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Transparency International
114 national chapters
30 individual members
international secretariat
advisory council

The image is a collage. At the top, there are several small black and white photographs showing people in various settings, including what appears to be a public meeting or a community event. Below these is a large, stylized world map. In the center of the map, there is a white rectangular box containing the text: "Transparency International", "114 national chapters", "30 individual members", "international secretariat", and "advisory council". At the bottom of the collage, there are more black and white photographs, including one of a large group of people gathered outdoors and another of a person holding a sign with the TI logo.



CPI 2015: THE TOP

RANK	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	SCORE
1	DENMARK	91
2	FINLAND	90
3	SWEDEN	89
4	NEW ZEALAND	88
5	NETHERLANDS	87
6	NORWAY	87

SCORE
 Highly Corrupt | Very Clean
 0-9 10-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90-100

Denmark is in first place with score of 91, helped by strong access to information systems and rules governing the behaviour of those in public positions.

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CPI 2015: THE BOTTOM



RANK	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	SCORE
161	IRAQ	16
161	LIBYA	16
163	ANGOLA	15
163	SOUTH SUDAN	15
165	SUDAN	12
166	AFGHANISTAN	11
167	KOREA (NORTH)	8
167	SOMALIA	8

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CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2015

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45%
of countries have scores 70 and up

0 100

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The 2015 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) multiplies the increased levels of public sector disclosures in 148 countries worldwide around the world. To see the full results go to: www.transparency.org/cpi

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Some key trends of anti-corruption work

- Despite anti-corruption being a key focus in the media, the CPI 2015 showed no significant improvement in the region
- While many countries have seen some progress in reducing petty corruption in the public sector, corruption in the private sector and grand corruption are on the rise
- Worryingly some countries show downwards trend, e.g. Australia
- China is pushing forward with prosecutions of the corrupt. But if corruption is to be reduced sustainably, then transparency and accountability standards have to be improved: RTI laws, whistleblower protection laws, procurement rules, etc.

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Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) strengthening project & community of practice

- Strengthening ACAs in the APEC region is key given the vulnerabilities in the public sector
- Presence of strong ACAs in the region such as Singapore and Hong Kong provide opportunities for knowledge-sharing
- Transparency International project to measure performance of ACAs in the region within the country contexts that they operate in to reveal strengths and weaknesses of ACAs
- Building a community of ACAs in the region to facilitate knowledge sharing and support

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Highlights of Transparency International work in the Asia Pacific region

- Transparency International has 12 chapters in Asia Pacific economies that are members of APEC
- Focus on influencing clean businesses (Vietnam), engaging youth in the fight against corruption (Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia), advocating governments towards implementing laws, and fighting for greater accountability in climate finances
- Many countries in ASEAN are part of APEC. Concept of ASEAN Integrity Community looks at improving transparency and accountability of ASEAN governments and having a fair and just adjudication process to punish the corrupt.

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Some key anti-corruption trends in the Americas

- Two institutional responses to corruption:
 1. Face cases of grand corruption (Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras)
 2. Structural institutional reforms (Chile, Mexico)
- For genuine anti-corruption progress need both: law enforcement should be strengthened and left untainted by individual or criminal interests to do their job, while countries also need to ensure that corruption does not happen in the first place by building and strengthening the institutions that can discourage corrupt individuals from acting.

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Corruption Perceptions Index 2015

- Big differences among countries/territories throughout the region.
- This is also visible among the 5 APEC economies:
 - Canada and US among the best scorers worldwide. Chile also in a good position (although some decline this year).
 - Mexico and Peru still struggling in the lower part of the table.

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Highlights of Transparency International work in the Americas region

- Transparency International has 5 chapters in Americas economies that are members of APEC
- Focus on influencing clean businesses (Canada, Chile, USA), engaging citizens in the fight against corruption (Mexico, Peru); leading dialogue with governments for enabling laws and fighting for greater transparency and accountability in the public sector, political parties, and national assemblies, among other key institutions of democratic regimes.
- In addition, Transparency International has recently restarted an open and productive dialogue with the governments of Canada and the US to support initiatives that go beyond their own borders.

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