

Honouring the unsung heroes in the fight against corruption



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*“Fighting corruption is just properly doing your job, and when you are chief of some organisation you have to think about your people, whether they have enough resources to live, to work. It is not just investigation and tracking somebody. It is really, in my opinion, just doing your job properly.”*

Milica Basic, former Head of the Tax Administration in Republika Srpska, Integrity Awards winner 2004

*“If the citizens of this country [France] are convinced that government contracts are not being awarded with the public interest in mind but rather to fill the secret bank accounts of the political elites or to maintain their networks, the confidence of voters will be destroyed for decades to come.”*

Eva Joly, Integrity Awards winner 2001

*“Nigeria was rated as one of the countries with the highest incidence of fake drugs in the world because of corruption. Corruption means that people could collect money and let people die. Corruption in the health sector is murder.”*

Dora Akunyili, NAFDAC Director General, Integrity Awards winner 2003

*“Rural development and eradication of corruption are two sides of the same coin. The society and the nation will have a bright future only when these two go hand-in-hand. When public money in government treasuries is looted because of corruption, this offends development. The gap between the rich and the poor widens, which is dangerous to society. Also, if the funds for environmental protection are stolen, it becomes an even more serious danger since the environmental is a global issue.”*

Ana Hazare, social activist, India, Integrity Awards winner 2003



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Luis Roberto Mesquita, Integrity Awards winner 2002

Corruption is increasingly recognised as one of the greatest obstacles to development and economic growth. The eradication of corruption is crucial as the welfare of millions depend on it. Transparency International (TI) is committed to fighting the scourge of corruption and to raising public awareness of the damage done by corruption. To this end, TI runs an annual awareness-raising programme that honours individuals and organisations whose efforts have made a positive impact on curbing corruption. The TI Integrity Awards (Awards) recognise the courage and determination of the many individuals and

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organisations fighting corruption around the world.

The winners of the Awards are a source of inspiration to the anti-corruption movement because their actions echo a common message: corruption is surmountable.

The Awards were initiated in 2000 and have become increasingly well known within the

anti-corruption movement and with the international media as an important vehicle for promoting and recognising vital anti-corruption work around the globe. The Awards seek to reach out to all actors of society: candidates from the private sector, the public sector and members of civil society are all eligible to be nominated.

**We invite you to join us in the fight against corruption. Make a nomination today.**

In the past ten years corruption has become a major issue on the global agenda, and its effect on global governance is increasingly recognised. Corruption continues to rob the poorest of this world of hope and opportunities, and to undermine efforts to promote sustainable development. TI recognises that without the contribution of the dedicated men and women who are fighting on the ground,

all too often at personal risk, to make their governments and societies more transparent and accountable, the battle against corruption will not be won.

The Award winners are chosen by a Committee of highly respected anti-corruption experts including former Integrity Awards winners, TI Board Members and representatives of TI chapters.

# about the winners



*“It is through the actions of courageous and determined individuals who share a passion for justice that the fight against corruption continues. TI Integrity Awards winners are a source of inspiration to all of us. They have gone above and beyond their duty to ensure that the corrupt have no one to bribe and nowhere to hide.”*

Peter Eigen, Chairman, Transparency International

TI's Awards winners are a source of inspiration to all of us and represent a range of countries and professions. They include:

**Mustapha Adib**, an Air Force captain from Morocco who served a two-and-a-half year prison term after he exposed an oil-and-supplies scam in the Moroccan military. His only crime seems to have been his complaints to the foreign press, *Le Monde* and *Agence France Presse*.

**Dora Akunyili**, is Director General of Nigeria's National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control. She has defied death threats while tackling corrupt practices in the manufacture, import and export of drugs, cosmetics and food products. Since taking up her post she has confiscated an estimated US\$16 million in counterfeit drugs deemed to be the leading cause of deaths by stroke and heart failure in Nigeria.

**Dr Milica Basic**, former Head of the Tax Administration in Republika Srpska, fearlessly took on corruption in the tax system, clamping down on those benefiting from a shadow economy by refusing to pay their share of taxes. For the first time, the process of forcible collection of taxes was applied to large businesses. Many have since been charged with tax evasion and have been closed down.

**Sua Rimoni Ah Chong**, former Controller and Chief Auditor of Samoa, faced serious threats when he exposed financial crime at the highest levels of government.

**Jana Dubovcová**, a judge from Slovakia, published the results of a survey of corruption in her own court and pioneered the introduction of a new judicial management system. This electronic tracking system not only speeds up cases; it also assigns judges to cases by random selection, so that they cannot demand bribes in advance.

**Anna Hazare**, is a renowned anti-corruption campaigner in India who for over 20 years has campaigned to end corruption in local government. As a result of his efforts, an investigation into corrupt officials was launched and the department of forestry was purged of corrupt officials.

**Eva Joly**, an investigating magistrate in France, whose investigations into the affairs of highly influential politicians, such as Roland Dumas, made her the champion of determined efforts to uphold judicial independence and uncover a system of pervasive corruption.

**Naftali Lagat and David Munyakei**, a police officer and Central Bank clerk from Kenya, helped to expose the Goldenberg scandal, one of the largest and most complex financial scandals in Kenyan history.

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**Luis Roberto Mesquita**, initiated a campaign to clean up politics in Guarulhos, Brazil. Through his efforts to organise public meetings and challenging candidates to commit themselves to corruption-free government, if elected, Mesquita led a campaign that resulted in the mayor being impeached, dismissed from office, arrested, and finally jailed for 50 days. A second campaign targeted corrupt councillors, some of whom had even demanded bribes to remove their crooked boss from office.

**Dr Peter Schönhöfer**, a pharmacologist from Germany, has been a critic of the corrupt practices of some pharmaceutical companies for more than two decades. His mission is to uncover corrupting structures and strategies in order to keep Germany's health-care systems functioning.

**The Public Prosecutor's Office and People of the City of Londrina**, Brazil, together launched a campaign against the mayor of Londrina which resulted in his impeachment on charges of corruption.

TI also gives **posthumous** tributes to those who have died as a result of their courageous efforts to expose corruption.

>> For a complete list please see:  
[www.transparency.org/integrityawards/winners/post\\_tribute.html](http://www.transparency.org/integrityawards/winners/post_tribute.html)

*“Some say that corruption is a reality, a part of life that we cannot change. That is nonsense. Reality is what we make of it.”*

Sua Rimoni Ah Chong, Integrity Awards winner 2003



For examples of the impact made by the Integrity Awards winners, please see the CD-ROM provided in this brochure and visit our website at:  
[www.transparency.org/integrityawards/winners/winners\\_2004.html](http://www.transparency.org/integrityawards/winners/winners_2004.html)

# integrity awards committee

The Awards Committee selects approximately three winners per year. The Committee members are:

- **Inese Voika** (Chair), founder of DELNA, the Latvian chapter of Transparency International and an international Board Member of Transparency International.
- **Sion Assidon**, Board Member of Transparency Maroc.
- **Milica Bisic**, Director of the Tax Department at KPMG in Serbia and Montenegro and Professor of Economics at the University of Belgrade. She was an Integrity Awards winner 2004.
- **Jan Borgen**, the Secretary General of TI-Norway.
- **Susan Côté-Freeman**, Programme Director at TI USA.
- **Eva Joly**, special adviser to the Norwegian government on international corruption and money laundering and an Integrity Awards winner 2001.
- **Geo-Sung Kim**, the founding secretary-general of Transparency International South Korea and a Member of TI's international Board of Directors.
- **Anke Martiny**, Member of the Board of TI Germany and senior adviser to Transparency International on health and corruption.
- **David Murray**, Deputy Chairman of TI UK.
- **Devendra Raj Panday**, former Finance Minister in Nepal and currently President of Transparency Nepal.
- **Agus Purnomo**, member of the Executive Board of TI Indonesia.
- **Frank Vogl**, member of the TI Advisory Council, a co-founder of TI and its Vice-Chairman from 1993 through 2002.

Join us in giving due recognition to the determination and bravery of deserving individuals fighting the scourge of corruption.

Make a nomination today.

# guidelines

## Purpose of the Integrity Awards

The TI Integrity Awards may have a profound effect and can translate into social, political and economic developments in the countries to which they relate. Therefore, in selecting Awards recipients, the Awards Committee must set the standards for a clear evaluation process honouring the right of participation and equality of opportunities within the overall requirement of ensuring diversity. The Awards may be conferred on a person (or organisation) discharging official duties as well as on an activist or (activists) from any walk of life.

## Eligible Nominees

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

1. The nominees must have undertaken an action that is likely to significantly influence, or to have had a significant impact on, existing levels of corruption in his, her or their respective country or region.
2. The action should be one likely to attract interest and emulation in other parts of the world.
3. The action must be particularly imaginative, innovative or courageous and deserving of wide international recognition.

In considering nominations, the Awards Committee also looks for both geographical and occupational balance.

*"Citizens who do not believe in the judicial system do not believe in the state, and that is extremely dangerous because the trust and confidence of its citizens is the foundation of any democratic state."*

Jana Dubovcová, Slovak judge, Integrity Awards winner 2002

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Luis Roberto Mesquita, Integrity Awards winner 2002

## Ineligible Nominees

The following categories of nominees will not be considered for the TI Integrity Awards:

1. Individuals or organisations of questionable integrity or goals.
2. Members of the TI Board of Directors, the Boards of National Chapters, the Awards Committee and salaried staff of the TI Secretariat and National Chapters while serving in those capacities.

## Nomination Procedure

1. Nominations may be made by any persons or organisations at any time in accordance with the provision of these rules. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
2. Previous candidates can be re-nominated.
3. Individuals and organisations are encouraged where possible to submit proposals to be considered for the Integrity Awards through appropriate National Chapters.
4. Where a nomination is received other than from a National Chapter, any appropriate National Chapter will be invited to assist the Awards Committee by providing its own assessment of the strength of the nomination.
5. It will be open for the Awards Committee itself to make nominations.

## Nomination File

To be eligible for consideration, a nomination must include the following:

- Personal details of the nominee, including a short Curriculum Vitae.
- A letter putting forward the nomination and making the case for the nomination, including a proposed draft citation setting out in no more than 500 words the reason why the nominee should receive an Award.
- The consent in writing of the nominee.

Incomplete nomination files cannot be considered by the Awards Committee

## Submission of Nominations

The Secretary will check the nomination files for completeness, acknowledge receipt of the files and forward the nomination Files to the members of the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee will then duly evaluate the nomination files. The Awards Committee will seek National Chapter input whenever possible. National Chapter input will be taken into consideration but cannot be considered binding.

The Awards Committee will forward its recommendations 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.

## Prerogatives of the Awards Committee

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, 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 ways that become an acute embarrassment to the TI movement and to give the specific reasons for any such action.
6. To publish the shortlist of candidates.

## Conflict of Interest

Members of the Awards Committee will refrain from voting on a particular nomination when a conflict of interest may arise.

## Announcement of results

The results of the Integrity Awards will be announced shortly before TI's Annual Membership Meeting, where the awards will be bestowed.

*“This Award gives me the encouragement to keep on fighting corruption and even to encourage more people to be honest and to live by their personal principles.”*

David Munyakei, Integrity Awards winner 2004

This CD-ROM highlights the stories of some of TI's Integrity Awards winners.

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[www.transparency.org/integrityawards/call.html](http://www.transparency.org/integrityawards/call.html)

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# about TI

Transparency International is the leading global non-governmental organisation devoted to combating corruption. Its mission is to create change towards a world free of corruption. TI brings brings civil society, business, and governments together in a powerful global coalition. Through its International Secretariat

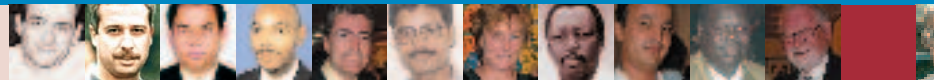
based in Berlin, Germany, and around 90 national chapters around the world, TI works at both the national and international level to curb both the supply of, and demand for, corruption.

Corruption is one of the greatest challenges facing the contemporary world. It undermines good governance, distorts public policy, leads to the misallocation of resources, and harms the private sector

and private sector development. But, most of all, corruption hurts those who can afford it least - the poor.

TI is a major force in the fight for transparency and good governance. By joining forces, international institutions, the state, concerned citizens and the private sector can break the cycle of corruption. The battle is long, but it can be won because corruption is surmountable.

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