

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED TODAY:

SION ASSIDON, MOROCCO

Sion Assidon is deputy secretary general of Transparency International's national chapter in Morocco. A mathematician by training, he was the founding secretary general of Transparency Maroc and remains a member of its National Council. Assidon was imprisoned from 1972 to 1984 for his efforts in campaigning for democracy in his country. He is active in several NGOs in the Moroccan civil rights movement including AMRASH which works for sustainable development in villages of the ATLAS mountains and Espace Associatif which promotes the work of NGOs in Morocco. He served on the Transparency International Board of Directors from 2005 until 2011.

EMILE CARR, SIERRA LEONE

Emile Carr is one of the founding members and current chair of Transparency International's national chapter in Sierra Leone. He is a taxation accountant by trade who has spent his early professional life working in the United Kingdom. Carr held various roles in Sierra Leone's private and public sector. Formerly financial controller of the fishing industry and head of the Finance Department of Sierra Leone's postal services, Carr left the latter role due to rampant corruption and has worked as a consultant aiming to promote good governance in Sierra Leonean society. From 2007 to 2011, he served as vice-chair of the National Anti-Corruption Strategic Committee. He is currently client partner at Leone Consultants.

JEREMY CARVER, UNITED KINGDOM

Jeremy Carver joined the law firm Coward Chance (now Clifford Chance LLP) in 1969, where he was a partner for 30 years. He has represented and advised many states and governments in boundary disputes, treaties, investments and development. He is a specialist in sanctions, reparations and corruption. He is currently a public international lawyer in private practice. Carver joined the board of Transparency International UK in 1999, resigning in 2009 on his election to the Transparency International board, where he served until 2012. He is currently president of the British Branch of the International Law Association.

MERCEDES DE FREITAS, VENEZUELA

Mercedes de Freitas is the executive director of Transparencia Venezuela. She has worked with several Venezuelan NGOs and has been active in Latin American networks on access to information, budget transparency and legislative processes, as well as in the Global Movement on Transparency and Accountability in Budgets. An Ashoka Fellow since 2000, De Freitas joined the editorial board of El Nacional in 2010. In her work with Transparencia Venezuela, she has promoted legislation on anti-corruption, transparency, access to information and whistle-blower protection and denounced cases of human rights abuses, electoral fraud and abuse of power.

MARK MULLEN, GEORGIA

Mark Mullen has been the chair of Transparency International's Georgian chapter since 2001. Mullen has spent much of his career working for Transparency International and the National Democratic Institute. Originally from the United States, Mullen has worked in Japan, Greece, and Malawi, where he distributed food during a famine. In 1993 he was hired by the National Democratic Institute and worked on various projects, such as voter education in Malawi, and then moving to Palestine to help set up a civic education program in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, as well as Albania.

ELISABETH UNGAR BLEIER

Elisabeth Ungar Bleier has been executive director of Transparency International's chapter in Colombia since 2009. She was first elected to Transparency International's board in 2011. She was a professor and researcher in the Department of Political Science at Universidad de los Andes from 1975 until 2009. She founded – and directed for 12 years – Congreso Visible, the first Colombian watchdog to follow Congress, and in 2012, was appointed by the president of Colombia to become a member of the Citizen Anti-Corruption Commission. Ungar Bleier has also served as an advisor to President Virgilio Barco (1988-1990). She has been a member of numerous commissions and oversight committees for electoral processes, for the election of members of high courts and processes of political and constitutional reform.