

NEWSLETTER

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ACGN MEETING HOSTED BY L'INSTITUT ARABE DES CHEFS D'ENTREPRISES (IACE) IN TUNIS, TUNISIA IN AUGUST 2016

L'Institut Arabe des Chefs d'Entreprises (IACE) hosted the recent ACGN meeting in Tunis, Tunisia from 1 – 3 August 2016. Held over three days and the first ACGN meeting to be hosted in the MENA region, the highlights of the meeting included:

- A Special General Meeting during which the amended ACGN Constitution was approved;
- A joint presentation made by Ms. Anna Kompanek (Director for Multiregional Programs, Washington) of the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) together with the Mauritius Institute Directors (MIOD) on their joint Integrity Pledge project;
- Participation by Mr Ezzeddine Larbi, local African Development Bank representative;
- Official signing ceremony with the Egyptian Institute of Directors (EIOD) as ACGN Member, Hawkama El Djazair of Algeria (HED) as ACGN Affiliate Member and the Namibia Institute of Corporate Governance (NICG) as ACGN Special Participant;
- Half day Capacity Building Workshop on Media and Communications; and
- Business lunch with Board members of the IACE.

Pictures from meeting can be found at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskFjobM8>.



Mr Gamal Khalifa (EIOD) & Said Kambi



Mr Ali Harbi (HED) & Said Kambi



Mr Escher Luanda (NICG) & Said Kambi



ACGN meeting delegates

SAM OWORI, CEO OF ICGU, BECOMES PRESIDENT ELECT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



On behalf of the ACGN, we would like to congratulate Mr. Sam Owori, CEO of the Institute of Corporate Governance Uganda, who was recently elected as the World President Nominee Designate of Rotary International for 2018/19, making him only the second African to rise to that level in 111 years of Rotary existence.

This is wonderful news and sends a good signal that good governance will be promoted at the highest global level of Rotary International. We wish Sam all of the best as he transitions into this role.

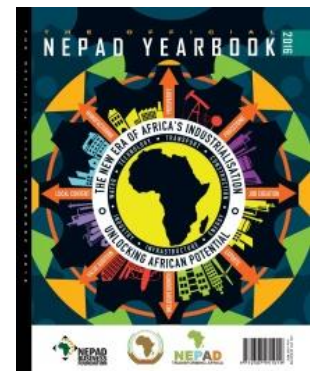
ACGN EY REPORT IN 2016 'NEPAD YEARBOOK'

A 2 page article has been published in the NEPAD Yearbook 2016 which publication is launched annually at WEF Africa.

Click [here](#) to access an electronic copy of the Yearbook.

A copy of the ACGN EY Report on the State of Corporate Governance in 13 African Countries can be found [here](#).

The NEPAD Yearbook takes the collective expertise of Africa's brightest minds and leading businesses and shares them on a single platform which is easily accessible anywhere in the world, and written in a way that appeals to investors in all major sectors.



This year's theme was 'The new era of Africa's industrialisation: Unlocking Africa's potential' and the publication was officially launched at WEF Africa, in Kigali, Rwanda.

ANTI-CORRUPTION RESOURCES

CIPE (Center for International Private Enterprise) shared with the ACGN both a printed copy of their recent publication [“Anti-Corruption Compliance: A Guide for Mid-Sized Companies in Emerging Markets”](#) and a link to their Anti-Corruption Blog [“Corporate Compliance Trends - Anti-Corruption Compliance in Emerging & Frontier Markets”](#).

The Anti-Corruption Guide is meant to help local companies around the world think about anti-corruption compliance as a strategic investment and take concrete steps to introduce or strengthen their internal compliance programs.

Click [here](#) to download an electronic copy of the Anti-Corruption Compliance Guide.

Click [here](#) to access and subscribe to the Anti-Corruption Blog.

Business Anti-Corruption Portal – Compliance Resources:

The GAN Business Anti-Corruption Portal is a collection of **free** anti-corruption compliance and risk management resources, including e-learning training, country risk profiles, and due diligence tools.

Click [here](#) to access the Business Anti-Corruption Portal.

IFC TOOLKIT – BUILDING DIRECTOR TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

This corporate governance toolkit focuses on building, developing, and supporting organizations that seek to improve the professionalism of corporate directors through training. The toolkit emphasizes the role, responsibilities and benefits of establishing organizations that train corporate directors.

The toolkit aims to provide such institutions with a step by step approach and a variety of mechanisms that can help them achieve self-sufficiency through quality services. The toolkit walks the user through the steps required to set up an organization that emphasizes professional development through education, certification and evaluation. Because many organizations that train directors are membership-based, the toolkit also offers information on targeting, attracting, and retaining members. Click [here](#) to access the toolkit which has also been shared on the ACGN website.

IOD KENYA INTERVIEW WITH CNBC AFRICA

IOD Kenya's CEO, Meshack Joram, appeared in an interview on CNBC Africa to discuss the governance framework in Kenya and promote the ACGN EY Report on the State of Corporate Governance. Click [here](#) to access a link to the interview and [here](#) for further coverage by www.cfo.co.za.



SAVE THE DATE: NEXT ACGN MEETING: 23 – 24 FEBRUARY 2017, ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE

The next ACGN meeting will be hosted by L'Institut National des Administrateurs de Côte d'Ivoire in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 23 – 24 February 2017. Additional details will be shared in separate communiqué. Alternatively, click [here](#) for further event information.

ACGN TWITTER ACCOUNT



ACGN now have a Twitter account! Our Twitter 'handle' or username is @afcgnc which you can find, follow and tag on related corporate governance tweets and news.

ACGN ON LINKEDIN

Invitations have been sent to all ACGN members and stakeholders to join the ACGN **LinkedIn** group. This group provides a platform for sharing of reports, events and information and to initiate discussion around topical corporate governance issues. Please contact monica.dowie@thenbf.co.za for further information and assistance in accessing this group.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2nd Board Secretaries Conference Africa from 17 – 19 Oct 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa with ACGN invited to participate as panellist.

Click [here](#) for further event information.

Afreximbank 3rd Annual Customer Due Diligence and Corporate Governance (ACDICOG) Forum from 26 - 27 October 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda, on “Sustainable Corporate Governance and Customer Due Diligence Practices in Africa - Progress Through Technology and Collaboration” with Mr Said Kambi as one of the panellists. Please advise if you would like to attend and I can facilitate an invitation.

Click [here](#) for further event information.

Institute of Directors Southern Africa King IV™ Conference 2016 on 1 November 2016 in Sandton, South Africa. Addressing the audience, will be a host of esteemed speakers, including an international panel from the Global Network of Director Institutes. Do not miss this important milestone and the opportunity to network with up to 1,000 delegates and prominent business leaders. Seating is limited. The IODSA are offering ACGN members a discounted affiliate rate to attend this event.

Click [here](#) for further event information and registration.

Business Ethics Network of Africa (BEN-Africa) Conference from 9 - 10 November in Stellenbosch, South Africa, with confirmed panellists Mr Said Kambi, Prof Mervyn King, Adv Thuli Madonsela and Prof Deon Rossouw.

Click [here](#) for further event information.

ACGN Meeting and INAD-CI Business Forum from 23 – 24 February 2017 in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.

Click [here](#) for further event information.

REPORTS AND OTHER RESOURCES



“Illicit Financial Flows” Report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa - Commissioned by the AU/ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. Click [here](#) to access a copy of the report.

“Africa Visa Openness Report 2016” – Prepared by the NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department at the African Development Bank. This first report of the Africa Visa Openness Index ranks countries on the openness of their visa regimes. The Index aims to be a tool for change, to inform and inspire leaders and policymakers to make visa reforms, simplify visa processes and apply positive reciprocity. Click [here](#) to access a copy of the report.



“Ethics and Business Integrity in Southern Africa: A handbook for governments as owners and state-owned enterprises” - OECD SOE Network for Southern Africa - Handbook focusing on anti-corruption and business integrity, and focusing on specific aspects for SOEs and their government owners. Click [here](#) to access a draft copy of the report.

EY “Global Fraud Survey 2016” - Global commitments to combating corruption and enhanced cooperation by international law enforcement agencies have increased the pressure on companies to mitigate fraud, bribery and corruption risks. [Read more...](#)