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Global Anti-Corruption Group Receives \$530,000 to Support Civil Society Projects in Developing Countries

World Bank-Netherlands Programmatic Breakthrough Facility and World Bank Support New Projects as PTF Partners with Global Integrity

Washington DC, February 20: - The Partnership for Transparency Fund has received two grants totaling \$530,000 to fight corruption and promote transparency in developing countries. "These funds will be used to support specific, replicable projects by civil society organizations. They will make a difference to the lives of poor people. In recent years PTF has supported over 60 projects in 30 countries," said PTF President and Executive Director Pierre Landell-Mills.

PTF has received a grant of \$150,000 from the World Bank-Netherlands Partnership Program (BNPP) Programmatic Breakthrough Facility and a separate grant of \$380,000 from the World Bank. PTF provides direct grants to civil society organizations (CSOs) that usually involve a maximum of \$25,000. The new funding from the World Bank Breakthrough Fund will be used to support up to six projects in one or two East African countries to demonstrate the potential impact of a cluster of projects in a single location.

The grants direct from the World Bank will be used to fund projects around the world, including the Philippines, India, Mongolia, Central Asia, Africa and the southern cone of Latin America (where PTF has launched a regional program).

PTF Secretary Daniel Ritchie noted that, "An innovation in both grants is the partnership between the PTF and Global Integrity, a non-profit organization that tracks trends in national governance and corruption. GI's analysis of the quality of institutional levels of good governance will serve as a foundation for PTF grants to individual civil society organizations. The PTF and GI expect to conduct workshops in East Africa during the first half of 2008 to present the findings of GI's 2007 survey for Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya and encourage CSOs to apply for funding from the PTF. For its analytical work, GI received \$85,000 of the \$530,000 in grants."

PTF is a not-for-profit corporation registered in New York. It is a global organization with a highly experienced and diverse Board of Directors drawn from many countries. PTF's Chairman is Kumi Naidoo, a South African and the Secretary-General of CIVICUS and the Vice Chair is Anabel Cruz, a national of Uruguay and founder of the National Association of NGOs in Uruguay.

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