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OVERVIEW

The World Anti-Corruption Conference 2025 (WACC 2025) continues to advance the global integrity agenda under the theme "United for Integrity: Innovation, Collaboration, and Accountability in the Fight Against Corruption." Taking place on 24 October 2025 at Rhodes House, Oxford, United Kingdom, this year's conference will bring together distinguished leaders, policymakers, academics, industry professionals, and youth advocates from around the world to reaffirm their shared commitment to transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.

Building on the success of WACC 2024 in Bangkok, WACC 2025 aims to deepen international collaboration by exploring how innovation, digital transformation, and cross-sector partnerships can strengthen the global fight against corruption. The conference will serve as a platform to translate ideas into action through four key pillars: global compliance and governance, fintech and digital tools, youth leadership in integrity, and technological solutions for transparency and accountability.

Corruption continues to undermine trust, weaken institutions, and hinder sustainable development worldwide. In an era defined by technological change and global interdependence, the need for innovation and accountability has never been more urgent. WACC 2025 will highlight how advancements in data analytics, artificial intelligence, and financial technology can enhance oversight systems, strengthen compliance mechanisms, and promote ethical conduct across both public and private sectors.

The conference will feature high-level keynote addresses, expert-led panel discussions, and interactive sessions that encourage open dialogue between governments, businesses, academia, and civil society. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange insights, share best practices, and forge new partnerships that advance integrity and reform agendas in their respective countries.

By convening in Oxford, a global centre of scholarship and leadership, WACC 2025 seeks to inspire meaningful discourse, evidence-based policymaking, and the next generation of integrity champions.

In conclusion, WACC 2025 represents both a continuation and an evolution of the global anti-corruption movement. Through innovation, collaboration, and accountability, it will reaffirm the world's collective resolve to build transparent, resilient, and trustworthy institutions for a fairer and more just future.

OBJECTIVE

Raising Awareness: To enhance global understanding of the impact of corruption on economies, societies, and sustainable development, while highlighting how innovation and accountability can serve as powerful tools to strengthen integrity systems worldwide.

Sharing Knowledge and Experiences: To provide a platform for experts, policymakers, academics, and industry leaders to exchange insights, case studies, and best practices on effective anti-corruption measures, digital transformation, and governance reforms implemented across diverse regions and sectors.

Driving Policy Development and Reform: To facilitate constructive dialogue and policy-oriented discussions that support the formulation of practical, evidence-based anti-corruption strategies at national, regional, and international levels.

Strengthening Capacity and Leadership: To empower stakeholders including government officials, compliance professionals, youth leaders, and civil society representatives with the tools, skills, and knowledge necessary to implement effective anti-corruption initiatives in their respective fields.

Fostering Networking and Collaboration: To encourage meaningful partnerships and alliances among participants from different sectors and countries, fostering sustained cooperation, research exchange, and joint initiatives in the ongoing global fight against corruption.

1st MALAYSIA ANTI-CORRUPTION FORUM

In a concerted effort to tackle the pervasive issue of corruption, Malaysia hosted its inaugural Anti-Corruption Forum on September 5, 2019. The forum, organized by the International Strategy Institute (ISI), sought to address the nation's pressing anti-corruption challenges. At the time, Malaysia was ranked 61st on the 2019 Corruption Perception Index (CPI), reflecting a need for robust measures to combat corruption and promote transparency.

The 1st MACF represented a pivotal moment in Malaysia's anti-corruption journey. The forum was convened in response to a series of high-profile corruption scandals that had garnered international attention. It provided a platform for key stakeholders, including government officials, business leaders, media representatives, and civil society, to engage in meaningful discussions about combating corruption and enhancing governance.

A significant milestone discussed at the forum was the establishment of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP). These initiatives were crucial steps in Malaysia's strategy to address corruption comprehensively. The forum allowed participants to explore these frameworks in depth and propose improvements to strengthen their impact.

The event's agenda prominently featured discussions on corporate liability laws, which are vital for reducing corruption's detrimental effects on businesses and the broader economy. The forum underscored the importance of implementing strong legal frameworks to foster ethical behaviour and support anti-corruption efforts within the private sector.

Networking opportunities provided by the forum were equally significant. The event facilitated crucial connections between government agencies and the private sector, overcoming barriers that had previously impeded progress. This collaboration was essential for advancing Malaysia's anti-corruption objectives and creating a more transparent and accountable environment.

The 1st Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum was a landmark event that set the stage for Malaysia's ongoing anti-corruption efforts. By fostering dialogue, collaboration, and innovation, the forum played a vital role in shaping the nation's strategy to combat corruption and promote a culture of integrity and transparency.

2nd MALAYSIA ANTI-CORRUPTION FORUM

Continuing its commitment to combating corruption, Malaysia hosted the 2nd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum on September 3, 2020. The event, organized by the International Strategy Institute (ISI), addressed ongoing challenges in the fight against corruption, despite Malaysia's improved position to 51st on the 2020 Corruption Perception Index (CPI). The forum aimed to advance the nation's anti-corruption strategies and foster collaboration among various stakeholders.

The 2nd MACF highlighted the progress Malaysia had made in its anti-corruption efforts, including the work of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP). Despite these advancements, the forum recognized that significant challenges remained, particularly in addressing issues related to economic development and income inequality.

One of the forum's primary focuses was on enhancing the existing anti-corruption frameworks. Discussions included strategies for improving transparency and accountability within both public and private sectors. Participants engaged in brainstorming sessions to develop actionable proposals aimed at bolstering the MACC's efforts and ensuring that anti-corruption measures were effectively implemented.

The event also served as a critical platform for fostering continued dialogue and partnerships between government agencies, media representatives, and the private sector. By encouraging collaboration and information exchange, the forum aimed to strengthen collective efforts in the fight against corruption and support Malaysia's goal of becoming a high-income nation characterized by integrity and transparency.

The 2nd MACF underscored the importance of sustained commitment to anti-corruption initiatives. It provided valuable insights into the evolving landscape of corruption and offered practical solutions to address ongoing challenges. The forum's discussions and outcomes contributed significantly to Malaysia's ongoing efforts to create a more transparent and accountable governance framework.

3rd MALAYSIA ANTI-CORRUPTION FORUM

Corruption remains a formidable global challenge, affecting economies and societies across all levels. Recognizing the need for concerted action, the 3rd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum (3rd MACF), organized by the International Strategy Institute (ISI), was held on the 24th of May 2022 at The Everly, Putrajaya. This forum provided a vital platform for government authorities, policymakers, law enforcers, media representatives, and private sector leaders to collaborate and address the pervasive issue of corruption.

The forum's discussions were comprehensive, focusing on enhancing anti-corruption laws, improving enforcement mechanisms, and fostering a culture of integrity within both the public and private sectors. Participants shared insights and experiences, aiming to formulate actionable proposals for submission to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). The event underscored Malaysia's commitment to combating corruption and promoting transparency, seeking to reclaim the nation's position as a trusted and accountable entity on the global stage.

A significant theme of the forum was the impact of corruption on the private sector. Corruption's role in inflating business costs, distorting market competition, and posing legal and reputational risks was thoroughly examined. Strategies for mitigating these risks were discussed, with a focus on robust compliance programs and ethical business practices. Participants also explored case studies from other countries, drawing valuable lessons that could be applied within the Malaysian context.

The broader societal impacts of corruption were also a focal point of the forum. Discussions highlighted how corruption disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, exacerbating poverty and inequality. The need for inclusive anti-corruption strategies that address these root causes was emphasized, promoting social justice and galvanizing public support for anti-corruption efforts.

The 3rd MACF was a pivotal event in Malaysia's ongoing battle against corruption. By fostering dialogue, collaboration, and innovation, the forum significantly contributed to shaping the nation's anti-corruption strategies. The outcomes of this event reinforced Malaysia's commitment to integrity and transparency, positioning the nation for meaningful progress in its fight against corruption. Through continued efforts and collective action, Malaysia is poised to make substantial strides towards a corruption-free future.

World Anti-Corruption Conferences 2023

The World Anti-Corruption Conference 2023 (WACC 2023), held on 16 November 2023 at the Royal Kuningan Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, successfully highlighted global efforts to combat corruption and enhance governance. Under the theme “Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance Together,” the conference served as a crucial platform for leaders, policymakers, experts, and civil society representatives to unite in the fight against corruption.

During WACC 2023, Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Haji Azam Bin Baki, Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), made a powerful statement on the necessity of strong political will to address corruption. He highlighted Malaysia’s significant step in integrating the National Centre for Governance, Integrity, and Anti-Corruption (GIACC) into MACC, effective April 18, 2023. This strategic consolidation reflects Malaysia’s commitment to enhancing governance and integrity through unified oversight and coordinated action.

The conference featured a series of high-impact discussions and workshops focused on innovative anti-corruption strategies. Key themes included strengthening law enforcement mechanisms, enhancing global governance frameworks, and preventing the misuse of legal systems to evade accountability. Participants explored practical approaches to reinforce anti-corruption measures and foster international cooperation, aiming to build more transparent and accountable systems worldwide.

One of the major highlights of WACC 2023 was the emphasis on leveraging new technologies and collaborative networks to address corruption. Keynote speakers and panellists shared insights on how digital tools, such as blockchain and AI, can be utilized to detect and prevent corrupt practices, while also stressing the importance of protecting whistle-blowers and improving legal frameworks to prevent corruption.

The conference underscored Indonesia's commitment to anti-corruption efforts as a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Hosting the event provided Indonesia with a platform to showcase its advancements in anti-corruption measures and to engage in meaningful dialogue with global stakeholders. This setting allowed for a rich exchange of ideas and best practices, contributing to the broader goal of fostering integrity and transparency.

Overall, WACC 2023 achieved its objectives of raising awareness, sharing knowledge, and fostering collaboration among anti-corruption advocates. The event set the stage for continued global dialogue and action, reaffirming the collective commitment to building a corrupt-free future. The insights gained from the conference will inform and inspire future anti-corruption initiatives, paving the way for meaningful progress in the global fight against corruption.

World Anti-Corruption Conferences 2024

The World Anti-Corruption Conference 2024 (WACC 2024), held on 22 October 2024 at Rangsit University, Bangkok, marked a significant milestone in advancing the global integrity agenda. Convened under the theme "Transforming Trust, Eradicating Corruption: A Global Unity for Integrity," the conference gathered more than 200 delegates from across Southeast Asia and beyond, including government leaders, policymakers, academics, private sector representatives, and youth advocates.

WACC 2024 provided a crucial platform for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of knowledge to strengthen governance, transparency, and institutional integrity. In his opening address, Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong reflected on WACC's evolution from the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum (MACF) into an international platform promoting ethical leadership and cooperation. Dr. Arthit Ourairat, Founding President Emeritus of Rangsit University and former Vice President of the Parliament of Thailand, welcomed participants by underscoring the importance of shared responsibility and multilateral efforts to eradicate corruption. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, former Prime Minister of Thailand, highlighted the need for moral leadership amid today's global challenges, while YBhg Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil, Director General of Malaysia's National Anti-Financial Crime Centre (NFCC), called for a holistic approach that tackles corruption at its roots through better governance, transparent systems, and ethical leadership.

The conference programme comprised four high-level panel discussions: Law Enforcement on Prevention and Prosecution, Strengthening Global Governance Mechanisms, Preventing the Misuse of Laws to Evade Accountability, and Combating Government Corruption: Ensuring Accountability for Clean Governance. These sessions explored practical strategies to strengthen enforcement, uphold judicial independence, foster cross-border cooperation, and build a culture of accountability within public institutions.

Speakers and panellists from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore, Myanmar, South Korea, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Japan shared regional experiences and best practices, focusing on innovation, civic engagement, and institutional reform to advance integrity and transparency. In his closing remarks, Professor Vicha Mahakun, Dean of the School of Law at Rangsit University and Senior Advisory Board Member of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), encouraged participants to translate their insights into meaningful reforms that strengthen clean governance across all levels of society.

In conclusion, WACC 2024 achieved its mission of raising awareness, fostering collaboration, and promoting effective anti-corruption strategies through dialogue and partnership among governments, civil society, academia, and the private sector. The conference reaffirmed a shared global commitment to integrity, accountability, and transparency — paving the way for WACC 2025 in Oxford, United Kingdom.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

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Dear Distinguished Delegates and Participants,

Welcome to the World Anti-Corruption Conference 2025 (WACC 2025). It is both an honour and a privilege to address you as we gather once again to confront one of the world's most enduring and complex challenges: corruption. This global issue transcends borders, disrupts development, erodes public trust, and weakens the foundations of justice and equality.

As we convene for WACC 2025 here in Oxford, United Kingdom, under the theme "United for Integrity: Innovation, Collaboration, and Accountability in the Fight Against Corruption," we are reminded that the pursuit of integrity requires constant vigilance and collective action. Corruption today has evolved with the digital age, manifesting not only in public administration and finance but also within technology and global trade. This demands fresh, innovative strategies rooted in collaboration, ethics, and shared accountability.

Since 2019, the International Strategy Institute (ISI) has championed this cause through platforms such as the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum (MACF) and subsequent World Anti-Corruption Conferences in Jakarta (2023) and Bangkok (2024). These gatherings have grown into a global movement, uniting policymakers, industry leaders, academics, and civil society to exchange ideas, promote transparency, and strengthen anti-corruption frameworks. These conferences have driven policy reforms, fostered deeper international cooperation, and inspired lasting change on the ground.

This year's WACC builds upon that legacy with a forward-looking agenda that bridges innovation and integrity. Our four key sessions will explore critical topics: global compliance and governance, fintech's role in strengthening accountability, ethical digital transformation in the public sector, and empowering youth as champions of transparency. These discussions will not only enhance understanding but also generate practical strategies to guide governments, businesses, and communities toward a culture of integrity.

Our mission is clear, to move beyond conversation and turn commitments into meaningful action. By connecting global expertise with local realities, we aim to strengthen institutions, promote fair governance, and build trust in systems that serve the people.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our distinguished speakers, partners, sponsors, and all participants for your continued dedication to this important cause. Your presence here affirms our shared belief that corruption is not inevitable, it can be challenged, contained, and ultimately overcome through unity, innovation, and accountability.

Together, let us continue to uphold the values of transparency, justice, and integrity. The road ahead may be long, but through our collective effort, we can build a future defined not by corruption, but by courage, collaboration, and ethical leadership.

Thank you for being part of this global effort and for standing united for integrity.

Warm regards,

Mr. CY Cheah
Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)

PROGRAMME

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8.00am - 8.30am	REGISTRATION
8.30am - 09.15am	OPENING CEREMONY WELCOMING REMARKS **Mr CY Cheah** **Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)** OPENING REMARKS **Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil** **Director General, National Anti-Financial Crime Centre Malaysia**
9.15am - 9.30am	COFFEE BREAK
9.30am - 10.30am	TOPIC DISCUSSION 1 **Corporate Integrity in a Global Marketplace: Challenges and Strategies** This session explores the complexities faced by companies operating across multiple jurisdictions, especially in emerging markets where regulatory inconsistencies and corruption risks remain high. With increasing pressure from regulators and civil society, both SMEs and multinationals must build effective compliance frameworks and promote cultures of integrity. The discussion will offer practical strategies and comparative perspectives from different countries.
10.30am - 10.45am	Q&A SESSION
10.45am - 11.00am	GROUP PHOTO SESSION
11.00am - 12.00pm	TOPIC DISCUSSION 2 **Financial Innovation and Integrity: Fintech's Role in Strengthening Governance and Accountability** Fintech is redefining financial systems around the world, creating new pathways for inclusion—but also new risks. This session will explore how digital financial tools such as mobile banking, e-KYC, digital identity, and payment platforms can be leveraged to improve transparency, combat money laundering, and reduce bureaucratic corruption. It will also address how regulators can balance innovation with oversight to ensure financial integrity in a rapidly evolving landscape.
12.00pm - 12.15pm	Q&A SESSION
12.15pm - 12.30pm	GROUP PHOTO SESSION
12.30pm - 2.00pm	NETWORKING LUNCH

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2.00pm - 3.00pm	TOPIC DISCUSSION 3 **Transparency by Design: Embedding Ethics and Accountability in Public Sector Digital Transformation** As governments embrace digital transformation to enhance public service delivery, it's critical that transparency, ethics, and accountability are built into the design of new systems from the outset. This session explores how digital infrastructure—from e-government platforms to digital IDs and procurement systems—can be leveraged to improve oversight, reduce opportunities for corruption, and build citizen trust. Speakers will share insights into designing integrity-first digital strategies in the public sector.
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Q&A SESSION
3.15pm - 3.30pm	GROUP PHOTO SESSION
3.30pm - 4.30pm	TOPIC DISCUSSION 4 **Youth, Ethics, and Digital Citizenship: Empowering the Next Generation Against Corruption** As the digital generation rises, young people are reshaping how integrity and accountability are perceived and demanded. Through civic tech, grassroots movements, and education, youth across different countries are building pressure for change. This session explores how institutions can collaborate with young leaders to institutionalize ethics, support digital citizenship, and foster a culture of transparency from the ground up.
4.30pm - 5.00pm	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
5.00pm	END OF PROGRAMME SESSION

**Kindly note that the topics are not yet finalized and may be subject to further discussion or adjustment.*

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Our mission is to unlock the full potential of your products by introducing them to new markets worldwide. Through our in-depth knowledge and experience in international trade, we strive to maximize your cross-country exposure and open doors to exciting business opportunities. By leveraging our expertise, we ensure that your products are showcased to a diverse customer base, allowing you to tap into untapped markets and increase brand recognition globally.

At Mercury Commerce, we are committed to building a sustainable supply chain that benefits all stakeholders involved. We work closely with manufacturers, offering guidance and support to enhance their production capabilities, product quality, and compliance with international standards. Additionally, we establish strong relationships with reputable buyers, guaranteeing that your products reach the right target audience and achieve optimal sales performance. Successful cross-border trade should be mutually beneficial for all parties involved.

Our dedication to delivering exceptional end-to-end service throughout the entire cross-border trade journey sets us apart. From efficient order processing and rigorous quality control to secure packaging and timely delivery, we prioritize customer satisfaction and strive to exceed expectations at every step. Our team of professionals is always ready to provide personalized assistance, ensuring a seamless experience for manufacturers and buyers alike.

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DahPay

DahPay is an e-payment company built on the core tenets of high value-added entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation. Realizing the potential of the financial sector and the new economic model; Dahpay was created for hassle-free payment. Rather than carrying wallets around, the high number of smartphone users rely on their gadgets for all aspects of their lives, including finance.

Our aim is to create a strong, comprehensive and progressive financial system to underpin Malaysia's vision to become a developed nation by 2025. DahPay will be a full-fledged payment system for all kinds of payments and transfers, providing a solution to bring business to the next level.

Mymakanan

Mymakanan.my is a nationwide project organized by the International Strategy Institute (ISI). Mymakanan connects local food suppliers selling vegetables, chicken, cattle, goatfish, fruits, sugar, salt, flour and others to consumers across Malaysia.

Mymakanan aim is to help local traders and entrepreneurs recover from the pandemic and cater to customers who choose to shop online. Mymakanan has a ready list of food suppliers who can be contacted directly via phone or whatsapp to place an order. Meanwhile, food suppliers and manufacturers can register with Mymakanan for free for a limited period of time to sell the products online, through Mymakanan.my.

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We have over 20 years of hands-on experience in merchandise and retail and wholesale industry. We always aimed at being a Consultative of Brand IP Management for Malaysia Major Theme Park. Our Team live and breathe graphic design, which is the main area of our focus. In addition, team members have many experience and in love with most of the Major Theme Park in Malaysia. We are passionate about client's success and go the extra mile to ensure ultimate satisfaction.

We are Malaysia Leasure Swim wear brand "Summer Splash " founded in 2008 by Winnie Lim, specialising in pattern design inspired by Asian Culture and lifestyle brand of swim wear that specialises in pattern design. Inspired by " Active For Life"concepts and these concept are translated to different mediums such as apparel,clothing and holidays range of products. Everything is illustrated by Active Concept and all the designs and colours encapsulate the diversity of South East-Asia.

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Thus the mission is to keep dedicating and constantly researching to launch body-friendly product lines which are good for human's internal physiology, aiming at comprehensively improving human health in the shortest possible time and spreading the underlying disease screening solutions to the community with all our heart.

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Mr. CY. Cheah
Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)

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Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil
Director General, National Anti-Financial Crime Centre Malaysia

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The International Strategy Institute (ISI) is a not-for-profit organisation that helps connect governments and businesses across Asia. We stand for universal ethical business values such as equality, transparency, fair trade, and sustainable development.

Our dialogues, programmes, research and networking platforms are designed to drive economic growth in the region. We aim to:

1. Build platforms for regional dialogue and networking opportunities that allow businesses, industry captains and governments to come together to drive economic growth of the region;

2. Provide timely research to keep our members and governments informed and updated on global trade and political issues that may have an impact on their operations;

3. Match businesses to the right investors and ensure that the companies are paired with the right strategic investment partner.

4. Provide strategic platforms that connect governments, businesses, and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) around the region to conduct CSR programmes for community outreach and to give back to the community.

PANELLISTS' PROFILES

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Dr. Hairuzzaki bin Mohd Yusof

Senior Assistant Commissioner, Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission

Malaysia

Dr. Hairuzzaki bin Mohd Yusof is a seasoned integrity and governance professional with over seventeen years of experience in anti-corruption investigation, institutional reform, and strategic policy development. His career reflects a steadfast commitment to strengthening integrity systems, advancing anti-corruption initiatives, and nurturing the next generation of governance leaders. Dr. Hairuzzaki currently serves as the Head of Planning, Research & Corporate Centre at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA), the training arm of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). In this role, he leads nationwide training programs, corporate transformation initiatives, and policy research efforts designed to enhance the professionalism and effectiveness of integrity and anti-corruption officers across Malaysia. His leadership contributes directly to institutional reforms that align Malaysia's governance structures with international best practices.

Previously, he served as Head of the International Studies Centre, MACA, where he spearheaded ASEAN and global collaborations on corruption prevention. Under his direction, the Centre organized knowledge-sharing forums on cross-border corruption, fostering strategic partnerships between Malaysia and international agencies. These efforts underscore his commitment to strengthening global governance networks to address corruption as a transnational issue.

Dr. Hairuzzaki's professional journey spans multiple leadership and integrity roles across Malaysia's public sector and government-linked institutions. He was Vice Chairman of the Malaysian Public University Integrity Officers Council (2021), Head of Integrity Unit at the National University of Malaysia (UKM), and Manager of the Group Integrity Unit at Johor Corporation (JCorp). Earlier in his career, he held roles as Integrity Officer at the Selangor State Secretariat (SUK), Assistant Director at the MACC's Integrity Management Agency Division, and Investigating Officer at the Selangor State MACC. These diverse experiences honed his expertise in integrity systems, compliance audits, corporate governance, and public sector reform.

His academic foundation is equally distinguished. Hairuzzaki holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Political Science from International Islamic University Malaysia. He also earned a Master of Science in Government and Politics from the University Putra Malaysia, where he earlier completed his Bachelor of Human Science in Political Science. His doctoral research and publications, particularly on the Principal-Agent-Client model in corruption studies, have contributed significantly to the academic and policy discourse on anti-corruption frameworks.

Beyond his professional and academic work, Dr. Hairuzzaki actively contributes to public discourse and capacity building. He has delivered guest lectures and training internationally, including at the Abdurrab University Indonesia, International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Bangkok in collaboration with the FBI, and at regional workshops with KPK Indonesia and UNODC. Domestically, he has spoken at universities and public forums on governance, transparency, and institutionalizing integrity.

His published works include contributions to academic journals, national newspapers, and policy documents such as UKM's Integrity Action Plan 2021–2025.

Dr. Hairuzzaki is also a certified Integrity Officer and ISO 37001 Lead Auditor, underscoring his technical expertise in compliance and anti-bribery management systems. His combination of academic scholarship, practical enforcement experience, and leadership in integrity development positions him as an influential voice in Malaysia's ongoing fight against corruption.

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Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu SAN

Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Nigeria

Nigeria

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, a distinguished legal professional, was born on the 27th of December 1977 in Jigawa State, Nigeria. He holds a LL.B., BL., LL.M., and a PhD in Law. His dedication and expertise in the field of law led to him being conferred with the prestigious title of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) by the Chief Justice of the Federation, Hon. Justice Olukayode Ariwoola, GCON, on 12th October 2023. He was sworn in on 27th November 2023, a testament to his commitment to upholding the rule of law.

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu served as the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice of Jigawa State between 2019 and 2023. He held various positions within the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Kano Branch. He has authored publications in reputable local and international journals and participated in numerous conferences globally.

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu was appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR, as the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on 17th October 2023. His role is of utmost importance, and he was sworn into office on Wednesday, 13th December 2023, after being confirmed by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

He has been a staunch advocate and practitioner of prevention as the veritable catalyst to diminish corruption. He complements this with collaboration and engagement with key stakeholders in the anti-corruption space. Dr. Aliyu recently secured Nigeria's re-election into the Steering Committee of the Global Operational Network of the Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network).

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Mr. Yousouf Jhugroo

Chairman and CEO, Compliance and Risk Consultancy (CRC) Founder, Consumer Protection Bureau (CPB) London

United Kingdom

Yousouf Jhugroo, Chairman and CEO, Compliance and Risk Consultancy (CRC) - Founder, Consumer Protection Bureau (CPB)

Yousouf Jhugroo is a governance, compliance, and consumer-protection professional whose career has been shaped by more than three decades of practical work improving standards, accountability, and ethical culture across both public and private sectors.

As Chairman and CEO of Compliance and Risk Consultancy (CRC), he has built a reputation for helping organisations move from regulatory difficulty to regulatory confidence. His work has involved advising boards, directors, and senior managers on compliance strategy, operational governance, and regulatory engagement, particularly in health and social care, financial services, and public administration.

Yousouf's approach is pragmatic rather than theoretical. He has led the redesign of governance systems for multi-site care providers, creating frameworks that directly improved quality ratings, staff morale, and resident outcomes. He has also supported business owners through complex investigations, enforcement reviews, and compliance audits, turning underperforming organisations into stable and transparent operations.

He is equally recognised for his advocacy in consumer rights and fairness. As Founder of the Consumer Protection Bureau (CPB), a UK-registered community interest company, he has championed reform in areas such as unfair financial practices, digital platform accountability, and public-service transparency. Under his leadership, CPB has launched national campaigns, including investigations into penalty-fare systems, review-site bias, and the conduct of major ombudsman schemes, often bringing media and parliamentary attention to issues affecting ordinary consumers.

Earlier in his career, Yousouf worked extensively in regulatory compliance and management consulting, advising organisations on risk assessment, due diligence, and ethical leadership.

His philosophy has remained consistent: compliance should not be seen as a burden, but as the backbone of trust, reputation, and sustainable success.

Besides being a legal professional, Yousouf is a Fellow of the International Compliance Association (FICA) and a member of the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). He also holds a postgraduate Diploma in Coaching and Mentoring.

His upcoming book, "Risk, Reward, and Reputation: The Economics of Compliance," brings together his practical experience and research, demonstrating how ethical and regulatory discipline can drive genuine business value.

Known for his calm, analytical style and balanced judgement, Yousouf has become a trusted adviser to directors, regulators, and campaign groups alike. He believes that corruption and misconduct thrive not only on greed but on weak systems, and that good governance, when properly applied, is one of society's strongest defences against both.

At WACC 2025, he looks forward to sharing his reflections on corporate integrity and compliance challenges in an interconnected world, drawing from real examples of reform and renewal achieved through sound governance, transparency, and accountability.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. Muhammad Shakil

Governance & Compliance Expert, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia

Muhammad Shakil is an experienced banking professional with over two decades of diverse expertise spanning financial crime compliance, risk management, governance and control and internal audit within both commercial and central banking environments. Having worked across South Asian and Middle Eastern markets, he has been exposed to multinational banks, making him well-versed in navigating complex regulatory landscapes. His strong communication skills in English, along with familiarity with regional languages, have enabled him to build cross-border relationships and succeed in multifaceted assignments.

Currently, as the Head of Governance and Control for Global Payments Solutions (GPS) at Saudi Awwal Bank (SAB) – the largest HSBC affiliate in the MENA region – Muhammad leads the risk and control areas within the first line of defense. He has been instrumental in fostering a robust risk and compliance culture, ensuring adherence to both local and international regulatory guidelines. His efforts extend to managing business risks, conduct compliance and engaging with senior management to enhance control frameworks across the bank. Prior to this, he served as Regional Manager Compliance Assurance at HSBC Middle East, where he spearheaded compliance assessments across nine HSBC entities in the GCC region, ensuring risk-based controls and enhancing operational risk management culture.

Before his tenure with HSBC, Muhammad held various positions at various financial institutions across South Asia and Middle East. Muhammad's educational credentials are equally impressive. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Leadership from the Emeritus Institute of Management, Singapore. Additionally, he has earned a Master of Commerce (Finance) from the University of the Punjab, Pakistan. His professional qualifications include certifications Certified Corporate Director (PICG & IFC- World Bank Group), Certified Independent Director (Directors Institute- World Council of Directors), Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist (ACAMS-USA), Certified Internal Auditor (IIA-USA)- and an International Diploma in Governance, Risk and Compliance (ICA-UK).

Muhammad Shakil's extensive experience in governance, risk management and compliance, coupled with his leadership skills and a global perspective, position him as an invaluable asset for senior leadership and board-level roles. His track record of leading large-scale projects, enhancing regulatory frameworks and fostering a culture of compliance and risk awareness across multiple regions ensures that he can contribute significantly to any organization's growth and governance at the highest level. Muhammad's ability to align strategic goals with regulatory demands and operational excellence makes him a standout leader in the global banking industry.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. Mohamad Zakie bin Abu Hassan

Deputy Director, Asset Management Division (AMD) in National Anti-Financial Crime Centre Malaysia (NFCC)

Malaysia

Mohamad Zakie bin Abu Hassan is currently the Acting Director of the Integrated Operation Division at the National Anti-Financial Crime Centre (NFCC) Malaysia. He is also holding the position of Deputy Director of the Asset Management Division at NFCC.

He is an officer of the Central Bank of Malaysia of 26 years and currently seconded to NFCC. He has vast experience in financial and money laundering investigation having served as Investigating Officer with the Central Bank of Malaysia as well leading integrated intelligence gathering, raiding exercise and investigation with various law enforcement agencies in Malaysia. He was instrumental in the setting up of NFCC having involved in the drafting of the NFCC establishment Act and subsequently led several joint operations with law enforcement agencies.

Zakie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance (Hons) from University of East London.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Dr. Janet Bastiman

Chief Data Scientist, Napier AI
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United Kingdom

Dr. Janet Bastiman is the Chief Data Scientist at Napier AI, where she leads the development and application of advanced AI and data science strategies to enhance financial crime compliance. With more than two decades of experience applying AI across telecommunications, marketing, and financial services, she has worked with both start-ups and established organisations to build and refine impactful AI solutions.

Janet began coding in 1984, sparking a lifelong passion for technology. She holds dual degrees in Molecular Biochemistry and Mathematics, and a PhD in Computational Neuroscience, and is currently pursuing further studies in finance to deepen her expertise at the intersection of data and regulation.

She serves as Chair of the Royal Statistical Society's Data Science and AI Section, Vice Chair of its AI Task Force, and is a member of the FCA's Synthetic Data Expert Group. A frequent international speaker, Janet advocates for the responsible and ethical development of AI, focusing on explainability, trust, efficiency, and testing. She also actively promotes diversity and inclusion within the technology and AI sectors.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. Johnston Busingye

High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Kingdom

Rwanda

His Excellency Mr Johnston Busingye was appointed High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Kingdom (Court of St James) in August 2021, presenting his credentials to Her Majesty the Queen upon arrival in London. In this role, he has actively strengthened Rwanda–UK relations, advancing cooperation in justice, governance, and economic diplomacy, while representing Rwanda in broader international fora.

From 2013 to 2021, Mr Busingye served as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Rwanda, where he spearheaded comprehensive reforms that modernised and transformed Rwanda's justice system. His leadership during this period focused on deepening the rule of law, modernising legal institutions, and advancing international partnerships in justice and governance.

Prior to this, he held a number of senior judicial and legal positions that have shaped his distinguished career. He served as President of the High Court of Rwanda, providing leadership on judicial reform and oversight of critical cases. He was Principal Judge of the East African Court of Justice, contributing to regional jurisprudence and cross-border legal cooperation. He also served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, with oversight of the National Prosecution Service, the National Prison Service, and related institutions. Earlier in his career, he was Rwanda's National Prosecutor and played a central role in post-conflict prosecutorial leadership and institutional reform. His public service also included work as Director of Airports, contributing to the reopening and operational revival of Rwanda's international airport in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. Mr Busingye holds a Bachelor of Laws from Makerere University, Kampala, and a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre, Kampala. He has also undertaken executive training in governance at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Throughout his career, he has been a consistent advocate for the rule of law, judicial independence, institutional collaboration, and regional legal integration. His work has been instrumental in advancing Rwanda's justice-sector reforms and strengthening the country's engagement with international legal and governance institutions.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. Jungoh Son

Senior Deputy Director, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (ACRC), Republic of Korea

Republic of Korea

Jungoh Son is a Senior Deputy Director at the Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) of the Republic of Korea, where he leads initiatives to introduce innovative measures for civil complaint resolution and public conflict management.

With over 20 years of experience in anti-corruption policy and practice, Mr. Son has played a central role in developing and implementing major national measures, including corruption risk assessments, integrity and anti-corruption initiative assessments, anti-solicitation institutions, and whistleblower protection systems.

He was the drafter of Korea's Five-Year National Anti-Corruption Strategy (2017) and has contributed extensively to global anti-corruption knowledge-sharing efforts. Since 2015, he has worked with Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) in Armenia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Thailand, and beyond to institutionalize effective prevention frameworks.

From 2020 to 2022, Mr. Son was seconded to the UNDP Global Anti-Corruption Programme in Singapore, serving as a policy advisor to over 30 developing countries and ACAs. His work provided technical guidance on designing and refining corruption prevention measures grounded in international best practices and Korea's successful experiences. He also advised on national anti-corruption strategies and action plans for countries such as Algeria, Iraq, and Uzbekistan.

During his UNDP tenure, he authored two significant publications: Think Piece on the Republic of Korea's Efforts in Anti-Corruption and Good Governance through Digitalization and Technical Note on the Implementation of the Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment based on the Experience from the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Son was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law in Washington, D.C. (2025). He is a Korean national and holds a Master's degree in Town and Regional Planning from the University of Sheffield, UK, and a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and Literature from Korea University.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. Silviu Popa

Former Secretary General of National Integrity Agency (ANI) in Romania

Romania

Silviu Popa is an international consultant on integrity, anti-corruption, and governance reform, with over 18 years of experience in strengthening compliance and transparency systems. He served as Secretary General of Romania's National Integrity Agency between 2016 and 2025, leading reforms on asset disclosure verification, conflict-of-interest prevention, and digital oversight tools. He is a member of the OECD's Public Integrity and Anti-corruption Working Group, and has collaborated with the Council of Europe, European Commission, World Bank, and other international partners to advance reforms in over 30 countries across the Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, MENA, and beyond.

A former member of the Board of Governors of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Vienna, he has also published on topics such as institutional integrity mechanisms, regional anti-corruption analysis or investigative methodologies. He holds academic degrees in Political Science and International Cooperation & Development.

Silviu now focuses on bridging the public and private sectors by supporting companies in developing integrity strategies, compliance frameworks, and corruption risk assessments aligned with international standards.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Ms. Myat Su Thin

Director, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Myammar

Myammar

Ms. Myat Su Thin currently serves as the Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar. She is an accomplished scholar and practitioner with dual master's degrees: a Master of Arts in Corruption and Governance from the University of Sussex, where she studied as a Chevening Scholar, and a Master of Education from the University of Canberra, Australia, through the prestigious Australia Awards program.

With over a decade of experience spanning higher education, public policy, and governance, Ms. Myat Su Thin brings a strong multidisciplinary perspective to the fight against corruption. She began her career as a university lecturer before joining the Ministry of Education as Assistant Director, contributing to national education reform initiatives through policy development and implementation.

Since joining the Anti-Corruption Commission in 2019, she has spearheaded innovative programs to foster a culture of integrity among young people. Notably, she leads the Youth Talk and Edutainment initiatives, which use interactive methods to engage secondary and tertiary students in conversations on ethics, transparency, and anti-corruption values. In parallel, she serves as a guest lecturer for union-level ministries and public organizations, raising awareness on corruption prevention and ethical governance.

Her leadership extends to the international arena, where she represents Myanmar as the Commission's focal point and director of the international relations department, collaborating with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC). She has also played an integral role in developing the National Anti-Corruption Plan, reinforcing Myanmar's commitment to accountability and good governance.

Ms. Myat Su Thin's expertise covers awareness-raising, policy design, and applied research. Beyond her institutional responsibilities, she actively contributes to the global discourse on integrity through her publications in state-owned newspapers, highlighting practical strategies to advance transparency and accountability.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Mr. WONG Wai-kit

Assistant Director, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China

Hong Kong, China

Mr. Wong Wai-kit holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences in Politics and Public Administration from the University of Hong Kong, a Bachelor of Laws from Manchester Metropolitan University, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) from the University of Hong Kong. In 2025, he earned a Master of Public Administration from Peking University, where his thesis "Effective Curbing of Private Sector Corruption: Lessons from Hong Kong's ICAC Model" examined multidimensional strategies for dynamic anti-corruption enforcement.

Mr. Wong began his career with the Operations Department of Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in 2001, specialising in cross-sectoral investigations involving both public and private entities. Rising to Assistant Director in September 2022, he has since been responsible for formulating institutional anti-corruption strategies and overseeing their operational implementation.

Since August 2024, Mr. Wong has served as Assistant Director of Investigation Branch 1, ICAC Operations Department, where he leads investigations into corruption cases involving government agencies and the wider public sector. He brings to WACC 2025 over two decades of frontline expertise in combating corruption across institutional boundaries.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Professor Vicha Mahakun

Dean, School of Law, Rangsit University
Chairman, Anti-Corruption Foundation, Thailand

Thailand

Professor Vicha Mahakun was the former President of the Juvenile and Family Division of the Supreme Court of Thailand. After he retired from the Court, he became the National Anti-Corruption Commissioner for a nine-year term and the National Reform Commission on Anti-Corruption and Misconduct another four years, as well as Dean of the Faculty of Law at Rangsit University. He has established the Anti-Corruption Foundation to mobilize the Anti-Corruption movement of thai people.

Professor Vicha Mahakun has lectured and written legal textbook: Bankruptcy Law at Chulalongkorn University's School of Law and Institute of Legal Education of the Thai Bar more than thirty years and has been appointed to be Professor of Law at Chulalongkorn University since 2003. In addition, he still be the President of the Development of Young Buddhist Foundation since 2000 until now.

PANELLIST'S PROFILE

Ms. Bianca Kopp

Coordinator, Global Resource for Anti-Corruption Education and Youth Empowerment (GRACE) initiative, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Bianca Kopp is a Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), working within the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch. She is the coordinator of UNODC's flagship Global Resource for Anti-Corruption Education and Youth Empowerment (GRACE) initiative, which promotes integrity and empowers young people worldwide to stand against corruption. Previously, she successfully spearheaded the tertiary education component of UNODC's Education for Justice (E4J) initiative, along with several other high-impact projects focused on children and youth in the field of crime prevention.

Bianca has served with the United Nations since 2010, contributing to the work of the former Department of Political Affairs, the UN Office for Partnerships (UN Democracy Fund), and multiple sections within UNODC. Her career reflects a deep commitment to integrity, youth empowerment, and the rule of law. Bianca, together with the E4J team, received the UN Secretary-General's Award for Innovation in 2020 and she is also a recipient of the Theodor Körner Prize, awarded by the President of Austria for outstanding research achievements.

In 2012, Bianca was selected to represent the United Nations as a torchbearer at the London Olympic Games, carrying the Olympic flame through Portsmouth, UK. She was chosen for her courage and leadership following the 2011 terrorist attack on the UN House in Abuja, Nigeria, where she supported colleagues in the aftermath of the tragedy that claimed many lives. Her participation symbolized resilience, hope, and the enduring spirit of the United Nations.

Prior to joining the UN, she held roles in academia and at the Austrian Ministry of European and International Affairs, bringing a strong foundation in international relations and policy development.

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