

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister to Open IPI World Congress

VIENNA, 13 Jan. 2012 - [Kamla Persad-Bissessar](#), Trinidad and Tobago's first female prime minister, will open this year's IPI World Congress, the [International Press Institute \(IPI\)](#) announced today. Persad-Bissessar, a former attorney general, won a landslide victory in elections in May 2010, pledging to bring transparency and accountability to all areas of government.

[IPI's World Congress 2012](#) - in Port of Spain from **23-26 June** - is coming to the Caribbean for the first time. Members of the global press freedom organisation last convened in the Americas in [2000, in Boston](#).

Titled "[Media in a Challenging World: A 360 Degree Perspective](#)," the three-day IPI World Congress will examine the many challenges, concerns and opportunities facing the media in the Caribbean, Latin America, and across the world.

In addition, the Congress will feature a one-day seminar for reporters covering corruption, a press freedom photo exhibition, and a special awards evening honouring [IPI's 2012 Free Media Pioneer](#) and [World Press Freedom Hero](#).

As always, the IPI World Congress will feature a stellar line-up of speakers from print, broadcast and online media, as well as renowned figures from the fields of politics, business and academia.

Confirmed moderators, speakers and panelists include:



- [Geoffrey Robertson](#), human rights lawyer, academic, author and broadcaster
- [Jim Clancy](#), CNN International anchor and correspondent
- [Savea Sano Malifa](#), editor and publisher of the [Samoa Observer](#)



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- [Sheila Coronel](#), Toni Stabile Professor of Professional Practice in Investigative Journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and founding director of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalists
- **Juanita León**, founder and director of LaSillaVacía.com in Colombia
- [Jacqueline Charles](#), award winning [Miami Herald](#) reporter
- [George Brock](#), Professor and Head of Journalism at City University; former managing editor of The Times
- **Marjorie Miller**, Latin America and Caribbean Editor, Associated Press (AP)
- [Wesley Gibbings](#), President of the [Association of Caribbean Media Workers \(ACM\)](#)
- **Salim Amin**, Chairman of [A24 Media](#) in Kenya
- [Canute James](#), Director of the University of the West Indies' Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC) and former Caribbean Correspondent for the Financial Times
- [John Yearwood](#), World Editor at the [Miami Herald](#)
- **Günther Mayr**, science journalist, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF)
- **Andy Johnson**, former CEO, Government Information Services (GIS), and former host of "Morning Edition," TV6, Trinidad

Early Bird discount rates until 31 January:



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