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PREFACE

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

After Bangkok in 2013 and Baku in 2014, IACA's Assembly of Parties is returning this year to Vienna, where it first convened in 2012. In this newsletter, we provide you with the latest information on this important IACA conference.



This issue also offers an update on our participation at major international fora, particularly the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, and on our recent global and regional capacity-building programmes.

We hope you enjoy the read and invite you to visit our website for more details.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Martin Kreutner'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

With best regards,

Martin KREUTNER
Dean & Executive Secretary of IACA

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IACA ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

Parties to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization* will convene for the fourth session of the Assembly of Parties in Vienna/Laxenburg, Austria, from 9 to 11 December to discuss key policy issues and other matters of interest. Major topics on the agenda include elections to the Board of Governors, achievements in implementing the Work Programme 2014 - 2016, the 2016 budget, and fundraising.

A high-level segment is foreseen after the opening of the session on 9 December, coinciding with International Anti-Corruption Day. The attendance of a number of senior officials, including Deputy Heads of State and Ministers, has already been confirmed.

In addition to the 64 Parties currently in IACA's global constituency, Observers are also invited to attend the session. Parties, Signatories, and partners interested in holding side-events alongside the session are encouraged to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible.



UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

From 25 to 27 September, IACA participated at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit at the UN Headquarters in New York. This key gathering of more than 150 Heads of State and government, along with 1,800



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delegates from all UN Member States, adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with 17 Goals and 169 targets to "transform our world for the better" over the next 15 years.

Speaking in the high-level plenary, Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA, welcomed the new bold agenda, but urged world leaders to strengthen anti-corruption efforts in order to effectively and efficiently implement it. Sustainable development and the fight against corruption go hand in hand and should ideally be "one comprehensive avenue, one

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compass for actions that sets our trajectory and shines the light for the way forward”, he said.

IACA contributed to the process leading up to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals through various high-level fora and capacity-building activities.

CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UNCAC

The sixth Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) will convene in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, from 2 to 6 November. It will discuss key issues regarding review of the implementation of the UNCAC, asset recovery, prevention, and technical assistance.

IACA will hold two side-events in the framework of this conference. The first, on 2 November, will bring together representatives of states and international organizations to explore how the anti-corruption campus can help achieve sustainable development. The second, on 4 November, will deliberate on anti-corruption education and training for implementing UNCAC, particularly in relation to chapters on prevention and asset recovery.



IACA REGIONAL SUMMER ACADEMY - LATIN AMERICA

The IACA Regional Summer Academy - Latin America will take place from 21 to 27 November in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This new programme is a regional version of IACA's successful flagship Summer Academy and targets Spanish-speaking professionals seeking to sharpen their anti-corruption work in this part of the world.

The interdisciplinary curriculum combines theory with real-world case studies, providing fresh insights into regional anti-corruption issues. IACA has again drawn together an exceptional range of lecturers, including Luis Moreno Ocampo, former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court,



Ronald MacLean-Abaroa, former mayor of La Paz and World Bank expert, and Claremont Graduate University Professor Robert Klitgaard.

The programme is co-sponsored by the Siemens Integrity Initiative.

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RECENT TAILOR-MADE TRAININGS

Drawing on its technical experience, IACA recently delivered two tailor-made trainings for its partners to address sector-specific vulnerabilities and enhance competences to mitigate corruption risks.



Officials from the Republic of Korea's Hydro and Nuclear Power Company were at IACA for a week in September and representatives from the Republic of Indonesia's Audit Board for two weeks in late September and early October. The speakers included Professor Friedrich Schneider, a renowned international expert on the shadow economy and its labour



market, who is also a member of IACA's International Academic Advisory Board.

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH INTERPOL

During a meeting on 28 July at the world police body's headquarters in Lyon, Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA, and Jürgen Stock, Secretary General of INTERPOL, agreed to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions. In recent years, INTERPOL and IACA organized two joint workshops on match-fixing in football to enhance awareness and increase knowledge of protecting the integrity of the game.



INTERPOL was also one of IACA's initiating partners alongside the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), and the Republic of Austria.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL EVENT

Just three days after the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA, was a panellist at a high-level side-event of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations General Assembly on sketching a human rights approach to corruption. Representatives from Morocco, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and Transparency International also took part in the event. The discussion served as a stocktaking exercise that will contribute to the implementation of Human



Rights Council Resolution 29/11, adopted in July, which noted with appreciation the capacity-building activities and specialized curricula developed by the UNODC and IACA, respectively.

MACS

The 2014-2016 class of IACA's Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) was on campus from 5 to 16 October for Module V on corruption, compliance and the corporate sector. The module was guided *inter alia* by Ramakrishna Velamuri, Professor of Entrepreneurship at the China Europe



International Business School (CEIBS), and Mikhail Reider-Gordon, a Director in the Disputes & Investigations practice of an international consulting firm.

On 7 October students participated in a thought-provoking debate on global anti-corruption developments, moderated by Pascale Dubois, the World Bank's Chief Suspension and Debarment Officer (pictured above). Panellists included several members of the International Bar Association Anti-Corruption Committee, including OECD Legal Affairs Director Nicola Bonucci and lawyers from Australia, Brazil, Italy, Nigeria, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Discussions focused on regulatory trends, corporate self-protection, the rise of whistleblowers, and the emergence of civil remedies for victims and the policy dilemmas that these raise.

The students also had a working dinner with Professor Matthew Stephenson of Harvard Law School. The topic of his presentation and the subsequent discussion was specialized anti-corruption courts.

The next module of MACS 2014-2016 will take place in January in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in cooperation with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. The third MACS class, 2015-2017, started their studies in October and will be at IACA in November for their first programme module.

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On 19 October Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary, shared IACA's expertise on the importance of anti-corruption for Security Sector Governance and Reform (SSG/R) at a meeting of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Security Committee.



OSCE Headquarters in Vienna. © OSCE Mikhail Evstafiev

"SSG/R must take into account and complement anti-corruption policies and strategies," he said. "For these to be effective and comprehensive, they need to be embedded in a broader framework of accountable institution-building that promotes a steadfast human rights and rule of law-based approach to security services."

"Each anti-corruption strategy must be tailored to the circumstances. However, all must embrace the four-pronged approach - prevention, education and public awareness, enforcement, and international cooperation."

Mr. Kreutner was joined in the panel discussion by Ambassador Marcel Peško, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, Kálmán Mizsei, Head of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine, and Laura Codruța Kövesi, Chief Prosecutor of the Romanian National Anticorruption Directorate.

PROCUREMENT ANTI-CORRUPTION TRAINING

IACA's third Procurement Anti-Corruption Training took place from 24 August to 18 September, attracting procurement and anti-corruption practitioners from around the world.

This specialized programme aims to reduce vulnerabilities to corruption in public procurement and bridge knowledge and communication gaps between procurement authorities and the private sector. During the course, participants work on individual research papers that explore an important anti-corruption strategy and recommend how it can be implemented in their home countries.

The Procurement Anti-Corruption Training is delivered by Professor Christopher Yukins from the George Washington University Law School, Max Kaiser Aranda from the Center for Anti-Corruption Studies at the Instituto Tecnológico de Mexico, and guest lecturers.



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