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International Anti-Corruption Convention (Brazil)

Transparency International (TI) Fiji anticipates the introduction of new anti-corruption tools and ideas in Fiji following its participation in the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), held in Brazil from 7 – 10 November 2012.

More than 1900 people from 140 countries attended the IACC, including TI Fiji's Programme Coordinator for the Youth Integrity Promotion Programme, Mr Fenton Lutunatabua.

Speaking after the first day of the IACC, Fenton said "It's been a fantastic first day, with Tawakkol Karman, the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, sharing her experiences with the Arab Spring, and the reminder about the power of young people, especially as agents of change. It was also great to hear the President of Brazil, Dilma Rousseff, sharing the message about the need to mobilize people, and to build connections between individuals and communities that are bringing about change."

The title of this year's IACC is "Mobilising people: connecting agents of change" and Fenton was enthusiastic about the opportunities available for networking and cross-fertilisation of ideas from around the globe during the four-day conference. "The IACC has provided TI Fiji with a great opportunity to hear how various individuals and groups around the world are finding effective solutions to tackling corruption and limiting its pervasive impacts on peoples' lives," said Fenton.

The IACC has also provided TI Fiji with the opportunity to look at new technology-based solutions, with sessions on the use of online tools for fighting corruption, using new technology to fight an old problem, and building better options for people to report on corruption.

TI Fiji recently participated in a regional Hackathon, which brought together IT specialists and anti-corruption activists to develop technology solutions to fight corruption. "The IACC has provided an opportunity to build on what we learned at the Hackathon," said Fenton.

The 15th IACC concluded on 10 November with the approval of the conference declaration, and a strong and united call to end the impunity of those who abuse their positions of power.

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TI Fiji's Fenton Lutunatabua at the IACC, Basilia, Brazil



Greenpeace Executive Director, Kumi Naidoo, and TI Fiji Programme Coordinator, Fenton Lutunatabua at the IACC, Basilia, Brazil