



# Transparency International Canada Inc.

presents the *Fourth Annual*

## Day of Dialogue: Spotlight on Corruption

Tuesday, 3 June 2014

08:00 – 17:00, followed by TI-Canada's Seventeenth Annual General Meeting

Location: #3400, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto (offices of Bennett Jones LLP)

PD credits are available for Ontario CAs

An application for accreditation of the program for professionalism hours is pending with the Law Society of Upper Canada

### AGENDA

**08:00 – 08:15** Coffee and Networking

**08:15 – 08:30** Welcome and Introduction to Day

Mr. Peter Dent, *Chair and President, Transparency International Canada*

**08:30 – 10:00** Corruption in the Engineering and Construction Industry

Why did Peter Eigen, Founder and past Chair of Transparency International, state in his Introduction to the 2005 TI Global Corruption Report, that "Nowhere is corruption more ingrained than in the construction sector"? Why has the Charbonneau Commission exposed so much evidence of corruption in engineering and construction contracts in Quebec? Join us for a discussion led by three eminent panelists, to discuss this important issue.

**Moderator:** Mr. Peter Dent, *TI-Canada Board Member, Partner, National Practice Leader/ Global Financial Crime Initiative Leader, Deloitte Forensic, Toronto, Ontario*

**Speakers:** Mr. Andreas Pohlmann, *Consultant, SNC-Lavalin Group Ltd., Montréal, Québec*  
Mr. Mike Atkinson, *President, Canadian Construction Association (CCA), Ottawa, Ontario*

Ms. Signi Schneider, *Chief CSR Advisor, Export Development Canada, Ottawa, Ontario*

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Tagg Jefferson, *Co-Founder and CEO, Dragonfly Instruments*

**10:00 – 10:30** Nutrition Break

**10:30 – 12:15** Enhanced Corporate Transparency: Tackling Money Laundering and Illicit Money Flows

Corruption around the world is facilitated by people's ability to launder and hide the proceeds of corruption. Dirty money enters the financial system and is given the semblance of originating from a legitimate source by using corporate vehicles which disguise, concealment and anonymity. Even with the strengthening of global anti-money laundering standards, such as those set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the United Nations Convention against Corruption, significant loopholes continue to exist. A key loophole for money launderers is the lack of information collected and published on those who ultimately own and control companies, trusts and other legal structures, i.e., the beneficial owner. Public Beneficial Ownership registries are not, however, a silver bullet. National, financial, regulatory and supervisory authorities must take all necessary actions that rigorously enforce anti-money laundering obligations to ensure that they are not complicit in laundering the proceeds of corruption, tax evasion and organised crime. The creation of digital currencies, such as bitcoins, has raised further questions about how to exercise such controls and what kind of regulation should be imposed on these digital transactions, especially those that take place outside of the financial system.



**Moderator:** Dr. Mariana Mota Prado, *TI-Canada Board Member, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario*

**Speakers:** Mr. Stéphane Eljarrat, *Partner, Investigations & White Collar Defence, Taxation & Litigation, Davies LLP, Montréal, Quebec*

Ms. Josée Nadeau, *Senior Chief, Financial Crimes, International, Finance Canada, Ottawa, Ontario*

Dr. Yuri Takhteyev, *Assistant Professor (status only), University of Toronto, Chief Software Architect, rangle.io, Toronto, Ontario*

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Paul Pimentel, *Articling Student, Blaney McMurtry LLP*

**12:15 – 13:15 Lunch**

**13:15 – 14:45 Whistleblowers**

Acclaimed, spurned, rewarded or victimized, whistle-blowers have become a part of political, corporate and institutional life and play a growing part in the fight against corruption.

Whistleblower policies, anonymous hot lines and whistle-blower protection laws are common but vary widely in their treatment of whistleblowers and the protection afforded to them. An experienced panel will examine the institutional, legal and personal challenges in dealing with whistleblowing.

**Moderator:** Mr. Harvey Cashore, *Senior Producer, CBC, Toronto, Ontario*

**Speakers:** Ms. Joanna Gualtieri, *Founder, Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform (FAIR), Ottawa, Ontario*

Mr. Louis Clark, *President, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C., USA*

Ms. Christa Wessel, *Chief Human Resources and Legal Officer, McCain Foods Limited, Toronto, Ontario*

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Sabrina A. Bandali, *Associate, Bennett Jones LLP*

**14:45 – 15:15 Nutrition Break**

**15:15 – 16:45 Resources Revenue Transparency**

Lack of transparency of the revenues paid by the extractive industries to governments worldwide has for many years been seen as a major inhibiting factor from holding governments accountable for the use of these resource revenues and efforts to stop corruption. Laws requiring resource companies to publicly report payments generated by resource projects to governments are becoming more frequent. Their reporting requirements are now a reality that many companies are having to deal with. In 2010 the US Congress under the provisions of the Dodd Frank Act put in place disclosure requirements for SEC listed companies. In 2011 the European commission proposed similar requirements for EU listed companies and large private corporations based in the EU. In January of 2014 a coalition of civil society and Canada's major mining associations released the Resource Revenue Transparency Working Group's joint recommendations for mandatory revenue disclosure requirements for Canadian mining companies. The Canadian government has committed to tabling its own legislation by 2015. Panelists will look at the changing landscape of revenue resource disclosure with particular emphasis on the Canadian Resource Revenue Transparency Working Group's recommendations. They will provide insight into the process leading up to the recommendations, highlight the current international landscape of revenue disclosure requirements and comment on some of the challenges and potential shortcomings of existing and proposed legislative initiatives.

**Moderator:** Mr. Martin Mueller, *TI-Canada Board Member, Calgary, Alberta*

**Speakers:** Ms. Samantha Burton, *Advocacy Manager, Engineers Without Borders Canada, Toronto, Ontario*

Mr. Ben Chalmers, *Vice President, Sustainable Development, Mining Association of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario*

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Lindsay Senese, *JD*

**16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks**

Mr. Peter Dent, *Chair and President, TI-Canada*

**17:00 – 17:30 TI-Canada Seventeenth Annual General Meeting**

