



Third Central America and Dominican Republic Transparency Forum

Tegucigalpa, 10 and 11 October 2012

The Government of Honduras, Asociación para una Sociedad más Justa and
Transparency International

I. Background

The Forum is a unique opportunity for the main actors involved in the fight against corruption in the Central American countries and the Dominican Republic to discuss, share experiences, and agree measures to eradicate corruption in the region.

The first edition of the Forum was held in San Salvador on 28 and 29 September 2010 and the second in Costa Rica, on November 2011. Both editions have had as its central theme the relationship between transparency and insecurity; as a result, there have been efforts to identify experiences and transparency tools, as well as, generating knowledge in the areas of corruption and insecurity, enforcement of international agreements against corruption, social programs, reporting mechanisms and protection for whistleblowers, victims and witnesses of corruption.

II. Objectives of the Third Forum

On a regional level, the objective of the third edition of the Forum is to renew the transparency and anti-corruption in Central America and Dominican Republic by (I) promoting dialogue and coordination between different sectors; (II) producing thematic analysis and exchange of good practices and mechanisms; and (III) positioning transparency and the fight against corruption within the priorities of the region.

In order to do so, the Forum has been organized around two key areas: the first area is compliance with international anti-corruption commitments applicable to Central American countries and the Dominican Republic. The third Forum will specifically address the area of transparency in public finances in light of those international commitments –OAS and UN anti-corruption conventions and Guatemala Declaration. The second area is the analysis of issues affecting the reality of the region from a perspective of transparency and anti-corruption, specifically the high levels of insecurity and impunity as well as the need to address corruption affecting social development.

On a national level, the Third Forum in Honduras will help achieve the following objectives: (I) make an open and participatory review of the current state of the national agenda of transparency and anti-corruption; (II) promote dialogue and coordination between state and non-state actors for the implementation of that agenda; (III) highlight and promote good practices of state and non-state actors regarding the implementation of the agenda; and (IV) enrich the regional agenda by providing input from experiences at national level.

During the preparation of the Forum a National Platform will contribute to: (I) identify the current national agenda and prepare an initial review prior to the Forum; (II) identify lessons to be presented during the Forum at the fair of good practices; and (III) feed into the Forum's discussions.

III. Preliminary Agenda

Date/Hour	Contents	Organizers
Tuesday October 9, Morning	Place: Universidad Autónoma Nacional de Honduras Activities: 1. Youth Forum: Transparency Youth Declaration. 2. Video contest "60 seconds against corruption". ¿How does corruption affects the day-to-dat life of the young and general population? 3. Other art activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manuel Torres, Universidad Autónoma Nacional de Honduras. Young against violence.
Afternoon	Event open of the National Platform with national participants: what is the national agenda of transparency and fighting corruption in Honduras and how to achieve it's implementation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Platform of the Forum
Night	Informal cocktail and welcome to participants.	

Date/Hour	Contents	Panelists
Wednesday October 10, 7:30 – 9:00	Accreditation of participants	
9:00 – 10:00	Inauguration of the Forum: Looking to Honduras from the region - look at the region from Honduras. What has been achieved and how will the Forum continue providing answers to the transparency challenges in the region? Reading of the Youth Forum Final Declaration	Intervention by the President of the Republic. Statement by Alejandro Salas, Regional Director for the Americas, Transparency International (TI) Representative from the Youth Forum
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 10:40	General framework and methodological explanation	TI and Convening organizations
10:40– 12:00	Main Conference I: Transparency and Security: How to use transparency to achieve higher levels of security in the region?	<p>Key note speaker: Edgar Gutiérrez, Political Analyst, Ambassador in Special Mission for the "Reform on the global policy on drugs", accredited upon the OAS.</p> <p>Comments by: Victor Meza, Member of the Committee on Public Security Reform, Honduras.</p> <p>Moderation: Alan Ver Beek, Executive Secretary, Asociación para una Sociedad más Justa (ASJ).</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	



13:00– 15:30	Workshop 1, Police Reform: What progress in terms of transparency has been achieved by depuration processes of police institutions in the region?	<p>Panelists: Cesar Rivera, Modernization of the State Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank Oscar Vásquez, Executive Director, Acción Ciudadana, Guatemala. Luciana Torchiaro, Regional Officer, Transparency International. Moderation: Josué Murillo, Alianza por la Paz y la Justicia, Honduras. Rapporteur: Isabel Romero, NDI Honduras. Facilitation: *</p>
	Workshop 2, Transparency in the Justice System: Which successful experiences of transparency and accountability exist as part of reforms to the justice sector in the region?	<p>Panelists: Sidney Blanco Reyes, Magistrate of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice, El Salvador. Alejandro Rodríguez, Secretary of Criminal Policy, Public Ministry, Guatemala. Moderation: Omar Casco, Member of the Committee on Public Security Reform, Honduras.* Reppporteur: Denise Miranda, Alianza por la Paz y la Justicia. Facilitation: *</p>
	Workshop 3, Central America Security Strategy: how to strengthen transparency and accountability mechanisms in the implementation of this strategy at national and regional levels?	<p>Panelists: Eduardo Nuñez, Director, NDI (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador), Regional Programme for the strengthening of civil society participation in the formulation of security policies. Alexander Chacon, Representative from SICA*. Moderación: Manfredo Marroquín, Senior Advisor, Transparency International. Relatoría: Vanessa Meja, NDI Honduras. Facilitación: *</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 16:45	Main Conference II: Transparency in public finance: What progress is being made in the public finances transparency plans in the region? Answers open government for curbing corruption in the use of public funds.	<p>Key note speaker: Ricardo Barrientos, Central American Institute for Fiscal Studies. Commts by: Hazel Feigenblatt, Managing Director,</p>



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		Global Integrity. Moderation: Rocio Tabora, Unit for Technical Support to the Presidency, Presidency of the Republic, Honduras.
16:45 – 17:00	Close of the first day	TI and Convening organizations
18:00 – 20:00	Event/Dinner hosted by the Government of Honduras	

Date/Hour	Contents	Experts
Thursday October 11 8:00 – 8:15	Opening, recap of day one and methodological explanation.	TI and Convening organizations
8:15 – 10:30	Workshop 1, Lessons from citizen and participatory budgets exercises in the region: how to strengthen the transparency, accountability and citizen participation through citizen and participatory budgeting exercises?	Panelists: Atzimba Baltazar, Program Officer, Governments support Programme, International Budget Partnership. Concepción Aguilar, Coordinator, Citizen Participation Programme, ASONOG (Honduras)* Moderation: Guadalupe Jerezano, Former President of the Access to Public Information Institute, Honduras.* Rapporteur: Edgardo Vargas, FOPRIDEH* Facilitation:*
	Workshop 2, Analysis of progress and challenges for transparency in public contracting systems in the region.	Panelists: Marcela Rozo y Luis Esquivel, Procurement Program, World Bank Institute. Carlos Gasnell, Executive Vice-President, Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Libertad Ciudadana, Panama. Moderation: Dulce María Zavala, Coordinator, Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción, Honduras.* Rapporteur:* Facilitation:*
	Workshop 3, New challenges for monitoring and oversight on the use of public resources: views from civil society, the public sector and international cooperation.	Panelists: Ileana Morales, Foro Social de Deuda Externa y Desarrollo, Honduras.* Andrés Menocal, Director, ONADICI Honduras.* Moderación: Doris Madrid, President of the Access to Public Information Institute, Honduras.



		<p>Rapporteur:* Facilitation:*</p>
	<p>Workshop 4, OAS and UNCAC Anti-corruption Conventions and public finances: how to strengthen transparency in public finance through the monitoring processes of these conventions? Which conclusions are being obtained in the IV round of review of the Inter- American Convention against Corruption about state oversight entities? Which progress is being made in the UNCAC follow up process?</p>	<p>Panelists: Luis Azevedo, Department of Legal Cooperation, Secretariat of Strategic Affairs, OAS. Miguel Peñailillo, Consultant, UNDP. Omar Rivera, Grupo de Sociedad Civil, Honduras. Moderation: Daisy Ancheta, President, Tribunal Superior de Cuentas, Honduras. Rapporteur: Carlos Salinas, Grupo de Sociedad Civil, Honduras.* Facilitation:*</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Main Conference II: Transparency and Development: how to use transparency to promote social development in the region?</p>	<p>Key note speaker: Karen Hussmann, Advisor, U4. Commentator: Jorge Vargas, Director, State of the Region, Costa Rica. Moderación: Andrés Hernández, Regional Senior Coordinator, Transparency International.</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 15:00	<p>Workshop 1, Education sector: successful monitoring experiences on transparency, prevention and sanction of corruption in the region.</p>	<p>Panelists: Marlon Escoto, Minister of Education, Honduras. Carlos Hernández, Transformemos Honduras. Moderation: Marcia López, Unit for Technical Support to the Presidency, Presidency of the Republic, Honduras. Rapporteur: Claudia Aguilar, Coordinadora de Gobernabilidad, GIZ. Facilitation:*</p>



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	Workshop 2, Conditional Cash Transfer Programs: successful monitoring experiences on transparency, prevention and sanction of corruption in the region.	<p>Panelists: Eduardo Bohórquez, Executive Director, Transparencia Mexicana. Jorge Irias, Monitoreo del Bono Diez Mil, Honduras. Ronalth Ochaeta, Acción Ciudadana, Guatemala.</p> <p>Moderation: Ezequiel Miranda, World Bank, Honduras.</p> <p>Rapporteur: Miriam Guzmán, Access to Public Information Institute, Honduras.</p> <p>Facilitation: *</p>
15:00 – 17:00	Fair of good practices and exchange of experiences on transparency initiatives in Honduras.	
17:00-17:10	Presentation of the winning video of the contest "60 seconds against corruption".	Convening organizations
17:10 – 18:00	<p>Closing of the forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of the Forum's final Declaration. • Closing remarks: Presidential Designee of Honduras, Ms María Antonieta Guillén de Bográn. 	

* To be confirmed.