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Forward

Qatar is honored to be hosting the “Corruption-Free Asia: A Long-Term Vision” conference which brings together delegates from many parts of the world to work together strategically to build an international anti-corruption community. Qatar has recently become a ratified member of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, (UNCAC) and as such intends to be a fully engaged member of this Convention and a pro-active member of the international anti-corruption community.

Corruption has truly become trans-national and it is only through the commitment of government and non-government organizations (NGO's) to international cooperation that corruption can be combated and prevented.

It is through coming together at conferences such as this that governments and civil society can cooperate and collaborate to build, implement and refine effective strategies to prevent and combat corruption

The “Corruption Free Asia: A Long-Term Vision” is an important event for Qatar from both an international and local perspective, and gives impetus to the work of the newly formed National Committee for Integrity and Transparency both at home and abroad.

It takes political will, institutional ability and integrity across all sectors of society to create reforms to fight corruption. The National Committee for Integrity and Transparency (NCIT), with support from the global anti-corruption community is aiming to make such reforms by fostering a culture of integrity and transparency in Qatar, and by coordinating the work of corruption detection and investigation.

The “Corruption-Free Asia: A Long Term Vision” is the first conference of its kind to be held in Qatar, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank those high level dignitaries from around the region and beyond, who have come to Doha to participate in this international conference. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those members of the NCIT and the State Audit Bureau (SAB) who have worked tirelessly to coordinate this great gathering of members of the anti-corruption community and to make this conference happen.

As Chairman of the National Committee for Integrity and Transparency I am honored to welcome you to Doha for this anti-corruption conference and hope that the coming days will prove fruitful in providing positive dialogue and outcomes for a strategic approach to fighting corruption and ensure transparency in the region.

Salah Ghanim Al-Ali
Chairman, National Committee for Integrity and Transparency
President, State Audit Bureau

Conference Introduction

It is widely understood that corruption is a serious threat to good governance and deters investment, and that fighting corruption is essential to the proper development of economic, political, legal and social systems.

Working to prevent and combat corruption, including assurances of transparency and integrity is indispensable to strengthening the ability of a nation to build its capacity for enforcement, compliance and to attract investment.

In general, the Asia region has continued to lead the way in many global regulatory and administrative reforms required to fight corruption.¹

Conference Objectives

The aim of the conference is to improve the capacity of Asian nations to fight corruption and to adopt actions contained in the UNCAC: This will be achieved by:

- Improving the anti-corruption index ranking amongst Asian nations
- Encouraging Asian nations to enhance their role in international and regional anti-corruption activities
- Increasing awareness of anti-corruption in Asia,
- Exchanging knowledge and experience in the fight against corruption,
- Helping State Audit Institutions to control public funds,
- Enhancing the role of civil societies and educational agencies in detecting corruption, and
- Defending social and cultural principals and values.

Conference Participants

The conference has been greatly enriched by the presence of members of the international anti-corruption community. Representation at the conference has been made by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Transparency International, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, OECD, International Chamber of Commerce, Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, Supreme Audit Institutions, Anti-corruption agencies and Transparency Societies of number of countries from the region, major firms and other government agencies.

Such representation is a statement of commitment to the building of a strong anti-corruption vision for the region and contributes to the fight against corruption. It also gives impetus to the work of the newly formed NCIT here in Qatar.

¹ World Bank, "Doing Business 2006"

Conference Sponsors

The State Audit Bureau

The State Audit Bureau (SAB) has the authority to audit government departments, government companies and corporations and independent government agencies. The SAB reports are submitted on an annual basis to HH the Emir, to ensure the existence of transparency and accountability.

The State Audit Bureau is focused on ensuring accountability to and credibility of the State rather than acting as a body which investigates and audits through fault finding.

With the support and commitment of His Highness, the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the State Audit Bureau (SAB) has been given the mission to “enhance transparency, ensure accountability, and fight corruption.” The President of the State Audit Bureau, Mr. Salah G. Al-Ali, reports directly to the His Highness The Emir, and in his capacity as the Chairman of NCIT reports directly to His Highness, The Heir Apparent

The National Committee for Integrity and Transparency

In 2007 Qatar became a ratified member state to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). Further to this as a result of The Emiri Resolution No (84) of 2007 The National Committee for Integrity and Transparency (NCIT) was formed. This has given great impetus to the work of building an anti-corruption culture in Qatar.

The NCIT members are made up of representatives from key government ministries in Qatar along with representatives from the Qatar National Bank and Qatar Petroleum.

The NCIT is responsible for executing the commitments of the State resulting from its ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

The NCIT is also responsible for the development and implementation of a national strategy for enhancing integrity and transparency in Qatar.

Since 2007, NCIT has been working on anti-corruption strategy that focuses on the three core themes of corruption prevention; creating education and awareness of people about anti-corruption; and establishing effective processes for detection and investigation of corruption cases. The National Strategy for Integrity and Transparency 2008 -2012 is expected to help the State to realize its strategic vision of achieving the same standards of transparency as the top ten transparent countries by 2017.

Conference Time Schedule

Day One of the Conference Monday 9 June 2008

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Ibrahim H. Al-Sada – Secretary Gen. NCIT, Qatar

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
9.00-9.45 am.	Welcome Address National Committee for Integrity and Qatar (NCIT)	HE.Salah G.Al-Ali, Chairman, NCIT
	Key Note Address (1) Chief Justice, of Malaysia	H.E Abdul Hamid Haji Mohamad
	Key Note Address (2) Chair, GOPAC- Canada	H.E John Williams
	Inaugural address	H.H The Emir /or on behalf
	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ibrahim H. Al-Sada

First Session – Chair: - Dr. Ali Al-Merri- Attorney General in Qatar

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
10.15-11.15 a.m.	UN Convention Against Corruption	United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes. Mr. Dimitri Vlassis
11.30-12.30	Corruption in Asia – An overview	Mr. Cobus De Swardt. Managing Director, Transparency International

**Second Session – Chair:- Mr. Khalid Al-Khatter, Faculty of Economics and
Administration, Qatar University**

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
2.00 - 3.00	Common forms and Impact of corruption	Mr. Robert Beschel, Lead Public Sector Specialist, MENA Region, World Bank
3.15 - 4.15	Strategic Planning against corruption	Dr. Aleksejs Loskutovs Director, CPCB, Latvia
4.45 - 5.45	Top leader/ management support to fight corruption	Mr Daniel Li Ming-Chak, Deputy Commissioner, ICAC, Hong Kong

Day Two of the Conference Tuesday 10 June 2008

Third Session – Chair:- Pro. Dr. Shaikha Al-Mesnad (President of Qatar University)

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
9.00 - 10.00	Role of public awareness and education in Fighting Corruption	Mr. Soh Kee Hean, Director CPIB, Singapore

Fourth Session – Chair:-Dr. Fayzah Al-Hail(Director of Training Dept.) Institution of Administrative Development- Qatar

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
10.15 - 11.15	Detection and Investigation of Corruption	Ms. Theresa Hamilton, Deputy, Commissioner, ICAC, Australia
11.45 - 12.45	Controlling corruption in contracts and tenders	Mr. Renaud Sorieul, Principal Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Vienna

Fifth Session – Chair:- Dr. Rashed Al-Dosari – (Director, Institution of Administrative Development- Qatar)

Time	Topic Title	Speakers
2.15 - 3.15	Role of Accounting and Auditing in Fighting Corruption	Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Rashid, Chairman, GCCAAO
3.30 - 4.30	Business Ethics and Integrity	Mr. Richard Wiseman, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer, Shell, London
5.00 - 6.00	Transparency in Government Contracts	Dr. Hassan Al-Sayed (Dean, Faculty of Law -Qatar University)

Group 1 : Establishing an institutional framework

Time	Points for Discussion	Members
9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Efforts that are needed to get the full support of the top leader/management in fighting corruption b. Likely reasons for resistance to sign UNCAC and action that could be taken to overcome them c. Key elements of a national strategic plan to fight corruptionz d. Means to achieve effective coordination of work of various anti- corruption agencies e. Main measures to be taken in order to minimize/eliminate impact of corruption 	<p>Moderator: Mr. Cobus De Swardt. Transparency International</p> <p>Members: Mr. Ashok Sharma – ADB, Philippines</p> <p>Mr. John Williams, GOPAC,Canada</p> <p>Dr. Aleksejs Loskutovs –CPCB, Latvia Mr. Dimitri Vlassis- -UNODC</p>

Group 2 : Improving the role of education and public awareness in fighting corruption

Time	Points for Discussion	Members
9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Efforts that should be taken to inculcate ethical values from childhood in schools, colleges b. Ways to strengthen the role of education/ media and civil society in fighting corruption c. Necessity of training employees on transparency/anti-corruption and elements of such training program d. Measures needed for managing public awareness successfully e. Measures required for aligning national culture with acceptable business ethics 	<p>Moderator: Mr. Kevin Brady. AG New Zealand</p> <p>Members: Mr. Gerry Osborn, ICAC Hong Kong</p> <p>Mr. Neill Stansbury, Anti-Corruption Forum, UK</p> <p>Kuwait Transparency Society</p>

Day Three of the Conference Wednesday 11 June 2008

Group 3 : Strengthening corruption prevention practices

Time	Points for Discussion	Members
9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	<p>a. Important measures required to establish an ethical climate in an organisation</p> <p>b. Key aspects required for improving transparency and reducing corruption in procurement</p> <p>c. Key internal controls necessary to increase financial transparency and reduce corruption in an organisation</p> <p>d. Role that should be played by the auditors in preventing corruption</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Francois Vlincke. ICC. Anti Corruption Commission, France</p> <p>Members: Mr. Toby Webb, Editor, Ethical Corporation, - UK</p> <p>Dr. AK Banerjee, Additional Deputy Auditor General,- India. Shell International. (Local Representative)</p>

Group 4 : Enhancing effectiveness of corruption detection and investigation efforts

Time	Points for Discussion	Members
9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	<p>a. Measures/protection needed to motivate people to report corrupt activities</p> <p>b. Measures necessary to enhance the effectiveness of police, judiciary, auditors and investigation agencies in detecting and investigation corruption</p> <p>c. Role that should be played by investigative journalism in corruption detection and investigation and safeguards that should be built in to curb sensationalisation</p>	<p>Moderator: Hon Dato. Abdul Hamid Haji Mohamad. Chief Justice, of Malaysia</p> <p>Members: Mr. Soh kee Hean- Singapore</p> <p>Mr. Alex Brigham, Executive Editor, Ethisphere</p> <p>Dr. Ali Al-Merri, Attorney General, Qatar</p> <p>Mr. Patrick Moulette, OECD, France</p>

Final Session – Chair: HE Salah G. Al Ali

12.00-12.45	Way forward – Conclusions and Recommendations.	
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Conference Speakers

Mr. Dimitri Vlassis – Secretary of Conference of State Parties, UNODC

Mr. Vlassis is currently Secretary of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. His responsibilities include action against corruption and other forms of economic crime. He was responsible for the organization and servicing of the Naples World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime (November 1994), as well as the High-level Political Signing Conference for the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Mérida, Mexico, December 2003).

Mr. Cobus De Swardt – Managing Director, Transparency International

Dr. Cobus de Swardt is a South African sociologist whose work experience spans the fields of globalisation, development policy, international relations and multinational business management. He taught at universities in South Africa, Australia, Japan and Germany. He has worked for multinational corporations, trade-unions and research institutes in managerial and research-related capacities. During the 1980s and early 1990s he was active in the anti-Apartheid struggle in South Africa. In June 2007 he was appointed Managing Director of Transparency International (TI).

Dr. Robert P. Beschel, Jr – Lead Public Sector Specialist, World Bank

Robert P. Beschel Jr. is currently Lead Public Sector Specialist for the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa (MENA). He is responsible for coordinating the Bank's work on governance and public management throughout the MENA region. Dr. Beschel has a Masters degree in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Political Science. He has worked on issues of governance and public management in over 30 countries. He has authored and edited numerous monographs, articles and case studies on various aspects of public sector and administrative reform.

Dr. Aleksejs Loskutovs - Director, CPCB, Latvia

Dr. Aleksejs has been working as Director of Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of Latvia since 2004. Before that he was involved with the Department of Criminal Law Sciences in the Police Academy of Latvia in various capacities. He completed his doctorate in Criminal Law Sciences in the University of Latvia in 2003. He has been a member of important working groups of the Parliament of Latvia. He has participated in number of international events on crime and corruption. He has more than 40 publications to his credit.

Mr Daniel Li Ming-Chak, Deputy Commissioner, ICAC, Hong Kong

Mr. Li, a graduate of the University of Hong Kong, joined the Independent Commission

Against Corruption in 1977 as an Investigator. In October 2002, Mr. Li was appointed Deputy Commissioner and Head of the Operations Department. In 1998, Mr. Li was awarded the Hong Kong ICAC Medal for Distinguished Service by the Chief Executive. Between 1999 and 2002, Mr. Li was a member of the Interpol International Group of Experts on Corruption.

Mr. Soh Kee Hean , Director CPIB, Singapore

Mr. Soh-Kee Hean graduated from the Oxford University in Arts. He has been working with the Police Department of Singapore in various capacities since 1983 including as Director of Police Technology Dept, Police HQ. Since October 2004 he has been working with the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB). He is presently the Director of CPIB.

Ms. Theresa Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner, ICAC, Australia

Ms. Theresa was appointed as the Deputy Commissioner of ICAC, Australia for a five year term in January 2007. She graduated in law and during 1978 to 1990 she held various legal positions as barrister, crown prosecutor and solicitor. She worked in various senior positions and as the General Counsel to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (formerly Criminal Justice Commission) since 1990.

Mr. Renaud Sorieul, Principal Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Renaud Sorieul is the Principal Legal Officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. Since he joined the UNCITRAL secretariat in 1989, he was actively involved in the Working Group on International Payments. Since 2002, he is the Secretary of the Working Group dealing with issues of arbitration and conciliation. Mr. Sorieul holds degrees in private law and is a member of the French judiciary since 1981. Mr. Sorieul has written and lectured extensively on the work of UNCITRAL.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Rashid, Chairman, GCCAAO

Mr. Rashid holds degrees in Commerce and Public Administration. He worked in the Finance, Ministry of Saudi Arabia in various capacities since 1963 for about 15 years. He has been the founder member of Al-Rashed Consultants & CPAs firm since 1979. For the last 35 years he has been a Chair/member of the Board of Directors of various important organizations in Saudi Arabia. He has also been actively involved in the establishment of number of professional organizations on accounting, auditing and finance in the region. He is presently the chair of Gulf Cooperation Council Accounting and Auditing Organisation.

Mr. Richard Wiseman, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer, Shell

Mr. Richard Wiseman qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales and as a solicitor and barrister in Australia. He has been working with Shell Group of Companies since 1975 in various capacities. In 2006 he was appointed as Shell's General Counsel for Merger and Amalgamation and Project Finance. In 2008, he became Shell's Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer.

Dr. Hassan Al-Sayed (Dean of Faculty of Law, Qatar University)

Dr. Hassan Al-Sayed was born in Qatar in 1969. He completed his Bachelors and Masters in Law from the University of Kuwait and Jordan respectively. He obtained doctorate in Law from East Anglia University, United Kingdom. He started as a Teaching Assistant in Qatar University and in April 2007, he rose to the level of Dean of Faculty of Law, Qatar University. He has been a member of number of important committees and Boards in Qatar. Many of his research papers have been published in law magazines.

Conference Organizers

Conference Organizing Committee:

This committee was chaired by Mr. Salah, Ghanam Al-Ali, the President of SAB and Chairman of NCIT (almaalheeds@sab.gov.qa) and had as its members:

- Mr. Ibrahim Al-Sada, Secretary General of NCIT (alsadai@sab.gov.qa)
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- Mr. JamalAl-deen Hammu,Expert (himmoj@sab.gov.qa)

Sub-committees for the Conference

In addition to the main organizing committee, the following sub-committees handled specific issues:

- Reception committee
- Press and Information Committee
- Secretariat Committee
- Hotel Committee
- Budget and Finance Committee

Key organizations involved

- Qatar Airways
- Sheraton Hotel
- Dallah Advertising (Event Managers)
- Bristol Gulf (Media and Press)

