

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUÉ
of
The Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (“CCAICACB”)

We, the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies ("CCAICACB"), meeting at our Twelfth Annual Regional Conference convened in Jamaica under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat with the theme: ***“Strengthening Regional Integrity Efforts and Anti-Corruption Mechanisms in an Evolving Global Environment.”***

- 1) **NOTING** with deepest gratitude the invaluable facilitation of the leadership and Staff of the Integrity Commission, MOCA and RPD support of the Conference.
- 2) **RECOGNISING** the attendance of the Deputy to His Excellency The Governor General of Jamaica, Honourable Steadman Fuller, CD, JP, Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of Kingston at the Opening Ceremony of the Conference.
- 3) **APPRECIATING** the encouraging remarks of Jamaica during our opening reception.
- 4) **RECOGNISING** the well-received contributions of the representatives of the global and regional agencies to the conference including Dr Roger Koranteng representing the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mr. Jason Reichelt representing the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Ms. Nadine Bushell representing CARICOM “Implementation Agency for Crime and Security” (IMPACS).
- 5) **NOTING** that the majority of the conference presenters as subject matter experts were members of the CCAICACB.

AGREED AND ADOPTED the following **RESOLUTIONS**: -

Resolution 1: Strengthening Legal and Constitutional Safeguards

Member States commit to:

- Enact or amend legislation to provide explicit statutory guarantees of independence for Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commissions.
- Establish transparent, merit-based procedures for the appointment and removal of commissioners and senior officials.
- Introduce or strengthen mandatory asset declarations, conflict-of-interest rules, and ethics obligations for public officials.
- Align national legal frameworks with UNCAC and other international standards.

Resolution 2: Reinforcing Institutional and Governance Safeguards

Institutions agree to:

- Adopt or update codes of conduct, ethics frameworks, and internal oversight mechanisms.
- Implement integrity-based recruitment, vetting, and performance management systems.
- Strengthen whistleblower protection mechanisms and ensure safe reporting channels.
- Establish internal audit and compliance units with clear mandates.

Resolution 3: Ensuring Operational Autonomy

Delegates commit to:

- Safeguard the autonomy of investigative functions, including case selection and evidence gathering.
- Establish firewalls between political offices and investigative processes.
- Enhance secure access to information, digital systems, and inter-agency databases.
- Protect the confidentiality and safety of investigators, witnesses, and complainants.

Resolution 4: Securing Sustainable and Independent Financing

Member States and institutions agree to:

- Advocate for predictable, ring-fenced, and multi-year budget allocations.
- Strengthen financial autonomy through independent procurement authority.
- Ensure transparent financial reporting and accountability mechanisms.
- Engage development partners to support capacity building and technical assistance.

Resolution 5: Investing in Human Capital and Professional Development

Institutions commit to:

- Expand continuous professional development programmes for investigators, analysts, and legal officers.
- Provide regular ethics, conflict-of-interest, and integrity training for all staff.
- Introduce cooling-off periods for politically exposed individuals entering or exiting service.
- Promote leadership development to strengthen institutional culture and resilience.

Resolution 6: Enhancing Regional and International Cooperation

Delegates resolve to:

- Strengthen peer learning, joint training, and technical cooperation among Caribbean anti-corruption bodies.
- Share investigative methodologies, case management tools, and best practices.
- Deepen collaboration with CARICOM, the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNODC, and other partners.
- Support cross-border cooperation to address transnational corruption, illicit financial flows, and cyber-enabled crime.

Resolution 8: Strengthening Asset Declaration and Compliance Systems

Transition toward digital and eventually public asset declaration systems where legally permissible.

Introduce risk-based verification mechanisms to prioritise high-risk declarations and sectors. Standardise declaration forms and compliance procedures across regional jurisdictions to encourage best practices.

Establish clear timelines and enforcement mechanisms for late or non-submission of declarations.

Resolution 9: Promoting Transparency, Public Engagement, and Trust

Institutions commit to:

- Develop clear communication strategies to enhance public understanding of mandates and processes.
- Promote proactive disclosure of potential conflicts of interest.
- Strengthen public education initiatives on integrity, ethics, and civic responsibility.
- Model ethical leadership to reinforce public confidence in anti-corruption institutions.

Resolution 10 Sustainability of the CCAICACB

- Establish a permanent Secretariat for the CCAICACB with dedicated staffing and operational support.
- Develop a regional strategic plan with measurable targets and implementation timelines.
- Pursue international donor funding and technical assistance to support regional anti-corruption initiatives.
- Create a regional repository of anti-corruption legislation, case studies, policies, and training materials.

Resolution 11: Call to Action

The Conference calls upon:

- Governments to enact and uphold legislation that protects the independence of anti-corruption bodies
- Parliaments to exercise oversight that respects operational autonomy
- Civil society, media, and the private sector to champion transparency and accountability
- Regional and international partners to continue providing technical, financial, and capacity-building support.

Delegates affirmed that the protection of institutional independence is a shared responsibility requiring sustained commitment from all sectors of society.

Conclusion

The Conference concluded with a renewed resolve to strengthen the region's integrity architecture, protect democratic institutions, and confront corruption in all its forms. Delegates reaffirmed their collective determination to build anti-corruption bodies that are resilient, credible, and capable of delivering justice and accountability for the people of the Caribbean.

We conclude with a shared resolve to build institutions that are resilient, trusted, and capable of confronting corruption in all its forms, thereby safeguarding democracy and advancing sustainable development across the Caribbean.

Dated this 5th day of June 2026