



Harmonizing Programming

Issue: To obtain the greatest collective results from parliamentary capacity and performance improvement (related to preventing corruption), it is important that both global and regional chapters programming ultimately support the country initiatives identified through disciplined country assessments, such as provided through the country assessments supporting the global monitoring report. While in practice the programming has been largely complementary, there were procedures for ensuring useful harmonization. There also is a concern that more formal harmonization might imply that regions are not both financially and managerially independent of the Global Board and Executive of GOPAC. How can harmonization be strengthened, without losing the advantages of regional independence?

Considerations and current actions:

- Note that the GOPAC global agenda and policy positions emerge from the Biennial Conferences and that the key source for identifying needed actions are proposed to emerge from country assessment – a global needs oriented process.
- The GOPAC **Core Global Program** supports such alignment in two ways:
 - a) Secretaries to GOPAC Global Task Forces document the activities, information and tools of each area of programming in a separate resource centre on the GOPAC website – ensuring that all GOPAC members have convenient access to relevant information; and
 - b) Global Task Forces encourage application of the GOPAC policy positions and GTF prepared guidance in regions. This can be done by first “domesticating” the guidance to regional realities where that is useful and complementary regional implementation initiatives. GTFs are beginning to take these steps.
- Our **principal partners** have, to a degree, used GOPAC policy positions and GOPAC members in their own programming with parliaments and parliamentarians. If the assessment process were enhanced and maintained, it might encourage development organizations to align their parliamentary initiatives towards the initiatives proposed.
- There is no need for harmonization to preclude initiatives in countries or regions not well aligned with the global agenda and policy positions.



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- The GOPAC Board should put in place procedures to harmonize programming, consistent with its global agenda and policy positions on one hand, and disciplined and informed annually updated country assessments on the other. Memoranda of Understanding outlining how this would work should be considered by the GOPAC Executive and operational regional chapters.
- GOPAC should seek deeper partnering relations with our principal partners that undertake governance improvement initiatives where they support or complement the harmonized global GOPAC plan, as this can support corrective measures that country chapters feel are helpful.
- GOPAC Executive Committee should provide active support of regional chapter proposals that respond to GOPAC's policy commitments and global plans.