



### What We Have Been Doing

#### ◆ Visit from Transparency International

From August 4 – 7, Transparency International – Consultant, Ms. Alessandra Fontana, visited TTTI to conduct the midterm evaluation on the “IMPACT” grant. The purpose of the evaluation was to provide an external and independent review that assesses the performance and achievements of the grant; identify weaknesses and strengths of the grant; generate lessons learned and good practices from the grant’s work; provide an objective assessment of the achievements as well as provide clear and forward-looking recommendations.

In order to respond to these objectives, Ms. Fontana had a series of lengthy interviews with TTTI Directors and staff, ALAC clients and NGO partners. During her visit TTTI Chair, Dion Abdool and Ms. Fontana also paid a courtesy call to the Canadian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Carla Hogan Rufelds. At the meeting they discussed the IMPACT grant which is funded by Global Canada Affairs, the work of TTTI and the collaboration between the Canadian High Commission and TTTI.

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

The BICA Researchers have completed the draft BICA Assessment Report. Following which the National Advisory Group (NAG) held a Workshop on 11 September, 2018 at the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business where they examined the report.

Based on guidelines from Transparency International (TI), TTTI appointed an External Reviewer who reviewed the final draft of the BICA Assessment Report. TTTI envisages that the BICA Assessment Report will become an important reference point for fighting corruption in business practices in Trinidad and Tobago by assessing the status of key thematic areas which enable the business sector to act with integrity.

We are delighted that the report is in its final stages and subsequent to review by TTTI’s Board and TI, will be published soon.



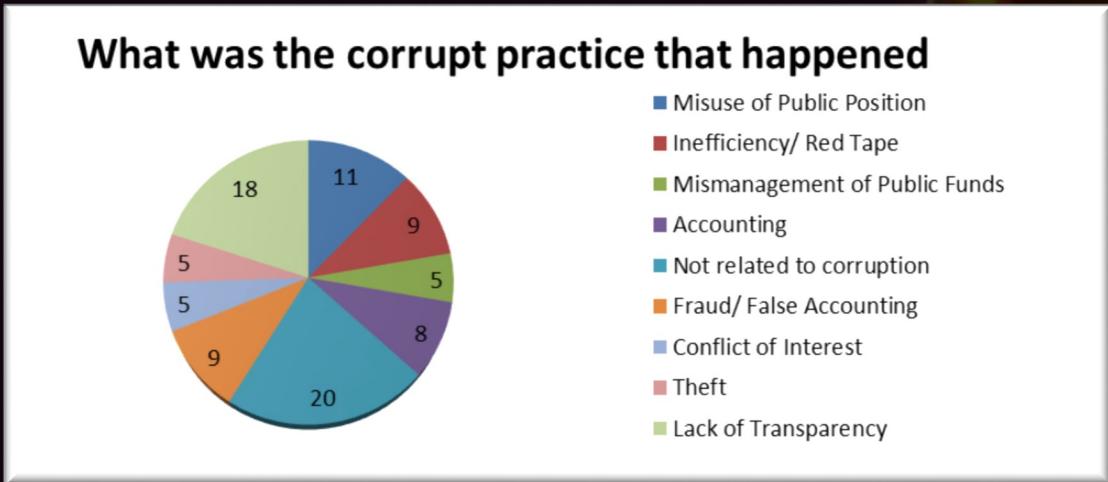
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◆ **Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC)**

In October, TTTI welcomed Ms. Crystal De Four and Mr. Martie Garnes, legal interns from the Hugh Wooding Law School (HWLS). ALAC is addressing over eighty (80) files, twelve percent (12%) of the matters are related to the misuse of public position; twenty percent (20%) involves lack of transparency; while eleven percent (11%) involves fraud/false accounting. The ALAC team is working hard to get all these matters resolved.



◆ **Partnership with Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI)**

TTTI is once again partnering with the TTEITI to execute a Beneficial Ownership Disclosure project. Funded by the British High Commission, the project seeks to support the Government’s efforts towards instituting National Beneficial Ownership Disclosure in Trinidad and Tobago by providing a blueprint for actual national companies’ disclosure using the extractive sector as a model. The project commenced on August 2, 2018 and will end on December 30, 2018.

◆ **Updated Strategic Plan**

Over the last few months, TTTI’s Board of Directors have been working to revise/update the Strategic Plan 2017 - 2020 titled “Mandate of Hope”. Some of the activities have been completed while others are in progress. A focus is also being placed on Gender. A copy of the revised Strategic Plan will be shared with members and posted on TTTI’s website.

◆ **Investigative Journalism Award**

As TTTI aims to establish an Investigative Journalism Award, we contacted Transparency International’s Bangladesh chapter who are successful in executing an investigative journalism award for several years. Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) provided a framework for local awards and expressed willingness to assist TTTI as we develop our own award. In the coming weeks, we will be meeting with the Media Association of Trinidad and Tobago (MATT), who we will work in conjunction with to establish the award.



#### ◆ Caribbean Regional Network

Caribbean chapters have been working with Transparency International's Secretariat (TI-S) and Regional Coordinators to develop a concept note for the formal establishment of the Caribbean Regional Network. The official approval of TI is expected shortly. TI has also completed a survey of Anti-Corruption legislation in the Caribbean and the results of this survey will be presented at our Anti-Corruption Conference in December.

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

TTTI has continued to participate in the 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. On September 7, 2018, TTTI Vice - Chair, Martin Farrell and Programme Officer, Kernika Charles represented TTTI at their Corporate Governance Workshop. 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.

#### ◆ Annual General Meeting (AGM)

TTTI will host its nineteenth Annual General Meeting at the President's Box, Queen's Park Oval, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 5 PM. Chairman of the Election and Boundaries Commission, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh, LL. M will deliver the feature address titled - *The case for reform of legislation governing Political Party Funding (PPF) and Election Campaign Financing (ECF)*.

#### ◆ TTTI's 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary- Conference, Anti-Corruption Walkathon and Evening of Performances"

To celebrate TTTI's 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, we will be hosting a series of activities starting with our Anti-Corruption Conference (ACC) and Cocktail Reception on December 6 2018 at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre. The Conference, with a theme ***Crackdown on Corruption – Facing the Reality***, will feature dynamic international and regional speakers as well as honour TTTI's former Chairs.

To commemorate Anti-Corruption Day, on December 8, TTTI will host an Anti-Corruption Awareness Walkathon at the Queen's Park Savannah followed by an 'Evening of Performances.' All these events require a team effort so we are calling on all our members and supporters to join our Events Planning Committee and assist in ensuring the success of these events. To volunteer email [admin@transparency.org.tt](mailto:admin@transparency.org.tt) or call 626-5756.

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

1. **AGM:** 08th Nov. 2018
2. **TTTI's 20th Anniversary Cocktails:** 06th Dec. 2018
3. **Walkathon:** 08th Dec, 2018

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