STRATEGY OF TRANSPARENCY MAURITIUS FOR PERIOD 2021 TO 2023

Transparency Mauritius (TM) was set up in 1994 and incorporated in 1998 as an independent, non-political and non-partisan corporate body and has since played a pivotal role in Mauritius to fight corruption and promote transparency, integrity, ethics and accountability among all stakeholders including the public and private sector, through public awareness, advocacy and general education.

This Strategy Paper of Transparency Mauritius for period 2021 to 2023 puts the fight against corruption nation wise at the centre of all its preoccupations and deliberations to ensure the effective prevention of any form of corruption and the promotion of a corruption free society, including business, government, judiciary, police service, civil service and civil society.

To better understand the role of Transparency Mauritius in its fight against corruption, the following information must be highlighted:

- The constitution of Transparency Mauritius has been amended to adhere to the guidelines of the Companies Act of 2001.
- The new Constitution opens the membership to two levels of corporate members thereby allowing for flexibility of corporate membership.
- The constitution also allows for individual membership to include individual commitment in the fight against corruption.
- Transparency Mauritius has its own vision and mission which are aligned on that of Transparency International.
- Transparency Mauritius has developed a broad network both nationally and internationally to ensure efficiency in its fight against corruption.
- Transparency Mauritius is now mostly project-based and has a pro-active approach in its strategy.
- Transparency Mauritius endeavors to work closely with the authorities as well as with the private sector to bring systemic change in the Mauritian society so as to promote democracy and justice.
- The ultimate aim of Transparency Mauritius is to make Mauritius a corruption free country.
Transparency Mauritius is committed to align its strategy with the following guiding principles of Transparency International:

1. **Protect the public’s resources**
   - Maximum openness, transparency and responsiveness in public contracting
   - More effective prevention and exposure of public sector bribery, theft and abuse of power

2. **Stop flows of dirty money**
   - Disabled systems for secret payments and concealment of assets
   - Increased accountability for corruption-enabling networks and gatekeepers

3. **Secure integrity in politics**
   - Removal of undue influence from elections and political appointments
   - Greater transparency, accountability and equity in influence over public decision-making

4. **Drive integrity in business**
   - A critical mass of business leadership fulfilling strong integrity commitments
   - More effective exposure and punishment of corrupt business

5. **Pursue enforcement and justice**
   - Strengthened independence, capacity and will to act for integrity institutions
   - Greater equity, consistency and removal of bias in corruption prosecutions and judicial outcomes
   - An effective international anti-corruption enforcement framework

6. **Expand civic space for accountability**
   - Enhanced freedom and security for activists, whistleblowers and journalists to challenge abuse of power
   - Increased channels for people to demand results for the common good

7. **Build community leadership against corruption**
   - Strengthened public discourse based on deeper understanding and acceptance of accountability values
   - A next generation of civic, public and business leaders better equipped to fight corruption

**ACTION PLAN**

To realise and maintain the consistency of purpose that enables the attainment of its corporate vision, Transparency Mauritius commits itself to the following actions:
- **REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**

Given the need to provide an effective backbone to the fight against corruption, Transparency Mauritius is committed to join forces with international and regional organisations to combat corruption.

- **PARTNERSHIP**

To realise its mission, Transparency Mauritius believes that it must partner with relevant stakeholders to combat corruption namely entities of the public and private sector and civil society.

- **MEDIA STRATEGY**

  Transparency Mauritius is committed to make use of applicable technologies including social media to ensure reliable and performance-based advocacy services for the promotion of transparency, integrity, ethics and accountability in its endeavor to combat all forms of corruption.

- **ADVOCACY**

  Transparency Mauritius believes that advocacy on any form of corruption in society helps to educate people and create awareness amongst them.

- **EDUCATION**

  Transparency Mauritius is committed to create awareness as to how corruption erodes democracy and lengthens the gap between the rich and the poor,

  Transparency Mauritius believes that education whether at the primary, secondary or tertiary level, on the scourges of corruption is an absolute necessity.
- **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Transparency Mauritius endeavors to reach financial stability through membership, project-based actions and training.

- **OBJECTIVES IN ACTION**

In order to align itself to the Strategy of Transparency International, Transparency Mauritius is focusing on three main themes for the period 2021 to 2023:

- **Coalition of stakeholders against dirty money**
- **State capture**
- **Financing of political parties**

To achieve these three targets, Transparency Mauritius will:

- ❖ Continue in the relentless fight against corruption and its denunciation and propose to enlarge its fields of interventions whether in media or otherwise
- ❖ Ensure full support and advisory service availability and coverage in rural as well as urban areas of the island including Rodrigues and Agalega, conduct training, workshops, seminars and webinars on those three themes to all stakeholders including the education sector.
- ❖ Research and work on the three themes so as to propose a position paper to all stakeholders concerned,
- ❖ In addition to the above, Transparency Mauritius will continue to fight for legislation regarding “the right to information” and “the protection of the whistleblower”

Transparency Mauritius will continue with its ongoing projects regarding paid training to the private sector, fund-based training to the education sector and advocacy on the plague of grand and political corruption.