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The **Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)** is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

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GOPAC was founded in 2002 as a result of an international conference which brought together parliamentarians and observers dedicated to fighting corruption and improving good governance. Since its inception, **GOPAC** has placed corruption at the heart of the governance agenda, providing information and analysis, establishing international benchmarks, and improving public awareness through a combination of global pressure and national action.

GOPAC's vision is to achieve democratic accountability through engaged, informed and motivated parliamentarians by identifying, motivating, supporting and inspiring parliamentarians to hold governments to account toward the control and elimination of corruption.

Anti-Money Laundering Action Guide



A resource that provides parliamentarians with information and tools to become actively engaged in their legislatures in the fight against money laundering. Through this guide they will gain the knowledge necessary to introduce anti-money laundering legislation and build a coalition with other parliamentarians to police and prosecute money laundering in their countries.

Handbook on Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct



A guide for parliamentarians interested in understanding and improving standards of ethical conduct within legislative bodies. Through this resource they will learn about the components of a system of ethics and conduct that need to be implemented and then how they can develop, implement and enforce such a system.

GOPAC Global Conference

The **GOPAC** Global Conference is a biennial event that brings together leaders, members, prospective members, stakeholders and funders to further inspire, educate and equip **GOPAC** Chapters and its individual members in the ongoing fight against corruption. The conference is a multi-day event that includes workshops as well as meetings to assess progress and explore new topics of common concern.

The next conference is in
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GLOBAL TASK FORCES

GOPAC's programming model uses Global Task Forces (GTF) to promote agendas identified by membership through a regionally representative group of parliamentarians that champion each topic. The GOPAC Board and Global Secretariat support GTFs with handbooks, workshops and capacity building among parliamentarians worldwide. Through its GTFs GOPAC can support the introduction of legislative and oversight changes in national parliaments to control corruption, promote good governance and hold the Executive more accountable to the people. In addition, GOPAC has launched a Women in Parliament Network.

Anti-Money Laundering

The Anti-Money Laundering GTF (GTF-AML) engages and motivates GOPAC Regional and National Chapters, and parliaments through workshops and other means to push for stronger international regulations governing international financial transactions and to prompt the repatriation of illicit funds invested elsewhere. GTF-AML promotes the work of key organizations in this field including the World Bank, IMF, FATF and the International Compliance Association.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption GTF (GTF-UNCAC) recognizes the importance of the Convention in promoting international cooperation in combating corruption. GTF-UNCAC links GOPAC members and chapters to the effective implementation of the UNCAC and oversees GOPAC Monitoring of Parliamentary Support. GTF-UNCAC also developed the Global Monitoring Program to further monitor national level progress on the UNCAC.

Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct

The Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct GTF (GTF-PEC) seeks to change the widely held perception that parliamentarians are part of corruption, rather than a solution to it. GOPAC has created GTF-PEC to consult with parliamentarians and others to develop a draft Code of Ethics for Parliamentarians. Some of this work has been used to create the Handbook on Parliamentary Ethics and Conduct, recently published in conjunction with Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

Parliamentary Oversight

The Parliamentary Oversight GTF (GTF-PO) works with the World Bank and Hansard Society to strengthen legislative provisions for the use of public resources, including the powers, procedures and practices of parliamentary financial scrutiny and resource revenue transparency. GOPAC has developed a financial oversight handbook that is being adapted to different governance systems.

Participation of Society

The Participation of Society Global Task Force (GTF-PoS) highlights the importance of parliamentarians engaging with their constituents and working collaboratively with civil society to raise awareness of corruption issues and lobby for legislative and administrative changes aimed at combatting corruption. It focuses on the representational role of parliamentarians in ensuring that the voice of the people is heard by government and reflected in appropriate anti-corruption legislation and it demonstrates the advantages of incorporating the technical expertise of civil society organizations in formulating policy and legislation.

Women in Parliament Network

The Women in Parliament Network (WPN) provides a system of peer support for women parliamentarians to help them build capacity and become actively engaged in the fight against corruption. WPN will also look at examples of incentives and barriers to women's participation in parliament and learn lessons from various regional and national initiatives aimed at increasing the proportion of women parliamentarians.

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