

**CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, EIGHTH SESSION**

**SIDE – EVENT  
Organized by ANAC  
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I. Program: International initiatives for the prevention of corruption: short to long-term perspectives.

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  - Introduction remarks by Ms.Nicoletta Parisi (Board member of the Italian Anti-Corruption Agency
    - ANAC, past-Chair of the International Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies - NCPA)
  - 09:15-10:00 Speakers:
    - Mr.Charles Duchaine (Director of the French Anticorruption Agency - AFA, current-Chair of the International Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies - NCPA)
    - Mr.Francis Ben Kaifal (Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission in Sierra Leone and President of Network of National Anti-Corruption Institutions in West Africa - NACIWA)
    - Ms.Mathilde Mesnard (Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD)
    - Mr.Anouar Ben Khalifa (Sr. Advisor, Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network - ACINET)

- Mr.Khalid Hamid (Executive Director of the State Audit Institution of the UAE, Member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions- INTOSAI)  
Moderator: Mr.Francesco Clementucci (Sr. Adviser, Italian Anti-Corruption Agency - ANAC)

## **II. Introduction to the works, by Francesco Clementucci**

The Italian Anti-Corruption Agency (ANAC) is a corruption prevention institution, with competence on transparency, public integrity of civil servants, anti-corruption strategy, as well as the supervision body on the public procurement.

In 2015, the past-President of ANAC judge Raffaele Cantone had the visionary idea to develop a network of agencies for the prevention of corruption. The reason was that although some regional movement on the prosecution and the repression of corruption did exist, nothing or not enough was done on the prevention of corruption, and if anything, it was not sufficiently operational and strategic. Corruption, like climate, knows no boundaries, it is a disturbing international problem, thus it needs a strong and well-coordinated multilateral response.

In 2018, during a GRECO event in Šibenik (Croatia), the Declaration for the Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies (NCPA) was signed (see more at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network>).

Today, we are here at the Conference of States Parties, in front this high-profile audience, presenting the Network, and establishing cooperation with other regional initiatives for improving integrity, in both the public and private sectors. In other words, we continue to work hard and with passion in order to give full and proper implementation to article 5 of UNCAC and in particular paragraph 4 in that "*4. States Parties shall...collaborate with each other and with relevant international and regional organizations in promoting and developing the measures referred to in this article.*"

This is exactly what ANAC with its partners is trying to do. It is now time to develop the Network of Networks in order to:

- unite efforts to improve the systematic collection, management and exchange of information among agencies;
- support the members in enhancing capacities and promoting operational independence;
- recognize and promote existing international and domestic standards for the prevention of corruption;
- encourage, inspire and partner with other regional initiatives for the promotion of integrity.

### **III. Introductory remarks by Nicoletta Parisi**

As said by Francesco, in 2015 the past President of ANAC, Raffaele Cantone, had the visionary idea to develop a network of corruption prevention agencies connected in some way to the Council of Europe.

As a member of the Board of ANAC in charge of international affairs, I took this challenge and I carried on activities to make it become a reality.

The Italian action for the prevention of corruption is inspired by a strong "mantra": the fight against corruption cannot be performed in isolation.

I took very seriously my commitment and I worked hard at the international level, in accordance with the mandate given by ANAC to an independent body, in accordance with its article 6.

Indeed, we need a unified strategy to counter this phenomenon, a strategy shared at a universal level, a strong well-coordinated multilateral response to corruption behavior, marked by these characteristics:

1. the establishment of a network focused only on the prevention of corruption;
2. a network that has to be very operational and strategic;
3. a network open to all State entities;
4. at the same time respectful of regional identities;
5. And able to instigate commendable and rightful practices.

Putting into practice that idea, I found the helpful support of French, Serbian and other domestic agencies.

The Network was born in Šibenik last year, in October.

Although the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA) is very young, it is already a solid creature, whose members share the same passion: that about fighting corruption. Indeed, the first part of the work of all its members is evident: the very beginning of a Manual of good practices to prevent corruption.

The tasks of our Network are many. In addition to what Francesco told us, I remind to you that the Network aims at

- recognizing, detecting and promoting existing international standards for the prevention of corruption;
- elaborating common positions and sector standards in order to propose them to the attention of both domestic authorities and multilateral institutions, therefore actively feeding the "progressive development of international law" in accordance with article 13 of the UN Charter;
- contributing in harmonizing, deepening and fostering domestic rules on corruption.

I remind you also that, when UNCAC calls for cooperation among States Parties, it means that it calls for cooperation among each body of a State Party. They must collaborate at international level, since the State acts through its own bodies and institutions.

Institutions are made by persons, by civil servants: each one has a duty to give full implementation of international commitments relating to his/her own responsibilities for prevention by, for example, exchanging domestic practices and information in a manner to cross-fertilize different legal environments.

Today we would like you to consider the benefit of a cooperation among different regional networks, all dedicated to the prevention of corruption in the specific geographical area.

Our Network is open to partners supporting and working towards strengthening anticorruption.

I hope that, after this meeting, we will continue to work together towards the best possible implementation of UNCAC.



## INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION: SHORT TO LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVES

December 16<sup>th</sup> (9:00 to 10:00am)

Conference room 1

National Exhibition Centre

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    - Mr.Jeffrey Schlagenhauf (Deputy Secretary-General at OECD)
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More info at [www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network](http://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network)

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