

Provisional Agenda and Annotations

Eighth session of the Assembly of Parties of IACA 2- 4 October 2019 Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan

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Parties are invited to submit proposals for further agenda items to IACA's Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but not later than 14 September 2019.

II. Annotations

1. Organizational Matters

The eighth session of the Assembly of Parties will convene from Wednesday, **2 October 2019, at 14:30**, to Friday, **4 October 2019, at Hilton Astana Hotel, Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan**.

Election of officers

According to Rule 22 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) (RoP)*¹, a President, two Vice-Presidents, and two Rapporteurs shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties that are present at the session. In electing the officers, each of the five (United Nations) regional groups should be represented by one officer. The offices of the President and Rapporteurs of the Assembly should normally be subject to rotation among the five (UN) regional groups.

Parties that wish to propose candidates are encouraged to consult on their intended proposals with their respective regional group. Parties are also kindly requested to provide information on proposals to the Executive Secretary of IACA's AoP at their earliest convenience, but in any case no later than by the second week of September.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Based on Rule 11 of the RoP, the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Assembly of Parties, which was adopted by Resolution AOP7-Res-6, will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration and approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session. The Assembly may decide to include additional items in the agenda.

Participation of observers

Pursuant to Article V of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization (IACA Agreement)*, the Assembly of Parties serves as a forum for Parties to consult on the overall policy of the organization and on other matters of interest. While only Parties have voting rights, the RoP allow for broad participation of observers including Signatories, non-Signatories, entitled United Nations Bodies, Specialized Agencies and Funds, and non-governmental organizations. Please consult the RoP for details on entitlement, procedures, and requirements.

Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

Rule 18 of the RoP stipulates that the credentials of representatives of each Party and the names of the persons constituting the Party's delegation should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, if possible, not later than 24 hours prior to the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation should also be submitted to the Executive Secretary. The credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by the Permanent Representative of the Party in accordance with its domestic law, or, in the case of an international organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

¹ Adopted at the first session of IACA's Assembly of Parties, which took place in Vienna from 29 to 30 November 2012, by unanimity. Available at <http://www.iaca.int/governance/assembly-of-parties.html>.

Please note that this Rule refers to credentials for a specific session of the Assembly of Parties only. In particular, it allows for a Permanent Representative of a Party, who has previously presented his/her general credentials to the organization, to notify, in accordance with the relevant national legislation, the Assembly of Parties of the composition of the country's delegation and issue credentials thereto.

General discussion

The general discussion of the Assembly will provide an opportunity for high-level representatives to address the conference, affording guidance for its deliberations and the achievement of its objectives. Given the significance of the matters to be discussed under this agenda item and the need to reach key decisions, governments are encouraged to be represented at the highest possible political level and include in their delegations policymakers and experts on the issues to be covered by the Assembly.

Furthermore, the high-level representatives will have an opportunity to express their views and set the political direction for the Assembly. Such organization of the session's work will also allow for more focused and interactive exchanges to take place under the substantive items.

The list of speakers under this agenda item will be opened by the Secretariat as of now and will remain open until the beginning of the eighth session on 2 October 2019. The list of speakers will be based on first come, first served principle, with the understanding that priority will be given to representatives of ministerial or higher rank. Speakers are requested to limit their statements to seven minutes.

2. IACA's Development: report by the relevant organs; review and discussion

The relevant organs of IACA will report on their work following the last session of the Assembly of Parties in 2018. A presentation on IACA's programmes and activities conducted since the last session will be delivered by the Secretariat.

3. Work Programme (progress)

In line with Article VI, paragraph 2, of the IACA Agreement, the Board of Governors (BoG) is requested to submit the Work Programme of the Academy to the Assembly for adoption. By Resolution AOP6-Res-1, the Assembly of Parties adopted a three-year Work Programme 2017-2020.

The Work Programme outlines IACA's strategic objectives for the period 2017-2020, reflecting the Academy's dual nature as an intergovernmental organization and a post-secondary educational institution. In accordance with Article XI of the IACA Agreement, these objectives also include, in conformity with Resolutions [AOP5-Res-2](#) of 11 November 2016, [AOP6-Res-5](#) of 3 October 2017, and [AOP7-Res-3](#) of 28 September 2018, the need to strengthen and safeguard the financial stability and sustainability of the organization, promote financial ownership as a shared responsibility among all stakeholders, and strengthen IACA activities.

A presentation on the progress of the Academy's core areas of work and Organizational Development will be delivered. Furthermore, it is expected that BoG will present a proposal on the Strategic Development of IACA,

4. Fundraising Activities/ Financial Stability of IACA

a) General

IACA reiterates the need for reliable budget planning and allocation of resources and therefore calls upon all Parties and Signatories for shared financial ownership and participation. As IACA seeks to further develop its capacities in line with its declared mandate and its adopted Work Programme 2017-2020, it is dependent on stable finances and reliable resources in order to successfully build up and effectively maintain its operational activities.

Delegations are invited to take the opportunity of the high-level segment of the Assembly of Parties on 2 October 2019 for pledging financial contributions. This event will allow for a high level of visibility, positive political exposure, and enhanced commitment.

The Financial Pledges Form, including an Explanatory Note on guidelines for voluntary financial pledges, is enclosed.

b) Report and discussion on the work and status of the open-ended expert meeting and the open-ended intergovernmental working group on financial matters in implementation of Resolution AOP6-Res-5 of the Assembly of Parties

Since its establishment, the IACA open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters (the Group) held five meetings (15 February 2019, 27 March 2019, 24 April 2019, 6 June 2019 and 10 July 2019). In its first meeting on 15 February 2019, the Group adopted Modalities and Terms of Reference (MToR) for the conduct of its activities.

The report of the Group containing a set of recommendations will be introduced for the Assembly's consideration.

5. Budget 2020

In line with Article VI, paragraph 2, of the IACA Agreement, the BoG is called upon to submit to the Assembly the Budget of the Academy for adoption. Based on Regulation 4 of the *Financial Framework of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*, endorsed by Resolution AOP1-Res-3, the Budget Proposal 2020 will be submitted to all Parties not later than 30 days prior to the upcoming session of the Assembly.

The financial ownership of the organization is a shared responsibility among all its stakeholders and a necessity for ensuring its credibility and legitimacy. In accordance with Article XI of the IACA Agreement, voluntary contributions by Parties represent a core way to finance IACA's activities, and thus IACA requires sufficient contributions across Parties. Notwithstanding the fact that contributions by Parties are voluntary, Parties are invited to consider foreseeing alternative methods of fundraising, including those outlined in Strategic Objective "plus 1" of the Work Programme 2017-2020, adopted by Parties at the sixth session of the Assembly.

6. Other Matters

The delegations are encouraged to raise any other matter which was not discussed during the previous agenda items.

7. Provisional Agenda for the ninth session of the Assembly

A draft resolution reflecting the provisional agenda for the next meeting of the AoP will be considered for adoption by the Assembly.

8. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its eighth session

A draft resolution reflecting the report of the eighth session will be considered for adoption by the Assembly.

III. Additional Information

1. Side Events

Delegations and partners who are interested in holding a side event are requested to contact the Secretariat by 20 September 2019.

2. Language of the Assembly

The official language of the Assembly is English. Official documents will be made available in English only.

Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the official language of the Assembly and shall provide for interpretation into the official language of the Assembly. This will be considered unofficial simultaneous interpretation.

3. Documents

Documents in electronic form related to this Provisional Agenda and Annotations will be available in the Assembly of Parties 2019 section of IACA website, www.iaca.int, along with other relevant documents and updates. Delegates are kindly invited to check the website regularly, as well as IACA Mobile App.

The Secretariat will provide each delegation with one complete set of documents at the conference venue. Delegates are therefore kindly requested to bring their own copies of the documents to the session or access them during the session via the website.

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