Management Committee, lectured at the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) in Vienna, Austria, 4 July 2015. The lecture informed participants on the work of GOPAC as well as the organization’s flagship project against grand corruption.

“Grand corruption robs citizens the world over of basic human rights while its perpetrators abscond with public moneys that could help feed and educate a nation,” says Dr Al Sane. “The money from illicit financial flows alone, estimated by the World Bank at \$1.26 trillion, would be enough to improve the lives of the over 1 billion people living on less than \$1.25.”

Participants learned not only about what GOPAC members around the world are doing, but also what they themselves could do to get involved in the fight against corruption.

This is the third consecutive year that Dr Al Sane has been invited to speak to the participants of IACSA, an annual event in the international anti-corruption agenda that draws participants from all over the world. This year, IACSA hosted 80 delegates from over 40 countries.

“It was a great honour for me to represent GOPAC at the fifth IACSA, further strengthening our collaboration and helping nurture strong corruption fighters in countries around the world,” concludes Dr Al Sane.

IACSA is a program run through the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA). The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, European Anti-Fraud Office, the Republic of Austria, and INTERPOL were the driving forces behind IACA’s creation, which now counts 64 Member Parties including three international organizations. GOPAC and IACA first pledged to work collaboratively to fight corruption through a joint Memorandum of Understanding signed in February 2013.

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