

International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) **Executive Committee (ExCo) Notes of Second Meeting (Online)**

Thursday, 24 February 2022 6:00pm, Hong Kong Time (UTC+8)

Present:

President **Mr Simon Peh**

Commissioner

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

Hong Kong, China

Vice-Presidents H.E. Mr Fikrat Mammadov

Minister of Justice, Republic of Azerbaijan

Adv JL Andy Mothibi

Head and Chief Executive

Special Investigating Unit (SIU), South Africa

Ms Nayareth Calfulaf

Expert of the Cooperation and International Relations Unit

Office of the Comptroller General, Republic of Chile

[On behalf of Mr. Jorge Bermúdez, Comptroller General]

Members **Dr Eduardo Vetere** (Honorary Member)

Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Ms Hasrina Suzanty Jamil

Senior Special Investigator cum
Head of International Division
Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Brunei Darussalam
[On behalf of Ms Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Suhana binti Haji Sudin, Director, ACB]

Mr Angelos Binis

Governor
National Transparency Authority (NTA), Greece

Dr Giuseppe Busia

President
National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC), Italy

Mr Jackson Mue, OGW

Director
Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya
[On behalf of **Mr Twalib Mbarak, CBS**Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, EACC]

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Chief Commissioner
Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Malaysia

Dr Navin Beekarry

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H.E. Mr Mohamed Bachir Rachdi

Chairman
National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight
Against Corruption (INPPLC), Morocco

Ms Julie Read

Director and Chief Executive Serious Fraud Office (SFO), New Zealand

Ms Costin Varlan

Chief Prosecutor of the Service for International Cooperation and Programs
National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), Romania
[On behalf of **Mr Crin-Nicu Bologa**,
Chief Prosecutor of the Directorate, DNA]

Mrs Seynabou Ndiaye Diakhate

Chair

National Office for Combating Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC), Senegal

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[On behalf of **Mr Denis Tang**, Director, CPIB]

Mr Juan Pavía Cardell

Prosecutor

Special Public Prosecution Office Against Corruption and Organised Crime (ACPO), Spain [On behalf of **Mr Alejandro Luzón Cánovas,** Chief Prosecutor, ACPO]

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Executive	Chairman, National Financial Crime Centre, Malaysia	
Committee		
	Mr Giovanni Kessler	
	Former Director General	

European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

Observer Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw

Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

IAACA Secretariat Mr Lawrence Chung

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ICAC, Hong Kong, China

Ms Audrey WU

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Absent with Apologies:

Last President

H.E. Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al-Marri

(Supernumerary)

Vice-President Mr. Charles Duchaine

Director

French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France

Opening Remarks by the President

The President welcomed Members to attend the 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee (the ExCo), especially those attending outside office hours.

2. The President noted that Ms Julie Read's tenure as the Director of SFO would be completed at the end of February. He took the opportunity to convey his gratitude for Ms Read's participation in forming the new ExCo of IAACA as well as her devoted support to the Association. He wished her all the best in her future endeavours. Ms Read expressed her thankfulness for being invited to participate in the ExCo and hoped SFO would continue to contribute to IAACA.

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The President also welcomed Mr Paul O'Neil who would stand in until the new Director of SFO was appointed.

3. The President expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Presidents and Members for implementing a series of regional coordination work shortly after the 1st ExCo meeting. He noted that the work progress in some regions was particularly encouraging. The Regional Coordinators (RCs) and Members would be invited to share more details later in the meeting. He believed that with the concerted efforts of the ExCo Members, the Regional Coordination Mechanism would help IAACA to effectively reach out to more ACAs in different parts of the world. Communications and collaboration among ACAs would be widened and deepened, and IAACA's role in the international arena would be strengthened.

Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting

4. The Secretary-General sought Members' views on the draft minutes of the 1st ExCo meeting as contained in <u>Annex I</u>. Members unanimously confirmed their agreement without amendments.

Adoption of the Agenda

5. The meeting adopted the Agenda at <u>Annex II</u> without amendments.

Matters arising from discussion at the last meeting

6. The Secretary-General informed Members that the Secretariat took over the database from the former Secretary-General in mid-January. Based on the database and the internal record of ICAC Hong Kong, the Secretariat had compiled the regional lists of ACAs and sent them to the respective RCs for action. An email was also sent to about 350 ACAs on 27 January 2022 to inform them of the new term of IAACA and invite them to update their organisational information via a proforma.

- 7. Mr Lawrence Chung added that there was steady progress in recruiting organisational members and updating information from different members of the Association. Through referrals by RCs or direct emails from different ACAs, the Secretariat had, as at the date of meeting, received 20 new applications (thus raising the number of organisational members to 143) and 18 requests for updating information. The Secretariat expected that more requests would be received by way of the Regional Coordination Mechanism.
- 8. In response to Tan Sri Abu Kassim's question about whether the new applications were from law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and if there was any country submitting more than one application, Mr Chung said all applicants were competent authorities under Article 2 of IAACA's Constitution, i.e. they could be defined under Article 6 or 36 of UNCAC. They did not only cover LEAs but also authorities set up under the legal framework of their own countries to take charge of anti-corruption related causes such as corruption prevention. Some countries had multiple agencies playing different anti-graft roles and registering as members of the Association.

- 9. Dr Vetere expressed his appreciation of the Secretariat which had brought greater transparency to the Association since the new term by providing more information to Members. He suggested extending the membership invitation to authorities in some major countries such as the United States and the Russian Federation, in particular the United States which would hold the next Conference of States Parties to UNCAC in 2023.
- 10. Ms Strobel-Shaw said the regional meeting for fast-tracking the implementation of UNCAC would be held in Mexico in March 2022. She suggested that IAACA could send a video message to UNODC for promoting the work of the Association in the meeting.
- 11. The President thanked Dr Vetere and Ms Strobel-Shaw for their suggestions and stated that the Secretariat would follow up.

Report on the work progress by RCs

- 12. The Secretary-General informed Members that the Secretariat had prepared a sample "Three-Year Work Plan" at Annex III (EC Paper 7/2022) which covered six areas of work namely membership, training needs, capacity building, regional organisations and platforms, publicity and regional coordination. RCs were welcome to make reference to this sample when drawing up their own work plans and modify it to suit the specific situation in each region.
- 13. The President invited RCs to report the work progress of their respective region.

- 14. Adv Mothibi reported the progress of the African region. In gist,
 - (a) The 1st African regional meeting was convened on 21 February 2022 with the participation of the other four ExCo members namely EACC of Kenya, ICAC of Mauritius, OFNAC of Senegal and INPPLC of Morocco. It was agreed that the regional group members would approach ACAs in different parts of Africa and invite them to join IAACA.
 - (b) The regional group would send the survey form to ACAs to gauge their training needs to facilitate the development of the long, medium and short term work plans. Assessment on relevant authorities in the region which had the capacity to deliver training would be conducted in the next stage.
 - (c) The regional group would approach some regional organisations and platforms such as the African Union and the Southern African Development Community for promoting IAACA. Adv Mothibi also mentioned that the Annual Regional Conference for Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa would be held in Rwanda in May 2022. He would request for a timeslot for making a presentation on IAACA as the Conference was a useful platform to reach out to Member States in Africa.
 - (d) The African region would be divided into four spheres according to the proximity of different countries with one another for better coordination. The RC was consolidating the first draft work plan with feedbacks and comments collected from the group members.

- 15. Mr Chokairi added that Morocco, which was the Chair to the Conference of States Parties to the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention, would help bring more countries in the region into the Association.
- 16. Mr Mammadov reported the progress of the Eastern European region. In gist,
 - (a) The 1st Eastern European regional meeting was convened with the other Exco member, DNA of Romania, on 2 February 2022. The list of ACAs in the region was updated and letters were sent to 50 ACAs in 21 countries together with the IAACA fact sheet translated in Russian, the survey form and proforma for updating contact information. The letters were sent through diplomatic channels with the assistance of the Azerbaijan embassies in those countries. The result was very promising as positive replies had already been received from more than 10 countries.
 - (b) Mr. Žydrūnas Bartkus, Director of the Lithuanian Special Investigation Service and President of the European Partnership against Corruption/European contact point network against corruption (EPAC-EACN), would visit Azerbaijan in March 2022 and an agreement on inter-association collaboration would be proposed during the meeting.
- 17. Mr Binis raised the question concerning whether Members could invite authorities with the mandate other than fighting corruption in countries which had no centralized ACA, for example, the prosecution authorities, audit institutions and financial intelligence units for collaboration. Mr Chung replied in the positive as it was IAACA's plan to establish closer partnership with like-

minded organisations in taking forward the anti-corruption mission. Ms Read supported the collaboration with other authorities, which might not be members of IAACA, in different aspects such as training.

- 18. Mr Peh reported the progress of the Asia-Pacific region. In gist,
 - (a) The 1st Asia-Pacific regional meeting was convened on 9 February 2022 with the participation of ACB of Brunei Darussalam, MACC and CPIB of Singapore, to discuss the 3-year work plan.
 - (b) Prior to the meeting, the RC sent the survey form on training needs to around 120 ACAs in the region for identifying their training needs and 10 replies had been received so far.
 - (c) The regional meeting agreed to divide the 56 countries in the Asia-Pacific region into four groups. The RC and the three ExCo members would each oversee one group and arrange meetings with ACAs in their groups in two years with a view to expanding membership and organising tailor-made training for them. The regional meeting also discussed the training topics of common interest, for example, public procurement, strengthening law enforcement, asset recovery, etc.
- 19. Ms Calfulaf thanked the President for inviting Mr Bermúdez to serve as the RC of the Latin American and Caribbean region and participate in the new Regional Coordination Mechanism. The RC would soon take forward the implementation of the mechanism. She also informed the meeting that Chile was elected the Presidency of the Working Group on Anti-Corruption of the Organisation of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions. The

President and Secretary-General said the Secretariat was ready to provide the necessary support for Chile to implement the regional coordination work.

- 20. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam bin Baki mentioned that MACC had strong ties with the ACAs of ASEAN and was ready to share experience in organising training and capacity building programmes with Members. He also extended his invitation to Members for visiting the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy after the pandemic was subdued.
- 21. Mr Binis informed Members that NTA had been recently elected the President of the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA) of the Council of Europe. He believed NCPA could step up the collaboration with IAACA to achieve better synergy. Besides, Mr Binis invited the President to attend NCPA's next webinar which would be held in March 2022. The President thanked for the invitation and asked the Secretariat to follow up.

Discussion of the training needs of ACAs

- 22. Mr Chung briefed Members on the common anti-corruption topics identified and training needs in different areas raised by participants in the 1st ExCo meeting and previous training activities. They included:
 - (a) Common anti-corruption topics identified
 - Governance transparency and open data
 - Whistleblower protection in public and private sectors
 - Strengthening law enforcement against corruption related offences
 - Reinforcing international cooperation in anti-money laundering, asset

- recovery and mutual legal assistance
- Corruption risk in health sector such as public procurement for medical supplies and protective equipment due to the pandemic
- (b) Training needs in different areas:

Investigation	 Financial investigation and forensic accounting Beneficial ownership Investigation techniques and case
	studies sharing
	Use of big data and data analytics to facilitate data ation and investigation
	facilitate detection and investigationCrypto currency
Risk management	 Use of technology and data analytics
and systemic	to prevention corruption
prevention	 Assets declaration by public officials
Awareness raising	Strategies in promoting integrity in
	public sector
	Youth engagement

23. The President invited RCs to share with Members their plans for implementing the capacity building programmes in their region in the next ExCo meeting after gathering the relevant information from their ACAs.

Discussion of the publicity for IAACA

24. The meeting noted that the former Secretariat had handed over the IAACA website in late January 2022. A number of major updates including information of the new Presidency, ExCo, Regional Coordination Mechanism and contact information of the Secretariat were made on the website. The Secretariat was planning to conduct a revamp of the website in the coming year to enhance its features and functionality. Members were welcome to contribute ideas on the enhancement.

- 25. The Secretariat would publish a newsletter on a regular basis to provide Members and stakeholders with IAACA's latest news. The inaugural newsletter was issued on 27 January 2022. Members were encouraged to contribute articles relating to the anti-corruption initiatives of ACAs, change of heads of organisations, etc. to the newsletter.
- 26. The Secretariat had prepared some PowerPoint slides about IAACA for ExCo Members' use when speaking at conferences as a way to enhance IAACA's visibility in the international arena. The Secretariat had also produced an IAACA letterhead template for Members' deployment as appropriate. The PowerPoint slides and template would be sent to Members by email after the meeting.
- 27. In response to Ms Calfulaf's enquiry about the language of IAACA's publicity materials and her offer of assistance in translating them into Spanish, the President said that while English was the official language of the Association as indicated in the Constitution, the Secretariat was arranging the translation of the fact sheet into other languages as adopted by the United Nations (UN), i.e. Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish. He thanked Ms Calfulaf for offering assistance in translating the materials into Spanish. The Secretariat would get in touch with her soon.
- 28. Mr Mammadov suggested that in order to enhance the publicity of IAACA, the Secretariat could consider:
 - (a) Using social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to publicise the work of the Association;
 - (b) Translating IAACA website and other publicity information in different

- official languages as adopted by UN;
- (c) Creating an interactive forum on the website for members to exchange information on the best anti-corruption practices and challenges in the fight against corruption such as transnational crime and asset recovery; and
- (d) Hosting annual conferences to enrich members' knowledge on preventing and combating corruption which could help demonstrate IAACA's contribution to the anti-corruption community.
- 29. The President expressed his gratitude to Mr Mammadov for arranging translation of the IAACA fact sheet into Russian which had greatly facilitated the outreach to ACAs in Eastern Europe. The Secretariat would seek Azerbaijan's further assistance in the future.
- 30. Dr Vetere supported the suggestions made by Mr Mammadov. He also suggested that IAACA should reinforce its presence in relevant UN conferences such as the Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which would be held in Vienna in May. Dr Vetere was ready to represent IAACA in the Conference subject to the disposal of the Association. He believed conferences like these were good occasions to establish contacts with the delegations and introduce IAACA to them.
- 31. Mr Varlan said DNA could contribute information on their achievements in fighting corruption to the next issue of the newsletter. The President welcomed the contribution and invited Members to send their feature articles, if any, to the Secretariat for publication.

Any Other Business

32. The President said another ExCo meeting was planned for mid-2022 depending on the progress of work in different regions. The Training Committee would also have the first meeting in the coming few months to discuss the training programme initiated by the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Centre (ROLACC) of Qatar in early 2023 and the training initiatives of different regions. The next General Meeting would be convened in December 2022 as required by the Constitution with an ExCo meeting being held shortly before the General Meeting.

Date of next meeting

- 33. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for mid-2022. The exact date was to be fixed.
- 34. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 7:20pm (Hong Kong Time).

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IAACA Secretariat 28 March 2022



International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities Executive Committee

Second Meeting (conducted via Zoom platform) 24 February 2022, Thursday

6:00 pm (Hong Kong Time, UTC +8)

Proposed Agenda

(1)	Opening remarks by the President
(2)	Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting
(3)	Adoption of the Agenda
(4)	Matters arising from discussion at the last meeting

- - The Secretariat will provide updates on the membership of IAACA.
 - The training topics proposed by Members in the last ExCo meeting will be further discussed under agenda items (5) and (6).
- (5) Report on the work progress by Regional Coordinators
 - Regional Coordinators will be invited to report on the latest progress of their regional coordination work including:
 - Regional meetings with other ExCo Members;
 - Regional "Three-Year Work Plan" (EC Paper 7/2022); and
 - Sharing of ways to approach ACAs in respective regions.

(6) Discussion of the training needs of ACAs

- The President will invite Members to give views on the training needs of ACAs and consolidate a list for the consideration of Training Committee.
- The Regional Core Groups will be encouraged to organise (in cooperation with other ACAs or regional organisations) regional training events based on the needs-of ACAs in their regions.

(7) Discussion of the publicity for IAACA

- The Secretariat will report the progress of the publication of newsletters, updating of IAACA website, and the use of standardized PowerPoint template, IAACA logo and letterhead.
- The Vice Presidents and Members will be encouraged to contribute to the newsletter by way of providing important anti-corruption initiatives of their organisations/countries, the change of heads of organisations, other topics that would be of interest to the anticorruption community, etc.

(8) Any other business

(9) Date of next meeting

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(The Secretariat will record the meeting for preparing the minutes. The video-recording will not be distributed to the third parties and will be deleted 30 days after the ExCo adopts the minutes.)

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Asia-Pacific Regional Group Work Plan (2022-2024) [DRAFT]

Region	Asia-Pacific (AP)
Regional Coordinator	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China (IAACA Secretariat)
Members of Regional Group	 Anti-Corruption Bureau of Brunei Darussalam (ACB) Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau of Singapore (CPIB)

No	Areas	Initiatives / Tasks	ACA(s) Concerned	Suggested Timeline		Status
1.	<u>Membership</u>	1.1 Identify and recruit potential organisational members Progress: Proforma sent to around 340 ACAs by the Secretariat on 27.1.2022	• ICAC, ACB, MACC & CPIB	/	/	Ongoing
		1.2 Update the membership database Progress: List of AP ACAs sent to ACB, MACC and CPIB by Regional Coordinator on 26.1.2022	Secretariat	/	/	Ongoing
2.	<u>Training Needs</u>	2.1 Ascertain regional training needs Progress: Survey form sent to ACAs of AP region by the Regional Coordinator on 28.1.2022	• ICAC, ACB, MACC & CPIB	by	Feb 2022	Ongoing
3.	Capacity Building	3.1 Upon completion of 2.1, identify organisational members having the capability of delivering training on the areas identified Progress: ICAC can deliver training on public procurement, law enforcement, AML, etc (TBD)	• ICAC, ACB, MACC & CPIB	by	Apr 2022	



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		3.2 Organise regional thematic capacity building training annually by the ACAs identified in 3.1 within 3 years ** Please avoid 2024 Q4 when the 8th ICAC Symposium, and back-to-back IAACA/ICAC Joint Training Programme will be held	To be discussed	/	/	Ongoing
		3.3 Meet with all ACAs on collaboration issues within 2 years (5 countries per year by each Regional Group member of AP) Progress: AP countries are administratively divided into 4 groups (see <i>Annex</i>)	• CAC, ACB, MACC & CPIB	by	End 2023	Ongoing
4.	Regional Organisations and Platforms	 4.1 Reach out to the regional organisations/platforms in promoting and expanding network of IAACA within 2 years - 4.1.1 UNDP Asia Pacific Regional Hub 4.1.2 UNODC – Regional Office for South Fast Asia and Pacific 4.1.3 ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific 4.1.4 ASEAN-PAC 4.1.5 Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering 4.1.6 Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions 4.1.7 Others (TBC) 	• ICAC, ACB, MACC & CPIB	by	End 2023	Ongoing
5.	<u>Publicity</u>	5.1 Invite contributions for each issue of Newsletters (quarterly)	All members	/	/	Ongoing
		5.2 Promulgate the updated IAACA website by providing its hyperlink on members' websites	Secretariat	by	2022 Q3	Ongoing
		5.3 Develop publicity materials (e.g. leaflet, Powerpoint slides, video clips) for members' promotion of IAACA in related events	Secretariat	by	Mid 2022	/
6.	Regional Coordination	6.1 Convene regional meetings quarterly Progress: 1st regional coordination meeting scheduled for 9.2.2022	• ICAC	/	/	Ongoing



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No	Areas	Initiatives / Tasks	ACA(s) Concerned	Suggested Timeline		Status
		6.2 Report progress to the Executive Committee regularly Progress: 2 nd Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 24.2.2022	• ICAC	/	/	Ongoing