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1. FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Reader:

This is the first issue of the newsletter of the Water Integrity Network (WIN). The WIN is a global coalition that has been set up to fight corruption in the water sector. The network's secretariat is located at the international office of Transparency International in Berlin, Germany. We plan to issue the newsletter on a regular basis and encourage all members to send us their contributions for the Events Announcements section, Publications and Reports, Call for Papers, Call for Actions, as well as their own experiences of corruption in the water sector. We hope that the newsletter will become the first point of contact between WIN members and the network's secretariat.

We would also like to stress that the WIN Secretariat is at your service! It is important that you tell us what we can do for you to help you make a difference in the fight against corruption in the water sector. The WIN is in its formative stage, so your requests, advice, suggestions, concerns and ideas are important for us to improve and become as effective as possible.

We are looking forward to interact with you for us all to become WINNERS!!!

Jens Berggren
Programme Manager

2. MEMBER NEWS

WIN membership

Since its official launch in August 2006, the WIN has established a diverse network of more than 140 members including individuals, civil society organisations, research institutions, universities, international organisations, private sector organisations, public utilities and regulators. The WIN is proud of its extensive global reach and diverse membership: 33% of WIN members come from Africa, 25% from Asia, 19% from the Americas, 17% from Europe and 3% from Oceania (Unknown: 3%).

If you would like to find out about WIN members in your region or field of interest, please contact the WIN secretariat at info@waterintegritynetwork.net.

WIN member activities - Database

We are currently compiling a database on WIN member activities. This will provide WIN members with the opportunity to obtain an overview of the work that is done for integrity and accountability in the water sector globally. To help us setting up this database, we would like to ask all WIN members to send us information on their activities. We appreciate if you send this information to the [WIN secretariat](#) in the following outline: Organisation, Country, Issue/Theme, Target group, Type of Activity, Field of Activity, Actors involved, Project Period, Description, Objectives/Outcomes, Reference/Contact.

3. WIN ACTIVITIES

Workshop at the 12th IACC: Alternative Approaches to Identifying and Combating Corruption in the Water Sector

The workshop took place on Nov 16, 2007 at the 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Guatemala. It focused on how corruption impacts upon service delivery in water and sanitation and on the governance of water resources. The discussion brought together experiences from a panel of representatives spanning global organisations in the water and sanitation sector (WSP), water resources management (the Global Water Partnership) and in the specific case of Colombia, Transparency International-Colombia highlighting how self-regulation reduces corruption in procurement of water pipes.

[Go to our website to find the workshop's presentations and background papers](#)

Job vacancy at the WIN Secretariat in Berlin

The WIN Secretariat at Transparency International in Berlin, Germany is seeking a highly motivated professional for the position of Water Sector Communication Specialist. This full time position has been created to assist the setting up and functioning of the WIN Secretariat. For job and application details, please visit the WIN homepage. **The closing date for this position is 25 February 2007.**

4. CALL FOR ACTION

Seize the initiative and organise a regional WIN workshop on anti-corruption in the water sector!

One of the WIN's priorities is to stimulate and actively support national and regional activities to fight corruption in the water sector. The WIN Secretariat offers support to all WIN members wishing to set up regional and national workshops addressing corruption in the water sector in their area. We strongly encourage all WIN members to send us their ideas and suggestions for local meetings, workshops, conferences or any other event based around the theme.

For more information on organising regional WIN workshops, please contact the [WIN Secretariat](#) or Grit Martinez at grit.martinez@t-online.de.

Call for summaries of research on corruption

Every year, Transparency International (TI), publishes an in-depth analysis of corruption issues around the world. The report reaches policymakers, journalists and researchers worldwide and is a key forum for new and innovative research on corruption, transparency and governance.

We are pleased to announce that Transparency International's *Global Corruption Report 2008 (GCR)* will have a special focus on [Corruption in the Water Sector](#) and will be produced in close collaboration with the WIN. We hope you will engage with this initiative and send us contributions to ensure the success of the *GCR 2008*. We particularly welcome your ideas in the Corruption Research section of the *GCR*. These should take the form of short summaries of recent findings and policy recommendations.

If you are interested in submitting a contribution, you may find it useful first to contact [Diane Mak](#) at TI with your proposed idea for a contribution.

For more information on the format and submission details of research proposals, please click [here](#).

For more information on the Global Corruption Report, please click [here](#).

5. TALES OF CORRUPTION

In this section, we would like to learn about your direct experiences of corruption in the water sector. Please send us your stories of how corruption has affected people's life. We will collect these stories at the WIN Secretariat and highlight one story in each newsletter.

Send your story to info@waterintegritynetwork.net writing in the subject heading 'Tales of Corruption'

Dirty Water: Corruption and violence in Leyte

On October 15, 2004, Sammy Bandilla, the regional coordinator of the May First Movement, was shot dead while his companion, a member of the Leyte Metropolitan Water District-Employees Association,

was seriously wounded. What started as a peaceful protest against the illegal dismissal of 26 water district employees has turned bloody. The movement linked the killing to the general manager of the LMWD, Engineer Ranulfo Feliciano
(...)

This is the second killing related to allegations of corruption within the LMWD. Last year, Eleazar Josef, an employee of the LMWD was killed when it was discovered that he had documents to prove the corrupt acts at the LMWD. [...keep on reading](#)

6. DOCUMENTS

In this section you will find research papers and other documents on corruption in the water sector.

About Corruption and Transparency in the Water and Sanitation Sector

by Kathleen Shordt, Laurent Stravato, Cor Dietvorst (2006) [Read a summary or download the document](#)

Corruption in the Water Sector. Causes, Consequences and Potential Reform

by Patrick Stalgren (2006), English and Spanish Version [Read a summary or download the document](#)

Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company: A survey April

by Transparency International Kenya (2005) [Read a summary or download the document](#)

Handbook: Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement

Experiences from Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan (2006) [Read a summary or download the book](#)

If this hands on guide to reduce corruption in procurement could be helpful in your work and you would like a free copy, please send an email to Conny Abel (cabel@transparency.org) before the first of March at Transparency International with your name, organisation, mailing address, phone and fax numbers).

7. EVENTS

International Forum on Water Environmental Governance in Asia

Bangkok, Thailand, 14 Mar 07 - 15 Mar 07

Technologies and institutional systems for water environmental governance in the Asian monsoon regions (Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia).

[Go to the web site](#)

World Water Day 2007: Water Scarcity

Global, 22 March 2007

Prepare for action for World Water Day on the theme of Water Scarcity. You can read more and add your event on the World Water Day site maintained by IRC.

[Go to the World Water Day web site](#)

Collaborating in Africa: New approaches in Water Sector

Gatineau, (Québec), Canada, 24 May 07 - 25 May 07

An International Conference that is being jointly organized by the Institute of the Environment of the University of Ottawa, the Health and Water Africa Foundation, with the collaboration of the National Institute of Scientific Research (INRS-EETE), and TéléScience.

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World Congress on Advancing Sustainable Hydropower

Antalya, Turkey, 29 May 07 – 31 May 07

This congress will include sessions on 'Certifying Good Practice' and 'Business and Social Responsibility'. This congress is being organized by the International Hydropower Association (IHA). Further information on the Congress can be found on IHA's web site www.hydropower.org, where it is also possible to register for the Congress.

WIN and the 2007 World Water Week in Stockholm

Stockholm, Sweden, 12 Aug 07 – 18 Aug 07

The Water Integrity Network (WIN) will be active at the 2007 World Water Week. This year's theme for the week is "Progress and Prospects on Water – Striving for Sustainability in a Changing World." and will focus on the growing divide between economics, governance (including anti-corruption), lifestyles, livelihoods and pressures on the world's natural resources. Through seminars, workshops, plenary sessions and side events, the week will scrutinise progress on water-related development, anticipate

and promote the prospects for achieving a desirable future and look to renew partnerships for sustainable development.

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8. TOOLS

Transparency International Tools and Initiatives

Tools include: Integrity Packs, Business Principles for Countering Bribery, the Anti-Corruption Handbook and The Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit.

[Read more](#)

9. MASTHEAD

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