

Module 5

International Anti-Corruption Framework

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International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is an international intergovernmental organization based in Laxenburg (Vienna), Austria that teaches government officials and professionals about anti-corruption measures. Membership to the organization is, without a mandatory membership fee, open to UN-member states and intergovernmental organizations. Through education, research, and cooperation, its goal is to overcome current shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption.

IACA was initiated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the Republic of Austria, and other stakeholders.

It strives to complement the work of the United Nations in the field of inclusive sustainable development, and to facilitate the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

In 2021, IACA has marked its Ten-Year Anniversary. As of 2021, the Academy has reached more than 4,300 anti-corruption practitioners, from 168 countries and jurisdictions, through training and capacity building. More than 2700 individual users registered at IACA's learning management platform to take online self-paced courses on various anti-corruption topics in different languages.

The academy's curriculum covers a wide range of topics related to corruption, including prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution. It also focuses on issues related to governance, ethics, and transparency. IACA works closely with various international organizations, governments, and private sector entities to promote the development and implementation of effective anti-corruption strategies.

Each organization/institution, public or private, wishing to cooperate with IACA is required to send a formal request to IACA's Secretariat, outlining

the nature and purpose of intended cooperation. IACA will then assess this request based on its needs and resources.

IACA's tailor-made trainings address the specific anti-corruption and compliance needs of individual organizations, such as government ministries, national anti-corruption authorities and audit institutions, and private and state-owned companies.

Organizations, corporations, and groups of individuals interested in a tailor-made training designed by IACA are required to contact IACA with their specific needs and ideas. IACA will then draft a proposal for such a training, taking account needs and requirements of requesting organization's sector. This tailor-made training will either take place at the IACA campus, at organization/corporation, or elsewhere.

In general, IACA's seminars can vary anywhere from one to five days and trainings can vary anywhere from a week to a month. IACA's master's programmes last for two years, combining on-site modules with distance learning.
