



Anti-Corruption Focus

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Latest News

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TI-UK Announces New Executive Director

After a rigorous external search and selection process, the TI-UK Board has appointed Dr Robert Barrington to be the new Executive Director.

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Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index

TI-DSP produced the first ever index looking at how Governments prevent and counter corruption in defence ministries and the armed forces. [Read more...](#)



Corruption Perceptions Index 2012

As the 2012 Corruption Perceptions Index was launched, TI-UK reflected on the UK's continuing failure to achieve a top ten ranking. [Read more...](#)



Leveson Report

The Leveson enquiry revealed some shocking details about the relationship between politicians, the media and the police. On the day of the report's publication TI-UK considered what should be done next.

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New laws in Russia

Russia's new laws regarding international organisations and organisations that campaign on public policy prompted TI-UK to ask how this will affect civil society. [Read more...](#)

Top Ten Stories

Transparency International UK's selection of 10 interesting articles or reports about corruption published during the past quarter.

BBC | [Lance Armstrong stripped of all seven Tour de France wins by UCI](#)

Financial Times | [Rolls-Royce Reveals SFO Corruption Probe](#)

Guardian | [Greece can root out corruption – just like Hong Kong did](#)

BBC | [April Casburn guilty of leak to News of the World offer](#)

Telegraph | [Fears of 'cronyism' as police commissioners appoint deputies](#)

Guardian | [Most countries do little to combat corruption in arms trade, study finds](#)

Times | [Corruption test failed by top French defence firms](#)

Guardian | [Match fixers target 50 national leagues, says Fifa's head of security](#)

The Economist | [Launderers Anonymous](#)

BBC | [Police corruption: Criminals 'give officers steroids'](#)

Dear Members and Supporters

We hope you enjoyed the festive season. This quarter we continued to be active in a number of areas which are highlighted in this edition of our newsletter.

Roundtable on Combating International Money Laundering

In January TI-UK partnered with Wilton Park and Allen & Overy to hold a roundtable meeting, *Building Public and Private Sector Consensus on Effective Measures to Combat International Money Laundering Activities*. The roundtable was attended by many high-level figures from the government, civil society and business.

This year the UK assumed the presidency of the G8. This roundtable was part of a wider effort by TI-UK to influence the UK's agenda as it chairs the G8 meetings this year. David Cameron has promised to put transparency at the forefront of his agenda for the G8. We will be writing to him to encourage a focus on money laundering and extractive transparency during the UK's presidency.

Annual Anti-Corruption Lecture with John Githongo

In December we held our Annual Anti-Corruption Lecture, kindly hosted by Clifford Chance. The lecture was given by renowned Kenyan anti-corruption campaigner John Githongo. He gave a fascinating speech on corruption in the west and the financial crisis as well as his experience fighting corruption in Kenya. A transcript of John's speech can be downloaded [here](#). Before the lecture TI-UK presented a workshop entitled *A Beginners Guide to Corruption in the UK*.



All-Party Parliamentary Party on Anti-Corruption Panel Event

TI-UK board member Helen Garlick was a [keynote speaker](#) at the Anti-Corruption APPG panel event on money laundering, bribery and tax evasion in the Overseas Territories. Other speakers included Daniel Balint-Kurti from (Global Witness) and Joseph Stead (Christian Aid). The discussion provided an excellent forum to discuss an issue that will form an important part of the UK's agenda for the G8.

Launch of 2012 Corruption Perceptions Index

This year's Corruption Perceptions Index was released in December. The UK again failed to receive a top ten ranking mainly as a result of repeated political corruption scandals. The UK was ranked 17th out of the 176 countries surveyed. You can find out more about this year's Corruption Perceptions Index [here](#).

Transparency International UK Defence & Security Programme (TI-DSP)

TI-DSP has been very busy. In October we launched our Defence Companies Anti-Corruption Index. The index gave an insight into what the 129 biggest defence companies around the world do and don't do to prevent corruption. It found that two-thirds of the world's biggest defence companies do not provide enough public evidence about how they fight corruption. The launch received extensive attention and was mentioned in over 100 articles across the world. Many companies have since contacted us for advice on how to improve their anti-corruption procedures. You can read more [here](#).

In January we launched the Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index. This index is the first ever review of corruption risk and corruption vulnerabilities in countries' defence sectors. The report found that 70% of governments fail to protect against corruption in their Defence Ministries and Armed Forces. The report was launched in Taiwan and has received extensive coverage across the globe. You can read more [here](#)

Recent Publications



Policy Paper 4: Does the UK need an anti-corruption agency?

This paper examines the institutional arrangements in place in the UK for tackling corruption and asks, do we need an anti-corruption agency? [Download](#)



Benchmarking Police Integrity Guidelines

This report, prepared for the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), sets out TI-UK's views on what constitutes good organisational integrity practice and how this could be applied to the police. [Download](#)



Defence Companies Anti-Corruption Index

The first of its kind, this Index provides an analysis of what the 129 biggest defence companies around the world do and don't do to prevent corruption. [Download](#)



Government's Defence Anti-Corruption Index

The Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index measures the risk of corruption in 82 national defence establishments around the world. [Download](#)

Transparency International Secretariat also published [Keeping Redd+ Clean: A Step By Step Guide To Preventing Corruption](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the fight against corruption. To keep abreast of TI-UK's perspective on developments through our news releases, blog posts and publications, please visit our website www.transparency.org.uk

With best wishes,

Robert Barrington
Executive Director, Transparency International UK

Dates for your diary

To attend any of the events below, please register with us at:
events@transparency.org.uk



Where do we stand in the fight against global corruption?

Dame Ann Leslie, Prof. Alena Ledeneva, and Laurence Cockroft will discuss the phenomenon of global corruption, and what can be done to combat it.

Time 18.00 - 20.30

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside,
London, SE1 2AQ [More info...](#)



Corruption in sport

This event will explore the reality of corruption in sport and what can be done to effectively tackle it. Speakers to be confirmed.

Time 18.00 - 20.30

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside, London,
SE1 2AQ [More info...](#)



Corruption in local government

TI-UK will be publishing a paper on corruption in local government in autumn 2013. This event will feature a presentation of the main findings of the report, and facilitate discussion and debate on the issue.

Time 18.00 - 20.30

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1
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