



COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF INTEGRITY

COMMISSIONS & ANTI-CORRUPTION BODIES

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

AGREE and **ADOPT** the following resolutions as actions to be taken by the Association:

- a. Continue to reiterate the need for regional Integrity commissions and Anti-corruption bodies to maintain their independence, impartiality and professionalism, to further enhance their effectiveness;
- b. make relevant recommendations to our Governments with a view to modernising, enacting and bringing into operation relevant legislation to continuously combat corruption;
- c. continue our calls on Member Governments to provide adequate financial, technical, and other resources (human or otherwise) to the Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies and greater autonomy in the use of those resources;
- d. explore the possibility of securing financial and budgetary support for the Association and generally for Integrity Commissions and Anti- Corruption Bodies from international and regional development partner the Caribbean Development Bank, especially for those institutions who have a vested interest in anti-corruption;
- e. encourage Member Governments to promote, encourage and support the work of each Member Country and the Association as a whole;
- f. invite CARICOM and other internationally recognised organisations to include on their agenda discussions related to anti-corruption efforts, integrity building, and the work of the Member Countries;
- g. network with a wide range of stakeholders in the fight against corruption to strengthen and establish relationships and to promote collaboration and capacity building locally, regionally and internationally;
- h. engage Directors of Public Prosecutions to establish and/or enhance lines of communication and working relationships to strengthen anti-corruption work in the region;
- i. organise, attend, and/or participate in conferences, collaborative opportunities, training and capacity-building programmes, and similar educational events;
- j. assist with the creation of standard written operating procedures for the investigation of acts of corruption;

- k. develop, implement, review and update codes of conduct, to reduce conflicts of interest and promote an ethical culture within the Association and our organisations;
- l. adopt effective and relevant organisational risk management strategies and information gathering techniques;
- m. harness and put to maximum and innovative use, all resources available whilst continually seeking to engage the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNODC, CDB, Academia and other international and regional bodies for the provision of additional resources and opportunities for capacity building;
- n. seek the technical assistance and support of the Commonwealth Secretariat in undertaking research to quantify the real cost of corruption in member countries of the CCAICACB and request that the Commonwealth Secretariat provide further education on adoption of the 25 Anti-corruption Benchmarks.
- o. seek the technical assistance of the Commonwealth Secretariat to mobilise cooperation and sharing expertise being aware of our socio economic differences.
- p. Continue to evaluate progress to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals with swift and decisive action to continually build accountability.
- q. intensify public education opportunities through engagement, surveys, data gathering, presentations, publications, and the media through the facilitation of the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNODC, CDB, Academia and other international and regional bodies and remembering and reiterating the possibility of securing financial and budgetary support from International and Regional partners ;
- r. continue to mobilise youth to understand the importance of integrity and ethics and the causes and effects of corruption on our society and their lives directly through the use of tools such as the UNODC's Education for Justice Programme (E4J); and
- s. promote the work of each Member Country through the use of internet platforms such as dedicated websites.

Having due regard to the diverse experiences of Member Country Delegates it was further agreed that we should continue to:

- a. Utilise and incorporate as a guide the Commonwealth Secretariat's Model Legislation with a view for implementation locally and regionally . This said anti-corruption model legislation is in keeping with the requirements of the UNCAC and the constitutional and legislative framework of each respective Member Country as we work towards the achievement of a reduction and

- eventual eradication of corruption in the Commonwealth Caribbean;
- b. support each Member Country in its anti-corruption and integrity work within the unique context of each Country; and
 - c. encourage each Member Country to evaluate the framework for its respective bodies through the use of the Commonwealth (Secretariat) Anti-Corruption Benchmarks, UNCAC and the Jakarta Principles.

Following the Association Executive Meeting the Association further agreed:

Dated this 1st day of July 2021

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Chairperson	Canon Mark Kendall	Turks and Caicos Islands
Vice-Chairperson	A . Anande Trotman Lady Joseph	Grenada
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Dated this 1st day of July 2021 .