

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT REPORT

FOREWORD

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

Transparency International Greenland (TIG) is the Greenlandic chapter of the international anticorruption NGO, Transparency International. Established in 2011, we are working to promote transparency and fair practices in society, business and the public sector in Greenland. We currently have 23 corporate members and 45 private members, which together with a high degree of visibility on social media and local newspapers make us one of the most visible NGOs in Greenland.

In 2013, we decided to join the UN Global Compact. This decision was based on a strong interest in supporting the ten principles for responsible business conduct, but also to stress the importance of the tenth principle, 'to fight corruption and extortion in all its forms'. We treasure our membership and are pleased to submit our second report highlighting some of our main activities and events in the reporting period July 1st 2015 through to November 15th 2017

We work closely with CSR Greenland, the local UN Global Compact contact point in Greenland, to help companies

work with the principle on anticorruption. Our work with raising awareness, engaging companies and public sector institutions alike, provide training and insights for companies among other things are described in this report.

We are currently seeking to create awareness about the UN Sustainable Development Goals in both Government and the NGO community in Greenland in partnership with CSR Greenland by hosting meetings and seminars on how to integrate the SDG's as tools in the daily work of organizations and associations.

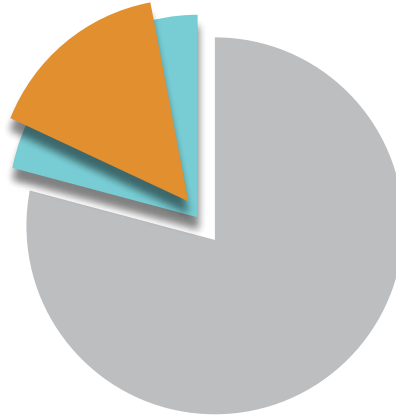
We continue to strongly support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and we closely follow your work to help promote the SDG's and 169 related targets in unison with these principles to see how we, as a small voluntary organization, can help make a difference and in reaching the 2030 Global Goals.

Sincerely,

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1 IN 5

**THINKS THAT THE GOVERNEMENT/
POLITICIANS ARE CORRUPT**



1 IN 6

**THINKS THAT BUSINESS
LEADERS ARE CORRUPT**

BACKGROUND: CORRUPTION IN GREENLAND

WHY WORK WITH CORRUPTION IN GREENLAND?

Corruption exists in all sectors and at all levels of society, and involves more than just bribery, fraud and embezzlement. Other kinds of abuse of power can also be corrupt, such as kickbacks, gifts, entertainment, favors for friends, favoritism and nepotism. A common denominator for these problems is provided in the broad definition of corruption used by Transparency International (TI):

Corruption is defined by Transparency International as *the abuse of entrusted power for private gain*. It harms everyone whose life, livelihood or happiness depends on the integrity of people in a position of authority.

Regardless of its form, corruption harms a society by creating unequal conditions and distrust, and by discouraging free competition. According to the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), corruption is the most significant barrier to sustainable development in a global perspective. Corruption is by its nature a sensitive issue and can therefore be difficult to identify – but its enemy is transparency. That is why TI fights corruption by promoting transparency in all sectors – and at global, national and local level.

TI regularly publishes reports on global corruption. This applies, among other things in areas such as climate change, education, private sector and the legal system.

The nature and extent of corruption in Greenland has not yet been monitored by independent bodies, and has thus not been registered in TI's global index of corruption.

However, in 2016 Greenland for the first time participated in the Global Corruption Barometer conducted by TI at the initiative of the Greenland Chapter. The overall impression in the Greenland population was that corruption is not a huge problem but a challenge that must be faced. People are open to report it and trust the mechanisms in place to combat it.

The survey consisted of 510 telephone interviews (Greenland's total population is 56.000). It was the respondents' perception that 1. corruption has increased, 2. the government does not do enough to combat corruption, 3. Faith in politicians and business leaders were lowest in comparison to i.e. the justice system. In addition, corruption is on the top 6 list of important issues on the political agenda. Corruption must be exposed and tackled. Wealthy individuals were seen as having too much influence on the government.

Greenland's mineral resources have a huge potential, which the oil and mining industries wish to exploit. By reputation, these industries are among the most corrupt in the world.¹ This is a source of concern to Transparency International Greenland (TIG), as such corruption can prevent economic development from benefitting society as a whole, because the gains either leave the country or are unfairly distributed.

As indicated in earlier reports published by TIG no indications of widespread corruption in the form of bribery, embezzlement fraud have been detected in studies conducted on behalf of TIG. On the other hand Greenland has only a few rather

weak institutions, mechanisms and processes with which to resist corruption. This implies a high element of risk in connection with the massive investments upon which the large-scale projects in Greenland will depend. Other areas of risk identified were construction and fisheries. The latter industry being the highest contributor to Greenland's GNP.

CURRENT STATUS OF CORRUPTION IN GREENLAND

Despite the fact that no evidence of widespread corruption has been detected so far a number of factors could be improved, as pointed out in our previous report, in order to strengthen Greenland's ethical preparedness now and in the future:

- Greenland has a limited number of civil society organisations, which possess few resources and a limited capacity to understand complex material from international companies – particularly in environmental matters
- The media are assessed to have a high degree of dependence on public funding, as well as a limited capacity, which restricts their ability to act as a watchdog
- Greenland has few institutions, with limited resources, to prevent corruption. The existing institutions, such as

the ombudsman, lack specified areas of responsibility at both local and national level

- The public administration is weak in resources, particularly due to its high employee turnover. Greenland currently has no whistle-blower systems to protect individuals with knowledge of corruption, which means that contacting the police is often the only option. Today, people are often turning to TIG in the absence of other options
- There is a lack of transparency in legislative processes, particularly in the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum, and in the Department of Fisheries and Hunting
- As a small society, Greenland has a number of closely-related networks and family ties, which entails a risk of inappropriate personal preferential treatment

LEGISLATION

The UN Convention against Corruption and The Aarhus Convention was considered by Inatsisartut by spring 2014. The meeting points were not finalized because of election. The Government was instructed to look around EITI and legislate on whistleblowing. TIG follows legislative action with interest.

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

TI's vision is to secure a world in which governments, politics, business life, civil society and people's daily lives are free of corruption, by promoting transparency, accountability and integrity at all levels and in all sectors. The organisation consists of more than 100 chapters worldwide, plus an international secretariat in Berlin. TI documents and highlights corruption problems, and co-operates with governments, the business community and civil society to implement mechanisms that will effectively counter corruption.

The national chapters are independent organisations of civil society, which are registered in their home countries and internationally associated with TI. Each chapter has its own board, membership base, strategic priorities and projects, and is responsible for providing its own funding. The TI secretariat in Berlin supports the chapters by providing knowledge and tools (such as the Corruption Perception Index, the Global Corruption Barometer, NIS methodology, etc.), but does not provide financing for such projects. The international secretariat also organises annual regional and global meetings at which the chapters can exchange experience, develop new partnerships and share the latest knowledge on research, initiatives and results achieved in TI as a whole.

TIG is part of this structure and supports the TI vision and strategy (2020). While there are already corrupt practices and a lack of transparency in Greenland that should be addressed by TIG, our primary goal is to prevent corruption gaining a foothold during the rapid development of the minerals sector.

As the previously mentioned the NIS study suggests there is low awareness of the risk of corruption in Greenland, and institutions, mechanisms and processes available to counteract it are limited. TIG therefore continues to promote the recommendations in the GAP analysis, in particular as regards becoming covered by the UN Convention against Corruption. In general, TIG has noted a growing interest from politicians and citizens for greater openness and transparency, especially in the public administration.

Civil society organisations in the country are small and poorly funded, which leaves a void without critical agencies to monitor the situation and hold politicians and officials to account. The media also lack the resources and skills to play a watchdog role. Such a role requires knowledge and technical expertise. TIG has overall been successful in framing these important issues in the public debate.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL GREENLAND

Transparency International Greenland established itself as the Greenlandic point of contact for TI in 2010, with the aim of ensuring the sustainable development of Greenland towards an independence unhampered by corruption and nepotism, to the common benefit of current and future generations. This requires timely action.

In general, the organisation has been welcomed by politicians, the media, civil society, the business world and the wider community – but there are also critical opponents who do not wish more attention to be paid to the issues the organisation raises. Due to the country's size and its limited human resources, TIG attempts to co-operate with other civil society organisations to ensure maximum impact on the sustainability agenda. Together, we try to address issues of transparency, the environment and human rights associated with the development of Greenland. The NGO-coalition, es-

tablished in 2013, consist today of Transparency International Greenland, ICC Greenland, KNAPK, WWF and Earth Charter Greenland.

TI has an extensive admission process for new branches in the movement, which consists of four phases: 1) A broadly-based contact group is founded and approved as legitimate by the TI secretariat, 2) a National Contact Point is formed as a civil society organisation, which must demonstrate its viability by maintaining a high level of activity and good results for approximately two years, until 3) the organisation becomes a National Chapter in Formation, and finally, after two or three years, 4) a full National Chapter.

In 2013, TIG achieved the status of National Chapter in Formation and in 2015 TIG became a full National Chapter under Transparency International.

THE ORGANISATION

The Board of TIG has five members, elected at TIG general meeting.

At the end of the reporting period, the Board consisted of:

Anita Hoffer, Chair	Bolette Maqe Nielsen, Vicechair	
Dora Drechsel	Karsten Klausen	Irene Jeppson
Aviaq Brandt	Betina Præstiin	

The Board has assigned two expert members: Anne Mette Christiansen and Thomas Trier Hansen. Expert members have no voting rights.

The organisation employs a secretariat consisting of two part-time employees: Bodil Karlshøj Poulsen, Head of Secretariat, and Marianne Lykke Thomsen, Project Manager.

RESULTS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD 2015-2017

Since its foundation, TIG has been very active in its efforts to reach both the public and decision-makers with its messages and concrete solution proposals. In its first four years, TIG has provided expert advice, training and instruction,

and promoted citizen involvement. The organisation has acquired new members, been visible in the media, lobbied, given hearing responses, entered into commitments with other civil society organisations and pursued a number of in-

dividual cases. TIG has since 2013 been a member of UN Global Compact and had a representative in the Greenland Council for Human Rights.

ENGAGING BUSINESS AND INTERACTING WITH THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT

In the following, we briefing account for how we have engaged with companies on Global Compact relevant themes.

ENGAGE WITH GLOBAL COMPACT LOCAL NETWORKS

In Greenland, the local UN Global Compact network is working through the organization 'CSR Greenland'. CSR Greenland is also the local contact point for UN Global Compact and the Nordic network, working to raise awareness of the principles among Greenlandic companies. From the beginning, there has been a very close collaboration between CSR Greenland and TIG.

In the reporting period, TIG has engaged with the local UNGC network through CSR Greenland and Greenland Business Association in the following ways:

- Joint hosting of a high-level CEO event focusing on anticorruption in companies with participation of C-suite members from a range of Greenlandic companies
- TIG promotes relevant workshops and anticorruption training courses through the CSR Greenland network
- In April 2016, Greenland hosted the UNGC Nordic Network meeting in Ilulissat, and TIG participated in the planning of the meeting as well as in the actual meeting.

- Forum for Responsible Sourcing (FAI) is a joint effort by Greenland Business Association, CSR – Greenland and TIG aimed at both the public and private sector. FAI promotes good practices in relation to responsible, transparent and sustainable sourcing.

ENGAGE COMPANIES IN GLOBAL COMPACT RELATED ISSUES

Given TIGs focus on anticorruption and transparency it is within this area that we have worked to engage companies. Among our many activities it is relevant to highlight the following in the reporting period:

- Guide to how business enterprises' can work with Human Rights, published in September 2016 in connection with a training session for local companies.
- TIG has offered a number of training workshops for companies to participate in. Courses have been held several times with a good reach among local companies.
- Several information meetings have been held both in Nuuk and in various cities along the Coast of Greenland, typically focusing on introducing the concept of anticorruption, inform about relevant measures to ensure transparency and introduce the organization and our work.

PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL COMPACT LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Given the high cost of travelling to and from Greenland, it has not been possible to participate in as many international UNGC events as we would have liked to.

The organization has had to prioritize participation in Transparency International events and has, whenever possible, participated in the regional and global meetings of Transparency International. The purpose of participating in international events overall is for us to learn more about how other chapters work on transparency issues, gather inspiration and get new ideas. Also, we seek opportunities to raise awareness of corruption challenges in Greenland.

At a local scale, TIG has been a regular speaker and co-organizer with CSR Greenland, the local UNGC contact point as mentioned above.

In 2018, TIG is arranging to participate in the IACC conference in Copenhagen to be hosted by Denmark in cooperation with TI. TIG is already engaging actively with the joint member of the Danish Parliament and the Parliament of Greenland on how best to promote Greenland's participation in the awareness raising and implementation of the SDG's.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

Below is a selection of other activities in the reporting period. For more information and a more comprehensive overview, please see our annual reports, available at transparency.gl

TRAINING AND SKILLS ENHANCEMENT IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE MEDIA, CIVIL SOCIETY AND ACADEMIA

TIG has developed a course targeted at these groups that provides participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to work on anti-corruption and transparency. The course is taught by local lawyers and CSR experts. For use in the course is a handbook of anti-corruption and related slide kit prepared. The handbook should make it easier for domestic companies to navigate without corruption. The course was first held in May 2014. In 2016, a similar course was held following the same model.

In November 2017, TIG and CSR-Greenland held a very successful seminar/workshop for the civil so-

ciety organizations in Greenland on how to use the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, SDG's in their work and in building partnerships among NGO's and with relevant companies.

TIG is actively promoting and engaging in partnerships in order to reach a wider audience for our transparency and anticorruption campaigns.

Partnership with the largest municipality in Greenland (Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq) and also a member of the UN Compact has so far resulted in September 2016 the publishing (in Greenlandic and Danish) of a Handbook in Anticorruption for Municipalities, which has been widely promoted in the Media and has been followed up, so far, with a training course in Anticorruption for executives of the municipality. TIG has invited Qeqqerta Kommunia to join a similar partnership and will later on be offering the handbook and training to the remaining municipalities. The project was based on a partnership with TI Norway.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Facebook is utilized together with press releases as primary channels to collect, discuss and disseminate messages to a wider range of citizens. The Facebook page is very popular and has numerous hits annually. The organisation Chair has appeared in Greenlandic, Danish and international media, and has thereby placed transparency on the agenda. Topics have been the politicians' conflicts of interest, misuse of state funds, large-scale mining, uranium mining and whistleblowing.

HEARINGS ON LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Recently, a number of proposals for legislative changes in the area of fisheries have caused concern with respect to lack of transparency, camaraderie and possibly nepotism. TIG have provided written responses, Press Releases and interviews on these occasions to promote further reflection at the level of both politicians, administration and general public.

MEETINGS

Internal meetings: Board meetings are held 6-7 times a year and minutes from Board meetings and the General Assembly are available on the website www.transparency.gl.

External meetings: TIG has been invited to a series of meetings with Tanbreez, Greenland Minerals and Energy (GME), Shell Greenland Director, the Canadian Embassy in Copenhagen, Baffinland Iron Mines Company and researchers from different countries. In addition, meetings were held with the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Municipality Sermersooq.

TIG normally participates in TI Annual Membership Meetings. Last year 3 members of the TIG board and 1 staff participated in AMM and International Anti Corruption Conference (IACC) in Panama and in October this year 1 board member and 1 staff participated in the AMM meeting in Berlin where a new chair and vice chair of TI was elected.

In October 2017 TIG met with the UN Special Rapporteur on the implication for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes on the grounds that the Government of Greenland had made an official com-

plaint to the UN treaty bodies about toxic wastes on (former) US military airbases. The complaint was subsequently withdrawn for internal political reasons.

CONFERENCES

In order to spread the organization's views TIG has participated in a series of conferences. TIG has at the following conferences/meetings had a representative as speaker or in panel:

- International seminar at Ilisimat-sarfik/University of Greenland concerning "Public Participation in Arctic Extractive Industries"

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

TIG's Facebook Page is used to inform about upcoming meetings and activities, press releases and comments on current affairs. Interested citizens are using the Facebook Page to get in contact with the Board.

TIG seeks dialogue with the broader public as often as possible, i.e. at the Culture Night, International Corruption Day and information meetings with private members and companies in and outside Nuuk whenever feasible.

Generally speaking, the organization's activities have increased in the reporting

period and a more comprehensive overview can be found at transparency.gl.

NGO COALITION

At TIG, we find it important to collaborate with other local NGOs to strengthen civil society. Recommendations from the NGO Coalition, which was formed in 2013 to better citizen involvement, were handed over to the Government on March 25, 2014. A common charter, that prospectively describe the Coalition's vision, purpose and framework was signed in October 2014. The signatory organizations are Inuit Circumpolar Council Greenland (ICC), Transparency international Greenland (TIG), Kalaallit Nunaani Aalisartut Piniartullu Kattuffiat (KNAPK) Earth Charter Greenland and WWF World Wildlife Foundation. The level of activity of the NGO Coalition varies with the debates and legislative hearings, however, TIG is the coordinator and convener of regular meetings and information exchanges. TIG always invite other organizations or parties to participate in its events that are often arranged in partnership with others and also seeks to reach out to less likely partners for regular co-operation initiatives, such as children's humanitarian initiatives.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

You can read more about TIG on our website www.transparency.gl which provides information in English, Danish and Greenlandic. Here you can also find our annual reports accounting for our full activities each year.

If you have questions or would like to join our organization, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@transparency.gl

