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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 has 57 national chapters in five regions. GOPAC supports its members' efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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## "Integrity Matters" at the 7th Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

**Doha, Qatar** – More than 200 delegates from 53 countries, including 14 Speakers and Vice-Speakers of Parliaments, and representatives from nine international organizations met in Doha, Qatar for the 7th Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption held from 9 - 10 December 2019.

This meeting was hosted by the [Shura Council of the State of Qatar](#), co-organized by the Global Organization Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC).

The theme "[Integrity Matters](#)" reflected GOPAC's objectives to fight corruption and improve good governance throughout the world by strengthening cooperation between parliamentarians, governments and civil society, in line with GOPAC's commitment to promote its core values of integrity, accountability, collaboration, and diversity.

The conference highlighted the impact of integrity on refining good governance, eradicating corruption, improving people's prosperity and creating inclusive communities. Additionally, it emphasized the role of key policy makers in creating an enabling environment that harnesses anti-corruption movement.

The two-day event included an [Annual General Meeting](#) (AGM) which elected H.E. Ahmad Bin Abdulla Bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, the Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, as the new [Chair of GOPAC](#) for the period of 2019-2021.

"Our stand with the GOPAC comes in line with our convictions that parliaments, with their regulatory and legislative powers, can play a fundamental role in the fight against corruption, as institutions that make governments accountable to their people. Since parliamentarians represent the people, they are required to set an example in the performance of their duties, and should adhere to the moral values of their communities and should comply with the highest standards of integrity," the Speaker said.

Under the leadership of H.E. Ahmad Bin Abdulla bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, GOPAC will continue to initiate, innovate, and revolutionize global parliamentary efforts against corruption.

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