

# ISPAC

*International Scientific and Professional  
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## **International Conference on**

### **THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*at the initiative of*

International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations  
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The United Nations Convention against Corruption is now a reality. The Convention entered into force on 14 December 2005, only two years after it was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly of the United Nations and opened for signature in a political conference organized for that purpose in Mérida, Mexico. The Convention has been signed by 140 countries and ratified by 63 countries. The number of parties to the Convention keeps rising at a remarkably fast pace, especially in view of the scheduled convening in December 2006 of the inaugural session of the Conference of the States Parties, the body established by the Convention in order to review and support its implementation. The conclusion of the negotiations and the entry into force of the Convention in record time, together with the growing number of parties, are tangible demonstrations of the high priority accorded to action against corruption all over the world. The Convention represents the state of the art in its comprehensive and far-reaching nature, with innovative provisions on matters of vital importance that range from prevention to international cooperation and asset recovery.

This high priority and the concomitant political will that made the Convention possible have created great opportunities, but also present significant challenges. The attention that corruption and action against it command all over the world has helped to bring about significant reform processes, but at the same time has raised expectations. Frustrating those expectations could lead to disappointment and apathy that risk setting back the collective work of many years.

A crucial challenge thus is how to make sure that the Convention becomes the vibrant instrument that its negotiators aspired to create. Essential in this endeavour is full and well planned implementation by governments. However, beyond legislation, technical measures and steps, long-term success will depend on whether the Convention becomes a daily reality, on whether the substantive principles and messages it conveys are well known to all and converted into a way of life. Deep awareness and attitude adjustments are part of the needed emergence of a new “culture against corruption”. For that challenge to be met and the relevant efforts to be crowned with success, all stakeholders and contributors – governments, the media, civil society, academia and the private sector – must join forces and work together.

True to its long-standing tradition of creating opportunities to explore in depth complex and topical matters of international interest and making tangible contributions to the international community through the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, ISPAC is devoting its annual conference to the issue of converting the gist of the United Nations Convention against Corruption into a way of life. The Conference is designed to explore partnerships and ways to work together to make the Convention part of daily routines, to enable it to become a source of inspiration and a compass for collective, sustained, effective and successful action against corruption. In that vein, the Conference will bring together representatives of Governments, multilateral organisations, the media, civil society, academia and the private sector and give them the opportunity to engage in an in-depth dialogue about how they can work together and chart a common course for the future.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 15 December 2006

3.30 pm

### Opening Session

- Romano BLUA, *Mayor of Courmayeur*
- Lodovico PASSERIN d'ENTRÈVES, *President of the Courmayeur Foundation*
- Alberto CERISE, *Aosta Valley Region*
- Renato RUGGIERO, *Ambassador; President, Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale/ISPAC*
- Italian Government representative

### Keynote Address

Kuniko OZAKI, *Director, Division on Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime/UNODC*

### Session I:

#### The Government

*(The Role of the Executive, of Legislators and of the Judiciary)*

#### Chair

Cindy J. SMITH, *Chief, International Center, National Institute of Justice/NIJ, Usa; ISPAC Board Member*

- The Role of the Legislative Branch  
Martin ULRICH, *Executive Secretary, Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption/GOPAC, Global Secretariat, Usa*
- The *Guardia di Finanza* and the fight against corruption  
Gaetano GIANCANE, *generale di Brigata, Comandante del Nucleo Speciale Tutela Pubblica Amministrazione, Guardia di Finanza, Italy*
- The Role of the Judiciary  
Gherardo COLOMBO, *Judge, Supreme Court of Italy*
- The Role of Prosecutors  
Leonard F. MCCARTHY, *Deputy National Director of Public Prosecution, Director of Special Operations, South Africa*
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the fight against corruption  
Nils HAUGSTVEIT, *Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway*

### Debate

**Saturday, 16 December  
9.30 am**

**Session II:  
Multilateral Organisations**

*(Their role in technical assistance, assessment and guidance towards improved private and public sector governance)*

*Chair*

Eduardo VETERE, *former Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC*

- From the Letter of the Convention to its Spirit  
Brigitte STROBEL-SHAW, *Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Crime Conventions Section, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC*
- Assessments and Genuine Change in Governance  
Deborah E. SIEGEL, *Senior Counsel, Legal Department, International Monetary Fund/IMF*
- The Asian Development Bank Perspective  
Kathleen MOKTAN, *Director, Capacity Development and Governance Division, Asian Development Bank*

**Commentators:**

- Gabriel NEGATU, *African Development Bank*
- William LAUFER, *The Wharton School, Usa*

**Debate**

**3 pm**

**Session III:  
The Media**

*(Reporting on Corruption: Keeping the Information Flowing Increasing Awareness and Shaping Public Opinion: Lowering the Threshold of Tolerance)*

*Chair*

Nikos PASSAS, *Professor, Northeastern University, College of Criminal Justice, Boston, Usa; Scientific Co-ordinator of the Conference Proceedings*

- The BBC and the Training of Journalists  
Simon DERRY, *Director, Media Development, BBC World Service Trust, UK*
- The Role of the Press in Exposing Public Corruption  
Sebastian ROTELLA, *International Investigative Correspondent, LA Times, Usa*
- Financial Press and the Coverage of Corruption  
Glenn SIMPSON, *Wall Street Journal, Usa*
- Connecting Local with Global Media Action against Corruption

**Sunday, 17 December**  
**9.30 am**

**Session V:**  
**The Private Sector**

*(Engaging the Private Sector: Why Action Against Corruption Makes Good Business Sense)*

*Chair*

Livia POMODORO, *President, Tribunale per i minorenni di Milano; Secretary-General, Fondazione Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale; ISPAC Board Member*

- The role of the private sector and of multistakeholder groups in preventing corruption

Mark PIETH, *Board member of the World Economic Forum; Professor, University of Basel, Switzerland*

- The role of banks in monitoring politically exposed persons and reporting suspicious activities

Richard STOCKDALE, *Chief Executive Officer, Lloyds TSB Global Services Private Limited, UK*

- Chambers of Commerce as market regulators

Pier Andrea CHEVALLARD, *Secretary-General, Milan Chamber of Commerce, Italy*

**Debate**

**Conclusions / Recommendations**

- Eduardo VETERE
- Nikos PASSAS

*Conference Secretariat:*

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