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The presidents of seven Central American and Caribbean nations, along with international leaders in development, business, security and civil society, will come together at the 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Guatemala City from 15 to 18 November, 2006, to examine ways to decrease global corruption.

The Conference aims to examine why corruption continues to be widespread, nearly two decades after Transparency International put the subject on the world's agenda. Experts, practitioners, and representatives of the private and public sectors will discuss: Corruption and poverty, obstacles to social and economic rights, transparent management of natural resources and extractive industries, corruption in the defence sector and embedded networks of corruption, among other topics.

For the first time in its history, the IACC will host a Presidential Panel for Latin America and the Caribbean. Seven presidents from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama will sign a regional anti-corruption declaration and action plan. Other presidents are also expected to attend the Conference.

Plenary sessions will feature high-level speakers who will assess the current state of corruption and examine possible solutions. They include:

- Soung-Jin Chung, Chairman, Korean Independent Anti-Corruption Commission
- Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Juan José Daboub, Managing Director, The World Bank Group
- Dr. Peter Eigen, Founder and Advisory Council Chair, Transparency International
- John Githongo, Founder, Transparency International Kenya, Former Secretary for Governance and Ethics, Kenya, Senior Associate, St. Antony's College, UK
- José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States
- Daniel Kaufmann, Director of Global Programmes, World Bank Institute
- Huguette Labelle, Chair, Transparency International
- Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank
- Hon. Justice Barry O'Keefe, Supreme Court, Australia (former)
- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, former Foreign and Finance Minister, Nigeria
- Howard Weissman, Associate General Counsel, Lockheed Martin
- Michela Wrong, author and journalist specialising in Africa

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**Two important events will also take place during the IACC:**

Presentation of the 2006 Transparency International Integrity Awards, honouring the courage of individuals and organisations that fight corruption; and the Latin American Prize for the Best Investigative Journalism Report on Corruption.

Since its inception in 1983, the biannual IACC has become the premier global forum for the networking and cross-fertilisation that is indispensable to effective global and national advocacy and action. Transparency International, secretariat to the IACC Council, is organising the conference with its national chapter in Guatemala, Acción Ciudadana, and the government of Guatemala.

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**Note to Editors:**

The IACC is open to all accredited journalists. For a full programme and to receive accreditation, please see [www.tiacc.org](http://www.tiacc.org). Interview requests for participants and plenary speakers are being accepted now.

For information about the Transparency International Integrity Awards click [here](#).

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