

*TI International Conference and Annual  
Membership Meeting  
Bali, Indonesia, 25-28 October 2007  
Saturday, 27 October 2007, 2.00 – 3.45 pm*

**Workshop on:** The Global Corruption Report 2008 and the Water Integrity Network

**Chair:** Manoj Nadkarni, Water Integrity Network

**Rapporteur:** Inken Seltmann, Transparency International

**Panellists**

1. Aissata Fall, TI Niger
2. Saad Rashid, TI Pakistan
3. Vitus Azeem, Ghana Integrity Initiative (NC in Ghana)
4. Iftekhar Zaman, TI Bangladesh
5. Manoj Nadkarni, Water Integrity Network (WIN)

**Main Issues Covered**

The session commenced with an introduction to the Global Corruption Report 2008 and its focus on the water sector. This was followed by an introduction to the Water Integrity Network and the necessity of a global network to fight corruption in the water sector was stressed. WIN representative Manoj Nadkarni highlighted the work achieved in the first year of the Water Integrity Network and its plans for the immediate future. This was followed by presentations of the National Chapters (NC) Niger, Pakistan, Ghana, and Bangladesh from Transparency International about their planned work on anti-corruption in the water sector.

The following issues were discussed:

1. The lack of scientific assessment of the issue of corruption in the water sector and how it affects the life of urban and rural population in different regions of the world.
2. Privatization of the water sector and the diversification of opinions: Access to water as a human right or water as a market commodity. The lack of transparent governmental structures and institutions/organizations playing a regulatory role in the water sector
3. Possible future steps which should be done by WIN as a coalition building network, and by Transparency International as one of the founding organizations of the Water Integrity Network.

## **Main Outcomes/Outputs**

1. Water supply and other areas of human life related to water, such as health, economic development etc. are threatened by corrupt behaviour. Awareness raising and coalition building as well as the implementation of transparent governance structures and regulatory mechanisms are of high importance in order to improve the current situation.
2. Many workshop participants were of the opinion that scientific research on the water and corruption linkage should be conducted in order to fill the existing knowledge gap. The efforts in the areas of awareness raising and advocacy by several of Transparency's national chapters and other organizations is delayed and should be strengthened through the provision of scientific data on the subject. The involvement of the WIN in the TI Global Corruption Report 2008 will improve the current situation. The TI national chapters will then be able to include one of the TI flagship publications in their advocacy and awareness raising campaigns.

However, the question was raised whether or not such research on corruption in the water sector would add any new and/or unique tools to the already existing approaches of the TI movement. In this context the moderator highlighted that WIN as a coalition building network which, with regard to its membership, follows the principle of inclusivity, has the benefit of bringing together anti-corruption specialists, who are not specialised in water, and experts from the water sector who do not work with corruption issues.

3. Corruption in the water sector is a broad issue. Therefore, an initial approach should focus more on particular regional and thematic matters. Broadening the approach of WIN and Transparency's national chapters to global issues could be undertaken at a later stage.