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Projects of Transparency Mauritius in 2021

The Board of Directors have the pleasure to submit the annual report of Transparency Mauritius together with audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 N/1137.

Transparency Mauritius is the 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.

Activities 2021

2021 has been a year of challenges in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and Transparency Mauritius has been impacted as most organisations. However, due to the operations strategy, we have been able to show resilience. But the fight is not over. A series of projects have been delayed or postponed due to sanitary and quarantine protocols imposed by the Ministry of Health. There was a lock down from 10 March to 30 April 2021. On top of that, Diya Kowal, Project and Research Officer, who had been in the build-up of the Chapter since 2013 and Heshna Conhyea, Training Officer, both submitted their resignation in November, to be effective as from 1 December 2021.

TM initiated procedures to recruit their replacement and given the difficulty to have qualified and competent candidates, it was suggested to launch a vacancy notice for the post of Project & Research Officer and to take on board, one or two interns immediately. They were taken to be assessed and Sivananda Chellan was eventually chosen to be the next Training Officer.

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We received 35 applications for the post of P&R Officer and the interviews were done by the Chair through WhatsApp and the ED.

The year started with the publication of the Corruption Perception index (CPI) for 2020. Mauritius was ranked 52 on 180 countries. Following the Cabinet decision of 6 March 2020 with respect to the Government of Mauritius setting up a committee at the level of the Ministry of Financial Services and Good Governance, TM participated to three meetings and stressed on the importance of having new legislations such as a “Freedom or Right to Information act, a protection of Whistleblowers act and a Funding of Political Parties act”.

TM pursued its collaboration with the Media Trust with respect to investigative journalism and the ED was invited to be the Chair of the jury. The Award night was held on 20 February 2021 in presence of the President of the Republic.

A Webinar and Workshop, entitled The Effectiveness, Transparency and Accountability of the National Budget, was organized for the youth to engage them into understanding and participating in the formulation of the national budget. The resource person was Michael Castro from Washington DC and the embassy of the USA funded the event. PWC, one of the Corporate members of TM also helped by assisting the young participants.

Otherwise, TM continued its activities, though at reduced pace. The following projects were done:

- Implementation of anti-corruption policies in organisations
- Talks and trainings on Code of Conduct/Ethics in both the Public and Private Sectors
- Talk on Ethics, Integrity and Corruption in schools, universities and clubs
- Training on Whistleblowing
- Advocacy on funding of Political Parties and politicians
- Advocacy for the implementation of Protection of Whistleblowers Act
- Advocacy for a Freedom of Information Act

TM has been present in the local media with:

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

The team, including Board Members, attended the following webinars:

DATE	NAME	ORGANISERS
22 to 23 February 2021	UNGASS Intersessional Meeting	United Nations

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25 February 2021	UNCAC Coalition Introduction Meeting	UNCAC
02 March 2021	1st Regional UNCAC Coalition Meeting for Sub-Saharan Africa	UNCAC
10 March 2021	International Women's Day Webinar	Basel Institute
12 April 2021	Clear Understanding of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism to remove the fears	Abler Consulting
29 April 2021	Audit Committee Guidelines for Evaluating a Whistleblowing system	MIOD & ACCA
21 to 22 April 2021	SAACON Conference 2021	SAACoN
05 May 2021	ECOSOC Consultative Status	ECOSOC
07 May 2021	UNGASS Intersessional Meeting	UNCAC/UNODC
19 May 2021	Workshop on Methodology for Assessing Procurement online	PPO
20 May 2021	UNCAC Coalition Introduction Meeting	UNCAC
21 May 2021	SAACON Conference 2021	SAACON
24-26 May 2021	UNGASS Youth Forum	United Nations
01-04 June 2021	UNGASS	United Nations
31 August 2021	Best practices of TI Ukraine: Public BI Module – a tool for public procurement analysis	TI Ukraine
17 August 2021	Asset Recovery UNCAC	UNCAC
07 September 2021	Registrar of Companies-AML/CFT	Registrar of Companies
07 September 2021	Briefing for NGO's (Resumed 12th session of the implementation review group)	UNODC
29September to 01October 2021	TI-Movement Summit	Transparency International
01 November 2021	Country Fishing Transparency	Transparency International
11 November 2021	Impact Assessment Training	Transparency International
24 November 2021	UNCAC Regional Meeting - Youth Engagement in Anti-Corruption	UNCAC
07 December 2021	How foreign bribery undermines democracy and Human Rights? Why more enforcement is needed and victims' right should be recognised	UNCAC
13 to 17 December 2021	COPS 9th	UNCAC

Board of Directors:

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

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- Mr. Sivananda Vencatapillay (Resigned in September 2021)
- Mr. Sunil Bissoonauth (Resigned in September 2021)

Company Secretary:

SIMO Corporate Services Ltd

Corporate Members (Platinum):

- Currimjee Jeewanjee & Co Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd – MUR 100,000

Corporate Members (Gold):

- Alteo Group – MUR 50,000
- ABSA 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
- Jubilee Insurance Ltd - MUR 50,000
- Mauritius Oil Refineries Ltd – MUR 50,000
- PWC Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Rehm Grinaker Construction Co Ltd – MUR 50,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 50,000

Paid Services and other Funding:

- Radio Plus Ltd – MUR 25,000
- Beemanique Stone Crusher Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Rehm Grinaker Construction Co Ltd – MUR 75,000
- Evaco Group – MUR 75,000
- Alteo Group – MUR 185,000
- The Mauritius Union Group – MUR 75,000
- Terra Mauricia Ltd – MUR 100,000
- Meaders Feeds Ltd – MUR 75,000
- LGI Ltd – MUR 50,000
- Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – MUR 551,261
- U.S. Embassy – MUR 224,232.45

Partners:

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

Number of talks under the EU Project:

- Government Schools – 2
- Social Welfare Centres – 2
- University – 1
- Rotary/AIESEC – 3
- Mauritius Post Ltd – 6

Number of whistleblowing talks:

- Terra Mauricia Ltd – 3

Other Meetings:

- PPPAC – 2
- Good Governance Committee / NCCG - 3
- PPO - 5