

Transparency International Canada
Eighteenth Annual General Meeting
Report of Senior Advisor on work of TI-Canada – 2014

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In 2014, TI-Canada had a membership number of 121, with 3 Professional, 6 Voluntary Sector, 106 Individual and 6 Student Members. In addition 11 corporates were Supporters of TI-Canada, allowing us to continue to conduct research, raise awareness and develop publicly available materials such as the *TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist Third Edition*, the *Rapporteur Reports* from our annual *Day of Dialogue: Spotlight on Corruption* and the development of the English-Canadian and French-Canadian versions of the e-learning tool, *Doing Business Without Bribery*.

In 2014, TI-Canada:

- Met with representatives of the Department of Government Ethics, Taipei, and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto, 21 March
- Prepared presentation to OAS Committee of Experts on TI-Canada MESICIC Report, Washington, DC (cancelled due to poor weather)
- Participated in Natural Resources Canada’s civil society consultation on mandatory reporting in the extractive sector, Ottawa, and industry consultation, Calgary, March
- Prepared Canadian contribution to TI Exporting Corruption Report for OECD
- Along with PWYP-Canada, Engineers Without Borders, and the ONE Campaign, participated in post card action calling on British Columbia to develop law that would require mining, oil and gas companies to disclose payments to governments, April
- With PWYP-Canada, Engineers Without Borders, Revenue Watch, TI-Canada Calgary Discussion Group put on “Enhancing Revenue Transparency in the Oil & Gas Sector” event in Calgary, 22-23 April
- Held TI-Canada Business Roundtable presentation by SNC-Lavalin on “SNC-Lavalin – From Crisis to Ethics Excellence,” 29 April
- Put on TI-Canada workshop, focusing on TI risk management tools, at Canadian Institute for Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum annual meeting, Vancouver, 11 May
- Presented TI/TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Tools and Risk Mitigation Resources to Armenian Renaissance’s “Corruption in Armenia: Solutions and the Role of the Diaspora” seminar, 31 May
- Put on TI-Canada Fourth Annual Day of Dialogue: Spotlight on Anti-Corruption, Toronto; followed by TI-Canada Seventeenth AGM, 3 June
- Held TI-Canada First Afternoon of Dialogue: Transparency, Accountability and Transparency, Montreal, 17 June
- Spoke at American Bar Association International Anti-Corruption Committee’s teleconference program on Canada’s anti-corruption enforcement efforts, 30 June

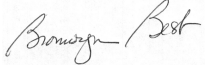
- TI-Canada Ottawa Discussion Group, along with the Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform, had TI-Australia's A.J. Brown present on "Whistleblowing: Creating Legislation that Works," Ottawa, 17 July
- TI-Canada Vancouver Discussion Group put on two presentations, "Establishing an Anti-corruption Compliance Program at a Major Mining Company," with Board Member Diego Venegas a speaker, 26 June, and "Foreign Bribery Investigations," with Kevin Duggan of the RCMP as speaker, 9 September
- TI-Canada Legal Committee sent submission to Quebec Commission of Inquiry into Public Contracts in the Construction Industry (Charbonneau Commission) and participated in expert panel before the Commission
- Participated in TI Annual Members Meeting, Berlin, October
- Presented to Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business's Risk Mitigation & CSR seminar, Toronto, 9 September; obtained participation by TI-UK, in similar seminar, London, England, 31 October
- Served as peer reviewer for TI Review for Canada of the TI-UK Country Scorecard 2014-2015, regarding defence, November
- Acted as Supporter of Université de Montréal's grant application to establish the Montreal centre for research on corruption and public integrity (application unsuccessful)
- Acted as Supporter of CBERN (Canadian Business Ethics Research Network) bid for a Centre of Excellence (grant unsuccessful)
- Sent letters to various Canadian ministers and Sherpa re. recommendations for various G20 meetings, including finance meeting and Anti-Corruption Working Group meetings, as well as Canada's UNCAC Self-Assessment Questionnaire publication
- Launched Third Edition of *TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist*, including English-Canadian and French-Canadian versions of *Doing Business Without Bribery*
- Worked with Resource Revenue Transparency Working Group (PWYP-Canada, Mining Association of Canada, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, Revenue Watch) to produce recommendations for mandatory reporting legislation, in Canada; provided comments on this issue to Canada's Open Government Partnership consultation (Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act was passed in December)
- Worked with University of Ottawa's Telfer School of Management on their Global Anti-Corruption University Project
- In lieu of newsletters, TI-Canada sent periodic Bulletins of significant events, research, etc., to its 730+ member data base as well as to media

TI-Canada has a number of active committees, Education and Research, Extractive Industries, Fund Raising, Legal, and Strategic Communications and Marketing, as well as three municipal Discussion Groups in Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver, which are led by Board Members and include other TI-Canada members as active participants. Added to these, in 2014, were a Nominating Committee and four provisional task forces.

TI-Canada continues to be indebted to the Centre of Excellence in Responsible Business, of the Schulich School of Business, York University, and, in particular, to Ms. Mary Amati, for their ongoing support and significant in-kind contributions to TI-Canada and the anti-corruption cause. We are also very grateful for the student research assistance of Mr. Daniel Kim, under the auspices of the Donner Civic Leadership Fund Fellowship at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. As of this AGM, we are launching a brand new web site. We trust you will enjoy this new version, for which we wish to thank Forge Media + Design, and we encourage all of you to visit the web site at: www.transparency.ca for further information and access to publications.

Finally, this is my eighteenth and last AGM as a consultant to TI-Canada. I am most grateful for all I have experienced and learned from all of you, through all these years. You have enriched my life. I am delighted with the choice for the full-time Executive Director, Alesia Nahirny, who began with TI-Canada, on 1 June. I know you will offer her the same support and encouragement you offered me. I wish TI-Canada well, in its on-going work in the vital struggle to curb corruption.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bronwyn Best". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".