

Peter Eigen

Founder and Chair of the Advisory Council Transparency International

Prof. Dr. Peter Eigen is a lawyer by training. He has worked in economic development for 25 years, mainly as a World Bank manager of programmes in Africa and Latin America. Under Ford Foundation sponsorship, he provided legal and technical assistance to the governments of Botswana and Namibia, and taught law at the universities of Frankfurt and Georgetown.

From 1988 to 1991 he was the Director of the Regional Mission for Eastern Africa of the World Bank. He is the founder and Chair of the Advisory Council of Transparency International (TI), a non-governmental organization promoting transparency and accountability in international development. Headquartered in Berlin, it supports National Chapters in more than 90 countries.

From 1999 to 2001 Peter Eigen was a faculty member of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In September 2001, he joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as Visiting Scholar while teaching at Johns Hopkins University/ SAIS. He also joined the Board of The Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL).

Since 2002, he teaches as Honorary Professor of Political Science of the Freie Universität Berlin.

In 2000, he received the award of Honorary Doctor of the Open University, UK.

In 2004, Peter Eigen received the Readers Digest Award 'European of the Year 2004'.

From 2005 he chaired the International Advisory Group of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

In 2006 he became Chair of EITI and joined the African Progress Panel (APP).