

Transparency International Canada
Seventeenth Annual General Meeting, 3 June 2014
Report of Chair and President

Our main priorities for 2014 and beyond lie in three areas:

- Extractive industries
- Enhanced corporate transparency, focused on the areas and impacts of beneficial ownership, money laundering and illicit money flows
- Whistleblowing, with a particular focus at the federal government level

Already this year, we have been active in these and other areas:

- Board Member Susan Carter, on behalf of the TI-Canada Ottawa Discussion Group made a presentation on "Costs and Challenges of Corruption in International Affairs" to the Canadian International Council National Capital Branch;
- with PWYP-Canada, Engineers Without Border Canada and Revenue Watch Institute, the TI-Canada Calgary Discussion Group held a public panel on Revenue Transparency, with the oil and gas industry, in Calgary;
- I had the opportunity to make a presentation to the TI-Canada Vancouver Discussion Group, early in 2014, and members of the group were invited to participate in a postcard campaign (led by Engineers Without Borders Canada and the ONE Campaign), calling on B.C. Minister of Finance De Jong to develop a law that will require mining, oil and gas companies to disclose payments to governments. By taking action now, B.C. can enhance global transparency efforts by requiring the almost 1000 extractive companies that are overseen by the provincial securities commission to disclose payments to all levels of governments in Canada and abroad;
- under the auspices of our Extractive Industries Committee, we held a workshop, Transparency International Anti-Corruption Tools and Resources for Corporate Risk Management Systems, as part of the Canadian Institutes for Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum's annual meeting in Vancouver in May 2014;
- as a member of Publish What You Pay Canada, TI-Canada Board Members and the Senior Advisor have played a role in providing input to Natural Resources Canada's consultations on mandatory reporting by the extractive resources sector;
- a presentation, by the present and incoming Chief Compliance Officers of SNC-Lavalin, on "SNC-Lavalin: From Crisis to Ethics Excellence," was made to the TI-Canada Business Roundtable;
- three of the four plenaries for the *TI-Canada Fourth Annual Day of Dialogue: Spotlight on Corruption* will cover the priorities areas; and,
- our first public conference, in Montréal, "Afternoon of Dialogue: Transparency, Accountability and Integrity," will cover reform in the engineering and construction industry and whistleblowers;

- we have our first Board Member, in a long time, from Quebec, and the Strategic Communications and Marketing Committee is working on a new web site, including producing a number of things in French;
- we have produced our Third Edition of the *TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist*, which includes a new tool, Doing Business Without Bribery, an e-learning tool in both Canadian English and Canadian French versions produced by members of our Legal Committee;
- the Legal Committee is also working on a submission to the TSX regarding anti-corruption compliance reporting among issuers and participating in a CSA Group project to create a new national standard for whistleblowing, in Canada.

Things are moving along on the fund raising front. We are delighted that, this year, the Desjardins Group, Gordcorp Inc., Hatch Ltd, Magna International Inc. and SNC-Lavalin Group Inc., have joined Barrick Gold, Export Development Canada, First Quantum Minerals Ltd., GE Canada, Nexen Energy ULC, A CNOOC Company Limited, and Teck Cominco Ltd., as Supporters of TI-Canada, allowing for us to establish a firmer financial footing for the organization. We have partnered with a university in Montréal on a Social Science and Humanities Research Council partnership grant application to establish a centre for research on corruption and public integrity. Other research opportunities may present themselves, this year, allowing us to begin making up for the dearth of such information in Canada, to date. The generous contributions of our supporters and our partnerships are providing us with the means to create more resources and conduct additional research to benefit our members, supporters, and the greater community fighting the scourge of corruption.

At this AGM, we bid farewell to and wish to thank five long-serving TI-Canada Board Members, Julie Desjardins, Bruce Futterer, Tom Marshall, Michael Robinson and Joe Ringwald. Each is a committed colleague in the struggle against corruption and has contributed countless hours to our cause. We shall miss their dedication and wise counsel.

More than ever, we are hearing the call for firm action against corruption, in Canada and abroad. From the Charbonneau Commission to the call for beneficial ownership, from the need for mandatory reporting in the extractive resources sector to the calls for no impunity, there has never been a greater need for Transparency International Canada and its sister organizations around the world to address the challenge of corruption, in all its forms. I look forward to continuing that journey with each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Dent
Chair and President