

**Workshop:** Striving for a Corruption-Free Generation

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**Venue:** Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Milestoder (Deputy Mission Director USAID Pakistan), Mrs. Justice (R) Nasira Iqbal (Trustee, TI-Pakistan), Saad Rashid (ED, TI-Pakistan), Dr. Ummad Mazhar (Senior Policy Advisor and Acting director, Institute of Public Policy, Beacon house National University) and Mr. M. Abid Hussain Sabri (Director, Pakistan Institute of Management Sciences, Lahore).

### **Summary:**

Transparency International Pakistan with the collaboration of USAID/ OIG conducted a workshop on the topic “Striving for a Corruption-Free Generation “on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

The objective of the workshop was to highlight the detrimental effects of corruption in our society and how youth can contribute in curbing corruption for the betterment of the country to ensure ‘one nation corruption free future generations’. Transparency International Pakistan invited students from 14 Universities from Lahore to take part in the workshop The number of participants were approximately 100.

The workshop began with a recitation of the Holy Qur’an. It was followed by opening remarks by the Executive Director Mr. Saad Rashid from TI-Pakistan. Mr. Saad Rashid in his remarks gave an outline of the organization’s approach towards fighting corruption and highlighted its activities on national scale. He advised the youth to get involved in the fight against corruption and enumerated how they could do so

Dr. Miles Toder, Deputy Mission Director USAID Pakistan encouraged students to take a stand against corruption, as the new generation is being effected by the consequences. He also appreciated the interest of students in the topic of Corruption. He also stated that students are not alone, as U.S Government is also struggling to combat this menace. Besides the US Congress and Legislative branch. He also outlined the structure of USAID and OIG and how both are collaborating to minimize the incidents of corruption and maximize the recoveries of embezzled funds

Dr. Miles Toder’s speech was followed up by an Ice Breaker activity, where all the students introduced themselves, and the entire audience was asked to come up with a positive word for a given name of a politician, institution, department, public sectors, celebrities etc. So as to emphasize that if an individual is known for his negative attributes if one tries one can find many positives in that individual. This activity energized the atmosphere, resulting in concentrated involvement of the students.

Mr. M. Abid Hussain Sabri, Director of Pakistan Institute of Management Sciences (PIMS), Lahore, spoke on the subject of Leadership, and how each and every individual, who has the capability of being a leader, can be harnessed to its full potential.

Mohammad Ali Taj from TI-Pakistan gave an overview of the Anti-Fraud Hotline project and how youth can benefit from this project by reporting corruption related issues specific to USAID funded projects in education sector and in general.

Mrs. Justice (R) Nasira Iqbal, Trustee of TI-Pakistan informed that youth is a natural asset for any given nation, and that they should acquire knowledge as it is their right and raise their voice against corruption. She concluded by giving them a responsibility to lay a pattern of life in the light of the sayings of founder of Pakistan, Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Dr. Ummad Mazhar, Senior Policy Advisor and Acting director, Institute of Public Policy, Beacon house National University spoke on good governance, conceptions, measurements and how one can achieve good governance.

Another activity was held prior to the Q&A session, where each University was given a question pertaining to Governance, and each of the Universities were asked to share their idea, or approach on resolving a given scenario, and based on the replies of the students the a panel of judges scored their response and best three responses which were most innovative and logical were given a token prize.

In the end students were given an opportunity to ask questions directly from the guest speakers, this opportunity added to their learning curve.

Following is a list of Universities that attended the workshop, except University of Central Punjab.

#### **List of Universities**

	<b>University's Name</b>
1	University of Punjab
2	Government College University
3	Lahore College For Women University
4	Imperial College of Business Studies
5	University of Health Sciences
6	Riphah International University
7	Ali Institute of Education
8	University of Education
9	Preston University
10	University of Gujrat
11	University of Lahore

12	University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
13	Superior University, Lahore
14	National College of Business Administration and Economics