



MEDIA RELEASE

Revitalising the Fight Against Corruption

June 13, 2019:- Mr. Justice Melville Baird, Chairman and Ms. Jasmine Pascal, Registrar of the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago represented the country at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Caribbean Associations of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB) in the Cayman Islands during the period June 3-8, 2019 themed: "Transforming Words into Action: Revitalising the Fight Against Corruption".

Delivering a country paper to the delegates, Justice Baird indicated the various initiatives which the Commission conducted over the past year. Major emphasis was placed on inspiring and educating the young people of our country through, amongst other things, the Commission's Poster Design Project and Art Exhibition, and collaborative efforts such as an Integrity Clubs in Schools pilot project.

Justice Baird stated, *"As we continue in our programme of motivating and enlightening the young people of Trinidad and Tobago, in all things integrity, we have arrangements well in train for the Speech Band Competition. This competition is open to all schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago: secondary schools with students between the ages of 11 and 18, primary schools with students between the ages of 5 and 11 and the really young ones of the early childhood care and education between the ages of 3 and 5."*

At the Conference, Justice Baird was also a member of a panel discussion entitled, "Modernizing the legislative framework to combat corruption and promote transparency." He highlighted some deficiencies in the Integrity in Public Life Act (IPLA) and suggested methods by which they could be addressed.

Justice Baird also presented a paper on the applicability of the Jakarta Principles to Trinidad and Tobago.

The newly-elected 2019/20 Executive Committee of the Association is made up of Chairperson Dirk Harrison (Jamaica); Vice-Chairperson Justice Melville Baird (Trinidad & Tobago); Secretary Helen Ambo (Dominica) and Treasurer Cleophas Regobert (St. Lucia). The other executive members are Canon Mark Kendall (Turks & Caicos Islands); Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph (Grenada); Kumar Doraisami (Guyana), Immediate Past Chairperson Eugene Otuonye, QC (Turks & Caicos Islands) and Representative of the Commonwealth Dr. Roger Koranteng.

The 6th CCAICACB Annual Regional Conference will be held in St. Lucia in 2020.

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