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During roughly one week, we had the opportunity to be lectured in São Paulo, Brazil, about how “Practice meets Science” in anti-corruption matters, which included an overview of the latest multi-disciplinary trends in the theoretical and pragmatic aspects surrounding the fight against corruption worldwide (with a very special focus on Latin America).

This seven-day intense training contributed decisively to strengthening our conviction that this is a yet very tough, but also absolutely necessary battle to be fought! Practice met science, and we realized that it was time for us to follow the next step in what we understood is a logical and natural progression in our professional journey: turn the CONVICTION gained into real and effective ACTION.

Both of us come from the private sector and have relevant backgrounds in Compliance, from a financial services and legal perspective, respectively. Our country, Peru, is currently facing a hard (and at times, frustrating) battle against corruption, but the public’s support has proven to be a very strong ally (actually, an essential one). As a matter of fact, for the first time ever, according to recent polls, since a while already, corruption is perceived as the country’s main problem!

We applied to IACA’s Regional Summer Academy 2019 *i.a.* with the expectation to find an environment charged with new inspiration that could reload our deed against corruption. In Brazil, we were able to confirm that in one of the emblematic countries currently battling against corruption, our idealism and convictions are shared by many different professionals from all over Latin America and other parts of the world. During the various lectures, we were made aware that this challenging struggle requires new insights, with clear and state-of-the-art perspectives regarding corruption (such as technology and effective international cooperation).

Indeed, it has become of paramount importance that practice be met and supplemented by science (technology). In our case, acknowledging this necessary symbiosis has contributed towards solidifying our strong CONVICTION that we are required to get more involved in the prevention of corruption, which in turn implies that this conviction unequivocally needs to be put into ACTION.

That is how we arrive at the formula we propose below. In our view, this formula summarizes our learning and takeaways from this IACA Regional Summer Academy, and depicts our next logic step:

PRACTICE + SCIENCE → CONVICTION → **ACTION**

In this respect, ACTION should be conceived as how we contribute (each and one of us), in a pragmatic and relevant manner, towards making a real difference in anti-corruption matters. Each and one of us, regardless of age, gender, political tendencies, religious beliefs, whether we are in the private or public sector, etc., have to compromise with this battle in favor of integrity and against corruption.

The path we have decided to follow in order to trigger ACTION, is to spread awareness in matters related to corruption, by means of incorporating a consultancy boutique specialized in compliance. Our boutique's name is "Integrity", because we believe that integrity lies at the very foundation of ethical decision-making both in people's personal and professional lives.

Hence, our ACTION will be displayed on a daily basis, by lecturing, speaking and providing advice to individuals and entities willing to embrace corporate integrity and ethics as main pillars of their endeavors and businesses.

The 2019 IACA Regional Summer Academy in Brazil has had a relevant impact on how we feel about corruption and, in particular, towards consolidating what for us had been an idealistic project until a few months ago. Now, we are definitely determined to convert our conviction into ACTION... and we are very grateful to IACA for making this happen!