



THE 7TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE
OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
AGAINST CORRUPTION
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INTEGRITY MATTERS

Draft (TENTATIVE) PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2019

10.00 – 12.00	GOPAC Executive Committee Meeting (Venue: Salwa 1)
13.00 – 15.00	GOPAC Audit Committee Meeting (Venue: Salwa 2)
14.00 – 18.00	Registration for Participants (Venue: Dukhan)
16.00 – 18.00	GOPAC Board Meeting (Venue: Salwa 3)
19.00	Welcome Reception by the host (Venue: Salwa Foyer)

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2019

07.30	Registration for Participants (Venue: Dukhan)
09.00 – 11.00	OPENING SESSION (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by Chair of GOPAC • Keynote Speech by Dignitaries (TBD) • Opening address by Speaker of Shura Council, State of Qatar, HE. Mr. Ahmad Bin Abdulla Bin Zaid Al Mahmoud. • Photo Session
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.00	PLENARY FOR GOPAC Report (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium)
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch (Venue: Tent)
13.00 – 15.00	PLENARY SESSION 1 (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Good Governance, Stepping Up SDG 16

As the representatives of the people, parliaments have the responsibility to ensure that the exercise of power by the executive benefits all the community. Parliament can actively engage in the development and implementation of laws, policies, and practices that promote democracy and good governance. An open, inclusive and transparent government and parliament will strengthen trust in democracy and ensures the integrity of public institutions. The need to implement good governance is crucial as we seek to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including SDG 16 (peace, justice, and strong institutions). SDG 16 has outlined key targets we must reach to achieve better public institutions that promote democracy and good governance.

The session will elaborate on pathways towards openness and how transparency can support parliaments to deter corruption. The session explores concrete examples in the promotion of good governance and the implementation of SDG 16.

15.00 – 15.15	Coffee Break
15.15 – 17.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2 (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Own Integrity: Taking Ownership, Welcoming Accountability <p>Despite strong turnouts by voters in many national elections, many surveys on public trust often place parliamentarians among those who are least trustworthy. It is no longer enough for parliamentarians to subscribe to high standards, they must be able to demonstrate how they are open and accountable for their actions and decisions. Many parliaments have realised they need to re-evaluate their own Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to make sure the expectations of a modern, open society are being met by their parliament.</p> <p>Citizens today realise that democracy is more than just one election every few years – citizens want to be listened to and be part of the decision-making process. Parliaments need to therefore reassess that their ways of operating in 2019 are fit for purpose.. Integrity is at the heart of the anti-corruption agenda and today’s parliamentarians need to take ownership of their own integrity and demonstrate how they can be held to account. From citizen budgets to Standing Committees taking evidence in remote communities, modern parliaments are using technology and listening to their communities so as all citizens can be confident that the deliberation process and law-making are being conducted with the utmost integrity.</p>
18.00 – 21.00	Evening Cultural Event and Dinner Reception (Qatar National Museum)

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2019

09.00 – 10.30	<p>PARTNER SESSIONS (TBC)</p> <p>Partner Session 1 (Venue: Salwa 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner Session 2 (Venue: Salwa 2) • Partner Session 3 (Venue: Salwa 3)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	<p>OPENING OF AGM: (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and adopt the agenda for the AGM. • Consider and adopt the minutes of the preceding AGM • Consider and adopt Chairman’s Report and any reports by the Board. • Consider and approve the Audit Committee’s report and any financial statements from the Board. • Consider and adopt any operational plan and budget.
11.45- 13.15	<p>REGIONAL CHAPTER MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARPAC Meeting & SEAPAC Meeting (Venue: Salwa 1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APNAC Meeting & Regional Chapters in development Meeting (Venue: Salwa 2) • LATIN AMERICA Meeting & OCEANIA Meeting (Venue: Salwa 3)
13.15 – 14.15	<p>Lunch (Venue: TBD)</p> <p>(Working lunch for DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION (OPEN ENDED) (Venue: TBD)</p>
14.15 – 15.30	<p>RESUME AGM and BIENNIAL ELECTION SESSION (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports by Regional Chapters • Election of Chair of the Board (article 8.3) • Adoption of Resolutions, and Declaration • Consider and adopt any proposals correctly received to amend the Constitution and By-Laws. • Consider any other business connected to the aims and objectives of GOPAC.
15.30- 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.00	<p>CLOSING SESSION (Venue: Al Majlis Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks
17.00 – onwards	GOPAC Board Meeting (Venue: Salwa 1)