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Press Release

Commonwealth Caribbean Anti-Corruption Association Inaugurated --- TCI Integrity Commission elected an Executive Committee member

At the beginning of a 5-day, 1st Conference of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies of Commonwealth Caribbean in Grenada, an Association of these Institutions was inaugurated on June 22, 2015 by the Governor-General of Grenada, Her Excellency, Dame Cécile La Grenade. The Ceremony was also addressed by the Prime Minister of Grenada, Right Hon. Dr. Keith Mitchel. In attendance were more than 14 Commonwealth independent Caribbean Countries and British Overseas Territories and persons from different walks of life including, the Judiciary, law enforcement, civil societies and the media. The Conference was organized and sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, in collaboration with the Integrity Commission of Grenada.

The new Association is the first of its kind in the Commonwealth Caribbean and provides a regional platform to promote integrity and combat corruption in public life through collaboration, cooperation, sharing of good practices and country experiences, skills and other resources.

The TCI Integrity Commission was represented at the Conference by its Director, Eugene Otuonye, Q.C, and the newest and only female member of the Commission, Rev. Julia Adams-Williams. At the end of the Conference, The TCI Integrity Commission was elected into the first Executive Committee of the Association along with Jamaica's Contractor General and Dominica's Integrity Commission. The Integrity Commission of the host Country, Grenada was elected the Chairman while Trinidad & Tobago became the Vice-Chairman.

Sharing her thoughts on the Conference, Commissioner, Rev. Adams-Williams commented:

"As a new member of the TCI Integrity Commission, the Conference was an eye-opener. It provided me the opportunity to learn first-hand the common issues facing the regional anti-corruption bodies in their efforts to combat corruption and promote good governance in their respective countries. I think the Commonwealth Secretariat, London and the Grenada Integrity Commission deserve the highest commendation for this historic initiative.

I was particularly proud that TCI Integrity Commission was elected into the 5-member Executive Committee of this important regional body. I believe this was partly in recognition of TCI Integrity Commission's pioneer work in the regulation of political financing and other key anti-corruption strides it has made within its short existence".

Eugene Otuonye, Q.C.
Director