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Press Release

CCAICACB 4th Annual Conference

The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) Integrity Commission is pleased to announce to the media and the general public, that the Turks and Caicos Islands, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, will be hosting the 4th Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB). The Conference venue is the Beaches Resort in Providenciales and will hold from June 4th to 8th, 2018. The official opening ceremony of the Conference will start at 2:30pm on June 4th. This year's Conference is being sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, the TCI Integrity Commission and the TCI Government under the theme: "***Counting the Real Cost of Corruption – Engaging Everyone in the Fight.***"

The Association was established under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom, during the Inaugural Conference of the Association, hosted by Grenada in 2015. Since then, the Commonwealth Secretariat London, has continued to be the major sponsor of the Association's Conferences, which provide regional and international forums for delegates to share experiences, exchange ideas, strategies and best practices and trends in their anti-corruption efforts in the Caribbean.

Since the establishment of the Association, the TCI Integrity Commission has been actively involved in the regional and international anti-corruption efforts of the Association, including sharing the TCI's regionally unique and valuable experiences in the regulation of political financing. At the Association's 3rd annual Conference held in Jamaica last year, the Director of the TCI Integrity Commission, Mr. Eugene Otuonye, Q.C, was elected as the Association's Chairman and TCI was also nominated to host this year's Conference.

Representatives from most of the Commonwealth Caribbean and Latin American Countries as well as Non-Commonwealth Countries such as Haiti and the Dominican Republic as well as regional and international stakeholder institutions and resource persons in anti-corruption, are expected to attend this Conference. The Acting Governor, H.E. Hon. Anya Williams; the Hon. Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands and the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Rt. the Hon. Patricia Scotland, Q.C, among others, will bring remarks at the opening ceremony. Professor Trevor Monroe, the Executive Director, National Integrity Action, Jamaica, is the key note speaker on the Conference theme. Other speakers at the Conference and their topics include:

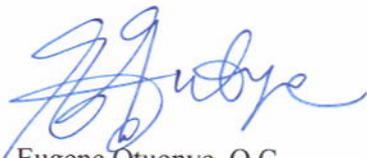
- The Honourable Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles - Attorney General of the TCI will speak on "*The Cost of Corruption: The TCI Story.*"

- Sir David Simmons, former Chief Justice of Barbados and the Chairman of the TCI Integrity Commission will speak on: “*Apathy towards Corruption – The Caribbean Experience.*”
- Representative from Transparency International speaking on “*Criteria for Transparency International Corruption Perception Index (CPI): Implications for the Caribbean.*”
- Dr. Roger Koranteng - Interim Adviser and Head, Public Sector Governance, Commonwealth Secretariat will conclude with “*Conference take-home, Emerging Issues, Lessons; What next* ”

Besides the panel discussions which will explore various aspects of the Conference theme in detail, this Conference will offer opportunity for Country Delegates to make presentations and share their respective Countries’ success stories and challenges in their anti-corruption and good governance efforts.

Commenting on the Conference, the Chairman of the Association, Mr Eugene Otuonye, Q.C. said: “*The opportunity to host a Conference of this regional and international profile, is a huge and historic honour to Turks and Caicos Islands, despite the recent devastations caused by hurricanes Irma and Maria. Hosting the Conference at this time, is a testament of our resilience and fortitude in adversity, and more importantly, a recognition of the leading position we hold in the Caribbean regional efforts against corruption. As TCI citizens and residents, we should all be gratefully proud of this moment...*”

For more information about this conference, please contact our Public Education Officer and Secretary of CCA1CACB Mrs. Interniza McCartney-Pierre at (649)-338-3340 or (649) 941-7847 or via e-mail at publicedu@integritycommission.tc .



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Editor’s Note: The draft Conference Agenda is attached herewith for more information.