

Terms of reference for the Integrity Awards Committee

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Introduced in 2000, the Transparency International Integrity Awards aim to recognise a particular action or initiative undertaken by one or several individuals or organisations in a manner that deserves credit and constitutes a tangible contribution to the promotion of the goals of the TI movement.

The Integrity Awards Committee serves as a jury for the Awards. As part of this process, the Committee will duly evaluate nomination files submitted per the published guidelines. The Awards Committee will seek national chapter input regarding the nomination whenever possible. National chapter input will be taken in consideration but cannot be considered binding. Each Committee member is entitled to one vote. Abstentions will be considered as such and voting results will be determined by a simple majority. In the case of a tied vote, it is the role of the Committee Chair to determine a course of action. Committee members with a conflict of interest in the selection process should recuse themselves from said process or be asked to do so by the Chair, in consultation with other committee members and/or TI's code of ethics, as needed.

Upon reviewing and discussing the merits of a nomination, committee members will vote on a short list of nominees. A second round of voting will determine the final winner(s). The Awards Committee will forward its selection of candidates to be awarded the recognition, to the TI Board of Directors for confirmation on a no-objection basis. The Board may invite the Awards committee to reconsider a particular nomination giving its reasons. Where the Awards Committee confirms its decision, the decision of the Awards Committee will be final.

The Awards Committee has the right:

1. To decide whether a nominee serves the goals of TI or whether the means used by the nominee meet TI standards.
2. To ask the nominator or an appropriate national chapter for additional information to be attached to the Nomination File and to make such further enquiries as it sees fit and to decline to consider a nomination where the information provided is, in its opinion, insufficient.
3. To organise, in exceptional cases, a visit to the nominee's country to verify the accuracy of information submitted or to obtain necessary additional evidence.
4. To decline to make any awards in the absence of a suitable nominee.
5. To withdraw an award should the winner act in a manner that compromises the integrity or reputation of the TI movement and the Integrity Awards and to give the specific reasons for any such action.

The Awards Committee shall consist of a minimum of 7 members and not exceed 11 members. Three of them, including the Chair, should be TI Board members.

Ends.