

Sixth Global Conference Of Parliamentarians Against Corruption



YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

Theme: Bringing perpetrators of grand corruption to justice for a sustainable world where all

citizens can live in prosperity and equity

Tagline: Justice, Equity and Prosperity

Motivation: The GOPAC membership unanimously mandated GOPAC to establish grand corruption

as a crime at international law, to enable international institutions and alliances to apprehend, prosecute, judge, and sentence the guilty. This mandate was unanimously adopted at the <u>Fifth Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption</u>, held in Manila, Philippines, in February 2013. The issue was further explored in a <u>discussion paper</u> released by GOPAC in mid-November 2013, and again at the <u>Forum of Parliamentarians</u>, an event parallel to the Fifth Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, at the end of November 2013. Participants at the forum unanimously adopted a Declaration that set out GOPAC's path to take this issue forward. GOPAC is now recognized as the lead organization working against grand corruption, due to the firm decisions taken by our membership.

In addition, in September 2015 the United Nations will adopt its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Goal 16 includes commitments to accountability and fighting corruption. GOPAC believes that combatting grand corruption is not only a keystone to achieving the SDGs but is also part of a larger agenda for justice. There can be no

sustainable development without measures to fight corruption.

Our theme for the Sixth Global Conference will further consolidate our position on these issues and continue to build momentum. It will create a brand that will resonate with our members and anti-corruption stakeholders. In addition, due to the complexity and broad nature of the fight against grand corruption and its relationship to the SDGs, our panel sessions will incorporate issues relating to our Global Task Forces as well as our regional and national chapters.