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FEATURE STORY

Historic Milestone: IAACA Hosts Inaugural European Regional Conference in Budapest!



IAACA proudly concluded its first European Regional Conference in Budapest, Hungary, bringing together more than 180 anti-corruption experts from Europe and beyond, discussing the challenges faced by agencies in EU in implementing EU's latest anti-corruption directives. Co-hosted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) of Hong Kong, China, Integrity Authority of Hungary, National Anti-Corruption Authority of Italy, and National Transparency Authority of Greece, this Conference marked IAACA's new initiative to foster international cooperation through strategic clusters.

The Conference featured high-level discussions on innovation, education, and policy, including the use of AI, big data, and digital tools in corruption prevention, as well as the challenges and opportunities arising from the new EU directive. A Regional Training Seminar on measuring the effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies further strengthened professional exchanges and international cooperation.

Strategic Cluster Model in Action



As the new approach, IAACA convenes regional conferences and training seminars that respond to the specific needs in each region. With the successful organisation of IAACA Europe 2026 events coupled with the support by Members of Executive Committee, IAACA partnered with ASEAN Parties Against Corruption, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and ICAC of Hong Kong, China to host Regional Training on Major Infrastructure Projects in Melaka, Malaysia in July 2026. The same model will be brought to South Africa where the Special Investigating Unit will host a regional capacity building programme on corruption prevention in October 2026 in partnership with IAACA and ICAC of Hong Kong, China. Looking ahead, IAACA will further expand its regional footprint with a dedicated training seminar for the Middle East, to be held in Saudi Arabia in April 2027, reinforcing its commitment to context-specific, high-impact anti-corruption capacity building.

Independent Commission Against Corruption
Hong Kong, China

International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities

National Authority for Probity
Prevention and Fight against Corruption



The Annual Conference, organised by IAACA in partnership with the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong, China and the National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption of Morocco, will be held at the Savoy Le Grand Hotel Marrakech on 25 November 2026.

It will bring together heads and senior representatives of anti-corruption authorities, international and regional organisations, and partner institutions to share experiences, explore emerging challenges, and strengthen cooperation in the pursuit of IAACA's mission. Themed "Building on 20 years of Legacy: Drawing Strength from the Past, Guarding Global Integrity for the Future", this IAACA flagship event will also mark the 20th anniversary of IAACA. A training seminar will be held back-to-back the Conference on 26 November 2026.

The programme and the line-up of speakers will be updated on the webpage from time to time as further details are confirmed. Members are invited to register through the event webpage to secure your place by 25 October 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you to Marrakech!

Event page: https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/iaaca-morocco-2026/index.html

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION & EXPERIENCE SHARING

Participation in International Events

IAACA actively participates in international anti-corruption platforms, extending inter-network communications and forging global partnerships. In August 2026, IAACA President Mr Danny Woo has concluded a successful five-day visit to Vienna, Austria, highlighted by a bilateral meeting with UNODC Executive Director Ms Monica Juma to further strengthen our global anti-corruption partnership.









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IAACA participated in the European Conference on Measuring the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Agencies, held in Rome from 16 to 18 September 2026. Secretary-General Mr CK Cheung delivered welcome remarks, highlighting IAACA's role in connecting authorities, facilitating experience sharing, and strengthening cooperation, and spoke in Session 7, "Regional and Global Trends in ACA Effectiveness." He also held constructive meetings with Executive Committee members, IAACA authorities, and partners to advance cooperation, regional engagement, capacity building, and joint initiatives.









Knowledge Nexus Webinar Series

The fifth and sixth Knowledge Nexus sessions brought the Series full circle—from the values that shape individual choices to the evidence that guides institutional action. Exploring the influence of integrity education on social culture and the practical measurement of anti-corruption agency effectiveness, the sessions affirmed that public trust is built both by preventing corruption before it takes root and by demonstrating, with credible evidence, that anti-corruption institutions are delivering meaningful results. Please visit the dedicated page of the webinars for sessions recaps and stay tuned for forthcoming sessions.







Leadership Nexus Webinar Series

IAACA successfully launched its Leadership Nexus Webinar Series with Dr Giuseppe Busia, President of Italy's ANAC and IAACA Vice President. He highlighted digital traceability, explainable human-centred AI, institutional independence, sustained global cooperation, listening-based leadership, and a legacy of collaborative integrity—where innovation supports prevention, transparency, accountability, and public trust.

GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The 1st IAACA Executive Committee Meeting of 2026

The 1st IAACA Executive Committee (ExCo) Meeting of 2026 was convened on 13 May 2026 where members reviewed organisational progress and discussed work programmes in alignment with the strategic directives. Here are the highlights:



Meeting new leadership of ExCo members:

Vice President:



Mr Leonard Gaoretelelwe Lekgetho
Head
Special Investigating Unit
South Africa

Executive Member:



Mr Syed Azmal Syed Ali
Director
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Brunei Darussalam



Datuk Seri Abdul Halim Aman
Chief Commissioner
Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission
Malaysia



Mr Ioan-Viorel Cerbu
Chief Prosecutor of the Directorate
National Anticorruption Directorate
Romania



Mr Moustapha Ka
President
National Office for the Fight Against Corruption
Senegal

Welcoming new members:

Djibouti

National Independent Commission for the Prevention and Fight against Corruption

Portugal

Portuguese Anticorruption Authority

Survey on Training Needs and Expertise

It is the continuous efforts of the IAACA Secretariat to understand members' diverse needs, interests, and areas of expertise related to training and experience sharing. It helps IAACA strategically plan and design future peer-learning and training activities, and establish a pool of experts in various anti-corruption subjects. Members are encouraged to complete the survey as and when new training needs emerge or new expertise becomes available.
https://subscription.icac.org.hk/survey-on-training-needs-and-expertise/

Contribute to IAACA Newsletter

All IAACA members are welcome contribute inspiring articles, exciting anti-corruption initiatives,

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IAACA 20th Anniversary: Share Your Story and Be Part of the Celebration

IAACA marks its 20th anniversary with two commemorative projects: an IAACA Pictorial and a Celebration Video. Members and partners are invited to contribute photos and stories showcasing IAACA's milestones, activities and global anti-corruption efforts, helping build a visual record of its evolution and collective achievements over the past two decades.

IAACA Email Address Change

Please be advised that the official email address for IAACA has been updated to iaaca@icac.org.hk, kindly update your records and contact lists accordingly.

