



What We Have Been Doing

◆ Special General Meeting (SGM)

TTTI hosted its Special General Meeting on September 19, where Mr. Moonilal Lalchan, Procurement Regulator and Chairman of the Board of Procurement Regulation, delivered an engaging and informative feature address. Entitled *Unveiling the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act 2015* the presentation can be viewed [here](#). The Office of the Procurement Regulator (OPR) outlined the status of implementation of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act 2015. It was noted that full proclamation is still awaited. [Click here](#) to view a media article on the SGM.



Do you have a corruption complaint?

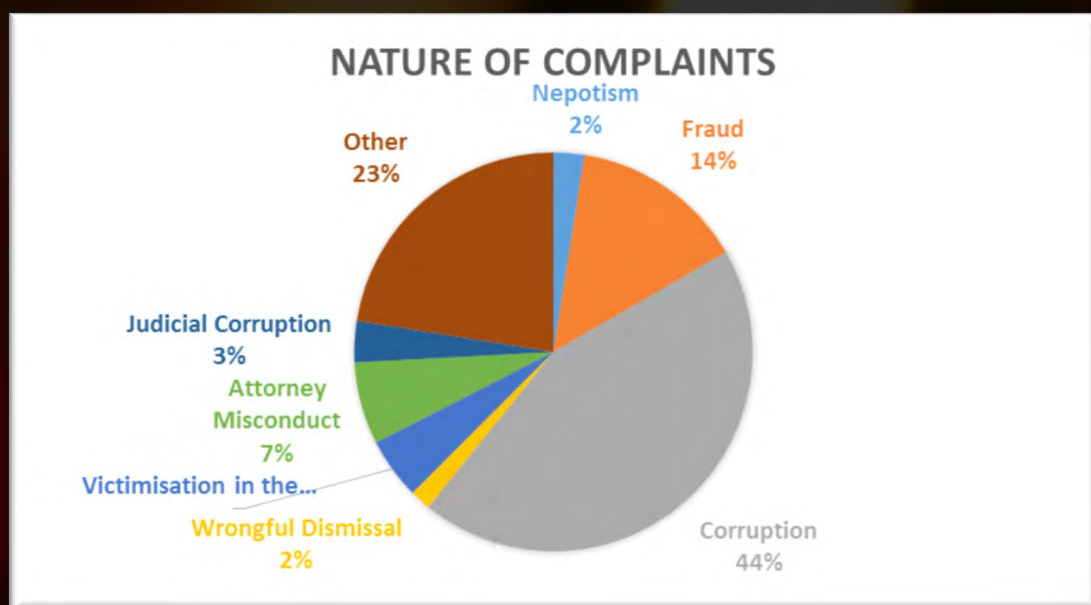
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♦ TTTI meets with the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Following complaints received at our Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC), Chair, Dion Abdool and Legal Officer, Bernadine Henry met with the President of the Law Association, Mr. Douglas Mendes S.C and other senior members of the Law Association's Disciplinary Committee on September 20th. Matters pertaining to ALAC were discussed and both parties agreed to collaborate in future initiatives.

♦ Matters dealt with by ALAC



TTTI's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC), continues to be an option for victims and witnesses of corruption to seek redress. The chart above illustrates the types of matters that have been reported to ALAC. Also, for the period September to December, 2019. ALAC welcomed two Legal Interns, Shantel Goddard and Jesse Rampersad from the Hugh Wooding Law School (HWLS).

♦ The Countdown (clock) is on!

With Local government and General elections on the horizon, TTTI has added two **countdown clocks** to the website. This was done following reports in the media and other forums that Campaign Finance Legislation and full implementation of Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act will become a reality by the end of 2019. The purpose of the *countdown clocks* is keep these matters on the radar as important outstanding requirements for the good governance of our country. [Click here](#) to view TTTI's website.





♦ School Integrity Club Project Update

TTTI was asked to nominate two of our Integrity Ambassadors to become members of United Nations Population Fund, Youth Advisory Group (YAG). Our nominees Shane John and Stephen John, sixth form students of Queen's Royal College, were selected to join the Youth Advisory Group. The position is valid for two (2) years.

♦ TTTI makes a case for transparency in land matters at Caribbean Land Conference 2019

TTTI is part of a core committee made up of civil society, academia, individuals and companies working through the International Land Coalition (ILC) towards the ultimate goal of improving access to and transparency of land information, in order to improve the quality of life of persons impacted by inequality in land rights.

Director, Jason Stedman presented at the Caribbean Land Conference 2019 entitled “*Surveying Best Practices towards the sustainable development of Caribbean Small Island Developing States*” on October 11th, 2019 at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre. The theme of his presentation was “***The Case for Transparency in Land Administration***”. He was also part of a panel discussion on Land policy in the Caribbean with the Caribbean Network of Urban Land Management (CNULM).





♦ St. Lucia Employers' Federation AGM

St. Lucia Employers' Federation requested TTTI deliver the keynote address at their 58th Annual General Meeting (AGM) themed '*Professional Ethics & Human Resource Personnel*' on August 28, 2019. Director, Dr. Kamla Mungal delivered a well-received presentation at the AGM which was hosted at the Bay Gardens Inn, St. Lucia.



♦ Gender and corruption

Acción Ciudadana (Transparency International Guatemala) invited TTTI to Guatemala City - September 24 - 26, 2019 to participate in a workshop entitled *Strategies for Anti-Corruption Programming with a Gender Approach*. This event marked an important milestone in TI's roadmap towards strengthening its focus on gender and corruption. At the workshop, presentations were made on the analysis of gender related themes based on the results obtained from the recently published Global Corruption report (GCB) for Latin America and the Caribbean. Brainstorming sessions were also held on developing and integrating gender relating projects at both national and regional levels. Programme Officer, Kernika Charles, represented TTTI at this workshop.



♦ NPO Registration Pilot Project

Legal Officer, Bernadine Henry attended the NPO Pilot Online Registration Workshop on September 26. The workshop entailed:

- ⇒ an overview of what's happening in the Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) Sector in Trinidad and Tobago;
- ⇒ a look at United Way Trinidad and Tobago's Pilot Online Registration (TTTEITI's example) and
- ⇒ a complete analysis and guidance to NPO's on how to complete the Questionnaire to assist in developing a risk based approach issued by the Ministry of Legal Affairs.



◆ **Sustainable Development Goals Catalysts Network (SDGsCN)**

TTTI, as a member of the SDGs Catalysts Network, attended the 8th Quarterly meeting of the Network on September 27. The meeting focused on actions for the upcoming Voluntary National Review (VNR) on SDG implementation since the Government of Trinidad & Tobago will be presenting to the UN in July 2020. Items discussed included: CANARI's launch of the Caribbean Civil Society SDGs Knowledge Platform, which is available for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to showcase stories or post information relating to the role and experience in implementing or advocating around the SDGs. Vice-Chair, Martin Farrell represented TTTI at this meeting.

◆ **Council for Responsible Political Behaviour**

TTTI as one of the founding members of the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour (Council) signed the revised Code of Ethical Political Conduct (Code) on September 16, 2019. Two major changes include:

- ⇒ The Code sees the Council as a body comprising solely of independent members (representatives of the Political Parties are excluded); however now the Council together with the representatives of each Political Party form the Code keepers which also meets regularly; and
- ⇒ The Code seeks to make it easier for there to be televised Leaders Debates and widen the potential choice of "Debates Commissions".

For your information, click the links below to view the Council's media release:

1. [Guardian Newspaper](#) – September 15, 2019
2. [Newsday Newspaper](#) – September 16, 2019

◆ **Visit by UK Government Communication Service International**

Chair, Dion Abdool and Director, Jason Stedman were invited by the British High Commission to meet with Emily Poyser, Deputy Director and Victoria Meskill, Head of Strategic Communications of the UK Government Communication Service International (GCSI) on October 17, 2019. The GCSI is a UK based organisation which works to support the good governance of public institutions. The GCSI visited T&T to conduct a scoping exercise with the Government and some stakeholders. Matters of mutual interest were discussed at the meeting.

◆ **Ministry of Communications: Stakeholder Consultation re: Data Protection Act (2011)**

The Ministry of Communication requested TTTI participate in a workshop entitled Stakeholder Consultation Re: Data Protection Act (2011) on November 4, 2019. The workshop was a fact finding and information gathering exercise, whereby users and those who interface with the Data Protection Act provided information concerning the issues and challenges (real or perceived) so that the International Telecommunications Union would be able to engage consultants on possible amendments to the said legislation. Legal Officer, Bernadine Henry, represented TTTI at this workshop.



♦ TTEITI's sixth EITI Report & MOU signing ceremony

Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) hosted its 6th TTEITI Report launch and MOU signing ceremony on October 24, at the AMCHAM HSSE Conference and Exhibition. Chair, Dion Abdool, attended the ceremony where he also signed the TTEITI Report on behalf of TTTI.



[Click here](#) to listen to the keynote address which was delivered by Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries. A copy of TTEITI's Summary Report can be viewed [here](#), while the full report can be viewed [here](#).

Furthermore, TTEITI and TTTI developed a radio jingle as part of the Beneficial Ownership Sensitization Campaign which is funded by the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago. [Click here](#) to listen to the jingle.



♦ Caribbean Corporate Governance Conference 2019

TTTI was invited to attend the Caribbean Corporate Governance Conference hosted by Aegis Business Solutions Limited on 30 October 2019. The feature speaker, Professor Charles Elson focused on the evolution of governance and its effects on successfully doing business. This session highlighted that without good governance practices within an organisation there will be such disasters as in the cases of Enron and locally as with the CLICO's collapse.

An informative session on Leading with Hope, emphasized that leaders should not come across as just micromanagers but should empower, connect, encourage, motivate and advocate on behalf of their Teams. There was also an interactive self-assessment session on self-governance with the use of case studies and best practice examples. Director, Ariane Moonsie attended the Conference on behalf of TTTI.



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♦ Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) – Latin America & Caribbean

On September 23, 2019 Transparency International (TI) released the GCB survey results for Latin America & Caribbean. The GCB is the largest, most detailed survey of citizens' views on corruption and their experiences of bribery in Caribbean and Latin American. Between January and March 2019, the GCB surveyed more than 17,000 citizens in 18 countries across the region. The survey results highlighted that corruption flourishes around elections. Based on the survey, one in four persons were offered a bribe in exchange for votes at national, regional or local elections in the past five years. Additionally, corruption is a major concern for citizens; as 85 per cent of those surveyed believe government corruption is "a big problem".

For a full review of the results [click here](#) and see below for a profile of Trinidad and Tobago's results.

Merry Christmas!

SAVE THE DATES

1. **Town Hall Meeting:** November 2019
2. **Annual General Meeting (AGM) :**
December 2019
3. **Launch of the CPI:** January 2020
4. **Campaign Finance and Women in
Politics Symposium:** February 2020

Contact us to get involved!

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GLOBAL CORRUPTION BAROMETER 10th EDITION

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN 2019



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

62%

Think corruption increased in the previous 12 months

19%

Experience sextortion or know someone who has

17%

Paid a bribe for public services in the previous 12 months*

6%

Were offered bribes in exchange for votes

* Based on people who used these public services in the previous 12 months.



BRIBERY RATES*

* Based on people who used these public services in the previous 12 months.

| | 2017 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|
| Overall bribery rate | 6% | 17% |
| Public schools | 2% | 11% |
| Public clinics and health centers | 2% | 7% |
| IDs | 5% | 17% |
| Utilities | 5% | 22% |
| Police | 3% | 9% |
| Judges | 2% | 8% |



HAVE CORRUPTION LEVELS CHANGED IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS?

| | 2017 | 2019 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Increased | 59% | 62% |
| Decreased | 15% | 11% |
| Stayed the same | 23% | 23% |
| Don't know | 3% | 4% |



CAN ORDINARY PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION?

| | 2017 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Yes | 58% | 70% |
| No | 38% | 20% |
| Neither yes nor no | 4% | 8% |
| Don't know / refused to answer | 1% | 3% |



CORRUPTION BY INSTITUTION*

* Percentage who think that most or all people in these institutions are corrupt.

| INSTITUTION | 2017 | 2019 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| President / Prime Minister | 41% | 47% |
| Members of Parliament | 40% | 51% |
| Government officials | 41% | 46% |
| Local government officials | 39% | 39% |
| Police | 61% | 51% |
| Judges and magistrates | 35% | 30% |
| Religious leaders | 19% | 24% |
| NGOs | - | 24% |
| Business executives | 30% | 38% |
| Bankers | - | 26% |
| Journalists | - | 18% |



IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING A GOOD OR BAD JOB OF FIGHTING CORRUPTION?

| | 2017 | 2019 |
|------------|------|------|
| Good | 25% | 30% |
| Bad | 60% | 65% |
| Don't know | 15% | 5% |

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