



Transparency
Mauritius
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Donation & Paid Advisory Services Policy

INTRODUCTION

Donations and other income enable chapters within the TI movement to fight corruption. Given that, Mauritius is considered a middle/high income country Transparency Mauritius needs to be innovative to secure the funding necessary to undertake its vital work. Secure and diverse funding enables TI to maintain its independence, protect its reputation and operate effectively.

Since 2013, Transparency Mauritius has worked on a strategy of diversification of its sources of income with the view to reach financial sustainability.

1. Individual Membership
2. Corporate Membership
3. Foreign Government grants through their Embassies in Mauritius
4. Training in Good Governance, Ethics and whistle-blowing
5. Training in Investigative journalism
6. CSR fund
7. Implementing policies for whistleblowing, ethics and drafting/review of codes of ethics/conduct
8. Donation from corporates
9. Integrity Pledge Project in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Directors (MIOD) and Business Mauritius

Transparency Mauritius must not risk jeopardising its reputation. It must always promote honesty, openness and integrity. The reputation of TI movement can be compromised if funding is received from sources that are perceived to be pursuing activities inconsistent with TI's mission. Therefore, this policy outlines key processes and action that will be institutionalised with appropriate care to protect the reputation of Transparency Mauritius.

It is also a rule that no entity (Corporate or Individual) may use the logo of Transparency International or Transparency Mauritius. They may only indicate on their website or reports that they support the work of TI/TM.

CORPORATE DONORS & MEMBERS

1. All donors have their logo on the website of Transparency Mauritius and, as from 2018 (for year ending 2017), the amount donated or paid by each entity will be published.
2. Except for the services provided by Transparency Mauritius, all Corporate Members or donors are subject to an undertaking that it will take all reasonable steps to promote Good Governance and prevent acts of corruption.
3. Corporates may also request the support of TM to put in place policies to promote Good Governance and prevent acts of corruption
4. The Applicant or donor shall vouch that it is not under investigation for a corruption case by any official authority in Mauritius or abroad.
5. Furthermore, TM also does its own due diligence exercise in the spirit of the TI Due Diligence recommendations¹. The purpose of the Due Diligence Process is to determine the risks of TM being publicly associated with the private-sector actor in question. This primarily consists of reputational risk, but may encompass other risks depending on the characteristics of the actor and the nature of the partnership.
6. A potential donating company should make a public commitment to ethical standards (such as the UN Global Compact, the Business Principles etc.), and Transparency Mauritius may request that corporate donors sign a commitment to integrity before any donation from that company is accepted.
7. A news search shall be performed on all potential corporate funders to determine whether they have been involved in confirmed cases of corruption. This includes convictions in national courts, but also major investigations and high-profile allegations.
8. All Corporate Donors and Members are advised to subscribe to the Integrity Pledge Project (IPP) which is a joint project of Business Mauritius, the Mauritius Institute of Directors and Transparency Mauritius. The Integrity Pledge Project documents are available on the website of the MIOD (<http://www.miod.mu/>) and of TM.

¹ Document annexed in website

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

9. Individual members need to produce a certificate of Good Standing before his/her membership is approved by the Board of TM.
10. A news search shall be performed on all potential individual members to determine whether they have been involved in confirmed cases of corruption. This includes convictions in courts, but also major investigations and high-profile allegations.

PROCEDURE

11. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of Transparency Mauritius and the staff to ensure that TI's independence and reputation are not jeopardised.
12. All donations of MRU 50,000 and above, should be systematically publicised on TM's website (via the audited accounts or annual report of the chapter), stipulating the donor.
13. If any staff or Board member is concerned that there is a threat to Transparency Mauritius' independence or reputation from donations already received, or about to be accepted, the person(s) should draw this to the attention of the ED or Chair of the Board.
14. If necessary, the ED or Chair of the Board of the body will consult with TI-S and seek their advice on whether to accept funding from a specific donor.

PAID ADVISORY SERVICES

15. TM adheres to the Paid Advisory Services Policy² of Transparency International.
16. TM is aware that TI is a values based organisation which uses many volunteers in its work, consulting or any other paid work, if not done professionally, can undermine independence
17. TM is also aware that generally the TI movement receives grants from donors on the assumption that what is done is undertaken for the public good, to be shared for free, and is in the public interest.
18. TM recognises that by entering the "consulting market", TI may run the risk of alienating some supporters, including consulting firms, who may feel that their support provides TI with an advantage when competing with them.
19. TM is cautious that search for paid work may distort TI's original mission and focus and might distract its efforts to keep a diversified funding base and that instead of TM

² Document annexed in website

setting the agenda, the principal might be driving it, which can compromise important advocacy work.

20. TM is duly registered with the Mauritius Qualification Authority (MQA) as a training centre which provides training in Investigative Journalism (in line with the spirit of TI to use Investigative Journalism as a tool to expose corruption) and in Ethics and Whistleblowing.
21. The quantum to be paid to TM for the courses is approved by the Mauritian Authorities.