



COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF INTEGRITY

COMMISSIONS & ANTI-CORRUPTION BODIES

Eighth Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB) at the Marriott Resort, Frigate Bay, St Kitts From 23rd to 25th May, 2022

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUÉ

- 1) We, the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (“the Association”), meeting at our Eighth Annual Regional Conference convened under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat and hosted by the St Kitts Integrity Commission under the theme: **Controlling Corruption: Preventative Mechanisms work better than Reactive Measures;**
- 2) **NOTING** with deep gratitude the invaluable support and warm hospitality provided by the Government and people of St Kitts and Nevis, the St Kitts Integrity Commission and the Nevis Integrity Commission; the Remarks by His Excellency, Sir S. W. Tapley Seaton, GCMG, CVO, QC, JP, LLD, Governor General of St. Kitts and Nevis in declaring the Conference open; the Hon. Vincent Byron Jr., Attorney General of St Kitts and Nevis for his Remarks and for deputizing for Dr. The Hon. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister at the Opening Ceremony; Dr. The Rt Hon. Denzil Douglas, former Prime Minister of St Kitts & Nevis for his Remarks at the Opening Ceremony; and the Rt. Hon. Baroness Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General who was present and delivered an Address at the Opening Ceremony;
- 3) **RECOGNIZING** the need to continue to use this regional platform for the sharing and implementation of best practices and strategies for combating corruption, and the promotion of good governance;
- 4) **HAVING** extensively discussed the theme of the conference and its programme content, with a full exchange of views of presenters, panellists and participants;

AGREED AND ADOPTED the following resolutions: -

- 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 respective Governments with a view to modernizing, 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 to facilitate greater autonomy in the use of those resources by the said Commissions and Bodies;
- d. urge governments to enact, expand and implement national legislative frameworks and strategies for improved effectiveness, so that there are no legislative silos which deter holistic Integrity Commission and Anti-Corruption work;
- e. urge governments of the Commonwealth Caribbean to do whatever is necessary to ensure that respective Commissions are fully constituted and functional; and further urge that when vacancies occur that they be filled expeditiously;
- f. plan for the Association to establish a permanent secretariat, and employ an Administrative Secretary on a part-time basis;
- g. invite CARICOM and other internationally recognized organizations to collaborate with CCAICACB in anti-corruption efforts, integrity building and capacity building;
- h. foster greater networking and coordination among national and regional agencies to strengthen anti-corruption work;
- i. continue our work based on the premise that Preventative Measures are complimentary to Enforcement, Investigations, Litigation and Asset Recovery;
- j. place greater emphasis and provide more resources on Preventative Measures and Public Education;
- k. advocate that anti-corruption is placed in curricula in formal education systems, being mindful that public and formal education enhance desirable behavior patterns and help to sustain cultural shifts at all levels;

- l. utilize traditional and social media effectively to promote anti-corruption messages and work;
- m. encourages Churches to intentionally espouse and require honesty from their membership and the society at large
- n. require member countries to make every effort to improve their score on corruption indices
- o. encourage governments to analyze and streamline procurement processes as a means to proactively prevent corruption;
- p. promote and embrace blockchain technology as an excellent means of preventing corruption;
- q. encourage governments to develop, implement, review and update Codes of Conduct, to reduce conflicts of interest and promote an ethical culture;
- r. adopt effective and relevant organizational risk management strategies and information gathering techniques;
- s. seek the technical assistance and support of the Commonwealth Secretariat and request that the Commonwealth Secretariat provide further education on the adoption of the 22 Anti-Corruption Benchmarks;
- t. continue to mobilize youth to understand the importance of integrity and ethics and the causes and effects of corruption on our society;
- u. to adopt the life cycle approach to anti-corruption and educate persons from cradle to grave;
- v. promote the work of each Member Country through the use of internet platforms such as dedicated websites;
- w. support each Member Country in its anti-corruption and integrity work within the unique context of each Country; and

Dated this 27th day of May 2022

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Dated this 27th day of May 2022.