

Largest Global Anti-Corruption Conference to be Held in Washington, D.C. in 2022

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The 20th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) will be held this year in Washington, D.C., from December 6th through 10th. The theme will be “Uprooting Corruption, Defending Democratic Values.” As recently as 2020, the 19th IACC brought together more than 10,000 activists, experts, and public and private sector officials from 180 countries.

This year’s event will be hosted by the United States Government and organized by an IACC coordinating council and Transparency International, the world’s leading anticorruption coalition.

Upon the announcement of this year’s conference, Transparency International U.S. Executive Director Gary Kalman said the following:

We are delighted to welcome the IACC to Washington. It comes at a time when corruption has given rise to the most serious threat to the global order in more than 70 years. At the same time, we have seen significant recent advancements in the fight against corruption including increases in transparency, international cooperation and resources to strengthen accountability and enforcement of anticorruption measures.

This year’s conference will provide a timely platform for discussion and action on the critical link between corruption, security, human rights, and sovereignty.

While the world still struggles with the human, economic, and social consequences of the pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine tragically demonstrates how kleptocracy and state capture challenge democracies and threaten international institutions.

Simultaneously, heightened awareness of the harmful impacts of corruption on health, safety, economic sustainability, and environmental

preservation has led to significant recent progress and opened the door to further reform. In recent years, we have seen greater recognition by many countries, including the United States, of their role in facilitating global corruption, and forward-leaning discussions in multilateral fora, including the U.S.-led Summit for Democracy, around accountability in both the public and private sectors.

Facing both crisis and opportunity, now is the time for anti-corruption voices to come together and chart a path forward to a safer, fairer, sustainable, and more democratic world.

Transparency International U.S. is part of the world's largest coalition against corruption. In collaboration with national chapters in more than 100 countries, through research, policy development and advocacy, we are leading the fight to turn our vision of a world free from corruption into reality.

Related Resources

- Visit the [official website](#) of the International Anti-Corruption Conference.
- Read Transparency International's global [announcement](#) of the conference.
- Read the U.S. Department of State's [media note](#) on the announcement.

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