

Transparency International Canada
Seventeenth Annual General Meeting
Report of Senior Advisor on work of TI-Canada – 2013

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In 2013, TI-Canada had a membership number of 115, with 2 Professional, 8 Voluntary Sector, 97 Individual and 11 Student Members. In 2013, TI-Canada dispensed with the Roundtable and Charter member categories, and transferred these 7 members to the status of Supporter, providing essential support for TI-Canada to continue to conduct research, raise awareness and develop publicly available materials such as the *TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist*.

In 2013, TI-Canada:

- held a TI-Canada Business Roundtable, “Directors and Anti-Corruption: Making the Connections”;
- put on a seminar, in Ottawa, “Post-Disaster Reconstruction and the Risks of Corruption,” with Board Member Peter Dent as speaker;
- produced the annual Canadian contribution to TI’s “Exporting Corruption,” with Board Member Milos Barutciski, in the lead;
- participated in consultations of the Resource Revenue Transparency Working Group (RRTWG), a coalition of the Mining Association of Canada, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, PWYP-Canada and the Revenue Watch Institute; the RRTWG launched its Recommendations for development of a mandatory payment transparency standard on 16 January 2014; TI-Canada is a member of PWYP-Canada and the Senior Advisor sits on the PWYP-Canada Steering Committee;
- participated in the Natural Resources Canada’s consultation on Mandatory Reporting for the Extractive Industry, represented by Board Member Kernaghan Webb;
- held meetings with Canada’s G8 Sherpa and G20 Sherpa (who co-chaired the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group), in Ottawa, attended by Chair and President, Janet Keeping, and the Senior Advisor;
- was involved with activities leading up to amendments by the Canadian government to the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act;
- established three TI-Canada Municipal Discussion Groups – in Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver, all of which held inaugural meetings, in 2013; Champions for each Discussion Group include Board Members Susan Carter (Ottawa), Martin Mueller and Janet Keeping (Calgary) and Joe Ringwald and John Ritchie (Vancouver);
- held “Third Annual TI-Canada Spotlight on Anti-Corruption: Government Under the Microscope” and produced Rapporteur Reports of the conference;
- made presentation, in Ottawa, to the Canadian Bar Association, “TI Anti-Corruption Tools and Resources for Corporate Risk Management Systems,” with the Senior Advisor as presenter;

- made a presentation on TI-Canada, in Lake Louise, to the Canadian Association of Consulting Engineering Companies, with Past President Janet Keeping and Board Member John Ritchie as presenters, and a presentation, in Ottawa, with to the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, with Board Member Susan Carter as presenter;
- produced the Fourth Round Civil Society Report on Canada for MESICIC (Inter-American Convention against Corruption), with Chair and President Peter Dent and Board Member Tom Marshall in the lead, and pro bono support from Gowlings LLP;
- produced the first TI-Canada UNCAC Implementation Review Civil Society Organization Report for the United Nations Convention against Corruption, with Board Members Tom Marshall and Michael Robinson in the lead and assistance from Sabrina A. Bandali and the Senior Advisor; participated in the peer review;
- prepared the Canadian version, in English (the French version is in development), of the TI-UK eLearning tool, *Doing Business Without Bribery*, with the assistance of Legal Committee member Matthew Kronby of Bennett Jones LLP;
- was actively involved in TI's G20 anti-corruption activities;
- held a seminar, "Anti-corruption Efforts and Institutional Reforms in Brazil," with Board Member Mariana Mota Prado as presenter;
- arranged four different presentations by Frank Vogl, author of *Waging War on Corruption*, on business and bribery;
- participated in the MBA course at the University of Ottawa, focused on TI-Canada's Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist, with member Susan Coté-Freeman in the lead; participated in the MBA course on anti-corruption at Athabasca University, through a presentation by Board Member Martin Mueller;
- held an anti-corruption workshop, in Montreal with the participation of Chair and President Peter Dent, Board Members Milos Barutciski and Paul Lalonde, and the Senior Advisor;
- was successful at obtaining a Certificate of Continuance under the new *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*, with the pro bono support of Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP,

TI-Canada has a number of active committees, Education, Extractive Industries, Fund Raising, Legal, and Strategic Communications and Marketing, which are led by Board Members and include other TI-Canada members as active participants.

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Respectfully submitted,

