



What have we been doing

◆ Anti-Corruption Day 2015

Transparency Youth hosted "An Evening of Performances" in observance of International Anti-Corruption Day at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, on Wednesday 9 December, 2015.

One of the country's leading social activists Afra Raymond delivered the keynote address entitled: ***The Importance of Youth Integrity and Whistle-blower Legislation***. There were also sterling performances by Cecilia Salazar in the role of Gene Miles, Freetown Collective, Drama Making A Difference Company (DMAD), Lord Relator and The Two Cents Movement. Over 200 persons were in attendance, including corporate representatives, diplomats, academia, students and media. All performances spoke to issues of corruption and the importance of integrity.

See link for videos <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAiZat3cxTbeTvRnipDhHn-EczjUR-QK5>

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◆ CSO Capacity Building Workshop

On December 10, 2015 Transparency hosted a one day specialized workshop for CSOs who requested assistance in Financial Management, Human Resource Management and Board Governance based on the CSO Accountability Toolkit. The workshop entitled ***'Building Capacity among Civil Society Organizations'*** was facilitated Veni Apwann and attended by 60 participants from 45 organizations.

◆ European Union's Grant Funding Workshop

Transparency participated in the European Union's Grant Funding Workshops held on December 3 and 10. Following the workshops a brainstorming session with all participating civil society organizations and EU Consultants was held at Transparency's office on December 18. We hope that Transparency will be able to participate in the ensuring of projects in Governance, Business, Human Rights and Environment.



◆ CSO EITI Meeting

On January 9, 2016 a meeting of Civil Society representatives on the EITI Steering Committee was convened at Transparency's office primarily to shape a common perspective on EITI through sharing information and to pool the scarce resources/expertise accessible to CSOs. Some of the matters discussed were:

1. Global developments in the EITI standards and the role of Civil Society in pushing these standards;
2. The need to raise the bar on the EITI standards for already compliant countries;
3. The scope of TTEITI reports and should CS ask for reports that go beyond basic "compliance"; e.g., what about social and environmental issues such as the impact of quarries and the government actions;
4. The need for (T&T) civil society networking with our peers regionally/globally; and
5. The need for greater collaboration among CSOs, in general on a wider range of issues

Inter alia, it agreed that such meetings would continue regularly on the second Saturday of each month.

Upcoming events

Anti-Corruption Conference

Date: 8 March, 2016

Location: Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre

Contact us to get involved!

Procurement Legislation Update

Government wishes to amend the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act to provide for the establishment of a Tribunal to deal with misdemeanours of the Regulator, a Review Board to deal with challenge proceedings and additional provisions for the disposal of State land and real property. A meeting with Gerry Brooks - Chairman of NGC, is to take place soon, followed by a meeting with Colm Imbert - Minister of Finance.

Volunteer to contribute!