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International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025



2025



Introduction

The International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) is dedicated to promoting the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and supporting anti-corruption authorities globally. Throughout 2025, IAACA remains committed to the spirit of the "Hong Kong Declaration on Strengthening International Cooperation in Preventing and Fighting Corruption" to achieve closer international cooperation. We organized a diverse portfolio of activities to **foster international partnerships, enhance capacity building and strengthen online initiatives** - all to fortify the global effort to prevent and combat corruption.



Outreaching Programme

Meetings with IAACA stakeholders

In 2025, IAACA marked the first anniversary of the “Hong Kong Declaration on Strengthening International Cooperation in Preventing and Fighting Corruption,” which was signed in 2024, and continued to strengthen its partnerships with global anti-corruption agencies.

IAACA President Woo undertook a mission to the Middle East and Southeast Asia—visiting Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, and Indonesia—to promote practical collaborations. Notably, he engaged with delegations from various countries to exchange strategies, share training expertise, and explore cooperation avenues aimed at enhancing global anti-corruption efforts.



Saudi Arabia

President Woo welcomed by H.E. Mazin Al-Kahmous, President of the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority of Saudi Arabia



United Arab Emirates

President Woo met H.E. Humaid Obaid Abushibs, Chairman of the UAE Accountability Authority



Kenya

President Woo held a bilateral meeting with the six-member delegation led by Colonel (Rtd) Alfred Mshimba, Commissioner of the EACC of Kenya



Hungary

President Woo met the President of IA of Hungary, Mr Ferenc Pál Biró.



Brunei Darussalam

President Woo was warmly welcomed by Madam Anifa Rafiza, Director of ACB of Brunei Darussalam



Indonesia

President Woo (fifth left) had a meeting with Mr Setyo Budiyanto (fifth right), the Chairman of the KPK of Indonesia



Singapore

President Woo met Director of Singapore's CPIB Mr Sam Tee (left) and the Commissioner of the SPF Mr Hoong Wee-teck (right)



Outreaching Programme

Participation in international conferences

In 2025, IAACA's international engagement was marked by active participation in key global and regional anti-corruption platforms such as the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting, the APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group Meeting, Principals Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption and European Network for Public Ethics Annual Conference 2025. These efforts underline IAACA's commitment to fostering cross-border collaboration, exchanging best practices, and strengthening the international anti-corruption framework.



G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting

President Woo led a delegation and addressed the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group in South Africa



GlobE Network Plenary Meeting

Secretary-General Mr C K Cheung participated in Plenary Meeting of the GlobE Network in Baku, Azerbaijan



Joint Projects with UNODC and ICAC Hong Kong, China



IAACA harnessed digital platforms to maintain connectivity and advance its mission worldwide. The ground-breaking “Coding4Integrity Asian Youth Anti-Corruption Hackathon”, co-hosted by the IAACA, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong, China was held in Hong Kong in September 2025, engaging youth across Asia to develop innovative tech solutions against corruption. Virtual meetings and online bootcamps enabled continued collaboration and capacity building even amid global challenges.

Capacity Building

Regional Training Programme

IAACA places focus on mobilizing and training young professionals to fight corruption. The “Policy Guide for National Anti-Corruption Authorities on Meaningful Youth Engagement” (Policy Guide) was developed in partnership with UNODC and ICAC Hong Kong, China, leading to tailored youth programs in the Asia Pacific and beyond.



Brunei Darussalam

Following the launch of the Policy Guide, an in-person capacity-building programme on youth engagement was held in Brunei Darussalam in January 2025.

Thailand

The Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption of the ICAC, UNODC, the Office of the National Anti-corruption Commission of Thailand and IAACA had jointly completed the first-ever regional capacity building programme on meaningful youth engagement in anti-corruption work in Thailand.



Capacity Building

Knowledge Nexus Webinar Series



Recognizing the importance of continuous professional development, IAACA is committed to offering diverse capacity-building initiatives tailored to the needs of anti-corruption practitioners. The Capacity Building Programme comprises online webinars, joint training activities with partner agencies, and specialized training in critical areas such as forensic sciences and investigative techniques. These initiatives are designed to empower professionals with practical knowledge and cutting-edge skills, enabling them to effectively tackle the evolving challenges posed by corruption. Through this comprehensive approach, IAACA not only strengthens the global network of anti-corruption experts but also enhances their ability to combat graft effectively and sustainably.

Corruption Risk Management Guide for Prison Systems



Global experts and scholars put heads together for “The Guide on Corruption Risk Management in Prison Systems”

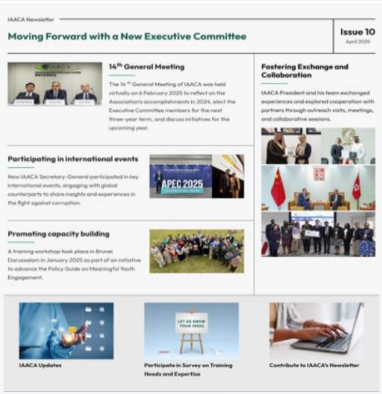
Corruption in prisons globally undermines social order, prompting the ICAC to collaborate with UNODC and IAACA to create "The Guide on Corruption Risk Management in Prison Systems," set to launch at the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in April 2026. Recently, 18 experts from various countries convened in Hong Kong for a three-day meeting, discussing proposals for the guide and engaging with criminology scholars at the University of Hong Kong. President Woo shared insights from his extensive experience with the Correctional Services Department, highlighting the effective anti-corruption cooperation model in Hong Kong, which serves as a reference for global prison systems.

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Online Initiatives



IAACA Newsletter (Issue 10 & 11)

Published in April and July 2025, these issues features the IAACA's 14th General Meeting, 1st ExCo Meeting of 2025 and a variety of exchange and training activities in 1st half of 2025.

You may read the Newsletter at IAACA's website:
https://iaaca.net/newsletter/iaaca-newsletter-issue-10/index.html

https://iaaca.net/newsletter/iaaca-newsletter-issue-11/index.html

IAACA members are invited to contribute short articles to the Newsletter, covering topics such as an overview of the agency and the new initiatives and events launched by your agency.

Survey on Training Needs and Expertise

The IAACA Secretariat is conducting a survey to understand IAACA members' diverse needs, interests, and areas of expertise related to training and experience sharing. It will help IAACA strategically plan and design future training activities. Additionally, it will establish a pool of experts in various anti-corruption subjects, facilitating tailored experience-sharing sessions in the future.

The survey is an ongoing exercise, and anti-corruption authorities are encouraged to complete the survey as and when new training needs emerge and/or new expertise becomes available.
(https://subscription.icac.org.hk/survey-on-training-needs-and-expertise/)

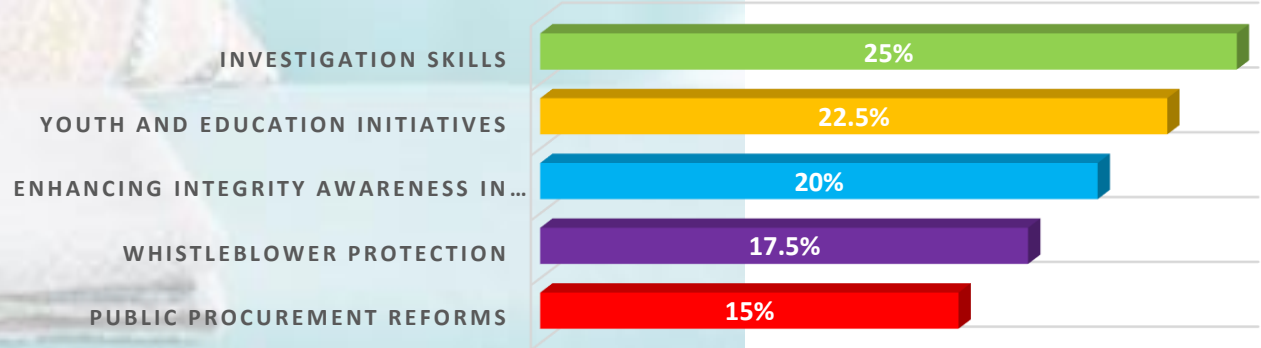
The preliminary findings among the completed questionnaires are as follows:

Top 5 Training Needs

1. **Financial investigations (4.47)**
2. **Incorporation of digital forensic techniques in investigations (4.47)**
3. **International cooperation (4.38)**
4. **Enhancing integrity awareness in public/private sector (4.31)**
5. **AI and data analytics (4.27)**

Average marks by the responding agencies:
5: topic with most urgent training need
1: topic with least urgent training need

Top 5 Members' Expertise



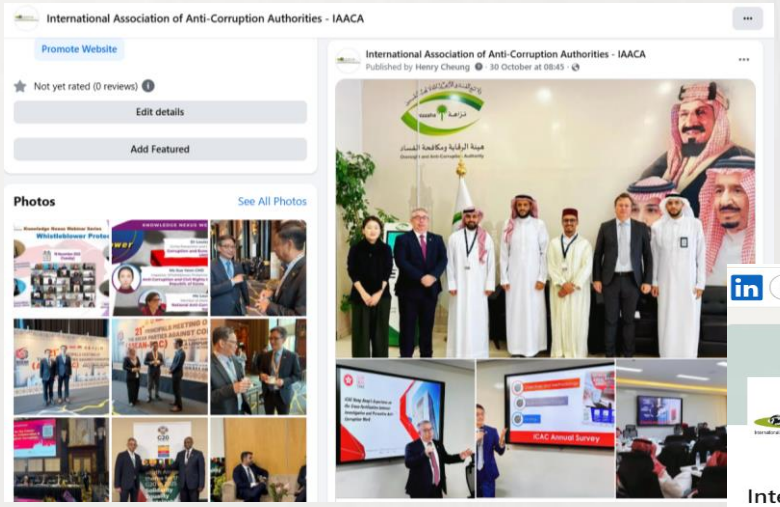
Online Initiatives

The Secretariat maintains and updates the IAACA Website, Linkedin and Facebook Page to keep members informed of IAACA's latest developments.

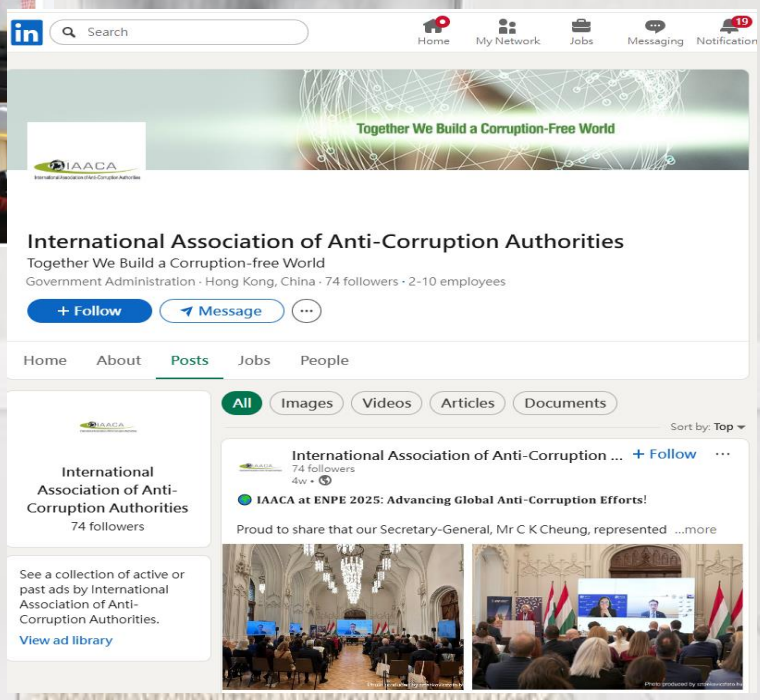
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Conclusion

IAACA's activities in 2025 demonstrate its commitment to fostering international cooperation, advancing anti-corruption knowledge exchange, and engaging the global community—including youth—in innovative ways. By connecting authorities through both traditional and digital means, IAACA strengthens the global fight against corruption for a more transparent, accountable world.

