

Global call for 2006 Integrity Awards nominations

Transparency International opens nominations for outstanding individuals and organisations fighting corruption

Transparency International (TI), the global anti-corruption organisation with national chapters in over 90 countries, today opened the call for nominations for its annual Integrity Awards. The deadline for nominations is 2 June 2006.

“This is the most prestigious global anti-corruption prize,” said Sion Assidon, the Chair of the TI Integrity Awards Committee, a member of the TI Board of Directors and a founder of TI-Morocco. He added, “Each year we honour organisations and individuals who have demonstrated exceptional courage, and have shown outstanding leadership. Fighting corruption means challenging people and institutions that often wield enormous power. Each year we receive a substantial number of nominations for candidates who have risked their lives and their livelihoods in the name of justice, transparency and integrity.”

Over the last five years Integrity Award winners have come from Asia and Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. They have included journalists and public prosecutors, accountants and government officials, and leaders of civil society. The 2006 Integrity Awards will be presented before an expected audience of over 1,000 anti-corruption practitioners from across the world, at the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Guatemala in November 2006.

TI Chief Executive David Nussbaum noted, “There are many heroes around the world who deserve to be recognised for their commitment to eradicating corruption. These activists have stood up and said no to the scourge of corruption. The Integrity Awards honour these extraordinary people.”

The TI Integrity Awards Committee consists of 13 individuals from across the world who have been active in the anti-corruption movement for many years. They serve as the jury for the awards and confer with the TI Board of Directors. Nominations are accepted for individuals and organisations and are subject to independent vetting under the guidance of the Integrity Awards Committee.