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Coming Events

Friday 19 April 2013, 12.30pm-2.00pm

Victoria University of Wellington
Railway West Wing, Rm 501.

Liz Brown, Helen Sutch and Suzanne Snively will make up a panel chaired by Associate Professor Dr Michael Macaulay (the main author of the UK NIS Report, 2010) **“Building a High Integrity System Through Good Governance”**

2013 Seminars

Planning for 2013 is still in process. TINZ regularly offers seminars after board meetings. Additionally, there will be a number of programs associated with the completion of the research phase of the Integrity Plus NIS. Please subscribe to our email list, watch your email, visit our [website](#), or our [Facebook](#) page for current information.

Board Meetings

April - Monday 8th

May - Monday 20th

June - Monday 17th

July - Monday 8th

August - Monday 12th

September - Monday 9th

October - Monday 7th

November - Monday 11th

December - Monday 9th

Celebrating 100 Years of The Public Service Act Unprecedented NIS Team Structure

The 2013 New Zealand Integrity Plus National Integrity System Assessment is unprecedented for its comprehensive scope. The sizeable teams are balanced with highly experienced and qualified individuals researching and writing the assessment.

Transparency Times is highlighting NIS teams in editions published while the NIS is active.



100 Year Birthday for the Public Service Act

Unprecedented NIS Financing

The NZ NIS assessment is thought to be the first where a large independent research effort is being funded by domestic government institutions. Assessments are typically funded by foreign aid donors, or, in the case of the 27 recent European studies, by the European Commission rather than by national level institutions. It is a demonstration of the strength of our integrity systems that funding has been forthcoming from both the private and public sector.

External Advisory Group

The External Advisory Group (EAG), chaired by TINZ Patron, Sir Anand Satyanand consists primarily of key members of sponsoring organisations. It operates at arms length from the researchers to ensure that the assessment is independent and objective. It provides a forum for sharing information about the NIS and communicating its results.

The EAG and its member entities are not involved in the governance, management, or operation of TINZ or the NIS Assessment. This is key to preserving the independence of TINZ and the NIS team in decision-making and in their activities. It also preserves the independence of each member entity of the External Advisory Group in respect of its responsibility to carry out the mandate of its organisation.

On Wednesday, 27 March, 2013 the Integrity Plus National Integrity System Assessment External Advisory Group took a few moments to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Public Service Act. They renewed their intention to continually build on this foundation so that in the future New Zealand will continue to be a world leader with an open, transparent government serving its entire people and enjoying the benefits of low corruption levels.



External Advisory Group Celebrating 100 Years of Trusted New Zealand Public Sector
Front Row from left to right: Dr. Michael Macaulay (IPRAG, Associate Professor IGPS), Kathrine Rice (OAG), Sir Anand Satyanand (Chair EAG, Patron TINZ), Suzanne Snively (Executive Chair TINZ, Co-Director Integrity Plus NIS), Pauline Winter (CEO Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs), Liz Brown (Project Manager NIS Research), and Ann Webster (OAG, Secretariat for EAG). Back row: Murray Petrie (Deputy Chair TINZ, Co-Director Integrity Plus NIS), Ken Warren (Treasury), David Rutherford (CEO Human Rights Commission).

No Complacency for Corruption on the Anniversary of 100 Years of Public Service Act

The New Zealand public sector has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the least corrupt in the world. On the day of its 100th Anniversary, Transparency International (New Zealand) warns that there is no room for complacency in the quest towards higher standards of governance. Later this year, Transparency International NZ (TINZ) will publish its Integrity Plus National Integrity System report, which looks at twelve key institutional pillars covering Parliament, political parties, the executive, the judiciary, the public sector including local government, key watch-dog institutions, the media, law enforcement agencies, community and voluntary organisations and business.

"The fact that many government agencies are contributing funding to support the study indicates that the public sector also recognises the importance of maintaining a high integrity society, and is not complacent about the risks to integrity in today's more globalised world", says Transparency International New Zealand's Executive Chair, Suzanne Snively, who is also the Co-Director of the NIS research project for TINZ.

"National Integrity System studies have been carried out for the last 10 years or so, in countries all around the world" says Snively. "We conducted a study in New Zealand back in 2003. As with that study, we will again be going beyond a narrow focus on corruption to assess New Zealand against best practice standards of transparency and accountability, taking account of our unique constitutional and cultural features. Emergent findings are beginning to be identified. For example, the Office of the Controller and Auditor General and the Ombudsman are particularly strong in terms of transparency and accountability. TINZ welcomes the just announced increased level of resourcing of the Office of the Ombudsman".

There have been significant developments in other areas of public life since the 2003 study, such as the creation of the Independent Police Conduct Authority in 2007, and including a number of areas where the 2003 Report recommended changes. These encompass the introduction of the State Services Commission survey of public servants, the strengthening of the governance framework of Crown Entities, the establishment of the Judicial Conduct Commission, the introduction of reporting of tax expenditures, and, updated codes of conduct for Ministers and Crown Entities. But the picture is not all positive. A number of concerns raised in the 2003 report remaining unaddressed, while new areas of risk to integrity have emerged.

"In this time of budgetary restraint" Suzanne argues "as the public sector faces reductions in funding, a focus on transparent processes and public engagement is more important than ever. This helps ensure that the best choices are made about effective ways to economise and innovate so that changes impact in a way that improves service delivery".

To test New Zealand's integrity system, the NIS assessment includes some in-depth analysis of private sector organisations' business ethics and processes. This means drilling down into specific areas such as exporting processes and financial services in order to provide a good basis for comparison with the public sector.

TINZ will be holding a number of events this year engaging with New Zealanders throughout the country to discuss its findings on public, private and community sector integrity systems. *"All members of the public are welcome to go onto our website now and comment,"* says Suzanne. *"New Zealand's reputation for integrity and anti-corruption remains high in the international arena, but that does not mean that it is perfect and it does not mean that it can't be improved. Integrity in public life increases trust, which is essential to maintaining a healthy participatory democracy".*

Pacific Meeting Recap

In March, TINZ hosted the Pacific Region Transparency International Chapter Meeting in Wellington. The key focus of this meeting was project development within the Chapters of Transparency International's Pacific countries of Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand.

The meeting included a proposal writing workshop and a weekend of presentations from each of the six Pacific Chapters with special presentations by Auditor-General Lyn Provost, in her role as Chair of PASAI and Dame Beverley Wakem in her role as Chair of the International Ombudsman Association. There were also speakers from TI-Berlin, Amanda Ellis the GM in Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) responsible for Aid funding and Ranmali Fernando falso from MFAT, and a presentation on Managing Human Resources by TINZ Director, Claire Johnstone. The official functions were blessed with a powhiri, and included a cocktail party hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at their Wellington headquarters which brought together a range of people with an interest in the Pacific.

The attendees gained a better understanding of mechanisms operating within the Pacific at institutional level such as the Ombudsman role, the NZ Auditor General's position within PASAI and how these speakers advised on the Pacific's position and with review procedures.

The South Pacific's abundant ocean resources, including marine, minerals and mining, will become increasingly important to international growth and well-being. As greater clarity emerges about what this means to Pacific nations, the importance of transparency and the role played by the Pacific TI Chapters also becomes more sharply defined.

It also becomes clear that transparency is not just a nice to have. It's essential. It's essential to the identification and protection of human rights. It's essential to the identification and protection of our integrity systems. It's also essential for the identification, protection and growth of our renewable resources.



New Zealand Aid in the Pacific Region

By **Renmali Fernando**, Development Manager (Governance, Law & Justice, and Leadership), NZ Aid Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The New Zealand Government is focussed on achieving tangible results that make a positive difference to people's lives. The mission of the New Zealand Aid Programme, managed by the International Development Group within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is *'sustainable development in developing countries, in order to reduce poverty and contribute to a more secure, equitable and prosperous world'*.

As New Zealand is a Pacific nation with close historical, cultural and people to people links with Pacific Island Countries, we are in a unique position to play a significant role in improving the circumstances of Pacific people and an increased proportion of aid will be directed to the Pacific, in order to contribute to securing the long-term prosperity and viability of countries in the region.

Development challenges are complex and so are the solutions. New Zealand recognises that broad-based sustainable economic development is a very important means to achieve development goals and we intend to increase our investment in it. For this investment to pay off there must also be progress in other areas. There are clear inter-dependencies between economic development, education, health, governance, environment and security.

For this reason, the New Zealand Aid Programme is guided by five priority themes:

- investing in economic development
- promoting human development
- improving resilience and responding to disaster
- building safe and secure communities
- improved development outcomes through strategic partnerships with others.

Sustainable economic development requires the primacy of the rule of law, maintained through an accessible, impartial and effective legal system. New Zealand has comparative advantage in judicial expertise, community policing, peace building support, and a longstanding reputation in democratic governance, and the New Zealand Aid Programme draws on New Zealand's comparative advantages to add the most value to addressing our partners' needs. For instance, New Zealand is currently tied for first place with Denmark and Finland in the 2012 Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index with a score of 90, as the most corruption free country in the world. Strong access to information systems and rules governing the behaviour of those in public positions helped us to secure this high rating.

However, the 2012 TI ratings highlight that addressing corruption continues to be a challenge for societies around the world including the Pacific region. Two thirds of the 176 countries ranked in the 2012 index score below 50. Papua New Guinea ranked 150th out of 176 countries, with a score of 25. The Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji were not included in this year's rankings due to an absence of reliable data sources.



Ranmali Fernando, Oversees PINSP, the Programme run through Transparency International, Berlin, for the four Pacific TI Chapters in Fiji, PNG, the Solomons and Vanuatu

TI defines corruption as "the abuse of entrusted power for private gain". Corruption can take place in a variety of areas and adversely impacts societies by encouraging inequalities and robbing citizens of resources, infrastructure and opportunities they would have otherwise had.

Corruption affects all societies and is a major factor in reducing the effectiveness of political, economic, and social development. At an economic level, corruption depletes the wealth of the country and impedes economic growth. Corruption in the logging and mining sectors has a major impact on relevant Pacific countries' current and future economies.

"The disparity between New Zealand's score and some of the scores in the neighbouring Pacific reinforces the importance of New Zealand's support to strengthen anti-corruption systems and processes in the Pacific by drawing on our comparative advantage in this area" says the Head of the New Zealand Aid Programme, Amanda Ellis.

New Zealand aims to strengthen community safety and democratic and transparent systems and processes in the Pacific. It does this through funding that strengthens the capacity of Pacific policing, judiciaries, and ombudsmen, and through organisations and programmes such as the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions and for the Pacific Institutional and Network Strengthening Programme (PINSP). The latter is implemented by the Transparency International Secretariat with technical support from Transparency International New Zealand.

The Pacific Institutional and Network Strengthening Programme, now in its second year, is helping to strengthen the effectiveness and sustainability of the national Transparency Chapters in PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Fiji. The four Chapters have a central goal of reducing corruption in their countries and thereby contributing to improved conditions for supporting economic growth, better overall governance, and reduction in poverty levels. This is an area where New Zealand's comparative advantage can be leveraged to support the efforts of Pacific Island countries to strengthen transparent systems and processes to address corruption.

Integrity Plus National Integrity Systems Assessment

The 2013 New Zealand Integrity Plus National Integrity System Assessment is unprecedented in embracing a sizeable team of highly qualified individuals for all aspects of the study. The Research Team is profiled below.



Liz Brown

Liz Brown

NIS Research Team Manager and Pillar 7-Ombudsman

Liz Brown, ONZM, born and educated in the UK, took a law degree at Oxford, practised as a solicitor prior to serving in the Office of the Ombudsman in 1984, becoming the Banking Ombudsman from 1995 through 2009.



Alex Matheson

Alex Matheson

Pillar 1-Legislature, pillar 2-Executive, pillar 4-Public Sector

Alex Matheson has worked as a senior public servant in New Zealand, as the chief governance and public management adviser in two international organisations (the Commonwealth Secretariat and the OECD); and as a governance and development consultant to a wide range of developing and transitional countries.



William Paterson

William Paterson

Procurement sub-section of pillar 4-Public Sector

Bill Paterson is an independent consultant on transport infrastructure and institutional issues, especially governance.



Keric Chin

Keric Chin

Public procurement sub-section of pillar 4-Public Sector

Keric Chin is a sole law practitioner based primarily in Wellington, with extensive experience in U.S. public procurement law.



Kristin Mednis

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Crown Entities sub-section of pillar 4-Public Sector

Kristin Mednis, Office of the Auditor General is researching the Crown entities sub sector for Pillar 4 the Public Sector component of the NIS. In 2013, she is studying bioethics and health law through the University of Otago.

Michael Wearne

Local Government sub-section of pillar 4-Public Sector

Michael Wearne's work career began with the NZ public service. He worked as an urban and regional planner from 1968 – 1991, in the former Ministry of Works and Development and subsequently in metropolitan planning authorities in London, Canberra and Melbourne.



Michael Wearne

Margaret Wilson

Pillar 3-Judiciary

Professor Margaret Wilson, Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of Waikato. Former Member of Parliament 1999 – 2008, held several Ministerial appointments including Attorney-General, Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, was Speaker New Zealand Parliament 2005 – 2008.



Margaret Wilson

Nicky Hager

Pillar 5-Law Enforcement Agencies and pillar 9-Anti-Corruption Agencies

Nicky Hager, an investigative journalist and author is the New Zealand representative in the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. He has written five books about New Zealand politics, intelligence, public relations and military subjects.

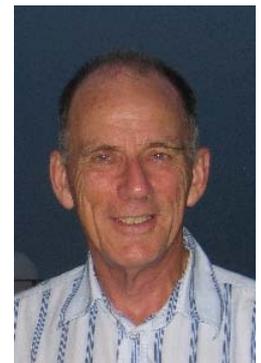


Nicky Hager

Rob Laking

Pillar 8-Supreme Audit Institution and Fiscal Responsibility

Rob Laking Senior Associate, Institute of Governance and Policy Studies, has had careers in university, consulting and public service. His recent publications include a study of accountability institutions and oversight bodies in East Asia and the Pacific for the World Bank.

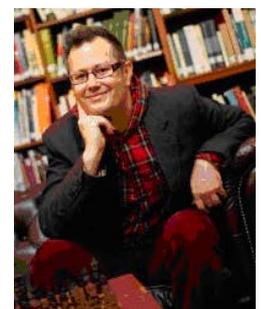


Rob Laking

Bryce Edwards

Pillar 6-Electoral Management Body, pillar 10-Political Parties, and pillar 11-Media

Dr Bryce Edwards, a lecturer in Politics at the University of Otago, has a PhD in Political Sociology.



Bryce Edwards

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Julian Inch

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Pillar 12-Civil Society

Julian Inch, Business Development Consultant, former Chief Executive, District Health Boards New Zealand has 20 years' experience in health sector strategy, policy and management at national level.

Fuimaono Tuiasau

Pasifika Civil Society and Business Organisations sub-sections of pillar 12-Civil Society and pillar 13-Business

Fuimaono Tuiasau, a Samoan New Zealander, practised as a litigation lawyer before joining the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs working to improve the living standards of Pacific peoples'.



Fuimaono Tuiasau



Taku Parai

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Maori/Treaty of Waitangi sub-sections of pillar 12-Civil Society and pillar 13-Business

Taku Parai, Pou Arahi, is the Chair of Te Runanga O Ngati Toa, the Kaumatua of Whitiorea New Zealand and a member of its Executive Team.



Patrick Smellie

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Pillar 13-Business

Patrick Smellie is a Wellington-based journalist and co-founder of the BusinessDesk business news wire service, which services all major New Zealand news sources and is distributed in Australia.

Justin Kerr

Financial services sub-section of pillar 13-Business

Justin Kerr, Former Executive Director of the Financial Services Federation (FSF) and Executive Officer and Director, Commerce Commission. Justin is now CEO of the Retail Credit Association of New Zealand Inc (RCANZ).



Justin Kerr

Gavin White

Overseas Transactions within pillar 13-Business

Gavin White, UMR, has extensive international experience working on projects in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and Asia, and has expertise in both quantitative and qualitative research.



Gavin White

Grace Liang

Analyst

Grace Liang a VUW student in law and commerce, is part of the research team and provides administrative support in the NIS assessment. Grace is in her final year of study at Victoria University of Wellington, completing her Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Commerce degrees. Over the past two years, she has worked as a summer clerk at Russell McVeagh and an assurance intern at Ernst & Young.



Grace Liang

Ralph Chapman

Environmental Policy and Governance, Physical Environment

Ralph Chapman directs the Graduate Programme in Environmental Studies at Victoria University.



Ralph Chapman

Amanda Thomas

Environmental Policy and Governance, Physical Environment

Amanda Thomas is PhD student in the final months of thesis work. Her research has explored new water management initiatives in Canterbury, and analysed how principles of collaboration and consensus have been applied and to what effect. She has a strong interest in environmental governance in Aotearoa New Zealand and intends to explore related issues in her future research.



Amanda Thomas

Claire Johnstone

Maori/Pasifika

Claire Johnstone, an executive search and human resources specialist, is an inaugural director of Transparency International and the current Director with responsibility for its Pacific Action Group.



Claire Johnstone

Ash Johnstone

Foundation

Ash Johnstone is Detective Sergeant Interpol at New Zealand Police.

INTEGRITY PLUS NIS RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

The Research Advisory Group was featured in the [March edition of the Transparency Times](#). It consists of Helen Sutch (Chair), Geoff Fougere, TeHuia Bill Hamilton, Michael Macauley, Wally Penetito and Hemi Toia.



Ash Johnstone

TINZ and VU IGPS Seminar Series

Transparency International New Zealand and Victoria University Institute for Governance and Policy Studies are holding a series of joint seminars over the coming months.

Friday 19 April 2013, 12.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m. Victoria University of Wellington, Railway West Wing, Rm 501 (level 5.) All are Welcome.

Liz Brown, Helen Sutch, and Suzanne Snively will make up a panel chaired by Associate Professor Dr Michael Macaulay (the main author of the UK NIS Report, 2010) *"Building a High Integrity System Through Good Governance"*

For the most current additional information please visit our website: www.transparency.org.nz or [TINZ on Facebook](#).

Pacific Region Chapter Meeting



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TINZ Welcomes:

- David Clarke
- Human Rights Commission
- Ministry of Social Development

Become Involved

TI-NZ is aggressively promoting the good governance, zero-tolerance corruption agenda. Several major initiatives are underway and others in the pipeline. Our members are encouraged to get involved.

Initiatives where you can help:

- National Integrity System assessment
- Promoting UNCAC ratification
- Attending seminars and bringing along potential new members
- Identifying, specifying and resourcing studies into the benefits and costs of transparency
- Supporting leadership that aspires towards good governance of high trust organisations

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Acknowledgements: In making this application, the applicant or person acting on behalf of the applicant acknowledges:

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2. I understand that my membership application fee equal to the amount of the annual membership fee set out below is due with this application and that should I not be accepted my fee will be returned within 20 working days of Board consideration.
3. I understand TINZ is politically non-partisan and does not undertake investigations of alleged corruption or expose individual cases either alone or in conjunction with other organisations.
4. I have read and accept the Objectives and Guiding Principles of TINZ available at <http://transparency.org.nz/index.php/membership-information>
5. I agree to work cooperatively with the members of TINZ to advance the Objectives of Transparency International in general and of TINZ in particular.
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7. I understand I may be declined membership of TINZ or may be asked to resign my membership if, in the opinion of the Board, I have acted or am likely to act in a manner contrary to the values or Objectives or Guiding Principles of TINZ.

Signature _____

Date _____

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The fees below are valid for the membership period from 1 November 2011 through 30 June 2013 & are GST inclusive.

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Bronze Membership - \$ 150.00 per annum

Bronze members are small businesses with less than NZ\$1,000,000 turnover, embassies or non-profit organisations. Benefits of Bronze membership include:

- 3 email contacts on TI-NZ mailing list, and receiving regular TI-NZ newsletter
- 2 representatives may attend the TI-NZ Annual General Meeting (one vote per Bronze member)
- Receive 2 free or discounted admissions to official TI-NZ events
- Networking opportunities with other like-minded organizations and individuals
- Chance to engage in anti-corruption agenda
- Support a worthwhile NGO doing good work in New Zealand and overseas

Individual Membership - \$ 80.00 per annum

- Receive regular TI-NZ Newsletter
- Attend TI-NZ AGM, with networking opportunities
- Chance to engage in anti-corruption agenda
- Support a worthwhile NGO doing good work in New Zealand and overseas

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- Available for full time students at an accredited educational institution
- Student members have full participation and voting privileges at meetings of members and have the same entitlements as individual members.