

Terms of reference for the Anti-Corruption Award Committee

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The Anti-Corruption Award Committee serves as a jury for the Anti-Corruption Award, organised by the Transparency International Secretariat in accordance with the Anti-Corruption Award Guidelines. As part of this process, the Committee will duly evaluate nomination files submitted per the published guidelines. The Committee will seek input from relevant Transparency International National Chapters regarding the nominations 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 Transparency International's Conflict of Interests Policy, as needed.

The Committee will agree and finalise the selection principles for the Anti-Corruption Award prior to the publishing of the call for nomination on the Transparency International website and social media channels. 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 recommended winner(s). The Committee will forward its recommended selection of candidates to be awarded the recognition to the Transparency International Board of Directors for endorsement on a no-objection basis. The Board may invite the Committee to reconsider a particular nomination giving its reasons. In the case of the Committee confirming its recommendation, it is the role of the Board to take final decision.

The Committee has the right:

1. To decide whether a nomination serves the goals of Transparency International, meets the selection principles or whether the means used by the nominee meet Transparency International 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 recommend that no Anti-Corruption Award be granted in the absence of a suitable nominee.
5. To recommend that an Anti-Corruption Award be withdrawn should the winner act in a manner that compromises the integrity or reputation of the Transparency International movement and the Anti-Corruption Award. Specific reasons for any such recommendation should be explicitly outlined to the Board and should be communicated publicly.

The decision of the Board is final both on the selection of a nominee and on the withdrawal of any Anti-Corruption Award.

Committee members are appointed by the Board of Directors for one year and can be external to the Transparency International Movement. There is no limit as to the number of years one Committee member may serve subject to Board appointment. The Committee consists of a minimum of 7 members and does not exceed 11 members. At least three of them, including the Committee Chair, should be members of the TI Board of Directors.

Ends.