

CCAICACB 2020 COUNTRY REPORT - GRENADA



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Structure of Presentation

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Introduction and Background

- ❖ Following the inauguration of CCAICACB in Grenada 2015, the IC and the FIU have worked jointly including the presentation of Country Papers
- ❖ The IC has benefitted significantly from Commonwealth Secretariat's inputs:
 - A robust anti-corruption system - Systems Hub and National Anti-Corruption Round Table Mechanism
 - Identified as a “best practice”



Challenges & Solutions Adopted

- ❖ Financial Constraints
 - ❖ Accommodation
 - ❖ Staffing issues

- ❖ Organization Restructuring
 - ❖ Personnel recruitment
 - ❖ Establishment of Investigations Unit
 - ❖ Development of a Health Emergency Protocol (first used for Covid-19)





Challenges & Solutions Adopted

- ❖ Virtual Meeting Platforms (solution to COVID-19)
- ❖ New normal for Declarations Filing





Achievements / Innovations & Initiatives

International Anti-Corruption Day Celebrations – December 06 – 13, 2019

- ❖ March and Rally (Primary, Secondary School Students, and stakeholders) - Grenada & Carriacou
- ❖ Public Education Outreach
 - ❖ St. George's Baptist Church
 - ❖ First time in sister isle Carriacou
- ❖ Beyond the Headlines appearance
- ❖ Meet and Greet the Press Reception
- ❖ Filing of declarations, first time Carriacou
- ❖ Poster and Jingle Competitions



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Complaints Form and Procedure

- ❖ Updated Complaints Procedure and Generic Complaints Form adopted in keeping with Part IV IPLA, Code-of-Conduct
- ❖ Three (3) written Complaints received
 - ❖ Alleged wrongdoing by senior official
 - ❖ Alleged Conflict of Interest by Government Ministers
 - ❖ Alleged non-compliance with procedures and legislations within a public entity



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Complaints via Public Newspapers

- ❖ Data Gathering and Verification phase
 - ❖ Improper use of cell phones by public officials
 - ❖ Al Jazeera Reports re sale of Diplomatic Passports

- ❖ Completion of Preliminary Report phase
 - ❖ Alleged gratification by Senior Public Officer re Government Project.



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Investigation Marketing National Importing Board (MNIB) Operations

- ❖ Complainant filed IC had no jurisdiction to investigate MNIB. Justice Smith ruled in favour of IC June 2019.
- ❖ Inquiry Phase of investigation commenced October 2019.



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

MNIB operations

- ❖ Stay of execution and appeal against June ruling filed. Justice Baptiste did not grant Stay, but paused on investigations pending outcome of the appeal of Justice Smith's ruling.
- ❖ IC filing appeal to Court of Appeal—outcome would form **Precedent** for the region.



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Examination of Practices and Procedures of Public Bodies

- ❖ Commencement of Surveillance exercises
- ❖ Procurement of SurveyMonkey tool
 - ❖ IC Investigation Questionnaire updated
 - ❖ Tool is now being administered on public bodies



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Public Education and Outreach

- ❖ St George's Baptist Church – Grenada
- ❖ Public Officials/General Public – Carriacou
 - ❖ International Framework
 - ❖ IPLA No24 of 2013 & PCA N0.15 of 2007
 - ❖ Code of Conduct
 - ❖ Conflict of Interest
 - ❖ Gifts & Gratification
 - ❖ Best Practices



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Jingle Competition

❖ Visual representation

- ❖ Logo Competition
- ❖ Mascot Competition

❖ Audio Representation

- ❖ Jingle Competition
- ❖ St. Joseph's Convent St. George's – Winners
- ❖ Jingle now on website





Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Financial Investigations Unit (FIU)

- ❖ Establishment of Asset Recovery Unit within the FIU, which includes an Attorney.
- ❖ Statistics encouraging – proceeds of crime

AREAS OF ASSET RECOVERY	EC\$ VALUE
Cash Detention	100,689.40
Cash forfeiture	2,800.00
Restraint (Property: Land, Vehicles, House)	300,222.35 (cash value)



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Financial Investigations Unit (FIU)

- ❖ Initiated the coordination of training for stakeholders on National Risk Assessment
- ❖ The unique cooperation between the FIU and IC continues further to the MOU of the parties



Achievements/Innovations & Initiatives Cont'd

Naming of IC Mascot

- ❖ Held among Primary School Students
- ❖ Winning Schools – entries merged
 - ❖ St Joseph's RC School – Morne Jaloux
 - ❖ Corinth Government School
 - ❖ Received gift certificates for school supplies
- ❖ Mascot named “Trustie Megzie”



Training and Development

- ❖ Comprehensive Anti-Corruption Investigations training (Jan28th –30th) Dirk Harrison – Chairman, CCAICACB.
 - ❖ **Outcome** – Reviewed & updated IC Investigation Protocol into Investigation Manual

- ❖ National Risk Assessment Review Training & completion of Grenada National Risk Assessment on Money Laundering



Training and Development

- ❖ Anti-Corruption Benchmarks Review Meeting, London, May 2019. IC Chairman participated as an Expert.
- ❖ Panama Workshop August 2019– Support the Fight Against Corruption in the Caribbean.



Training and Development cont'd

- ❖ Review of Capacity Building Interventions for Grenada 2015 to 2019, by the Commonwealth Secretariat.
- ❖ Postponement of Virtual Centre for Excellence Series–Senior Leadership and Management Annual Regional Training Programme



Filing of Declarations

- ❖ 236 Notices to file declaration issued
- ❖ 162 declarations filed for the year under review
- ❖ 850 declarations filed to date (2014 – Feb 2020)
- ❖ Deepening of Compliance process and investigating “Red Flags”
- ❖ Gazette and Newspaper publication of non-compliant declarants



Communication

❖ Enhanced Website

- ❖ Articles
- ❖ Press Releases
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ General Information
- ❖ Legislation

❖ Active Social Media

- ❖ Instagram
- ❖ Twitter
- ❖ Facebook



The IC's Systems Hub



