



The Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy Between the Present and the Future



The Egyptian State seeks to fight corruption with all its forms and types, because it poses a serious challenge to development efforts. In this context, the Administrative Control Authority has established the “Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy” to achieve the related national goals through promoting the integrity and transparency concepts, providing training for the government, private sector and international cadres as well as conducting research and studies on the causes and effects of corruption and the means of preventing it.

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Since the establishment of the Administrative Control Authority by virtue of Law No. 54 of 1964 and mandating it to assume the tasks of combating and preventing corruption, training has always constituted an essential element and integral part of the success factors of the Authority's successive generations. The Authority has sought to develop this role without limiting it to training its own members and employees. Rather, it has sought to become a training beacon for training the State employees and leaders as well as for qualifying the Egyptian youth cadres to hold important posts in the State. This also includes providing training for members of the regulatory and law enforcement agencies, including workers in the civil society organizations, the private sector and the seekers of “free training” in general.

Establishment of the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy

In 2017, Law No. 207 amending Law No. 54 of 1964 was issued. The amended articles of that Law included establishment of the “Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy” as an institution affiliated with the Administrative Control Authority, reflecting the Authority's desire to develop human resources in an effective, modern and advanced manner. The Academy was intended as a specialized entity for providing training and development activities in the areas of combating and preventing corruption and all related knowledge and sciences. On February 9, 2018, the President of the Republic announced launching the Academy's activity out of His Excellency's belief

in consolidating the principles of integrity and transparency as well as establishing the rules of governance. For achieving its goals, the Academy relied on qualified human cadres from the Authority members, university professors and many experts in the field of anti-corruption and the relevant fields. The Academy also provided the latest equipped laboratories and information networks to provide the necessary knowledge services, in addition to a paper and digital library offering local and global information to beneficiaries in their various specialties.

In the framework of fulfilling its duties, the Academy has realized a number of achievements during the period 2018 - 1 December 2021.

In the field of training and capacity building:

Implementing (1263) training activities (training courses, workshops, symposiums and visits) for (51,998) trainees in corruption combating and prevention and the related fields, with the most significant of them including implementing (223) training activities for (3544) trainees of the Authority's members and employees as well as the law enforcement agencies. They also included implementing (476) training courses for (31642) trainees of the personnel of government universities and the Administrative Control Authority to qualify them to work in the New Administrative Capital besides implementing (63) workshops and lectures in anti-corruption for many government and private agencies for (2614) trainees.

Many implemented training activities covered cadres in

ministries, governorates, Egyptian universities, the civil society organizations, private sector institutions, the citizens seeking free training as well as the Egyptian officers nominated for holding positions in the military diplomatic representation and their wives. The activities included providing training for the private sector cadres in small and medium enterprises as well as activating memoranda of understanding with several bodies, most notably Cairo University and implementing 20 workshops, lectures and external committees on anti-corruption for many cadres in different authorities.

In the field of research and studies conduction:

The Center for Research and Studies on Preventing and Combating Corruption (CRSPCC) in the Academy prepared five studies on various topics, particularly the two studies titled “the impact of law enforcement on achieving the principle of deterrence” and “regulatory agencies between integration and independence” The second is a study on the possibility of achieving balance in the contractual relationship for the units leased by the owner to the public legal persons. The recommendations of this study were presented to the Council of Ministers in its session no. 121 held on December 2020 to activate the implementation of the recommendations.

The Center has also prepared a content analysis for four books, including a book titled: “The Limits of Institutional Reform”. In addition, the Center implemented five workshops on various topics, including the methods of research papers and book summaries evaluation for the Authority’s members joining the high-end training course; and it contributed to preparing the cultural symposium held during celebration of the Authority’s 57th anniversary, with participation of the leaders and representatives of judicial, regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

In the field of postgraduate studies:

A cooperation protocol was signed between the Administrative Control Authority and the Administration Department at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science to implement the Master’s Program in Governance and Anti-Corruption, held at the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy headquarters. The Master’s program (first course) was started with the participation of 21 students; and a second group comprising thirty-four students joined the program as per the related conditions.

In the field of international cooperation:

- Participation in the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, 2020, as well as preparing for hosting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption to be held in December 2021;
- Participation in the fourth meeting of the joint program between the European Union and the Council of Europe for supporting the South Mediterranean countries capacities;
- Participating in the international forum for launching the UNODC Strategic Vision for Africa 2030 under sponsorship of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- Activating memorandums of understanding with several international bodies, the most important of which are the InterEgyptian Anti-Corruption Academy and the National School of Administration in France;
- Coordination with the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development to implement training for members of the Authority in the areas of control and anti-corruption in the countries of the United States of America and Portugal; and
- Reception of Ms. Christina Albertine, Regional



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An example of the workshops organized by EACA in fighting corruption

Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for the Middle East and North Africa for discussing the ways of joint cooperation.

Future Vision

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These include the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the InterEgyptian Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the National School of Administration (ENA) in France. The Academy also participates in implementing the new stages of the national anti-corruption strategy, training the Authority’s members and employees in the modern techniques of combating corruption as well as developing partnerships with the United Nations agencies, particularly the UNDP. These matters increase the resources of the training and educational process, and start implementation of the Academy’s programs to develop the Academy’s postgraduate studies.

Conclusion

The training process requires evaluation and sustainable development of the activities, results and objectives, as well as confirmation of the quality requirements in line with the strategic goals of the Egyptian State and the Authority, in cooperation with partners at the local, regional and international levels.