



Voices Against Corruption Global Youth Anti-Corruption Network (GYAC)

Supported by the World Bank Institute (WBI), the **Voice Against Corruption** Program facilitates the **Global Youth Anti-Corruption Network (GYAC)**, a network of young leaders, journalists, artists, and experts in information and communication technologies (ICT) from civil society all over the world who work to improve transparency and social accountability for better governance. GYAC provides a platform for its members to share knowledge and experience, so they can learn from each other. It also provides its members support for capacity and knowledge building in various governance areas, and on using ICT tools so that the youth will be enabled to drive reform processes and contribute to positive changes in their respective countries and regions.

GYAC supports its members by:

- 1. Connecting** them from all over the world through a web platform, www.voices-against-corruption.org/ so they can discuss and share experiences, forge partnerships, prescribe solutions, and stand together against corruption;
- 2. Raising awareness** about corrupt practices in their respective communities;
- 3. Using music** through artists and “artists” who send the anti-corruption message to all young people around the world – across different backgrounds and experiences;
- 4. Using responsible journalism** and giving young journalists a platform to write about governance and anti-corruption related issues. GYAC enhances its reach through various media outlets and other partners that sensitize the public about corruption;
- 5. Sharing knowledge, experiences, ideas, and collaborating** on anti-corruption initiatives through its web platform, social media outlets, and face-to-face conferences;
- 6. Developing innovative tools and strategies** to improve transparency and social accountability, with an emphasis on the use of ICT.

Since its launch in 2010, GYAC counts over 60 member NGOs from over 45 countries, and over 1,000 members on its web platform, with more joining every day. In addition, GYAC’s global music program, **Fair Play**, sponsored jointly with **Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI)**, has involved over 130 bands from 45 countries and produced hundreds of music videos, all of which can be viewed at www.anticorruptionmusic.org.

60
MEMBER NGOS

1000+
MEMBERS

45
COUNTRIES

ICT-RELATED PROGRAMS

In partnership with the **British Council Global Changemakers**, GYAC started giving away mini-grants worth US\$ 3,000 to its members starting in June 2010. After two rounds of applications, the grants have successfully supported 10 projects from different regions and focusing on various sectors relating to corruption – all using ICT to leverage youth involvement and outreach. Examples include **Anti-Corruption Journalism for Health (ACJH)** in Tanzania, which trained citizens to report on corruption in the health sector, and Shudhify in India, which conducted surveys and research, and collected data from different Indian public offices to expose trends and patterns of corruption.

FAIR PLAY ANTI-CORRUPTION MUSIC COMPETITION

Fair Play is an anti-corruption music competition that invites musicians and “artists” from all over the world to submit a music video with an original song composition on the subject of corruption. It has contributed to the global fight against corruption by engaging artists from over 50 countries as ambassadors for the anti-corruption movement, presenting Fair Play Live & Direct concerts in Brussels (2010) and Nairobi (2011), and delivering a global call to action to governments, businesses, and citizens alike to join in tackling corruption. The 2012 edition, which takes place from 24 April to 24 July, provides an opportunity for more artists to contribute their voice to the global campaign, to raise awareness and communicate the impacts of corruption in their communities to the global network of Fair Play supporters.

VOICES AGAINST CORRUPTION FORUMS

GYAC strengthens the ties between its young leaders and partners around the world through videoconferences and its regional and global forums to ensure that global partnerships that span borders as well as knowledge areas form organically to build member capacity, address social accountability issues, and grow youth impact on governance reform. Since its inception in late 2009, new and existing members of **GYAC** have come together for the annual forums in 2010 in Brussels, Belgium, and in 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya, building **GYAC** into a well structured informal anti-corruption knowledge and action generating Network. In April, 2012, civil society organization (CSO) representatives from 10 countries in the **MENA** region came together for its first “regional forum” and “worked together” to answer the clear demand in the region for orienting and informing its young citizens on anti-corruption and social accountability. These participants have become the points of contact upon which the **MENA GYAC** network continues promoting and strengthening transparency and social accountability work in the region leading up to the **3rd Annual Voices Against Corruption Forum** that will take place in conjunction with the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference in November 2012 in Brasília, Brazil.

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