The World Economic Forum Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI), launched in 2004, serves as the principal CEO-led platform in the global anti-corruption arena, building on the pillars of public-private cooperation, responsible leadership and technological advances.

PACI has approximately 90 signatories from different sectors across the globe. It is one of the Forum’s strongest cross-industry collaborative efforts, creating a highly visible, agenda-setting platform by working with business leaders, international organizations and governments to address corruption, transparency and accountability. Under the leadership of PACI Vanguard CEOs, the community is expanding rapidly and focuses on implementing a global anti-corruption agenda.

Why engage?
- Lead, drive collective action, and shape the agenda on transparency and anti-corruption at regional and global levels
- Gain insights to drive effective change
- Learn and share with peers your journey towards greater accountability
- Be part of a unique global ecosystem engaged in these topics

Topics addressed

Shaping the Global Agenda on Anti-Corruption

PACI not only seeks to shape the global agenda but also to work towards integrating and complementing global workstreams on anti-corruption, including:

B20 Engagement

As long-term Network Partner of the Business 20 (B20), PACI leverages the expertise of its community to actively shape the B20 policy agenda on transparency and anti-corruption. It convenes thematic dialogues in the B20 framework to aggregate positions, build bridges between consecutive B20 presidencies and arrive at a consolidated business voice on anti-corruption towards the Group of 20 (G20). Many PACI activities – for example, on beneficial ownership transparency – directly contribute to implementing B20 policy recommendations.

Partnering on SDG 16

Whether the aim is to combat climate change or to ensure access to health services, implementing SDG 16.5 on substantially reducing corruption and bribery in all its forms is essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda. PACI contributes to this global effort through all its actions but particularly through its active partnership in the UN Global Compact Action Platform on Goal 16, and related activities of the Global Future Council on Transparency & Anti-corruption (see below).

Connecting the Human Rights, Business & Anti-corruption Agendas

The Human Rights Council has recognized that corruption significantly undermines the enjoyment of human rights. In 2020, the Working Group on Business and Human Rights will explore the linkages on how corruption involving the private sector impacts rights holders. PACI seeks to support these efforts by surfacing emerging best practices including on how to better integrate human rights due diligence in anti-corruption and anti-bribery measures.

Interconnected strategies on anti-corruption, human rights and sustainability can optimize both the use of resources and the integration and involvement of internal and external stakeholders.
Tech for Integrity (T4I)

The T4I platform seeks to accelerate anti-corruption efforts and reduce the amount of time needed to make tangible impact by using technology solutions, such as blockchain or artificial intelligence.

This platform provides three intersecting spaces to drive thought leadership, connect with innovators and pilot emerging technologies. We are scoping various applications of technology to advance accountability, such as building a consortium of companies to harmonize data and participate in an exercise to build and create models to identify fraud and corruption.

Beneficial Ownership Transparency Advisory Working Group

Beneficial ownership transparency (BOT) has become one of the leading topics in the international agenda for financial reform and is seen as a critical tool to fight illicit financial flows related to corruption, money laundering and tax evasion.

The PACI team, alongside other partners from civil society, governments and business, are setting up a multistakeholder advisory working group to promote the implementation of short-term pilots to verify beneficial ownership information. These pilots will serve as examples to prove the feasibility and benefits of verifying beneficial ownership data.

Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption

The World Economic Forum’s Global Future Councils are the world’s foremost interdisciplinary knowledge network dedicated to promoting innovative thinking to shape a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

The Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption is working to support the private sector to go beyond compliance to build a future-proof corporate culture of ethics and integrity. It has developed a framework called the Agenda for Business Integrity, focused on four key pillars of leadership action by companies. This framework will be used as the backbone of the PACI strategy.

1. Commit to ethics and integrity beyond mere compliance
2. Strengthen corporate culture and incentives to drive continuous learning and improvement
3. Leverage technologies to reduce the scope of corruption
4. Support collective action to increase scale and impact

Learn more

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Timeline for April – June 2020

2 April – Beneficial Ownership Transparency advisory working group: Kick-off meeting (virtual)
7 April – PACI meeting: Compliance in times of crisis (virtual)
TBC – T4I workshop on data consortium set-up (virtual)
18 June – PACI Biannual Community Meeting (virtual)