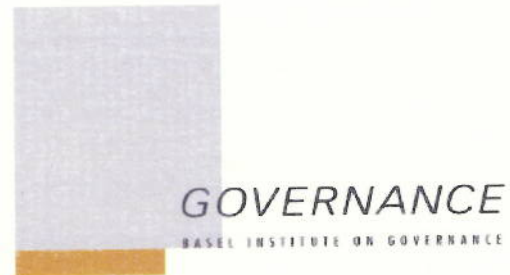




INTERNATIONAL
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Memorandum of Understanding

between

the International Anti-Corruption Academy

and

the Basel Institute on Governance

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (hereinafter referred to as "IACA") and the Basel Institute on Governance (hereinafter referred to as the "Basel Institute"), collectively referred to as the "Parties", are entering into this Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of jointly fostering the prevention of and the fight against corruption,

Concerned about the seriousness of threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development, social and economic prosperity and the rule of law;

Recalling the legal international instruments against corruption, especially the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the Council of Europe Civil and Criminal Law Conventions on Corruption, the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption, and the Organization of American States Inter-American Convention against Corruption;

Reiterating the need to ensure transparency, accessibility, accountability, legitimacy, impartiality and integrity in all systems created for the anti-corruption work;

Promoting the respect for the rule of law and human rights in all anti-corruption activities;

Being aware that preventing and combating corruption, which often is transnational in nature, can be substantially enhanced by international cooperation through sharing knowledge and expertise;

Noting that a primary impediment to effectively preventing and fighting corruption often is a lack of expertise and capacity;

Noting also that effective training and research programmes are essential to the efforts of countries and other entities to redress the worst effects of corruption;

Desiring, to explore, develop and strengthen collaborative efforts and cooperation in the field of anti-corruption training and research;

Acknowledging the efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Republic of Austria, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and by a growing number of other international stakeholders that led to the establishment of the first International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria, which shall function as an international, interdisciplinary and inter-cultural centre of excellence in the fields of anti-corruption education, training, cooperation and academic research;

Acknowledging also that the Basel Institute is a non-governmental organization that has made contributions in the fields of public and private sector governance, asset recovery, anti-money-laundering and counter terrorist financing as well as more specifically to the prevention and enforcement of corruption across the world by capacity building, delivering training, providing expert input, research and promoting the design and implementation of policies;

Determined to create a strong partnership that will enhance the sharing of anti-corruption knowledge and expertise between the Parties and other stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, IACA and the Basel Institute on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit intend, as appropriate and within the scope of their mandates, to cooperate closely and consult with each other on a regular basis and therefore agree on the following:

1. Undertake joint activities to prevent and combat corruption; this will include providing training and research activities for anti-corruption stakeholders, such as through (joint)

courses, seminars, events and conferences and through the development and implementation of common programmes, curricula and course materials. The Parties will also undertake joint efforts to foster and promote capacity and institution building activities.

2. On a voluntary basis, exchange anti-corruption information and related resources. This may include, *inter alia*, training and research achievements and publications. The Parties will inform one another of relevant activities which they organise and which may be of common interest.

3. Promote anti-corruption research and training activities, exchange personnel, consider and discuss issues that arise with respect to international cooperation in preventing and combating corruption (e.g., in a forum-like setting).

4. Meet periodically to identify possible priority areas for cooperation that present common strategic or operational objectives. In this context, the Parties will agree each year on a programme for the following year, to allow for allocation of resources.

5. Designate contact points to facilitate and further communication between the Parties.

6. Strive to offer the first joint training activities by the winter semester of 2010/2011.

7. Any commitment on the part of IACA or the Basel Institute within the scope of this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of resources.

8. The cooperation under this Memorandum is non-exclusive. The activities carried out on the basis of this Memorandum shall be without prejudice to the privileges and immunities reserved for each Party and these may be invoked at any time. Parties hold sole ownership over the course materials, publications and other such documentation which they produce, respectively, under the Memorandum, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The use of the above stated documentation, in joint efforts, will not infringe upon the sole ownership rights of the Parties.

9. The intention is not to modify, or create any obligations contrary to, the institutional and policy framework of either Party or the scope of their respective mandates. In the event

that there is an inconsistency between this Memorandum and a Party's framework, the latter shall govern.

10. Upon request of either Party, consultations may be held on the need for an amendment to be made to this Memorandum. Any such amendments will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the representatives of the Parties and have the same duration as provided for in paragraph 11, or as agreed to by the Parties.

11. This Memorandum will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the Parties. It will remain in effect for subsequent three-year terms, if neither of the Parties denounces it by giving no less than 180 days notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination shall become effective on the date specified in the termination notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, the authorized representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE in duplicate in Vienna on this second day of September in the year two thousand and ten in English language.



Martin KREUTNER

Chair, IACA International Steering Committee



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Chairman, Basel Institute on Governance