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Canadian Chapter News

TI-Canada held a seminar in Vancouver, February 4-5, entitled "Corruption and Bribery in Foreign Business Transactions: New Global and Canadian Standards," in cooperation with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy.

Close to 60 participants from as far away as the United Kingdom and from Newfoundland to British Columbia, representing business, government and civil society, came to hear presentations on a variety of topics, including *The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: the US Experience*, *The Development and Implementation of the OECD Convention*, *Fighting Corruption at Home and Abroad*, *Global Action on Human Security: Building the Rule of Law*, *Corruption in the Public Sector*, *Canada's New Law on Bribery and Corruption of Foreign Public Officials*, *Corruption and Issues of Corporate Criminal Liability*, *How Canadian Business Can Respond to the Changes in Canadian and Global Standards*, and *Corruption, International Business, and Development*.

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The day-and-a-half format allowed for a good deal of discussion amongst the speakers and participants regarding the combatting of corruption and bribery in international business transactions. Now that the Canadian government has the legislation in place conforming to the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, it is necessary to focus on the implementation of the legislation and to explore how it feeds into other anti-corruption activities around the world.

9th International Anti-Corruption Conference
October 10 - 15, 1999
Durban, South Africa
(see inside for further information)

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The closing roundtable session provided participants with an opportunity to put questions regarding the Canadian legislation to a field of experts in the areas of accounting/auditing, security, ethics and criminal liability.

Participants and speakers suggested that the seminar not only fulfilled their expectations but also sparked their interest in looking beyond to a range of other anti-corruption issues.

Mark your calendars!

TI-Canada Workshop
on

Anti-Corruption Activities in the Americas

and

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 29, 1999

8:30 - 15:00

York University, Nadal Management Centre

222 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Toronto, Ontario

please see flyer for more information

International News

Berlin, 2 March 1999

"Courageous corruption fighter wins Nigerian election",

"Obasanjo faces daunting task in trying to bring down corruption levels "

"The victory of Olusegun Obasanjo, a courageous and highly-principled anti-corruption fighter, on winning what has clearly been a difficult and fraught election, bodes well for the future of all Nigerians," said Dr. Peter Eigen, Chairman of the world-wide anti-corruption movement Transparency International.

General Obasanjo, one of the founders of the movement, served as Chair of its Advisory Council until he entered active politics late last year. His election comes as a signal that the voters in Nigeria have honoured his life-long engagement for good governance and greater transparency. In trying to fight one of his country's biggest problems

- corruption - Obasanjo faces a daunting task. Nigeria has continuously been rated as being among the most corrupt countries in TI's Corruption Perceptions Index. Last year, Nigeria was ranked 81 in a total of 85 countries surveyed, Eigen commented.

"Olusegun Obasanjo has dedicated much of his life - and has physically risked his life - in the cause of human rights and democratic government. He will soon take the helm of Africa's most populous nation and if he can establish honesty in public service in Nigeria, then it will be an accomplishment with beneficial consequences for all of Africa. His efforts in the weeks and months ahead deserve the greatest goodwill of the international community," Dr Eigen continued.

"The international community must make every effort to support and encourage Obasanjo to first consolidate broad public support for his leadership and then to move ahead to introduce transparent and effective government. Its pillars must be rule of law, an independent judiciary, an honest police, freedom of information," Eigen said.

General Obasanjo has dedicated himself to curbing

corruption and was a key figure at TI's inaugural conference in May, 1993 where he stated:

"Young people now have as their role models the leaders who have made money as a result of corruption. Corruption destroys the future of our society."

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9th International Anti-Corruption Conference

"Global Integrity: 2000 and Beyond - Developing Anti-Corruption Strategies in a Changing World" October 10 - 15, 1999 Durban, South Africa

The South African Minister of Justice will be hosting the 9th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Durban, South Africa, 10 - 15 October 1999. The Conference will bring together those responsible for containing corruption in their own societies and those with a stake in those efforts. It will attract upwards of 1000 politicians, national and local government officials, representatives of the world of business and the professions, international development organisations, the media, international and national NGOs and researchers, from around the world. This will be the first IACC to be held in Africa, and is a testament to the growing concern about corruption among African governments and civil society organisations.

The broader theme of "Global Integrity: 2000 and Beyond - Developing Anti-Corruption Strategies in a Changing World," will be addressed in a number of sub-sector themes: democratization, development, criminal Justice, civil society and international trade and finance, with a particular African and practical emphasis. Some outcomes expected include redefinition of the anti-corruption agenda, development of continent-specific programmes, development of a methodology for sharing good practices, review of existing anti-corruption declarations and conventions, review of inconsistencies in policies of development funding agencies and development of strategies of civil society.

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