



## Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute

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### What We Have Been Doing

#### ◆ Annual General Meeting (AGM)

TTTI hosted its nineteenth Annual General Meeting at the President’s Box, Queen’s Park Oval, on November 8, 2018. Chairman of the Election and Boundaries Commission, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh, LL. M delivered the feature address titled - *The case for reform of legislation governing Political Party Funding (PPF) and Election Campaign Financing (ECF)*.

Mr. Ramkerrysingh explained that, ‘Trinidad and Tobago has a very proud record of successful election management. And while democracy is not only about elections, credible elections are a necessary component. He noted that the EBC has seen more creative strategies being used by political parties to gain an advantage, which strategies require significant financial resources. ‘At present there is no real or proper regulatory system in place for accountability in the acquisition or expenditure of these financial resources.’ Mr. Ramkerrysingh called for support from every citizen, NGO and the media in keeping the issue of Political Party Funding (PPF) and Election Campaign Financing (ECF) at the forefront of the national dialogue.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of Mr. Ramkerrysingh’s address on TTTI’s website.



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### ◆ Anti-Corruption Day 2018 - Integrity Now and in the Future

In observance of United Nations Anti-Corruption Day 2018, TTTI hosted an evening of advocacy and entertainment at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, on Friday 7 December, 2018. In delivering the keynote address, Criminologist and Director of the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice and Psychological Research Centre at the UWI, Professor Ramesh Deosaran noted that greed provides the leverage for corruption. He said there are people in society who want more than what they have, but do not want to get it the honest way. Professor Deosaran highlighted that the education system should be used to ensure young people learn the values that would promote integrity in society.

At the event, TTTI also recognized Mr. Leon Reyes for his act of honesty and integrity. Earlier this year, Leon found a wallet with money on the pavement and turned it over to police officers. TTTI's Chair, Mr. Dion Abdool commended Mr. Reyes' grandmother for imparting the right values to him. The evening concluded with powerful performances by St Georges College, Drama Making A Difference Company (DMAD) and a poem by Ms. Kayla Shim from Williamsville Secondary School.



### ◆ School Integrity Club Project Update

On December 17, the Integrity Club Steering Committee held a training session for the Integrity Ambassadors and I-Champion teachers at St. George's College. The Ambassadors reported on the successes and challenges of developing the Integrity Club in their school. There was also further leadership and communication training for the Ambassadors as moving forward, there will be greater emphasis on "Students leading Students" to help create the culture of integrity in the classroom.

TTTI also launched an essay competition as part of its commemoration of the UN International Anti-Corruption Day, 2018. The essays are currently being reviewed and prizes will be awarded at the Anti Corruption Conference launch to be held in March 2019.

TTTI is also pleased to note that Mrs. Barbara Chandler-Bridgewater was contracted as Project Coordinator for the Integrity Club Project. TTTI extends sincere thanks to the British High Commission and other sponsors of the School Integrity Club project.



### ◆ Ethics in the Workplace

TTTI was once again invited by the office of the On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Trainee Development Programme to deliver a presentation on Ethics in the Workplace. TTTI's Vice-Chair, Martin Farrell delivered the presentation on January 15, 2019, which was warmly embraced by the trainees.



### ◆ Beneficial Ownership Disclosure - Lifting the Veil on Secret Company Ownership

TTTI and the Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) has again developed a partnership to advance our work in promoting Beneficial Ownership Disclosure in Trinidad and Tobago. As joint-beneficiaries of funding from the EU Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago and the British High Commission of Port of Spain, the project is intended to support the 2019 national Beneficial Ownership Sensitization Campaign entitled '*Lifting the Veil on Secret Company Ownership: A Public Sensitization Campaign on Beneficial Ownership Disclosure*'. The aim of the campaign is to bring awareness to Parliamentarians, Public Servants, Business Groups, Civil Society Organisations and the general public of the benefits of Beneficial Ownership Disclosure in order to gain support for its adoption.

On February 6, 2019, as part of the project, TTTI and TTEITI will be hosting a Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Workshop at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 9:00am – 12:00noon. The keynote address will be delivered by the Honourable Faris Al- Rawi - Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs. The workshop agenda will be shared shortly and all members are invited to register.





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# LIFTING THE VEIL ON SECRET COMPANY OWNERSHIP

A Conversation on Beneficial Ownership Disclosure in Trinidad & Tobago



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**TIM LAW**  
LEGAL CONSULTANT, ENGAGED CONSULTING



**KEY SPEAKER:**  
**THE HON. FARIS AL-RAWI, MP**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL & MINISTER OF LEGAL AFFAIRS



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**MICHAEL BARRON**  
LEGAL CONSULTANT, MICHAEL BARRON  
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## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ENERGY CONFERENCE 2019

**VENUE: HYATT REGENCY, PORT OF SPAIN.**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

**TIME: 9 AM - 12 PM**

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### About the Workshop

The Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) and The Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI), as joint-hosts, and The British High Commission of Port of Spain and The Delegation of the European Unions, as joint-sponsors, will be staging a workshop under the theme Lifting the Veil on Secret Company Ownership in Trinidad and Tobago to increase awareness of critical issues around Beneficial Ownership (BO) & Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) disclosure in Trinidad and Tobago. The sessions will feature interactive presentations from industry experts and will explore local challenges along with the legal and institutional changes necessary to enable BO and PEPs disclosure in Trinidad and Tobago.

If you or a representative from your organisation would like to attend this **FREE** Workshop, please send full name and title to [tteitiproject@gmail.com](mailto:tteitiproject@gmail.com).

### GUEST SPEAKERS



His Excellency Tim Stew  
British High Commissioner  
Trinidad and Tobago



H.E. Ambassador Arend Biesebroek  
Delegation of the European Union to  
Trinidad and Tobago

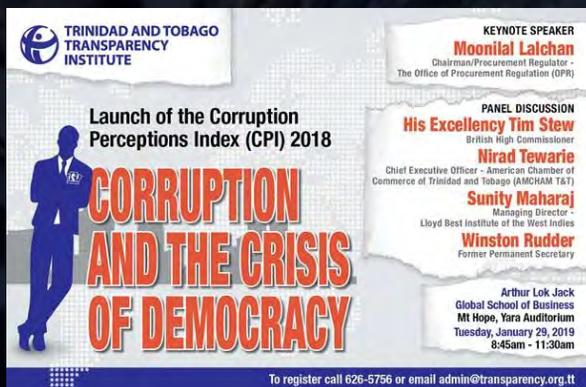


## ◆ CPI 2018 Launch

Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI) launched the results of the Corruption Perceptions Index on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business.

This event was well attended by representatives from Diplomatic missions, Civil Society Organisations, Members of the Legal profession, Religious bodies, Regional Corporations, public and private sector, members of the press and the public, all of whom were keen to learn how Trinidad and Tobago fared in this international report which ranks countries by levels of public sector corruption, with 0 being highly corrupt and 100 is very clean.

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Speaking at the launch, Mr Moonil Lalchan - Chairman/ Procurement Regulator the Office of Procurement Regulation said that “One doesn’t bribe oneself. One has to be bribed. It therefore means that the private sector businesses, small and large, also have a role to play in ensuring they deal honestly when offering their goods and services to governments and other public bodies.” Mr Lalchan also assured that “*as the country’s first procurement regulator, it is my honour to not only stand, but to pledge my allegiance with TTTI in its mission to “stop corruption and promote transparency, accountability and integrity at all levels and across all sectors of our society.”*”

## **Media coverage**

- [https://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/local/t-t-no-less-corrupt-in-according-to-transparency-international/article\\_de413584-2403-11e9-8baf-97d72be83d35.html](https://www.trinidadexpress.com/news/local/t-t-no-less-corrupt-in-according-to-transparency-international/article_de413584-2403-11e9-8baf-97d72be83d35.html)
- <https://newsday.co.tt/2019/01/29/tt-corruption-perception-index-score-unchanged/>
- <http://www.looptt.com/content/report-trinis-unwilling-report-corruption>

## **Videos**

- <https://youtu.be/yq1u8JzTc24>
- <https://youtu.be/1hykPwkVpE8>





TTTI Chair, Dion Abdool



Moonilal Lalchan -  
Chairman/ Procurement Regulator The  
Office of Procurement Regulation



His Excellency Tim Stew -  
British High Commission



Bhawani Persad, President Persons  
Associated With Visual Impairment



Past Chair, Deryck Murray with D Abdool



Panel Discussion – Corruption and the Crisis of Democracy moderated by TTTI’s Director, Dr Kamla Mungal



From left - Mr. David West Director of the Police  
Complaints Authority, His Excellency Tim Stew - British  
High Commission, Nirad Tewarie – CEO, AMCHAM  
T&T, Moonilal Lalchan



Citizens participating  
in open forum