

**TRANSPARENCY MAURITIUS**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2013

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The Directors have the pleasure to submit the annual report of Transparency Mauritius together with audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### **Nature of Business**

Transparency Mauritius is registered as an independent, non-partisan body corporate and a non-government organisation in the country. It is also an approval NGO under the National Corporate Social Responsibility, Ref. N/1137. Transparency Mauritius is an accredited National Chapter, Department of Africa and the Middle East of Transparency International, a global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption and which is based in Berlin, Germany. Transparency International raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle corruption.

#### **Objects of Transparency Mauritius**

- To raise public awareness and advance the general education of the public in the promotion of integrity in business ethics in national and international business transactions;
- To promote, undertake or commission research for the benefit of the public, into aspects of containing corruption and influencing peddling in national and international business transactions;
- To combat corruption and influence peddling, and to give legislative and public bodies facilities for conferring with and ascertaining the views of persons and institutions engaged in combating corruption as regards matters directly or indirectly affecting that issue;
- To provide for meetings and publications of any type to combat corruption; including fundraising and/or the use of the media;
- To contribute to increase the accountability of decision makers and transparency at all level of the public and private sectors.

#### **The Vision of TM:**

*"Making Mauritius a country where people strongly believe in integrity, stand up and fight against all forms of corruption"*

*"Faire de Maurice un pays où les gens croient fermement en l'intégrité et lutter contre toutes les formes de corruption"*

*"Fair Maurice vinn enn pei kot tou dimoune vremen krwar dans l'intégrité, zot tou dibouter ek lager contre tou typs corription"*

#### **The Mission of TM:**

In order to realise and maintain the consistency of purpose that enables the attainment of the corporate vision, the following shall be ensured in terms of product/service, customer, geographical and technological aspects:

##### *Product/Service*

- To provide the state-of-the art sharing of transparency tools and techniques, facilitating access, building capacity, raising awareness, enhancing reach and impact, and linking people and organisations through the use of anti-corruption concepts, principles and practices.

**The Mission of TM: (cont'd)**

*Customer/Market*

- To serve individuals, students, private and public organisations, para-statal bodies, SMEs, NGOs, Community Service providers, and anybody in need for enlightenment on transparency disciplines and practices and help achieve set objectives.

*Geography*

- The scope and playfield of the TM shall be mainly Mauritius, but not limited to the region. Partnering opportunities, however, with any such organisation across the world with mutually beneficial relationships shall remain open.

*Technology*

- To make full use of equipment, means, methods available and applicable technologies to ensure reliable and performance-based advocacy services for the promotion of transparency.

*Human Capital*

- To ensure that people within the TM receive adequate training and Education including Continuing Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) to enable them release their full potential in the field of transparency.

*Ethics*

- To develop and deliver advocacy services with the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, trust and evidence-based fairness.

**Strategic “Fit” of TM**

*“To contribute in revealing the various facets of corruption and actively promote a culture of transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics, business and civil society through inclusive participation.”*

**Principles and Values of TM**

The principles and values of TM is intrinsically in line with 10 guiding principles of TI.

<b>Values</b> (Perceptions)	<b>Principles</b> (Behaviours)
<b>Integrity</b>	Operate with honesty and trust that makes up our professionalism
<b>Customer-oriented</b>	Always digging for customer requirements and ensure rapid response to needs and expectations
<b>Ethical Responsibility</b>	Strive to go extra mile to complete what are required while respecting human values and established legislations
<b>Total Independency</b>	Deliver advocacy services with impartiality that can be verified and proven
<b>Commitment, Involvement, Engaged and empathy with passion</b>	No matter working like a burnt-out so long the results are great for the customers
<b>Evidence-based Fairness</b>	Undertake projects and provide assistance to customers with utmost fairness backed-up by adequate evidence.

### ACTIVITIES 2013

Priority Area:	Anti-corruption initiatives at all levels through community and citizens empowerment.
Target groups:	The general public The public sector The private sector

#### **Protecting and Advancing Rights: Citizens Empowerment**

The Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) is open to the public for free assistance, legal advice and complaints follow-up if they are victims or witness of corruption. A total number of 85 complaints (21 new cases) were received during the year either by telephone, fax, post and hot-line or in personally the centre. Complainants have benefited from legal advice and cases were also referred to the ICAC and the Police Department.

#### **Engaging with the Private Sector**

Transparency Mauritius has attended meetings of the Business Action Group Against Corruption (BAGAC) and the Private Anti-corruption Task Force (PACT) in 2013. The PACT committee comprising of the ICAC, JEC, the MIOD, the MEF, the MCCI and TM are working on an integrity pledge for businesses where Chairmen and CEOs of the private sector will be invited to sign the pledge and to implement this approach in their businesses.

On November 2013 TM signed an MOU with the Mauritius Institute of Directors for the setting up of a Whistleblowing Council in Mauritius.

On December 6, 2013, Transparency Mauritius signed its first MOU with a private company, Terra Mauricia Ltd for a whistleblowing project. The chapter, through its Executive Director and Project & Research Officer, has started delivering talks to the employees of Terra Mauricia Ltd since December 2013. The talks are scheduled to continue till 2014.

#### **Politics and Government**

TM has had meetings with various stakeholders with regards to projects on the funding of political parties and a new code for elections with respect to forthcoming general elections which are scheduled for 2015.

Continuing its work with the Procurement Policy Office in view to bring change in public procurement policies.

On October 17, 2013, the PPO has included an integrity clause in its standard bidding documents.

### **Anti-Corruption Awareness, Sensitization and Visibility Actions**

The public is encouraged to contact Transparency ALAC if they feel they have been victims or witnesses of corruption. They may either call the hotline or contact TM by mail or walk in to ask for assistance or advice.

Visibility actions throughout the year included press adverts, communiqués and interviews on corruption issues. All adverts carried messages and visuals to sensitize on the bad effects of corruption and to make the population understand what corruption is.

The new website [www.transparencymauritius.org](http://www.transparencymauritius.org) has been released in January 2013. It provides all relevant information on Transparency Mauritius and its activities.

### **Youth**

Transparency Mauritius carried out two studies during the year: 'Etude sur les attitudes à l'égard de la corruption' and 'Le Regard des jeunes sur la politique et la corruption'. Both studies were communicated to the press at Le Saint Georges Hotel on 8 February and October 31, 2013 respectively. The studies are available on the website of TM.

### **Media**

TM recognises the contribution of the press in the fight against corruption. In September 2013 a workshop training in Investigative Journalism was held for the journalists at the Media Trust. The workshop was conducted by Ms Birgit Schwarz of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism of South Africa and was launched by Mr Satyajit Boolell SC, Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr Anil Kumar Ujoodha, Director General of the ICAC, was also present to speak on corruption and the role of the ICAC.

### **Stakeholders and Partnership**

In the view for a better partnership with stakeholders to fight corruption, TM has had meetings with the Attorney General, the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Director General of the ICAC, the Director General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Policy Procurement Office, the DCP, the US Embassy, the MIOD, the JEC and the MACOSS.

In July 2013, Moollan and Moollan, Chartered Certified Accountants, joined Transparency Mauritius as a partner.

### **New Constitution and Strategic Plan**

TM adopted a new constitution at its special Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 4, 2013. This new constitution is in line with the Companies Act 2001 and caters for Corporate Membership.

On October 7, 2013 Transparency Mauritius launched its Strategic Plan 2015: "Making Mauritius corruption free" at Le Saint Georges Hotel. Ms Tapiwa Uchizi Nsyasulu (PhD), Regional Coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa for Transparency International attended the launch.

**Transparency International**

o TI Corruption Perception Index

Transparency Mauritius released the results of the TI Corruption Perception Index on December 3, 2013. Mauritius lost five points to reach 52nd place worldwide compared to 43rd in the previous year.

o TI Regional and Annual Membership Meetings

Transparency Mauritius was represented both at the Transparency International Regional Meeting which was held in Cameroon (5-7 June 2013) and the Annual Membership Meeting in Berlin (6-12 November 2013).

o TI Workshops

Transparency Mauritius participated in the workshop the Global Speak held in Berlin, Germany from 24 to 27 March 2013, the Hackathon organised by Transparency International Rwanda in Kigali, Rwanda on 1 and 2 June 2013, the Regional Meeting of Financial Sustainability in Douala, Cameroon on 8 to 10 June 2013 in Douala, Cameroon and the International Conference on Integrity Pact: From Commitment to Compliance on 9 and 10 December, New Delhi, India.

**Board of Directors:**

Mr Sivananda Vencatapillay, Chairman

Mr Jacques de Navacelle

Mr David Martial

Mr Balmick Molaye

Mr Ibrahim Koodoruth

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SIMO Corporate Services Ltd

**Auditors:**

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Transparency International-Secretariat

**Other Contributors:**

GFA Insurance, Independent Broadcasting Authority

Approved by the Board of Directors on: 12 7 JUN 2014

and signed on its behalf by:

Sivananda Vencatapillay  
David Martial

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Date: 27 JUNE 2014