

Call for Interested Countries within the TI Movement to Host the IACC in 2022

How the IACC Host Country is Selected

As Secretariat to the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) Council, the governing body of the IACC Conference series, Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S) in Berlin explores the possibility of hosting an IACC in 2022 with interested members of the TI movement (National Chapters, National Chapter In Formation, National Contacts, Individual Members) and the governments of their respective countries. There is an open and competitive selection process for those interested: Typically, the TI representative in the country would initiate correspondence with the government to explore the interest in hosting the IACC. Traditionally, the future IACC host country shall be confirmed around one month before the upcoming 19th IACC and be announced at the closing ceremony of the conference. In this case, in the 19th IACC is planned for June 2020 in Seoul, Korea.

After initial exchanges with TI national representatives, interested governments shall provide a letter of intention to TI-S to start the process of negotiation. After evaluating the conditions that are offered, this process should continue with a formal proposal by the potential host country, stemming from the Head of State, the Prime Minister or President. The letter should be signed by the head of a government ministry, or entity with a clear mandate to curb corruption or boost transparency in the country and be addressed to the Chair of the IACC Council. The final decision on accepting the host country is made by the IACC Council.

What Makes a Country Eligible for Hosting an IACC

- The country's government demonstrated work in curbing corruption.
- The country's government demonstrated work in respecting human, social, and political rights.
- The potential benefits of bringing the global anti-corruption movement to the given country and region.
- The country's positive influence at a regional and if applicable at a global level.
- The Government capacity to deliver on all aspects needed to organise an international conference with up to 2,000 participants from an average of 130 Countries.
- The Government capacity to assume the financial implications of hosting the IACC with an estimated cost of 2 to 3 Million EUROS.
- The existence of a TI National Chapter, NC in formation or local civil society contact or partner(s).

Host Country Financial Responsibility

The financial responsibility for the Conference is borne by the Host country government in accordance with the provisions set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Neither the IACC Council, nor its members, nor TI, nor TI National Chapter, nor the local partner organisation will be responsible for any financial commitments or liabilities associated with the Conference except those specifically agreed upon in writing by parties in addition to the MoU. The overall cost of the Conference varies from country to country. Typically, hosting an IACC costs between 2 - 3 Million Euros. The costs change because of the local costs for organising the conference change from country to country. This cost covers the programme development cost, and logistics such as renting the conference venue, interpretations, travel and land transport, catering, technical equipment rental etc.

A bespoke IACC brief outlining the organisational, logistic and financial implications for the host country is shared with the potential host. Once the potential host country confirms its interest, a response letter confirming acceptance of all implications including the financial implications should be sent to the IACC Council Chair.

A hosting brief can be made available to TI National Chapters upon request to Roberto Perez-Rocha at the IACC team at TI-S (<u>iacc@transparency.org</u>)

Once TI-S and the host country have come to an agreement, a formal commitment is drawn up in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This MoU specifies the responsibilities between the organisers of the Conference including the financial implications.