

What is an Integrity Pact or Mutual Accountability Pact?

The Integrity Pact is a tool developed in the 1990's by Transparency International to help governments, businesses and civil society to fight corruption in the field of public contracting. IP establishes mutual contractual rights and obligations to reduce the high cost and distortionary effects of corruption in public contracting.

What is the intention of the Integrity Pact?

IP is intended to make public procurement transparent by binding both parties to ethical conduct. It also envisages a monitoring role for civil society who are the ultimate beneficiaries of any government action. IP should cover all activities related to the contract from pre-selection of bidders, bidding and contracting, implementation, completion and operation.

Where does the Integrity Pact apply?

Integrity Pacts can be used in a wide variety of situations. They can be used for

- construction contracts,
- supply contracts,
- engineering, architectural or other consultants contracts,
- state permits, licenses or concessions, or for government-regulated services (such as telecommunications, water supply or rubbish collection services),
- state asset privatisation programme,

NB: The integrity Pact can be tailor made to suit a particular environment based on the community needs.

Who are the parties to an Integrity Pact?

- In the preparatory phase of the procedure (from the identification of a need for procurement up to the moment of publishing a call for tenders) the contracting authority and the monitor constitute the parties of the Integrity Pact.
- In the bidding phase, the Integrity Pact is joined by the bidders, the persons making an offer for carrying out the task that the procurement is aimed at.
- In the third, closing phase, which is the implementation of the contract signed by the winner of the public procurement procedure, only the successful bidder, the contracting authority and the monitor take part.
- Donors and investors as well as sub-contractors of the bidders can also join the Integrity Pact.

- The monitor follows closely all stages of the procedure and the implementation of the contract, and signals the eventual unlawful components to the parties. Within his duties is also the preparation of regular reports on the transparency and fairness of the process, which are made publicly

Why should we engage in an Integrity Pact?

- It enhances public trust
- It ensures projects quality and lowers costs
- It improves contracting processes for future projects
- It fulfils expectations from the public and donors
- It empowers public authorities to join the anti-corruption
- It empowers civic society to demand transparency and accountability various projects

TIZ is a research based organisation, its broad mandate is to fight corruption and related vices through networks of integrity in line with the Global Strategy. TIZ believes corruption can only be sufficiently tackled by all citizens including people at grass root level. TIZ does this through lobbying for anti-corruption policies and legislation, providing free legal aid services to victims and witnesses of corruption-related cases and advocacy.

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