



What We Have Been Doing

◆ Special General Meeting - Charitable Status

Following discussions with the Board of Inland Revenue on the matter of TTTI obtaining Charitable Status on May 7 2018, TTTI hosted a Special General Meeting (SGM) to amend Article 3.2 of the Bye-Laws. The members approved the amendment and Article 3.2 now reads:

3.2 For the attainment of its purpose the Company shall inter-alia work with Transparency International organs, other national chapters, government, the public sector, business, labour and civil society organisations to seek to achieve institutional reform and heightened public awareness, to provide general information relating to the nature and consequences of corruption in international and local business transactions and to formulate strategies to combat corruption and to promote transparency.

At the SGM, TTTI Chair Dion Abdool also shared with members an update on the Institute's activities.

◆ Caribbean Regional Meeting

Transparency International (TI) Caribbean chapters, participated in a regional meeting from June 27 - 28 in Jamaica. At the meeting concrete objectives, activities and a short and mid-term plan were formulated. Caribbean chapters will continue to work towards encouraging an anti-corruption culture by strengthening legislation and enforcement, advocacy and public awareness through a collaborative network. Director Ariane Moonsie represented TTTI at this meeting.



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◆ Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) Meeting

TTTI Chair, Dion Abdool was invited to attend an ALAC meeting in Guatemala from May 15 – 17. The intense workshop highlighted some differences and similarities in the legal, political systems of Latin America and the Caribbean while attendees reviewed case studies on strategic litigation. An important take from the sessions was Guatemala’s implementation of “social audits” by communities to hold their regional administrations accountable. This is an important initiative and one which TTTI will explore in the near future.

While in Guatemala, Mr. Abdool also attended two Town Hall meetings, one of which featured Guatemala’s Public Minister and the other TI’s Regional Advisor. The work of ALACs, CSO, social media etc. and the need for accountability of municipal and federal government to improve citizen’s lives were also highlighted.



◆ Safety Focal Point Training

On May 2 - 4, Transparency International (TI) invited TTTI to participate in a Safety Focal Point training. The aim of the training was to assess the safety and security needs of TI chapters in Latin America, the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa. At the intense three day training, chapter representatives spent time developing a systematic and collective approach to Chapter security, drafting security policies, crafting incident reporting logs, and practiced effective tools to deal with threats and intimidation. TI’s main purpose for the training was to assist chapters in maintaining a secure environment for anti-corruption activities. Programme Officer, Kernika Charles represented TTTI at this training which was held in Berlin.





◆ **Update: Business Integrity Country Agenda (BICA) Project**

The BICA Researchers have completed all stakeholder interviews and are in the process of writing the first draft of the BICA Assessment Report. This should be completed by July 31, following which the National Advisory Group (NAG) will be asked to review the report. Following the NAG's comments, the report will be revised and sent to an External Reviewer. It is anticipated that the final BICA report will be launched in October 2018.

◆ **Corruption and Sport**

TTTI's Board of Directors appointed immediate former Chair, Deryck Murray as the chapter's lead on matters pertaining to corruption in sport. Over the last month and following an expose documentary on match fixing, TI issued a letter to the Internal Cricket Council (ICC) and has called for further discussions on this matter.

◆ **TT CSO for Business: Building Capacity in Civil Society Organisations in Trinidad and Tobago**

TTTI was invited to participate in a capacity building programme hosted by the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association and the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago. Funded by the European Union, the project has a six – eight month duration. The project which focuses on three areas (Leadership, Corporate Governance and Advocacy and Internationalization), aims to strengthen the capacity of national CSOs and improve their effectiveness to participate in the decision making and implementation of the national policies related to business and the economy. Vice – Chair, Martin Farrell and Programme Officer, Kernika Charles will represent TTTI during the training period.





◆ TTTI calls for Political Party Funding and Election Campaign Financing legislation

TTTI reiterated its call for the enactment and implementation Political Party Funding and Election Campaign Financing legislation on May 16, 2018 via a press release. The release followed the recent ruling of the Honourable Mr Justice Frank Seepersad in the case of Real Time Systems Ltd vs Renraw Investments Limited, Ccam & Company Limited, and Austin Jack Warner aka Austin Warner t/a Dr. Joao Havelange Centre of Excellence (Claim No. CV 2010-01412). In the Judgement, the defendant is reported to have stated that the monies received were to assist a political party. TTTI has long been seeking full disclosure from the candidates and political parties in an effort to shed the light of transparency and accountability in general elections.

◆ TTTI welcomes ALAC team

In May, Bernadine Henry was contracted as Legal Officer and in June, TTTI welcomed Tamika Rogers as an In-Service Trainee from the Hugh Wooding Law School (HWLS).

◆ Legal, Fiscal and Funding Framework

Chair, Dion Abdool was invited to join the Legal, Fiscal and Funding Framework Working Group, which is led by United Way Trinidad and Tobago. The Working Group is responsible for taking forward three main recommendations:

1. The development of new legislation to govern the non-profit sector
2. Engagement of key stakeholder groups and the public at critical points in the drafting of the new legislation
3. Work with the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the evaluation of key Government programmes currently in place to support funding for CSOs.

◆ Meeting with the Office of Procurement Regulation

The Public Sector Civil Society Group (PSCSG) of which TTTI is a part met with the Procurement Regulator, Moonilal Lalchan and the Board of Procurement Regulation on July 25, 2018 to discuss matters germane to the implementation of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act and the proposed Regulations.

◆ Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Transparency International's Chair, Delia Ferreira Rubio has been selected to join the OGP Civil Society Steering Committee. Mrs. Ferreira Rubio's appointment is important for the Transparency movement as TI continues to work towards an OGP that is responsive to chapters' needs but also a driving force for anti-corruption reform.

◆ Update on Integrity Club

The Integrity Club Steering Committee is currently preparing a manual for the training of the Integrity Ambassadors and Teachers. Integrity Ambassadors will be trained in August and the Integrity Clubs will be launched in September.

SAVE THE DATE

Anti-Corruption Conference
Date: October 04th, 2018
Venue: Hilton Trinidad

Contact us to get involved!