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Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif,  
Chief Minister Punjab  
Lahore.

**Sub: Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals through Multi-stakeholder partnerships**

Dear Sir,

In September 2015, world leaders agreed on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – a set of 17 Goals and 169 targets to guide global development. These goals are universal and potentially transformative in nature. The 2030 Agenda reaffirms the wealth of evidence that 'there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development'. It also recognizes that good governance and strong and accountable institutions underpin development and peace-building efforts. The focus around the SDGs has now shifted towards implementation, particularly at the national and local level. It is time for Pakistan to implement the SDGs in a participatory manner, and crucially, to implement Goal 16 and its targets.

Transparency International Pakistan has been working to enhance the capacity of Civil Society Organizations and NGOs around different SDGs, in particular Goal 16 by discussing how to engage with governments and other local stakeholders to support the planning, implementation and accountability of Goal 16. We believe that it is the high time that partnerships are forged with key provincial institutions and work for their capacity to localize the SDGs to subnational level. As Strong Institutions is one of the key focuses of SDGs.

In this regard we would like to propose signing an MoU with the Punjab Local Government focusing on following areas in context of SDG 16:

1. Building the capacity of relevant institutional stakeholders,
2. Creating and sharing knowledge on theory, policy and practice,
3. Advocacy for the implementation, and
4. Support for innovative approaches, solutions, technologies and models of intervention in relevant thematic areas

We look forward for an early response.

Best Regards,

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