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The Board of Directors have the pleasure to submit the annual report of Transparency Mauritius together with audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

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 reference 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.

The accreditation is renewed every three years and in June 2018, Ms Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair of Transparency International and Philippe Hardy, Chair of Transparency Mauritius, signed a new accreditation agreement

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

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

ACTIVITIES 2018

In 2018, Transparency Mauritius has initiated a few more projects while continuing the activities already engaged during the past years. TM has adopted a holistic strategy so as to engage with different actors at the same time. The rationale for this strategy was that the effects of corruption affect all strata of society indifferently and the causes as well as the effects are often interlinked; thus the importance of addressing them at root level. As such TM has come up with anti-corruption initiatives at all levels through community and focused on citizen empowerment. If the citizens of Mauritius, indifferent of their position, age or gender, among others, are not sensitised about what corruption is and how it affects them, the task of fighting that scourge would be more difficult. It is important that every citizen of Mauritius takes ownership of that fight and everyone becomes a soldier against corruption.

The targets of TM have included the public sector, the private sector and civil society and a special attention has been given to the Youth.

At the same time, TM has been fully engaged in anti-corruption initiatives of different stakeholders including the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the Mauritius Police Force, the Mauritius Institute of Directors and Business Mauritius among others.

As such, TM has actively participated to the works of the Public Private Platform against Corruption (including sub committees), the Private Sector Action Group against Corruption and the Mauritius Revenue Authority Integrity Advisory Council.

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Furthermore, both the Chair (Ms Lovania Pertab as from August 2018) and the Executive Director (ED) have been invited as guest speakers in several official functions both in Mauritius and abroad.

TM has also engaged with other TI chapters (France, Ireland and Seychelles) for joint projects. Laurene Bounaud, the Executive Director of TI France and Stephanie Casey from TI Ireland visited TM and its stakeholders in June and September 2018 respectively. The ED and the Project & Research Officer attended a whistleblowing conference at Dublin, Ireland and brainstormed with their Irish counterparts on the subject.

The Chair & the ED had meetings with different stakeholders, including the Ag President of the Republic, the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of Police, the Director General of the ICAC, the Director General of the MRA, the Directors of the FIU and the IRSA as well as stakeholders from the private sector and civil society.

The ED also had meetings with the Ambassador of the EU in Mauritius, the French Ambassador and the High Commissioner of Australia.

The chapter had a good visibility in the media and thanks to the efforts of the team; TM was able to reverse the trend which was impacting a number of NGO's with respect to financial sustainability. It has diversified its sources of funding (detailed below) which derive from membership, training, CSR and international donors.

TM is registered as a Training Centre with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority and provides training in (1) Investigative Journalism and (2) Business Ethics, Policies and Whistleblowing.

Projects of Transparency Mauritius in 2018 include

- Talks and Presentations on Integrity, Ethics and Good Governance in NGOs, Public and private organisations, colleges and universities
- Presentation of the Corruption Perception Index for 2017
- Implementation of whistleblowing policies in organisations
- Sensitisation campaign in collaboration with ICAC
- Youth Forum (2017-2018)
- Collaborating with institutions with regards to Codes of Ethics and Codes of Conduct
- Training on Ethics at the Police Training School
- Providing training in Investigative Journalism and Ethics in journalism
- Partnering with the Media Trust to promote quality journalism through the Nicolas Lambert Awards
- Conference « Politique et gouvernance : les nouveaux facteurs de confiance dans la vie publique »
- Engaging with MACOSS to review the election process under the chairmanship of the Electoral Commissioner
- Kids United against Corruption at the NTA
- Publication of (i) Youth Forum Magazine (ii) Ethics Guide for the Police

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TM has been present in the local media:

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

Conferences attended as Guest Speakers

- 8 February 2018: Conference of the Integrity Reporting Services Agency (IRSA) –Mr Bablee
- 10 September 2018: Integrity in a challenging Environment (MRA) – Mr Bablee
- 12 September 2018: Launch of the Position Paper on Guidelines for evaluating whistleblowing system by KPMG & MIOD – Mr Bablee
- 26 July 2018: Smart Citizen (local NGO) – Ms Pertab
- 19 September 2018: Smart Citizen (local NGO) –Mr Bablee
- 02 October 2018: Graduation Ceremony at the University of Mauritius – Mr Bablee
- 10 October 2018: ICAC Civil Society Forum – Mr Bablee
- November 2018: African Union Panelist (Gender & Corruption) – Ms Pertab

Overseas Conference Attended & Missions

- 20-22 June 2018 Africa Regional Meeting, Kinshasa, DRC- Mr Bablee
- 20-21 October 2018 Annual Membership Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark - Mr Bablee & Ms Pertab
- 24 -30 Nov 2018 Workshop by the African Governance Architecture Secretariat of the African Union Commission in Gaborone, Botswana- Ms Pertab
- 25 Nov - 1 Dec 2018 Exchange Programme TI Ireland - Mr Bablee & Ms Kowal
- 04- 08 Dec 2018 Training Investigative Journalism at TI Seychelles - Mr Bablee

Board of Directors

- Ms. Lovania Pertab (Chairperson)
- Mr. Charles Philippe D.B Hardy
- Mr. Sivananda Vencatapillay
- Mr. Krishnasamy Ponnusamy
- Ms. Brinda Devi Dabysing
- Mr. Sunil Bissoonauth

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
- Pwc Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Rehm Grinaker Construction Co Ltd – MUR 50,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 50,000

Other fundings:

- Toyota Mauritius Ltd - MUR 50,000
- Reinsurance Solutions Mauritius Ltd - MUR 50,000
- Radio Plus Ltd - MUR 49,271.50
- Terra Mauricia Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Mammouth Trading Co Ltd - MUR 451,000
- Meaders Feeds Ltd – MUR 75,000
- LGI Ltd – MUR 50,000
- LUX Hospitality Ltd – MUR 100,000
- TI Seychelles – MUR 76,860
- MACOSS – MUR 3,000
- NCSR – MUR 189,812
– MUR 187,500 (advanced)
- TI Grant – MUR 161,983
- European Union – MUR 3,191,999.21 (advanced)
- Australian Embassy – MUR 1,084,455

Partners:

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