



GOPAC Funding Issues

Issues: Parliamentary capacity and performance reforms in preventing corruption occur predominantly in countries. Therefore, operational country chapters are essential for GOPAC results. To date country chapters have found different ways to become active; that is they have been successful in getting the support needed to undertake the needed learning and coalition building.

To become equally active, regional chapters and the global entity require funding from development organizations, foundations, the business sector or other organizations that see corruption as a major impediment to development, and who see parliamentarians as having an essential role sustaining corruption prevention. (Some foundations and other organizations may require a tax exemption for their funding. However, it is not possible under Canadian law for GOPAC, an organization of parliamentarians, to provide this benefit.)

Finally, individual governments, such as Canada and others have supported broad global and regional initiatives as supporting their international objectives. GOPAC's Global Task Forces have developed partnering relationships with expert organizations in preparing global guidance and tools for use primarily by Parliamentarians in country chapters. However this requires basic funding to establish and maintain those task forces. To date, Canada, through its Official Development Assistance funding has been the principal sustaining source of funding for GOPAC's global activity, as well as the African regional chapter. The United States has been a similar source of support for the Arab region chapter, through its Middle East Partnership Initiative.

Workshop approach:

Part 1: Country Chapter Practices - Brief presentations of different country chapter models:

- Charge parliamentary members a modest monthly fee;
- Partnership with an NGO;
- Align with a parliament;
- Discussion: including other approaches

Part 2: Funding Regional Chapters and the Global Activities:

- Trends in Development agencies funding related to Corruption and Parliamentary capacity building
- Overview of funding global activities
- Discussion: including other approaches

Part 3: Review of Draft Resolution



Draft resolutions for GOPAC Funding Issues, GOPAC will

- maintain the financial independence of regional chapters, but develop an integrated global program demonstrating how regional and global activities support improvements in countries;
- pursue continuing support for basic global programming from the Canadian government; however if that proves unsuccessful, seek another country to sponsor the global secretariat and program; and
- include within the global secretariat, expertise in supporting funding proposals of regional chapters, where they are aligned to the global plan (the plan which integrates global task forces and regional chapters activities in support of country chapters - consistent with the GOPAC).