



Anti-Corruption Focus

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Latest News

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Mubarak assets

As reports emerged alleging that the British Government has failed to freeze the UK-based assets of corrupt members of Egypt's toppled regime, TI-UK called for swift action. [Read more...](#)



Corruption and the Olympics

As London prepared to launch the 2012 Games, TI-UK reflected on whether the event is living up to the 'respect for universal fundamental ethical principles' cited in the Olympic Charter. [Read more...](#)



MPs propose new regulation of 'Revolving Door'

Parliament's [Public Administration Select Committee](#) (PASC) has published its report on the rules which govern the movement of individuals between jobs in government and jobs in business. [Read more...](#)



Proposed reforms to civil service

Responding to reports that the Government is proposing to change the way that senior civil servants are appointed, TI-UK warned that this could substantially raise the risk of corruption at the heart of government. [Read more...](#)



LIBOR scandal

The abuse by Barclays' personnel of their positions of trust for the sake of corporate and indirect private gain was ethically corrupt behaviour and warrants an independent investigation, said Transparency International UK. [Read more...](#)

Top Ten Stories

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

The Guardian | [Scandal of Mubarak regime millions in UK](#)

Financial Times | [Emails tell of fears over EADS Payments](#)

Bloomberg | [Journalist, policeman arrested in bribe probe](#)

BBC | [Leveson: Jail officers 'took illegal payments'](#)

The Guardian | [Cricketer Kaneria found guilty of corruption](#)

Financial Times | [Resignations of top aide hurts match-fixing battle](#)

Reuters | [Corruption in Europe could slow recovery](#)

Telegraph | [City lawyer 'lost job after exposing corruption'](#)

The Guardian | [Oxford University Press fined £1.9M over bribery](#)

BBC | [Sainsbury's potato bribe scam: Three jailed](#)

Dear Members and Supporters

We hope you enjoyed the summer, which has been dominated by the highly successful Olympic and Paralympic Games. We continued to be active in a number of areas which are highlighted in this edition of our newsletter. It has been given a new look and I hope you enjoy reading it!

Regional meetings on UK corruption

TI-UK held two successful events in [Edinburgh](#) and [Manchester](#) to present the findings of the 2011 'Corruption in the UK' report and facilitate discussion. Both events were well attended by people from a wide range of sectors including business, law, and academia.



Roundtable on foreign bribery settlements

In June, TI-UK held a high level roundtable meeting, *Foreign Bribery: Reviewing the UK Settlements Regime* at Simmons & Simmons.

TI-UK assembled a high-level group of experts and practitioners including Edward Garnier QC MP, Judge Geoffrey Rivlin QC and Sir Henry Brooke QC. TI-UK presented its main findings and recommendations for improvements that can be made to the UK judicial system with respect to corporate plea agreements. Several participants spoke highly of TI-UK's Report, [Deterring and Punishing Corporate Bribery](#). The meeting provided a useful opportunity to explain TI-UK's position and to clarify the Government's approach to the use of Deferred Prosecution Agreements in tackling overseas bribery.

Anti-Corruption Conference: The Fight against Corruption

We partnered with the University of Sussex to put on a highly successful conference for academics and practitioners, which was kindly hosted by Clifford Chance. Speakers included Miriam Golden (UCLA), Ian Tyler (CEO, Balfour Beatty), Karina Litvack (F & C Investments), Paul Heywood (University of Nottingham), and Sir Christopher Kelly (Head of Committee on Standards in Public Life) who gave the keynote speech.

Other activities

TI-UK participated in a high-level seminar organised by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) on Ethical regulation in the civil service and central government.

TI-UK is working with other civil society organisations to engage with the UK Government on the Open Government Partnership (OGP). This is a global initiative (supported by over 40 governments) focused on promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption, and harnessing new technologies to strengthen governance. OGP was launched in 2011 in New York by eight governments, and is overseen by a steering committee of governments and civil society organizations (on which TI is represented). As a founding member, the UK [has published an open government National Action Plan](#) and the UK became co-chair of the OGP in April 2012.

TI-UK met with a team from the [Group of States against Corruption](#) (GRECO) who were evaluating EU countries with respect to integrity mechanisms in parliament and integrity of the judicial system. TI-UK shared its perspectives which were based on findings from the 'Corruption in the UK' report.

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

Defence Companies Index

We have made good progress on our Defence Companies Anti-Corruption Index (CI) which is a snapshot of what the 129 biggest defence companies around the world do and don't do to prevent corruption. Together, these companies are worth more than USD10 trillion, with a combined defence revenue of over USD 500 billion. The study, which includes companies from all the major arms exporting nations, will be released on 4th October.

Arms Trade Treaty

In July, the 193 member states of the United Nations met in New York to negotiate an [Arms Trade Treaty \(ATT\)](#). After intense discussions a draft treaty text was produced at the end of the conference but the ATT was not agreed as the US asked for further negotiations.

TI-DSP continued its long-standing close collaboration with supportive states, such as the UK, as well as its allies in the 'Control Arms' coalition to include strong anti-corruption provisions in the ATT. This led to the inclusion of helpful anti-corruption risk assessment before approving an arms transfer in the draft treaty text. The draft has now been submitted to the UN General Assembly and will be debated in the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) in October. [Read more about our ATT work.](#)

Recent Publications



Anti-Bribery Due Diligence for Transactions

Guidance for anti-bribery due diligence in mergers, acquisitions, and investments

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Policy Paper 2: Fixing the Revolving Door between Government and Business

This Paper examines major public policy concerns in relation to the movement of individuals between jobs in the public sector and jobs in the private sector, and makes several recommendations for reform.

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Policy Paper 3: Corruption in UK Politics

This paper highlights the areas of UK politics which are especially vulnerable to corruption, outlines the nature of the problem, and makes policy recommendations.

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Transparency International Secretariat also published [Exporting Corruption: Country Enforcement of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention](#), [Transparency in Corporate Reporting](#), [Money, Politics, Power: Corruption risks in Europe](#) and [Assurance Framework for Corporate Anti-Bribery Programmes](#)

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,

Chandu Krishnan
Executive Director, Transparency International UK

Dates for your diary

To attend any of the events below, please register with Kate Zechner, TI-UK:
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Global Corruption: Money Power and Ethics in the Modern World

Launch of Laurence Cockcroft's new book on global corruption.

Time 1800-1930

Location Institute for Government, 2 Carlton Gardens,
London, SW1Y 5AA

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Anti-Bribery Due Diligence for Transactions: Introductory Panel Discussion

Time 1800-2000

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1
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Corruption in the Arms Trade

Andrew Feinstein, author of *The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade*, will be speaking.

Time 1800-2015

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1
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AGM (TI-UK members only)

Transparency International UK's Annual General Meeting. This meeting is open to members only.

Time 1800-1845

Location FTI Consulting, Holborn Gate, 26 Southampton Buildings,
London, WC2A 1PB

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Are We Winning or Failing in the Fight against Corruption? (Open to the public)

Laurence Cockcroft, author of 'Global Corruption: Money Power & Ethics in the Modern World', and Frank Vogl, author of 'Waging War on Corruption' will debate this theme

Time 1845-2000

Location FTI Consulting, Holborn Gate, 26 Southampton
Buildings, London, WC2A 1PB

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Annual Anti-Corruption Lecture

John Githongo, CEO of Inuka Kenya Trust, will be giving the Keynote speech at this year's Annual Anti-Corruption Lecture

Time 1800-2000

Location Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, London, E14 5JJ

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Upcoming conferences and training courses



General Introduction on Bribery and Corruption

This induction course will enable attendees to gain a basic understanding of bribery and corruption in business, the relevant legal framework and the types of bribery risk, and will equip them with the necessary knowledge to deal with challenging ethical situations.

Time 1800-2000

Location TI-UK, 32 – 36 Loman Street, London, SE1 0EH

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Anti-Bribery for Due Diligence in Transactions Workshop

Time 1330-1630

Location Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ

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15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (Brazil)

Dates 7 – 10 November

Location Brasilia, Brazil

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Corruption: A Beginners Guide

This event is for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of what corruption is and how it impacts the world we live in. The day will be led by experts in the field.

Time 1415-1745

Location Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, London, E14 5JJ

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