



What we have been doing

◆ Special General Meeting

Transparency hosted its Special General Meeting on 21 July, 2016. Mr Mariano Browne, Managing Partner, Browne and Company and Executive Chairman, Elida Management Services Limited delivered the feature address entitled: Transparency, Accountability and Responsibility in the Management of the Heritage and Stabilization Fund. See link below for his presentation. The Board of Directors thanks all those who attended and looks forward to welcoming all members at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 15 September, 2016.

Click [here](#) to view Presentation.

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◆ Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in Rio de Janeiro

On 4 August, Chair – Deryck Murray represented Transparency International at the Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in Rio and delivered a presentation entitled, “IT’s TIME TO ACT.” The primary objective of the meeting was to advance consensus and co-operation on key sport policy issues. The presentation reiterated that all stakeholders should use their strength of loyalty and financial leverage to demand adherence to the highest standards of governance and demand that Sports organizations establish cultures of transparency, thereby providing access to information on their finances, pay scales and expenditures.”

Click [here](#) for TI’s full submission.

◆ Integrity, Mobilisation, Participation, Accountability and Transparency (IMPACT) for three (3) years

On July 26, 2016, TTTI signed an agreement with Transparency International to implement projects focusing on our Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC), public sector and business integrity over the next three years. IMPACT is aimed at increasing integrity, transparency and accountability in the public and private sectors, while empowering civil society to advocate for changes in policy and practice.

For example, on August 17, Transparency met with the Auditor General and members of his department to discuss the implementation of the public sector project under IMPACT. This project is aimed at assisting government ministries in implementing the recommendations from the Auditor General’s 2015 Report, thereby increasing accountability, transparency and integrity in public sector agencies. The Auditor General and his team are in full support of this project as both teams recognise the importance of good governance.

◆ Civil Society Organization (CSO) Toolkit Training

Transparency conducted a Train the Trainers Workshop re CSO Toolkit in July 2016. The CSO Toolkit was developed by Transparency in collaboration with the Commonwealth Foundation. It provides a framework for proper governance structure and explores what accountability means for CSOs.

The informative session was facilitated by Director - Josh Drayton. A follow-up session is tentatively scheduled for September.

◆ Transparency welcomes Research Officer

Benedict Bryan has now joined Transparency in the capacity of Research Officer. Benedict is a recent graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI) with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. He will focus on researching funding opportunities aimed at improving the sustainability of the organization, and will also be monitoring topical issues in the media. Benedict is a welcome addition to the Transparency family which includes; Eileen Benjamin-Ryan – Programme Manager, Cindy Paul-Seecharan – Administrative Officer and Kernika Charles – Programme Officer.