

Transparency International and the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center invite you to a panel discussion:

**FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN THE AMERICAS:
IS THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION LIVING UP TO ITS POTENTIAL?
VIEWS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES**

Monday, June 25th, 2007, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Woodrow Wilson Center (6th Floor Flom Auditorium)
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Introduction

Nancy Zucker Boswell, TI Board of Directors, TI-USA President & CEO

Speakers:

Eduardo Bohórquez, Executive Director *Transparencia Mexicana* (Mexico)

Carlos Fonseca, Program Director, *PROÉTICA-Consejo Nacional para la Ética Pública* (Peru)

Victor Hart, President Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute
(Trinidad and Tobago)

Mercedes de Freitas, Executive Director, *Transparencia Venezuela* (Venezuela)

Commentary: Alfonso Quiroz, Professor of History, Baruch College and Graduate Center, City University of New York

Moderator: Cynthia Arnson, Latin America Program Director, Woodrow Wilson Center

Ten years after the Inter-American Convention against Corruption entered into force, many are asking whether it is fulfilling its intended role of strengthening governance and reducing corruption. Civil society organizations from across the hemisphere have presented a critical non-governmental perspective on progress to the Convention's inter-governmental review body.

We hope you will join us on June 25th, when TI National Chapters from four countries - México, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela - will share their views and recommendations, with a special focus on efforts to reduce corruption in public contracting and increase whistleblower protection. Their presentations will underscore the important role of civil society monitoring of convention enforcement – a role facing increasing resistance in many countries.

Translation will be provided

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