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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The third quarter of 2025 represents an important milestone in Transparency International Malaysia's (TI-M) ongoing journey to strengthen governance, uphold integrity, and foster a culture of accountability across all sectors of society. Guided by our vision of a corruption free Malaysia, TI-M continues to act impartially and independently, ensuring our work advances meaningful and sustainable reform.

This quarter, TI-M's appointment as one of six founding civil society members of the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Anti-Corruption Caucus, established by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) under the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2024-2028, marked a significant step forward. It reflects national recognition of civil society's vital role in ensuring policy coherence, procurement integrity, and citizen participation as pillars of transparent governance.

Our continued engagement with the Legal Affairs Division (BHEUU) of the Prime Minister's Department further strengthens this reform momentum. TI-M's contributions to consultations on the Freedom of Information (FOI) law, the Ombudsman framework, and the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) initiative reinforce our commitment to ensuring that emerging laws are transparent, accountable, and aligned with international standards such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Equally important has been TI-M's effort to broaden impact and inclusion through expanded work in Borneo. Collaborations with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and MACC Sabah have strengthened both corporate and youth capacities in Sandakan and Tawau, equipping local communities with the knowledge and tools to prevent corruption and champion ethical leadership. These engagements reflect our belief that reform must be inclusive, reaching every corner of Malaysia.

To complement this, TI-M launched its first corporate member webinar, "Safeguard Your Business Against Money Laundering and Financial Crime Risk", as part of our initiative to support members in strengthening compliance and building integrity-based business ecosystems.

Regionally, TI-M continued to contribute Malaysian perspectives at high-level dialogues such as the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI TOC) forum in Bangkok and the UNODC Regional Workshop on Public Procurement Integrity in Kuching. These platforms reinforce our role in promoting collective accountability and cross border cooperation.

As we move ahead, TI-M remains steadfast in translating advocacy into policy and policy into measurable impact. We will continue to champion reforms that fortify institutions, empower youth, and inspire a Malaysia where transparency is practiced, accountability is expected, and corruption has no refuge.

With Integrity & Commitment,
Raymon Ram
President,
Transparency International Malaysia.



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EDITORIAL

Good Governance Begins with Us: Building a Malaysia We Deserve

Dr Sahul Hamid, Editor, TI-M Newsletter

The President's message sets out the momentum of reform — a Malaysia steadily advancing toward transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness. In this editorial, we shift our lens to the foundation that makes such progress possible: the everyday practice of good governance.

Good governance is not merely about systems or policies — it is about people, values, and the future we build together. When leaders govern with honesty, fairness, and responsibility, citizens feel secure in their institutions. But when corruption and abuse of power take root, it is the people who bear the cost — in under-resourced schools, overburdened hospitals, and lost opportunities for generations to come.

At Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), our mission remains simple yet powerful: to fight corruption and to build a Malaysia where integrity is the norm, not the exception. Over the years, we have spoken up for stronger institutions, fairer procurement processes, and greater protection for whistleblowers. These efforts may be challenging, but each act of resistance to corruption is an act of hope — a step toward restoring justice and rebuilding trust.

The road ahead will not be easy. Corruption in Malaysia is not confined to headline scandals — it is also found in the quiet compromises that erode our values: the shortcuts, the favoritism, the misuse of public funds. Too often, we soften the language — duit kopi, kawtim, under table — instead of calling it what it truly is: corruption. Malaysians are weary of promises without action and laws without enforcement. Yet this is not a time for despair — it is a time for resolve.

For TI-M, the way forward is anchored on four principles:

- Strong Institutions: Agencies must be independent, professional, and free from political interference.
- Openness and Honesty: Information should be shared transparently, without fear or favour.
- Educating the Next Generation: Integrity must be instilled early — in classrooms, families, and communities.
- Synergy and Collaboration: Civil society, business, the media, and citizens must unite in a shared purpose.

At its core, good governance is about dignity. Every Malaysian deserves leaders they can trust, a government that listens, and a system that protects the weak while holding the powerful to account. This is not too much to ask — it is our right and our responsibility.

Let us stand firm for integrity, even when it means standing alone. Because the Malaysia we deserve is one built not on fear, but on faith — faith in justice, in transparency, and in one another.



DR SAHUL HAMID
Executive Committee Member
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CSO Anti-Corruption Caucus by MACC

Strategy 3: People's Voices of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2024–2028



The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has launched the CSO Anti-Corruption Caucus under Strategy 3: People's Voices of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2024–2028, reinforcing public participation in anti-corruption efforts. On 10 July 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) was formally appointed as one of the six founding CSO members of the caucus. Other core members include:

- ABMS-MY
- Business Integrity Alliance (BIA)
- Majlis Belia Malaysia (MBM)
- Pertubuhan Anti Korupsi Malaysia (PAKAR)
- Persatuan Kebangsaan Pelajar Islam Malaysia (PKPIM)

The CSOs convened on 30 July at MACC Putrajaya to initiate a collective action plan, engaging directly with MACC experts to exchange insights and align strategies for strengthening procurement integrity and reform. TI-M was represented by Ms Nurirdzuana (Secretary-General), Dr Geetha Rubasundram (Treasurer), Mr Nazri Shaidon (Exco Member), Mr Balbeer Singh (Exco Member), and Ms Nur Afrina (Executive, Communications & Projects).





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National Anti-Financial Crime Centre (NFCC) Courtesy Visit

TI-M Strengthens Strategic Collaboration with NFCC to Combat Financial Crime



On 14 July 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), led by Mr. Raymon Ram (President) and accompanied by Mr. Chew Phye Keat (Deputy President), Mr. Asyraf (Project Executive), and Ms. Nur Afrina (Communications & Project Executive), paid a courtesy visit to Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil, Director General of the National Anti-Financial Crime Centre (NFCC).

The visit aimed to explore deeper collaboration in addressing the alarming rise in scams and money mule activities across Malaysia. The session fostered meaningful dialogue between both institutions, with a shared commitment to countering increasingly sophisticated financial crime tactics through strategic partnerships. Key areas of discussion included joint public awareness campaigns, policy advocacy, data-driven tools for detection, beneficial ownership transparency, and the development of a unified PEP database.

TI-M remains committed to advancing systemic reform and strengthening Malaysia's financial integrity. This engagement marks a promising step toward building a more transparent and resilient financial ecosystem through cross-sector collaboration.



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Air Selangor Integrity Day Event

TI-M Shares Expertise on Conflict of Interest at Air Selangor Integrity Session



On 16 July 2025, Puan Fareedah Kamarulzaman, Executive Committee Member of Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), delivered a compelling presentation on Conflict of Interest during Air Selangor's Internal Exercise Program. The session was attended by senior executives and management teams, reflecting the organization's strong commitment to ethical leadership and integrity.

Puan Fareedah's presentation explored key governance issues such as ethical decision-making, fiduciary responsibilities, and corporate liability provisions under the MACC Act. She also shared real-world examples of oversight failures and emphasized the importance of transparency at the leadership level. Her insights sparked thoughtful discussion and reinforced the need for clear policies and vigilance in managing conflicts of interest.

Transparency International Malaysia remains dedicated to supporting corporate members in becoming integrity champions, advancing responsible governance, accountability, and public trust across sectors.



Anti-Corruption Workshop – Leading Business Integrity

TI-M Pilots Anti-Corruption Workshop in Sandakan, Sabah in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Sabah



On 21 July 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Sabah, hosted the pilot Anti-Corruption Workshop – Leading Business Integrity at Sabah Hotel, Sandakan.

Graced by YBhg. Datuk TPj Karunanithy A/L Y. Subbiah, Director of MACC Sabah, the workshop welcomed 45 participants from key sectors including plantations and banking, marking a significant step in promoting ethical business practices in East Malaysia.

The first session, led by PsK Dzulkarnain Rousan bin Hasbi (MACC), focused on corporate integrity and reporting mechanisms. The second session on practical segment were facilitated by TI-M's Mr. Raymon Ram and Ms. Nurirdzuana Ismail on building whistleblowing frameworks rooted in trust, impartiality, and protection.

This successful pilot sets the stage for broader nationwide efforts to strengthen transparency, ethical leadership, and anti-corruption capacity across industries.





Anti-Corruption Workshop – Leading Business Integrity

TI-M organized second leg of Anti-Corruption Workshop in Tawau, Sabah in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Sabah



On 19 September 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), in collaboration with UNODC and MACC Sabah, held the second session of its Leading Business Integrity workshop at LA Hotel, Tawau. The event aimed to strengthen ethical leadership and corporate governance in East Malaysia.

Gathering 41 participants from industries such as mining, banking, agriculture, and local councils, the workshop featured interactive sessions on identifying corruption risks and fostering transparency. PsK Tuan Dzulkarnain Rousan bin Hasbi (MACC) led the first session on corporate integrity, while TI-M's Exco Member, Mr. Balbeer Singh guided the second on whistleblowing frameworks.

TI-M continues to empower industry leaders in advancing Malaysia's anti-corruption agenda and promoting sustainable, responsible business practices.







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Youth Against Corruption: A Workshop on Integrity and Accountability

Youth take a stand against corruption at Sabah Hotel, Sandakan.



On 22 July 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) hosted an inspiring workshop in Sandakan titled "Youth Against Corruption: A Workshop on Integrity and Accountability."

Held in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), MACC Sabah, and SERATA, the event brought together 45 passionate youth participants for an engaging session that blended educational talks with interactive activities—designed to deepen their understanding of corruption and cultivate ethical leadership.

The workshop focused on empowering youth to take an active role in combating corruption by enhancing their reporting skills, encouraging critical dialogue on its societal impact, and identifying future strategies to support Sabah's anti-corruption efforts. This initiative marks a meaningful step in nurturing young changemakers and strengthening the collective pursuit of a more transparent, accountable, and corruption-free Malaysia.







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On 18 September 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) held the second leg of its workshop series in Tawau, Youth Against Corruption: A Workshop on Integrity and Accountability, officiated by TI-M Exco Member Mr Balbeer Singh.

In collaboration with UNODC, MACC Sabah, and SERATA, the session welcomed 40 spirited youth participants for a day of educational talks and interactive games designed to deepen their understanding of corruption and inspire ethical leadership.

The participants showed great enthusiasm, especially in discussions around whistleblowing, and worked in diverse teams to tackle challenges with curiosity and collaboration—reflecting a shared commitment to building a more transparent and accountable society.







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Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) Courtesy Visit

TI-M Deepens Collaboration with MOSTI on Anti-Corruption Efforts



On 22 July 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), represented by Mr. Raymon Ram (President), Ms. Nurirdzuana Ismail (Secretary General), Mr. Justin Jarret (Manager), and Ms. Nur Afrina (Communications & Project Executive), participated in a strategic engagement session with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), focusing on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) and advancing anti-corruption initiatives. The session, attended by YBrs. Encik Ooli Gunalan A/L Manickam and integrity representatives from Angkasa Malaysia, Jabatan Kimia Malaysia, Jabatan Tenaga Atom, and Agensi Nuklear Malaysia, reflected a shared commitment to transparency across scientific and technical sectors.

MOSTI's strong support for TI-M's evidence-based advocacy marks a promising step toward cross-sector collaboration. TI-M views this engagement as a foundation for future partnerships, including capacity-building and the development of integrity tools. Together, both institutions aim to strengthen governance, foster accountability, and build public trust in Malaysia's anti-corruption landscape.



Courtesy Visit to SUARAM & Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Discussion at Pusat KOMAS



On 8 August 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) paid a courtesy visit to Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM), a human rights-focused NGO, to exchange insights on the initiatives undertaken by both organizations. Mr. Raymon Ram (President of TI-M) met with Ms. Azura Nasron (Executive Director of SUARAM) to discuss shared areas of work and explore potential avenues for collaboration.

Later that day, TI-M participated in a forum organized by the CSO Platform for Reform in partnership with SUARAM, addressing the government's proposal to introduce Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPA) in Malaysia. The session aimed to brief civil society on the implications of DPAs, with participants expressing both concerns and recognition of their potential benefits.

The active engagement of civil society organizations (CSOs) remains essential in shaping transparent and accountable governance.





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Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)

TI-Malaysia Participates in Regional Forum on Transnational Organized Crime



Mr. Balbeer Singh, Executive Committee Member of Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), represented the organization at a two-day forum on 13 and 14 August 2025 in Bangkok convened by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC). The forum focused on the evolving landscape of foreign criminality in Southeast Asia and examined domestic legal responses to the growing threat of organized crime across the region.

The event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders—including government prosecutors, law enforcement officials, legal experts, academics, NGOs, and judiciary members from Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia—for in-depth discussions on cross-border legal practices. Participants explored strategies to counter crimes committed by foreign actors exploiting immigration systems, financial networks, and cyber regulations. Emphasis was placed on aligning national efforts with international legal instruments such as the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

Mr. Balbeer Singh shared insights on how local jurisdictions can effectively address foreign-linked criminal behavior, highlighting Malaysia's legislative progress in areas including company law, anti-money laundering, anti-bribery measures, corporate accountability, and whistleblower protection.





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Asset Forfeiture: Crucial Collaboration Between Public and Private Sectors

by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)



14 August 2025 – A roundtable conference organized by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), in collaboration with enforcement agencies and public-private institutions, emphasized the importance of strategic cooperation in combating corruption and recovering misappropriated assets.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam Baki highlighted that effective asset forfeiture demands robust inter-agency collaboration, citing over RM31.4 billion in seized assets and nearly RM28 billion forfeited over the past five years. He noted that asset recovery is not only a national priority but also aligns with global standards set by frameworks such as FATF and UNCAC.

A key highlight was the presentation by Mr Nazri Shaidon, Exco Member of Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), during the session "Towards the Disposal of Immovable Assets: Pragmatic, Efficient, and Integrity-Driven Criminal Asset Forfeiture." His talk emphasized the need for transparent, structured, and integrity-based approaches to asset forfeiture, reinforcing its role as a cornerstone of Malaysia's anti-corruption strategy.



Focus Group Discussion Workshop On The Assessment Of The Effectiveness And Readiness For The Implementation Of The “Deferred Prosecution Agreement” (DPA) in Malaysia



On 21 August 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) represented by Mr Justin Bryann Jarret (Manager) along with other civil societies attended a roundtable discussion on assessing the effectiveness and readiness for implementing the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) in Malaysia. The session was organized by the Nusantara Academy for Strategic Research (NASR).

The workshop aimed to evaluate Malaysia’s current legal landscape, identify strengths and challenges, and explore suitable DPA models based on international practices.

TI-M was pleased to contribute to the discussion and support efforts toward meaningful legal reform.





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Regional Workshop on Public Procurement by UNODC in Kuching Sarawak.



On 27–28 August 2025, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), represented by Ms Nur Afrina (Communications & Project Executive) participated in the Regional Forum on Public Procurement Integrity at Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, co-hosted by UNODC and the Government of Sarawak with support from the U.S. Department of State (INL). The forum convened 109 participants from Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines to address challenges and reforms in public procurement systems.



Mr. Raymon Ram (President) spoke on civil society mechanisms, civic engagement, and tools like Integrity Pacts and social audits. The forum emphasized cross-sector collaboration, legal reform, and digital innovation to strengthen procurement integrity across Southeast Asia.

The workshop highlighted public procurement as a key driver of integrity and trust. It set the stage for regional collaboration, legal reform, and innovation to build more transparent and accountable systems.





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Governance, Integrity & Anti-Corruption Conference hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

Sharing on Corruption Perceptions Index by TI-M



Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) was honoured to participate in the Governance, Integrity & Anti-Corruption Conference hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) at Cyberview Resort and Spa on 22 September 2025, in support of Malaysia's National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2024–2028. The event convened embassies, diplomats, policymakers, and civil society to strengthen dialogue on governance, integrity, and anti-corruption. TI-M President Mr Raymon Ram shared key findings from Malaysia's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), outlined priority reform areas, and highlighted TI-M's initiatives to promote transparency and accountability. His presentation reinforced the value of multi-stakeholder collaboration and TI-M's steadfast commitment to building a culture of integrity and shared responsibility in Malaysia's anti-corruption efforts.





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Forum on Unmasking Corruption: What the CPI Score Isn't Telling You

MAICSA Annual Conference 2025



On 24 September, TI-M President Mr Raymon Ram joined a distinguished panel comprising YBhg Datuk Deputy Commissioner Ahmad Nizam bin Ismail (MACC), James Kwie Yuk Kuan (CEO, Ingenique Solution), and moderated by YBhg Dato' Akbar Moidunny (President, MAICSA) for a thought-provoking forum on the hidden dimensions of Malaysia's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). The session delved into how CPI scores reflect public trust, enforcement effectiveness, and institutional integrity, while also exposing the gaps that numbers alone can't capture.

The panel explored current fraud trends, key red flags in corporate governance, and practical strategies for building resilient anti-fraud frameworks. Mr Raymon posed hard-hitting questions on systemic reform, political accountability, and the credibility of enforcement outcomes—challenging participants to reflect on delayed trials, dropped charges, and the impact these have on public confidence. He also emphasized the role of governance professionals in driving transparency, especially in politically-linked appointments and failed public projects, and highlighted how corruption risk influences investor decisions and Malaysia's global competitiveness.

Together, the panel called for bold reforms, stronger leadership, and a renewed commitment to integrity across both public and private sectors.

TI-M Supports the Government's Step to Introduce Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Legislative Reform

Interview with Awani



Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) welcomes the government's introduction of the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) as a new legal reform mechanism, believing it will strengthen governance and boost investor confidence.

According to TI-M President Raymon Ram, the DPA model already practiced in countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, and France has proven to be more efficient in terms of cost, time, and resources. It also enables companies to take responsibility for misconduct without undergoing a full trial process.

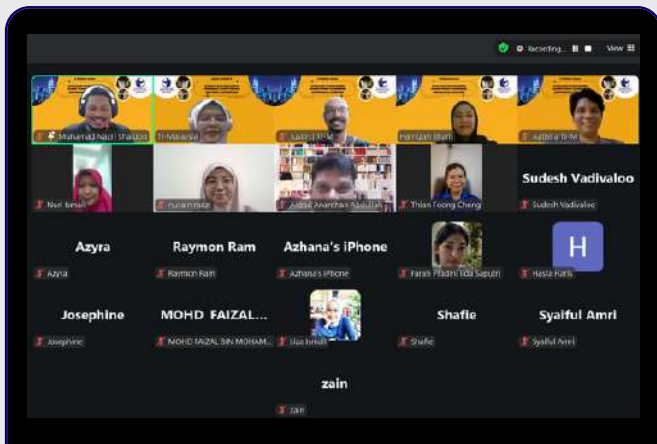
To watch the full interview: **[TI-M sambut baik pelaksanaan DPA, tekan aspek ketelusan](#)**



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Safeguard Your Business Against Money Laundering and Financial Crime Risk

BI-Monthly Webinar



On 26 September 2025, TI-M successfully launched its inaugural Bi-Monthly Webinar initiative, exclusively for individual and corporate members. This new series is designed to provide added value to our membership by fostering knowledge-sharing and strengthening expertise in the field of anti-corruption.

The first session, titled *Safeguard Your Business Against Money Laundering and Financial Crime Risk*, was led by Mr. Nazri Shaidon, TI-M Executive Committee Member. The webinar drew 40 online participants from various companies across sectors.

The session aimed to equip participants with a clear understanding of Malaysia's Anti-Money Laundering Act 2001 (AMLA) and Bank Negara Malaysia's AML/CFT policies. Attendees gained practical insights into identifying financial crime risks, recognizing red flags and typologies, and implementing effective internal controls using a risk-based approach. The webinar also highlighted findings from the National Risk Assessment 2023, the role of the National Financial Crime Centre (NFCC), and strategies for cultivating a strong compliance culture to safeguard organisations from legal, financial, and reputational harm.

To wrap up the session on a high note, participants took part in an interactive quiz game designed to reinforce key takeaways in a fun and engaging way. The activity sparked lively participation and served as a great tool for knowledge retention.



African women are working together. Photo by [Iwaria Inc.](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Amplifying women's voices in the fight against corruption

Putting women's experiences in the center to build fairer, more accountable societies.

By Mageda Esolyo

Gender and Inclusion coordinator, All 4 Inclusive Service Delivery Africa (ISDA)

12 September 2025

In the ongoing fight against corruption across Africa, one thing remains true: women and marginalised communities bear the brunt of the impact of corruption and yet are largely excluded from shaping anti-corruption solutions. Greater and more inclusive civic participation in the decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of citizens is therefore necessary to create fair and just societies where the voices of those most vulnerable are heard and people can hold power to account.

Transparency International's work on the [Inclusive Service Delivery Africa \(ISDA\)](#) project has reaffirmed that culturally sensitive, grassroots and community driven solutions to combat corruption are more effective, inclusive and sustainable than top-down initiatives that ignore the lived experiences of those they aim to help.

While corruption can undermine governance, development and public trust, the impact is not always felt equally. Women, particularly those with disabilities, from rural, low-income, or otherwise marginalised backgrounds are particularly vulnerable to corruption. This can result in barriers to accessing vital services such as education and healthcare, increased exposure to sexual corruption and limited access to justice.

Our report, [Left Behind: Corruption in Education and Health Services in Africa](#), highlights how failing to incorporate gendered perspectives into anti-corruption interventions risks perpetuating cycles of invisibility, silence and impunity.

Community-driven solutions

Created through the ISDA project, Women Empowerment Circles act as an opportunity for women to gather and co-create solutions to corruption in public service delivery.

In Zimbabwe, members of these spaces highlight the different and unique forms of corruption they are exposed to, such as being forced to pay bribes or offer favours to access essential services for their families. This leaves those with less resources at risk of being shut off from receiving vital care and education. In Mutare's Sakubva suburb, a group of women living with disabilities who had attended the empowerment circles approached the Mutare Council, demanding that it change its mobile water supply services to disability friendly and accessible areas. This resulted in the city delivering water to accessible distribution sites, and the council sharing its water delivery schedule with women and those with disabilities.



African women are working together. Photo by [Iwaria Inc.](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Elsewhere in Ghana, social accountability and community participation are proving essential for improving public service delivery. Transparency International Ghana has established 12 Social Auditing Clubs (SACs) across ISDA project districts in Greater Accra, Central and Upper East regions to empower grassroots governance and combat corruption locally. With a strong commitment to inclusion, each SAC ensures at least 40% female representation and includes a member living with a disability. These clubs actively monitor education and healthcare services, promote transparency and encourage citizen involvement in decision-making. As some members powerfully stated, “We used to think governance was for the big men in Accra. Now we know we are the governance and power belongs to us.” The SACs stand as community watchdogs bridging the gap between citizens and duty bearers, driving inclusive development from the ground up.

Young people are also vital to ensuring transparency in public service delivery. Transparency International’s Integrity Ambassadors initiative has supported youth and marginalised communities, especially young women, who are already active in anti-corruption and gender justice spaces to better understand how to report corruption and push for justice by raising awareness around the impacts of corruption on communities.

In Zimbabwe, young women have organised through WhatsApp to build consensus around access to education. The sharing of information about corruption in education – such as unfair allocations of resources, resource hoarding and unfair treatment of girls in school – through regional WhatsApp groups has encouraged others to speak out and ask questions, and has even resulted in direct engagement with a Member of Parliament on educational aid allocation within the Silobela constituency. These digital organising efforts are not only practical where resources for activism are limited but also reflect an innovative and responsive approach to tackling corruption that centres accessibility and inclusion.

A call to allyship

Amplifying the voices of women is vital when tackling corruption. When working to ensure accountability and transparency in public service delivery, we must build meaningful partnerships with grassroots movements and community leaders. This requires allyship not as a performance, but as a commitment to sharing power and increasing accessibility, resources and the space to be part of decision-making processes.

Any effort to fight corruption must be intersectional and gender-responsive, recognising how multiple forms of exclusion including economic, social and political, interact with corruption. This will help us build strategies that reflect real-world experiences and prioritise community knowledge. Because the fight against corruption will only succeed when those most affected are at the centre as the leaders and drivers of change.

TI-MALAYSIA BI-MONTHLY WEBINAR

UPCOMING



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A Webinar Series
Unmasking Corruption in Procurement: Cartels, Collusion & Controls

Programme Overview
Procurement corruption remains one of the most prevalent and damaging forms of corporate and public-sector fraud. This program, is to differentiate the roles of MyCC (Malaysia Competition Commission) and MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission),

Learning Outcome
This program equips participants with a clear understanding of corruption and anti-competitive practices in procurement, clarifies the distinct roles and legal mandates of MyCC and MACC, and introduces key legal frameworks and practical tools to recognize red flags, collusion patterns, and misconduct across both public and private sector procurement processes.

Module 1
– Understanding Procurement Risks

Module 2
– Role of MyCC: Enforcing Competition Law

Module 3
– Role of MACC: Combatting Corruption and Abuse of Power

Module 4
– MyCC vs MACC: Jurisdiction & Collaboration



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Siri Webinar
Memperkasa Integriti di Tempat Kerja dan Peranan IGU (Integrity and Governance Unit)

Isi Kandungan Utama Latihan

- Pengenalan kepada Integriti
- Kepentingan Integriti di Tempat Kerja
- Cabaran dan Ancaman IGU menangani isu Integriti
- Peranan Setiap Individu
- Langkah Memperkasa Integriti

Objektif Program

1. Meningkatkan kesedaran tentang integriti dan tadbir urus.
2. Memahami peranan dan fungsi IGU dalam mencegah salah laku.
3. Memperkukuh keupayaan pegawai IGU secara strategik.
4. Membudayakan integriti dalam organisasi melalui nilai dan sistem sokongan.

TI-MALAYSIA FAREWELL

Staff Appreciation



On 15 August 2025, we hosted a heartfelt farewell dinner to honour our team members who are moving on to the next chapter of their professional journeys. We extend our deepest appreciation to Ms Rosnazlina Rosali and Mr Asyraf Syaadan for their valuable contributions to Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) over the years.

Their dedication and spirit have left a lasting impact, and while we're sad to see them go, we're excited for what lies ahead. We wish them every success in their future endeavours—may they soar to even greater heights.

TI-MALAYSIA NEW JOINERS

TI-M Management Staff



Aathira Nambiar
Accounts & Project Executive

Meet **Aathira Nambiar**, Transparency International Malaysia's (TI-M) Accounts and Project Executive, who joined the team in August 2025. With a background in International Relations and a dissertation on terrorism in South Asia, Aathira spent over three years in the humanitarian field, driven by her passion for human rights and social justice.

Her commitment to meaningful impact led her to TI-M, inspired by its mission to fight corruption, a root cause of many societal challenges. At TI-M, Aathira manages accounts, payments, and budgeting, while also overseeing key projects that advance transparency and integrity.



Hamizah Ilham
Project Executive

Meet **Hamizah Ilham**, she holds an MBA from Putra Business School and brings professional experience in client and campaign management, with strengths in project coordination and stakeholder engagement. Beyond her background, she is passionate about social causes and believes strongly in the role of integrity, accountability, and transparency in shaping a fairer society.

At TI-M, Hamizah looks forward to supporting initiatives that advance good governance and to contributing meaningfully to the fight against corruption in Malaysia.

TI-MALAYSIA IN THE NEWS

July, August, September

Separation of A-G, Public Prosecutor roles crucial to safeguard justice, say experts

By Zaf Seraj Sep 11, 2025 @ 6:13pm



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New Act gives too much power to a few, say groups

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Friday, 29 Aug 2025

PETALING JAYA: The newly-passed Government Procurement Bill has to be amended to limit ministerial discretion, narrow exemptions and ensure open competitive tendering, say graft watchdogs and civil society groups.

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They also cautioned against the concentration of power in the hands of the Finance Minister and chief ministers, with weak checks and balances.

"The Bill gives ministers sweeping discretion to approve contracts of any size, override procurement boards, appoint oversight members, grant exemptions, and even decide procurement methods beyond competitive bidding," Transparency International Malaysia president Raymon Ram said.

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By TARRENCE TAN

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PETALING JAYA: Civil society organisations (CSOs) generally welcome the latest amendments to the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010, but are concerned that one section could lead to those who flag wrongdoing being penalised.

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) president Raymon Ram said the word "wilfully" is included in Section 11(1)(a) of the amendments to qualify a whistleblower's protection.

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Transparency International Malaysia said civil society organisations were not given access to the bill's text before its tabling in the Dewan Rakyat. (Bernama pic)

PETALING JAYA: The government is facing increasing calls to ensure the Government Procurement Bill, which was tabled for a second reading today, goes through proper scrutiny before being passed.

The Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) said the review process should include consultations with civil society organisations (CSOs) to ensure the bill reflected best practices and public interest.

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