Short Session Report

Session Title: Opening Ceremony
Date & Time: Thursday December 1, 11 hours
Report prepared by: Rukshana Nanayakkara, Advocacy Manager - SDGs, Transparency International Secretariat

PLEASE INCLUDE BEST QUOTES!

The fight against corruption needs to show benefits for the people

Fighting corruption is like removing tumours from a patient’s body. But remove one by one without killing the patient.

People power is attacking on debunk corrupt systems using elections as a tool

Experts:
His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Varela Rodriguez, President of the Republic of Panama
Akere Muna, Chairperson, IACC Council
Leonard McCarthy, Integrity Vice President, World Bank
Jose Ugaz, Chair, Transparency International

Moderated by: -
Session coordinated by: -

Main issues raised in kick off remarks. What’s the focus of the session?
The session declared open the 17th IACC. This year’s theme of the conference resonate the spirit of the starting of the IACC: developing strategies to combat corruption engaging large number of people to demand and enforce. Ending financial secrecy and paying attention to all aspects of it to end corruption should gain serious attention at this conference. Nature contacts and partnerships through networking at this event

What initiatives have been showcased? Briefly describe the Game Changing strategies/ ideas (if applicable)

- World Bank’s key approach in fighting corruption – institutional building is showing results
- Best prevention for corruption is deterrence based on World Bank experiences
- Engaging private sector in the fight against corruption holds the potential to be a game changer

Briefly describe the highlights including the thematically interesting questions and ideas that were generated from the discussion or from the floor, and session quotes.

- People are aware about the effects of corruption. But largely in the global south. But the attention should be from global south to the north where issues relating to behaviour of international
banks and recovery of stolen assets should come to the forefront
- Building close partnerships with corruption fighters is paramount in the battle against corruption
- Look beyond silos as corruption goes across many boarder such as human trafficking to environmental issues
- In fighting corruption understanding the drivers of corruption, effective prosecution, and uncompromising leadership to set the tone are key.
- Civic power is a key element to empower ordinary voices. In this respect space for CSOs is key and safety issues of corruption fighters should be given serious attention
- Showcasing corrupt practices’ impact on health, education etc. bring the fight against corruption closer to the people
- Empowering peoples’ power is one of the effective ways of fighting grand corruption. Across the world people have come to streets against corrupt leaders who looted millions of money from public coffers
- Fighting corruption should be people centred and its benefits should directly be filtered to the public

What are the key recommendations, follow-up Actions (200 words narrative form)
Key Insights that could be included in the IACC Declaration

- Engaging people in fighting grand corruption
- Protecting CSO space is more relevant today than ever before

Rapporteur’s name and date submitted
Rukshana Nanayakkara
Submitted on 1st December 2016

Remember! This Short Report needs to be emailed to reports@17iacc.org within 2 hours after the session and will be uploaded instantly to the IACC website. Thanks.