

AOA gathers in Istanbul to promote human rights, good governance

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Wafaqi Mohtasib, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi said that Ombudsman Institutions constitute a global fraternity which can play an effective role in improving the quality of life for the common man through better governance. Addressing the 25th Annual meeting of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA) as its current President in Istanbul (Republic of Turkiye), he said that the objectives and purposes of the establishment of the Ombudsman Institution has a direct bearing on the realization of the overall goals, principally the protection and promotion of fundamental rights and good governance in all spheres of life.

Qureshi emphasized the need for greater sharing of experiences and best practices to the mutual advantage of all stakeholders. "The commonly shared objectives are worth striving for and we should make a conscious effort for their realization", he observed. He expressed the confidence that such exchanges amongst the Ombuds Institutions would lead to further refining and streamlining the systems and procedures for addressing mal-administration, bureaucratic bottlenecks and systemic issues. He thanked the Board of Directors (BoD) for expressing confidence and trust in Pakistan's contribution in promoting the cause of Ombudsmanship to realize the ultimate objectives of good governance and the rule of law besides the inviolability of human rights.