Press release

Outcome Corruption Survey 2020

Perception of widespread and increasing corruption

Oranjestad, February 8, 2021 - The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) today publishes its Report Corruption Survey (RCS) 2020. The survey results show that a majority of respondents, reaching 94 percent in 2020 from 81 percent in 2019 and 76 percent in 2018, thought that corruption was widespread and increasing. On a positive note, on average 95 percent of respondents considered several corruption acts unacceptable.

Almost half of respondents concurred that the most effective thing that ordinary people can do to fight corruption is to report corruption, while they perceived that enacting a whistleblowing policy within the public sector was the most important anti-corruption measure that the government could take. The Public Prosecutor’s Office and the Bureau Integrity Aruba were seen as the two top organizations that should lead in fighting corruption.

The 2020 RCS, which can be downloaded from CBA’s website, presents the key findings of the Corruption Survey 2020. It highlights the perception of residents on the level of corruption, experiences with corruption when using services particularly in the public sector, and the need for additional anti-corruption measures.

Curbing corruption in Aruba is a high priority for the CBA, because corruption has far reaching negative economic and social repercussions. Several international organizations, such as Transparency International, frequently execute surveys on the level of corruption in many countries. To compensate for the fact that Aruba is not part of these international surveys, and consequently important data on local corruption are not available, the CBA has been conducting the corruption survey since 2018.

The REPORT CORRUPTION SURVEY 2020 is available on the CBA’s website https://www.cbaruba.org/cba/manageDocument.do?dispatch=view&id=5620. You can also find outcomes of earlier surveys on corruption here as well.

About the Centrale Bank van Aruba
The main purpose of the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) is to contribute to the financial stability and economic well-being of the Aruban community. The CBA accomplishes this
mission by implementing an effective monetary policy aimed towards maintaining the value of the florin, by promoting the soundness and integrity of the financial system, and by enhancing an efficient and reliable payments system.

Besides these core tasks, the CBA is also the sole issuer of florin banknotes and florin coins, and acts as banker to the Government of Aruba. In addition, it regulates the flow of international payments, manages the available foreign exchange reserves of Aruba, and supervises the spending thereof.

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