



**International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)
Executive Committee
Minutes of Fifth Meeting (Online)**

**Wednesday, 23 August 2023
5:00pm, Hong Kong Time (UTC+8)**

Present:

President

President to be appointed

Mr Simon Peh

Special Adviser

Independent Commission Against
Corruption (ICAC)
Hong Kong, China

Mr Danny Woo

Commissioner

Independent Commission Against
Corruption (ICAC)
Hong Kong, China

Vice-Presidents

Mr Adil Abilov

Councillor to Minister

Director of International Cooperation Department
Ministry of Justice

Azerbaijan

[On behalf of **H.E. Mr Fikrat Mammadov**,
Minister of Justice, Azerbaijan]

Advocate Andy J.L. Mothibi

Head and Chief Executive

Special Investigating Unit (SIU)
South Africa

Members

Dr Eduardo Vetere (Honorary Member)
Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Datin Paduka Hajah Anifa Rafiza binti Haji Abd Ghani
Director
Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)
Brunei Darussalam

Ms Alexandra Rogkakou
Interim Governor
National Transparency Authority (NTA)
Greece

Dr Giuseppe Busia
President
National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC)
Italy

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

Mrs Nik Nurzai Mohd Zainudin
Assistant Commissioner
Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)
Malaysia
[On behalf of **Hon. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azam Baki**,
Chief Commissioner of MACC]

Dr Navin Beekarry
Director-General
Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC
Mauritius)
Mauritius

Mr Yassir Chokairi

Director of Cooperation and Development
National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight
Against Corruption (INPPLC)

Morocco

[On behalf of **H.E. Mr Mohamed Bachir Rachdi**,
Chairman, INPPLC]

Mr Cosmin Daniel Hălălu

Chief Prosecutor, Service for International Cooperation
and Programs

National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA)

Romania

[On behalf of **Mr Marius Ionut Voineag**, Chief
Prosecutor of the Directorate, DNA]

Mr Denis TANG

Director

Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB)

Singapore

Advisers to
Executive
Committee

Hon. Tan Sri Hj. Abu Kassim Mohamed

Chairman

National Financial Crime Centre

Malaysia

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)

Secretary-General

Mr Kenneth Wong Kwok-hung

Director of International Cooperation and Corporate
Services

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

Hong Kong, China

IAACA Secretariat

Mr Lawrence Chung

Assistant Director/International Cooperation

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

Hong Kong, China

In Attendance:

Mr Mkhumbuleni Thulani Mkhungo

Chief Risk Officer

SIU, South Africa

Mr Leonard Lekgetho

Chief National Investigations Officer

SIU, South Africa

Ms Nosihle Pearl Gumbi

Senior Manager (Corporate Secretariat and Governance)

SIU, South Africa

Mr Georgios Kasapas

Head of Strategic Planning and International Relations Unit

NTA, Greece

Mrs Nandita Suneechur-Nunkoo

Assistant Director

Corruption Prevention and Education Division

ICAC Mauritius, Mauritius

Ms Soumaya Sadiki

International Cooperation Project Officer

INPPLC, Morocco

Mr Jeffrey Wang

Senior Deputy Director

Intelligence Analysis & International Affairs

CPIB, Singapore

Ms Kari Ann Lucas

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC

Absent with Apologies:

Last President **H.E. Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al-Marri**
(Supernumerary
Member)

Vice-President **Mr Jorge Bermúdez**
Comptroller General
Office of the Comptroller General
Chile

[Vacant]
Director
French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA)
France

Members **Mr Serigne Bassirou Gueye**
President
National Office for Combating Fraud and Corruption
(OFNAC)
Senegal

Mr Alejandro Luzón Cánovas
Chief Prosecutor
Special Public Prosecution Office Against Corruption and
Organised Crime (ACPO)
Spain

(1) Opening remarks by the President

The President welcomed Members to the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCo). Noting that Ms Karen Chang of Serious Fraud Office (SFO) of New Zealand had tendered resignation from the ExCo, the President, on behalf of the ExCo, conveyed his thanks to Ms Chang and her predecessor Ms Julie Read

for serving in the ExCo since January 2022. IAACA looked forward to the continued partnership with SFO in its capacity as an organizational member.

2. The President recapitulated that the ExCo went through a comprehensive review on the Regional Coordination Mechanism and the Individual Membership in the last ExCo meeting. As it would take some time for the ExCo and the Secretariat to hammer out the work plan and work on the individual membership scheme, these two issues would be left to the future meetings. Nevertheless, ExCo members were welcome to nominate individual members as deemed appropriate.

3. The President reported that he led a delegation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Association of African Anti-corruption Authorities (AAACA) in Johannesburg, South Africa from 31 July to 1 August 2023 and gave a speech there. He highlighted in his speech the wish to cultivate and sustain a stronger partnership between the IAACA and AAACA. The IAACA delegation also took that opportunity to have bilateral meetings with 10 African anti-corruption agencies (ACAs) and international organizations to establish closer relationship with them. The trip allowed a fruitful exchange of experience, paving way for IAACA to enhance the cooperation with the counterparts in the African region.

(2) Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting

4. The Secretary-General invited Members to refer to the draft minutes of the 4th ExCo meeting at Annex I and reported the following amendment which was already incorporated in the draft minutes sent out:

Para. 14(b) - *“.....For instance, DNA (not “the Ministry of Azerbaijan”) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation respectively with the Prosecutor General Office and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Moldova.”*

5. Members have no further views and the minutes was confirmed.

(3) Adoption of the Agenda

6. The meeting adopted the Agenda at Annex II without amendment.

(4) Matters arising from the last meeting

7. The Secretary-General informed Members that the following matters as stated in the minutes of the last meeting would be reported in Part (5) of this meeting:

- (i) Para. 12(d) - *“SIU would host the Annual General Meeting of Association of African Anti-Corruption Authorities (AAACA) in South Africa on 31 July and 1 August 2023. A formal written invitation to the event would be sent to the President in due course.”*;
- (ii) Para. 14(d) - *“...The Regional Coordinator planned to organize a joint webinar with EPAC/EACN in the second half of June 2023. An online meeting was held with EPAC/EACN in early April 2023 to discuss the details about the seminar.”*

(5) Report by the Secretariat

8. The Secretary-General updated Members on the latest development of IAACA as follows:

- (a) **New members** - Following the last ExCo meeting in April 2023, 5 organizations joined IAACA as interim members. They were (i)

Prosecution Service of Georgia; (ii) Supreme Audit Institution of the United Arab Emirates; (iii) Corruption Prevention Commission of Armenia; (iv) Public Prosecutor's Office – Anticorruption, Money Laundering and Integrity Unit of Chile; and (v) Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials of Republic of Korea. They brought the total number of organizational members to 164. Their memberships would be endorsed upon the recommendation of the ExCo in the General Meeting by the end of this year;

- (b) **ExCo** - Ms Karen Chang of SFO had tendered resignation from the ExCo with effect from 31 July 2023. The information on IAACA website was updated accordingly;
- (c) **Online meeting with Office of the Comptroller General of Ecuador (CGE)** - In July 2023, the Secretariat had an online meeting with CGE, during which the work and vision of IAACA for enhancing mutual understanding to facilitate further collaboration was introduced.
- (d) **Joint Webinar with EPAC/EACN** - IAACA co-hosted a webinar with the European Partners against Corruption and European contact-point network against corruption (EPAC/EACN) on the topic of "Corruption without borders. How to cooperate to tackle it" on 13 July 2023, attracting over 400 participants from 75 anti-corruption authorities around the world. Speakers from ICAC of Hong Kong, China, DNA of Romania and EPAC/EACN shared at the webinar the latest global practices and experience in anti-corruption work, which enhanced graft fighters' knowledge and skills to effectively prevent and combat corruption. The Secretary-General took this opportunity to thank the speakers, as well as Mr Adil Abilov, Director of International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan, for

coordinating the activity and serving as the Moderator in the webinar.

- (e) **AGM of AAACA** – The President led a delegation to attend the 6th AGM of AAACA in Johannesburg, South Africa held from 31 July to 1 August 2023. Apart from delivering a speech to the delegates to share IAACA’s recent work in the African region, the President appealed to AAACA and the delegates to join hands with IAACA to win the battle against corruption. Moreover, the President had a meeting with the Executive Committee Members of AAACA to enhance mutual understanding and discuss areas of cooperation. The delegation also took the opportunity to have bilateral meetings with 10 African ACAs and international organizations to establish dialogue and explore collaboration. The trip to South Africa attained its aim to building closer and sustainable relationships with ACAs and counterparts in Africa. The Secretary-General extended sincere gratitude to Vice President Advocate Mothibi and SIU for their coordination and hospitality.
- (f) **10th Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC (CoSP10)** - The Secretariat had informed UNODC that IAACA planned to send a delegation to attend the Conference in Atlanta of the United States in December 2023.
- (g) **“Global Policy Guide for National ACAs in Meaningful Youth Engagement in Anti-Corruption Efforts” (the Policy Guide)** – With the joint efforts of IAACA, UNODC and ICAC of Hong Kong, China, the development of the Policy Guide was in its final stages. Members were apprised that the Policy Guide would be officially launched in a special event co-hosted by ICAC, IAACA and UNODC in the margins of CoSP10. It was planned that during the event, senior representatives

of the project partners would deliver remarks highlighting the importance of meaningful youth engagement. Besides, a couple of ACAs might be invited to share their experience in meaningful youth engagement, and the project team would introduce the conceptual framework of the Policy Guide. The application for hosting this special event was being reviewed by UNODC. Invitations would be sent to IAACA member authorities to join the event when further details were available.

9. Dr Giuseppe Busia apprised Members that ANAC had also applied for organizing a special event during the CoSP10 and looked forward to Members' participation in the event.

10. Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw updated Members that UNODC received a large number of applications for organizing CoSP10 special events. It was processing the applications and would discuss the arrangements with the applicants if necessary.

11. In response to the enquiry from Advocate Mothibi about the membership of SFO of New Zealand, the Secretary-General confirmed that SFO of New Zealand was currently an organizational member of IAACA.

(6) Resignation of the President, Mr Simon Peh

12. The Secretary-General informed Members that Mr Simon Peh had tendered his resignation from the post of President of IAACA with effect from 1 September 2023, and drew Members' attention to the resignation letter of Mr Simon Peh (EC Paper 4/2023, at Annex III). Mr Peh was invited to deliver remarks.

13. Mr Peh stated that it was his greatest honour to have served IAACA for over a decade, particularly in the past 20 months as President. He took Members through his participation in IAACA and highlighted the remarkable milestones. He concluded by extending his heartfelt gratitude to the ExCo members, the former and incumbent Secretary-General Ms Sally Kwan and Mr Kenneth Wong, as well as the Secretariat.

14. The Secretary-General expressed sincere appreciation to Mr Peh for his leadership and steer to the work of the Secretariat and IAACA. On behalf of IAACA Secretariat, the Secretary-General wished Mr Peh all the best in his future endeavours.

15. Following Mr Peh's farewell remarks, Members expressed recognition of Mr Peh's contribution and paid tributes to him in turns, particularly on his dedication and efforts in the global fight against corruption as well as his leadership on IAACA over the years. Mr Peh thanked Members for the kind words addressed to him.

(7) Appointment of Mr Danny Woo, Commissioner of ICAC, Hong Kong, China, as the new President with effect from 1.9.2023 until the next General Meeting

16. The Secretary-General proposed to Members to (i) appoint Mr Danny Woo as the President with effect from 1 September 2023 until the next General Meeting; and (ii) nominate Mr Woo as the candidate for the election of President in the next General Meeting for a new 3-year term. The Secretary-General drew Members' attention to the biography of Mr Danny Woo (EC Paper 5/2023, at Annex IV) and his vision in leading IAACA (EC Paper 6/2023, at Annex V).

17. Members expressed their full support on Mr Woo's succession of IAACA President and looked forward to working closely with Mr Woo in future.

18. Members agreed unanimously to (i) appoint Mr Danny Woo as the President with effect from 1 September 2023 until the next General Meeting; and (ii) nominate Mr Woo as the candidate for the election of President in the next General Meeting for a new 3-year term.

19. Mr Woo thanked Members for appointing him as the new President of IAACA and indicated that it was his honour and privilege to be entrusted by the ExCo, the Central People's Government of China and the Government of the HKSAR to take up the IAACA Presidency. Mr Woo, while recognizing the huge challenges ahead, looked forward to working with the ExCo to advance the mission to build a corruption-free world.

20. Mr Woo also shared his vision for taking up IAACA Presidency and elaborated his three strategic priorities in leading IAACA, namely (i) enhancing professional experience sharing with anti-corruption authorities and professionals; (ii) forging closer partnerships with international and regional organizations; and (iii) strengthening IAACA's online initiatives to connect graft-fighters. He appealed to Members for their continuous support to put these initiatives into action.

(8) Any Other Business

21. Members do not have other issues.

(9) Date of next meeting

22. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for late November or December 2023. The exact date was to be fixed.

23. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 6:15pm (Hong Kong Time).



**IAACA Secretariat
17 November 2023**