



Workshop on Parliamentary Code of Conduct

The Arab Region Parliamentarians against Corruption (ARPAC) along with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) is suggesting to hold in the framework of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC)'s Global Conference in Tanzania (September 20-23, 2006) a session on Parliamentary code of conduct.

The aim of the workshop is to highlight the importance of applying codes of conduct for parliamentarians and emphasizing on the role of GOPAC chapters in promoting parliamentary ethics and tools to monitor the abidance by the principles laid by codes of conduct. Additionally, the workshop will address international practices (with a focus on the Arab countries), on the application of the parliamentary code of conduct in a way that all present attendees would benefit from the exchange of other countries experiences and know-how.

The workshop that will extend over 180 minutes, will first introduce standards to be commonly applicable on world wide level, and reflecting international experiences. The workshop will then address region specific systems, in the light of the Pan-African and European Parliaments' experiences. Finally, case studies specific to the Arab region will be presented.

The above mentioned exchange of three-level experiences will open the floor for extensive discussions. It will pave the way for a series of recommendations that could be applicable in tangible ways in the various countries represented at the conference.

The workshop will be led by one of ARPAC's founding members and current treasurer, Mr. Ghassan Moukheiber from Lebanon, and Mr. David French, Executive Director of WFD. The reporter of the session will be Ms. Rayan Majed, ARPAC's Project Manager.