

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, 2019.

### **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 the next exercise is scheduled for mid-2021.

### **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”*

### **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 2019**

In 2019, the core of the activities of Transparency Mauritius was related to the EU funded projects, that is, 'A Holistic Promotion of Good Governance and Accountability in public and private sectors as well as the youth of Mauritius and Rodrigues'.

TM has adopted this strategy so as to engage with different actors simultaneously so as to raise awareness to the importance of good governance, ethics and integrity and the ill-effects of corruption in society. The ultimate aim is that every citizen of Mauritius is fully empowered to say no to corruption and no to impunity.

Given the specificity of the local island culture which have been shaping the Mauritian character as being primarily unassuming in front of the political power, this fight in which TM has engaged is indeed an uphill task.

While being on top of Africa in the Mo Ibrahim index, Mauritius has no law to guarantee the freedom of information or the right to information. Since half a century, political powers are governed by a few families who are always, either in Government or in the Opposition.

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There is still no law with regards to the financing of political parties and politicians. A bill to that effect was presented at the National Assembly in July 2019 but it failed to pass. Transparency Mauritius is committed to continue to advocate that the funding of political parties and politicians is properly regulated.

The year was also marked, national-wise, by the December 2019 general elections which was won by the alliance led by Pravind K. Jugnauth. TM circulated its code of conduct for elections during the campaign.

Under the EU funded project, TM held 25 talks in schools, colleges as well as youth clubs. A youth forum was organised in Port Mathurin, Rodrigues in partnership with the Regional Assembly. There were 21 youth who participated in the Youth Forum and debated on the following subjects: Environment & Resources, Women's role in Society, Economic and Sustainable Development, Corruption and Youth and Education.

During the year, TM continued its engagements with institutions such as the ministry of Financial Services and Good Governance, the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the Mauritius Police Force, the Media Trust, the Mauritius Institute of Directors as well as with international bodies such as the UNODC, the African Union Commission.

Transparency Mauritius also reinforced its presence in the region with the Chairperson and the Executive Director regularly invited to participate in workshops and conferences both locally and in the region.

The chapter had a good visibility in the media. TM was mentioned in around 50 news items and the Chair and the ED gave a total of 15 interviews on different governance and anti-corruption related subjects.

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 2019 include**

- Publication of the Corruption Perception Index
- Transparency Mauritius Nicolas Lambert Investigative Journalism Award
- The Youth Forum providing a platform for the youth to express their vision of Mauritius
- Distribution of the Youth Parliament and Youth Forum magazine to key decision-makers
- Implementation of anti-corruption policies in both Public and Private Sectors
- Talks and trainings on Code of Conduct/Ethics in Private Sector organizations
- Talk on Ethics, Integrity and Corruption in schools, colleges, Universities and clubs
- Publication of Ethics Guide for Police Officers
- Training on Investigative Journalism
- Training on Whistleblowing
- Advocacy on funding of Political Parties
- Training on ethics at the Police Training School
- Advocacy for a Freedom of Information Act
- Workshop on Whistleblowing with the UNODC

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

- 15 interviews or reports on different radio channels
- 23 articles and/or interviews in different newspapers
- 27 reports on national TV and online news channels

**Conferences attended as Guest Speakers**

- 08 March 2019: Conference of the Outer Islands Development Corporation – Ms Pertab
- 16 June 2019: Conference of the Integrity Reporting Services Agency (IRSA) – Mr Bablee
- 23 October 2019: ACCA Panelist (Forum Ethics) – Mr Bablee
- 05 November 2019: Conference SADC (Observer Electoral) – Mr Bablee
- 27 November 2019: Workshop Maddison Pine (Ethics) – Mr Bablee

**Overseas Conference Attended & Missions**

- 0-22 March 2019 Workshop for Southern Africa Chapters Advocacy, Maputo Mozambique (ED)
- 01-05 April 2019 Training on Investigative Journalism, TI Madagascar (ED)
- 22-24 May 2019 Workshop Illicit Financial Flow, Ethiopia (ED)
- 11-13 June 2019 Annual Africa Regional Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya (Chair/ED)
- 06-09 August 2019 Exploring & Establishment of South Africa Meeting, Johannesburg, South Africa (E)
- 10 -12 September 2019 WIN Conference, Glasgow, Scotland (ED)
- 09-12 October 2019 African Anti-Corruption Dialogue & Inaugural CSO Forum, Kigali Rwanda (ED)
- 03-08 November 2019 Workshop PAGOF, Abidjan, Ivory Coast (Chair)
- 13-19 November 2019 Annual Membership Meeting, Berlin, Germany (Chair/ED)
- 16-20 December 2019 Workshop UNCAC, Abu Dhabi, UAE (ED)

**Board of Directors**

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

**Company Secretary:**

SIMO Corporate Services Ltd

**Auditors:**

BDO & Co

**Corporate Members (Platinum):**

- 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
- Paper Converting Co Ltd – MUR 51,000
- 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
- Alteo group – MUR 50,000

**Other fundings:**

- Adenia Partners Ltd - MUR 25,000
- Alteo Ltd – MUR 40,000
- Beemanique Stone Crusher Ltd – MUR 50,000
- COMESA – MUR 43,860
- Defi Deal Ltd – MUR 5,701.53
- European Union – MUR 2,517,765.35
- Evaco Ltd - MUR 35,000
- Femi Publishing Co Ltd – MUR 32,609.80
- Le Defi Plud Ltee – MUR 35,415.84
- LGI Ltd – MUR 50,000
- LUX Collective Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Mammouth Trading Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Meaders Feeds Ltd – MUR 75,000
- Terra Mauricia Ltd – MUR 100,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 75,000
- Transparency International Madagascar – MUR 106,370
- UNODC – MUR 161,289.80

**Partners:**

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