



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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 for 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; Dr The Rt Hon. Denzil Douglas, former Prime Minister of St Kitts & Nevis; and the Rt. Hon. Baroness Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General who was present and delivered an address;
- 3) **RECOGNISING** also 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 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 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. 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 in the region;
- 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 to fill them expeditiously;
- f. plan to establish a permanent secretariat, and employ an Administrative Secretary on a part-time basis;
- g. invite CARICOM and other internationally recognised organisations 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 complementary 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 the curriculum in the formal education system, being mindful that public and formal education enhances desirable behaviour patterns and helps to sustain a cultural shift at all levels;
- l. utilize traditional and social media effectively to promote anti-corruption;
- m. encourage governments to analyze and streamline procurement processes as a means to proactively prevent corruption;
- n. promote and embrace blockchain technology as an excellent means of preventing corruption;

- o. encourage governments to develop, implement, review and update codes of conduct, to reduce conflicts of interest and promote an ethical culture;
- p. adopt effective and relevant organisational risk management strategies and information gathering techniques;
- q. 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;
- r. continue to mobilise youth to understand the importance of integrity and ethics and the causes and effects of corruption on our society;
- s. to adopt the life cycle approach to anti-corruption and educate persons from cradle to grave;
- t. promote the work of each Member Country through the use of internet platforms such as dedicated websites;
- u. support each Member Country in its anti-corruption and integrity work within the unique context of each Country; and

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022