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**Press Release**

 **CCAICACB 4th Annual Conference - Communiqué**

The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) Integrity Commission is pleased to announce to the media and the general public, that the 4th Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB) was successfully held in Turk and Caicos Islands from the 4th to 8th of June 2018 under the theme: “***Counting the Real Cost of Corruption – Engaging Everyone in the Fight****.*” The Conference was hosted by the TCI Integrity Commission and sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the TCI Government. The Conference, which was addressed and declared open by Her Excellency, Hon. Anya Williams, Acting Governor, was also addressed by the Honourable Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, Premier of the TCI, and Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Q.C. Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. It featured other addresses and presentations by eminent and distinguished persons and stake-holders involved in the national, regional and international anti-corruption and good governance efforts, including Professor Trevor Munroe (who delivered the feature address), Sir David Simmons, former Chief Justice of Barbados and former Chairman of the TCI Integrity Commission, Hon. Rhondalee Knowles, O.B.E, TCI Attorney General, Dr Roger Koranteng, Interim Adviser and Head, Public Sector Governance, Commonwealth Secretariat, Carolie Pring of the Transparency International and Virginia de Abajo Marques of the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Through Country presentations, peer reviews and bench-marking, Commonwealth Caribbean Country delegates from Antiqua and Barbuda, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and others, shared their experiences, exchanged ideas, strategies and best practices in their anti-corruption and good governance efforts. In addition, the various panel discussions at the Conference, provided unique opportunities and platforms for the delegates and the representatives from the media, the civil society, religious, and youth organizations and other private sector stake-holders, to engage and explore together the enormous cost and damage of corruption and how best to engage everyone in the fight against it. The Conference ended with the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Association, during which elections were held into vacant positions in the Executive Committee of the Association and the Conference Communiqué was issued.

Commenting on the Conference proceedings, the out-going Chairman of the Association, Eugene Otuonye, Q.C. said: “*If the independent assessments of the Conference by the delegates are anything to go by, it is fair to say that this 4th Conference was a huge success. Its positive impact on the delegates is evident in the Conference Communiqué which, among other things, articulates the determination and commitments of the delegates and the Association members to intensify their anti-corruption and good governance efforts, involving everyone in the process. And to all, who made this Conference a success, we remain ever so grateful”*

Eugene Otuonye, Q.C.

Chairman

**Editor’s Note:** Please see the attached Conference Communiqué.