

E-News Brief

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What we have been doing

◆ Youth Integrity Workshops

Transparency Youth completed a series of Youth Integrity Workshops held in San Fernando, Princes Town, Los Bajos, Fyzabad, Rio Claro and Point Fortin. At these workshops the importance of integrity, morals, ethics and transparency were addressed in an interactive manner.



◆ Transparency welcomes new ALAC Interns

On October 7, Transparency welcomed three new ALAC interns from the Hugh Wooding Law School. The interns - Amrita Sankar, Taryn Ragoonanan, and Amanda Wall have already started to work assiduously on several files.

◆ Procurement

The Private Sector Civil Society Group (PSCSG) has been considering the implications of the change in Government for the full proclamation of the Procurement Act of 2015. It is of the view that there should not be any undue delay in this and has agreed that full proclamation of the Act should be no more than three months after passage of the Budget.

With respect to the announcement by the new Government of its intention to amend the Procurement Act, in particular to provide for establishment of a Tribunal to review decisions of the Office of the Procurement Regulator, the PSCSG is of the view that this would not be harmful to the Act. Further discussions on the issue of land, including the responsibility of the OPR for the disposal of real property owned by Government, will take place.

◆ UWI Students Visit



On Monday 26 October, 50 students from the UWI St. Augustine campus, Social Policy Development class visited Transparency. Deryck Murray – Chairman presented on Transparency's mandate and projects while Kernika Charles – Transparency Youth Chairperson presented on the work of the group. At the session several students spoke out on corruption related issues, and signed up

to become volunteers of Transparency Youth. The young citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are all invited become Members of Transparency.

◆ TTEITI Launches 3RD Report

On October 2, Transparency was represented at the official handover of Trinidad and Tobago's third Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Report by the Chairman of the EITI Victor Hart to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries. The Report covers Fiscal 2013 and is an independent reconciliation of the revenues paid to Government by the major upstream oil and gas companies.



◆ Congratulations!

Transparency congratulates Eileen Benjamin Ryan – Programme Manager on her achievement of being called to the Bar on Friday 20 November 2015.