

The Directors have the pleasure to submit the annual report of Transparency Mauritius together with audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

### **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 a CSR approved NGO referenced N/1137.

Transparency Mauritius is an accredited National Chapter of Transparency International, a global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption 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 vreman krwar dans l'intégrité, zot tou dibouter ek lager contre tou typs corription"*

### **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."*

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**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 2017**

Priority Area: Anti-corruption initiatives at all levels through community and citizens empowerment.

Target groups: The general public

The public sector

The private sector

**Activities (Jan-Dec 2017)**

- Perception Index 2017
- Transparency Mauritius Nicolas Lambert Investigative Journalism Award
- Closing Ceremony Youth Parliament 2016-2017
- Launching of the Youth Forum 2017-2018
- Publication of Youth Parliament Magazine and distribution to decision-makers
- Code of Conduct/Ethics for BOM jointly with the MIOD
- Training on Ethics and Good Governance in Private Organisations
- Implementation and Training on Whistleblowing in Companies
- Advocacy for a Freedom of Information Act
- Advocacy for the regulation of political parties financing
- Advocacy for the review of discretionary powers of ministers
- Talk on Ethics, Integrity and Corruption in secondary and tertiary
- Code of Ethics for Harel Mallac
- Sensitising talks on Ethics, Integrity and Good Governance with the Police
- Integrity Pledge Project with Business Mauritius and the MIOD.
- Registration of TM with the MQA as a Training Centre
- Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre project with Richard Rault Chambers

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**Citizens Empowerment**

Transparency Mauritius is still operating the Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) which is open to members of the public for guidance and legal advice with regards to issues connected to corrupt practices. Richard Rault Chambers is the partner of TM on a pro-bono basis for this initiative.

During the year, 19 concerns were registered either by telephone, fax, post and hot-line or in person at the centre. The complainants were referred to the appropriate institutions after their concerns have been assessed both by TM and Richard Rault Chambers.

**Engaging with the Public & Private Sector**

Transparency Mauritius has recognised that the fight against corruption cannot be done in isolation. It has partnered with other stakeholders both in the public and private sectors as well as international partners for the implementation of its objectives.

During the year, TM continued its work within the Public Private Platform against Corruption, the ICAC, the MRA Integrity Advisory, the Bank of Mauritius and with the Mauritius Police Force.

With regards to the Private Sector, TM worked closely with the Mauritius Institute of Directors and Business Mauritius. It is part of the Private Sector Action Group against Corruption.

The Integrity Pledge Project was launched in May 2017 at the Hennessy Park Hotel. It is a joint project of the ICAC, Business Mauritius, MIOD and TM.

TM continued its engagement in whistleblowing with a number of companies from the private sector.

**TI Corruption Perception Index**

The CPI 2016 was made public on 25 January 2017. Mauritius scored one point better than 2016 but lost 5 ranks, from 45<sup>th</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> on a total of 175 countries. It was third in Africa behind Botswana and Cap Verde and was level with Rwanda. The Government has pledged to reach a rating of around 66 in the coming years.

**Youth Empowerment**

The Youth Parliament project which started in 2016 was completed in 2017 with the publication of the resolutions voted by the participants in a magazine. The idea was to have participants aged between 18 and 26, from 20 constituencies of Mauritius to debate about issues such as electoral reform, corruption, human rights, freedom of information, etc. The resolutions were communicated to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, political leaders as well as key stakeholders. The concept was taken on board by the Government and mentioned in its strategic plan.

A similar project, renamed Youth Forum, was launched in 2017 by the Honourable Speaker, Ms Maya Hanoomajee at the Sir Harilall Vaghjee hall, Port Louis. Funded by the NCSR Foundation, the project will be completed by May 2018.

In parallel, TM's team also had sensitising talks on good governance, ethics and integrity in secondary and tertiary institutions.

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**Transparency Mauritius/Media Trust Investigative Award**

TM recognises the contribution of the press in the fight against corruption. Investigative Journalists can bring to light corrupt actions which, otherwise, would have remained unknown to the public. TM provides training in investigative journalism and constantly advocate for responsible but thorough journalism. TM has partnered with the Media Trust for the Investigative Journalism Prize which is awarded every year. The ED is a member of the Jury for the Nicolas Lambert awards.

**TM has been present in the local media:**

- 25 interviews or reports on different radio channels
- 28 articles and/or interviews in different newspapers
- 29 reports on national TV and online news channels

**Overseas Conference Attended**

- The Executive Director attended the Annual Cross Regional Business Integrity Workshop at TI-S in March 2017
- The Executive Director was invited the launching of TI Chapter in Seychelles in April 2017
- The Executive Director attended TI Africa Regional Meeting in Mozambique in July 2017
- The Chair Person and the ED attended the Annual Membership Meeting at Berlin, Germany in October 2017
- The Executive Director attended the Impact Monitoring Training workshop in Berlin, Germany in November 2017

**Board of Directors**

- Mr. Charles Philippe D.B Hardy (Chair)
- Mr. Balmick Molaye
- Mr. Sivananda Vencatapillay
- Mr. Jacques de Navacelle
- Mr. Krishnasamy Ponnusamy
- Ms. Lovania Pertab
- Ms. Brinda Devi Dabysing

**Company Secretary:**

SIMO Corporate Services Ltd

**Auditors:**

BDO & Co

**Corporate Members (Platinum):**

- Air Mauritius Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Alteo Group – MUR 100,000
- Currimjee Jeewanjee & Co Ltd – MUR 100,000
- State Bank of Mauritius Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd – MUR 100,000

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**Corporate Members (Gold):**

- Barclays Bank Mauritius Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Ciel Group – MUR 50,000
- Eclasia Group – MUR 50,000
- Evaco Group – MUR 50,000
- IBL Group – MUR 50,000
- Jade Group – MUR 50,000
- Jubilee Insurance Ltd - MUR 50,000
- Mauritius Oil Refineries Ltd – MUR 50,000
- One & Only Le Saint Geran Ltd – MUR 50,000
- PSG Wealth Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Pwc Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Rehm Grinaker Construction Co Ltd – MUR 51,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 50,000

**Other fundings:**

- Associations of Rotarians Beau Bassin/Rose Hill – MUR 6,000
- Le Defi Plus Ltd – MUR 67,950
- NCSR – MUR 189,813
- Radio Plus Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Reinsurance Solutions Mauritius Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Toyota Mauritius Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Bank of Mauritius – MUR 121,250
- Beemanique Stone Crusher Ltd – MUR 50,000
- French Embassy – MUR 75,594
- Harel Mallac & Co Ltd – MUR 214,000
- LGI Ltd – MUR 50,000
- LUX – MUR 100,000
- Meaders Feeds Ltd – MUR 75,000
- Terra Mauricia Ltd – MUR 111,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 52,500

**Partners:**

- Richard Rault Chambers
- Moollan & Moollan – Chartered Certified Accountants