



INTERNATIONAL  
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## Dedicated Scholarship Programme

# Empowering Foreign Service Officials, IO and NGO staff of LDCs to Fight Corruption through Education and Training

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## **1.0 Context & Rationale**

Corruption is disruptive, pervasive, and intractable. All countries, regardless of their level of development, are adversely affected by this problem; however, people in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are more vulnerable to its perverse effects. The agendas for poverty alleviation, human and economic development, fair and equitable access to public goods, and the satisfaction of other basic human needs are undermined due to corruption. The consequences of corruption are all too evident and have a multifaceted impact expressed in market distortions, political instability, social dissension and conflict, erosion of public trust, and the weakening of institutions, among others. To break this vicious circle, IACA equips professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to fight against corruption.

Corruption is also an issue which has come into renewed focus for the international community in recent years. The fight against corruption is reflected in the United Nations Agenda 2030 in the form of Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful, and inclusive societies. More specifically target 5 aims to “Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.” The United Nations “Special session of the General Assembly against corruption” took place this year (2021), bringing anti-corruption even more sharply into focus. The international community now recognises that the scourge of corruption can only be tackled through international and multilateral cooperation.

The nexus between diplomacy and anti-corruption is central to fighting corruption especially in LDCs where international assistance is needed the most. In order to provide education in this nexus IACA has partnered with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Two courses have been developed to this end: The Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (MACD) and the Executive Diploma in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (EDACD). The MACD programme is a blended course jointly thought over 18 months and carries 90 ECTS credits (conferred by IACA). The Executive Diploma programme is delivered entirely online over 6 months and is also jointly thought. Both courses are described in greater details under the activities section below.

## **2.0 Overall Goals of the Programme**

This Programme aims to provide foreign service personnel, staff of international organisations, and NGOs from LDCs with the skills needed to operate in the diplomacy-anti-corruption nexus which will enable them to engage in anti-corruption initiatives on the international level. It will do this by providing merit-based scholarships to IACA and UNITAR’s joint MACD and EDACD programmes.

## **3.0 Detailed Description of Activities**

Scholarships will be granted to foreign service personnel, staff of international organisations and NGOs from LDCs, as defined by the United Nations. The students may be nominated by their respective governments or can apply on an individual basis. The regular application processes for the MACD and EDACD programmes will apply, and only suitable candidates will be granted a place and a scholarship for these programmes.

Special consideration will be given to female applicants in an effort to further promote gender equality in LDCs as described in Sustainable Development Goal 5 which is "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls".

### **I. Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (MACD) programme description**

The Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (MACD) is a modular postgraduate academic degree programme delivered over 18 months, in a mixture of campus-based and online (live interaction), jointly by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Designed as an in-career programme, MACD has a compact structure and covers two disciplines, namely, anti-corruption and diplomacy. The programme offers a series of interdisciplinary modules which concentrate on concepts and practical tools for preventing and countering corruption, and diplomacy.

The programme includes subjects and cross-cutting themes relating to economics, behavioural science, ethics, law, compliance, diplomacy, international law, digital and cyber diplomacy, as well as essential skills for an international career such as negotiations, leadership, effective writing, public speaking, and stakeholder coordination and engagement. The programme utilizes lectures, case studies, interactive sessions, group work, and stakeholder discussions to identify best practices in anti-corruption and diplomacy. MACD modules are complemented by expert talks on anti-corruption and diplomacy topics. Programme delivery is campus-based and virtual live interaction, with one module taking place at UNITAR Headquarters in Geneva, ensuring effective knowledge transfer and the immediate applicability of the knowledge and skills acquired. The programme is completed with the successful submission and defence of a master's thesis for which a supporting course in research methods is incorporated into the modules. The master's thesis defence in this programme will take place online. Upon successful completion of the master's thesis defence, the graduates will visit IACA's campus, in Laxenburg, Austria, and attend their graduation ceremony, organized by IACA.

More information on the programme can be found at [IACA webpage](#)

### **II. Executive Diploma in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (EDACD) programme description**

The EDACD programme is a modular training delivered jointly by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The programme will be delivered over six months in an online format, combining various approaches, including self-paced learning, instructor-led and interactive sessions, discussion forums, and case studies.

The EDACD programme is designed to offer insight into two disciplines, anti-corruption and diplomacy, delivered through a series of modules focusing on practical concepts and cases of preventing and countering corruption, and concrete examples and skills of diplomacy in a multicultural setting. This programme will combine topics relating to the situation with corruption in today's world, legal instruments to prevent and counter corruption, ethical reflection and integrity concepts, digital and cyber integrity, information security, public relations, with the topics essential for successful career in international diplomacy, such as negotiation, mediation, and cross-cultural communication, among others.

The programme is completed with the successful passing of relevant tests at the end of each module with Executive Diploma in Anti-Corruption and Multilateral Diplomacy awarded upon completion of the entire programme.

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#### 4.0 Reporting (M&E plan)

Annual reports will be produced which will be based on the assessments of the students' performance within the framework of the each of the two programmes, MACD and EDACD.

#### 5.0 Implementation expense per student/participant

<b>Activity I MACD</b>	
MACD Tuition fee per participant	<b>€ 17,900</b>
<b>Travel Expenses for one module in Geneva, Switzerland</b>	<b>€ 2,920</b>
> Travel Insurance (Duration of Travel and stay in Europe)	€ 70
> Flight Expenses (x1 round trip)	€ 1,800
> Accommodation	€ 700
> DSA	€ 350
<b>Travel Expenses - Graduation Ceremony, Laxenburg, Austria</b>	<b>€ 2,285</b>
> Travel Insurance (Duration of Travel and stay in Europe)	€ 35
> Flight Expenses* (x1 round trip)	€ 1,800
> Accommodation	€ 300
> DSA	€ 150
<b>TOTAL PER PARTICIPANT ACTIVITY I</b>	<b>€ 23,105</b>
<b>Activity II EDACD</b>	
EDACD Tuition fees/Scholarships	<b>€ 2,821</b>
<b>TOTAL PER PARTICIPANT ACTIVITY II</b>	<b>€ 2,821</b>

\*Flight expenses are estimated based on IACA previous travel experience with participants from LDCs.

#### 6.0 About IACA & Institutional Arrangements

IACA is an international organization and post-secondary education institution, based in Laxenburg, Austria with currently a constituency of 80 Parties (76 States and 4 international organizations) and global network of over 3,200 Alumni. It is dedicated to empowering professionals to fight against corruption, and to overcoming shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption and compliance through education, capacity-building, research, and international cooperation.

It delivers and facilitates anti-corruption training for practitioners from all sectors of society and provides technical support and assistance to a wide variety of stakeholders including several national anti-corruption agencies, government ministries, and audit institutions among many others.