

The First Annual
National Anti-
Corruption
Convention,
KAMPALA, UGANDA

THE KAMPALA-COMMUNIQUE FOR A POSITIVE ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT

I) PREAMBLE

We the 600 plus citizens from various walks of life including the youth, women, business community, persons with disability, media, political leaders, religious leaders, and non- governmental organizations, having met in Kampala on 8th December to design a forward looking agenda in the Anti-Corruption Movement in Uganda.

Observed that the scourge of corruption has become a cancer that greatly impacts on poverty, delivery of quality services and ultimately peace and stability in the country and hence we can no longer afford to stay silent and indifferent.

Recognized that many efforts to fight corruption by the public, civil society, private sector and institutions of governments have been established but with dismal success.

Noted that the consideration of political, ethnic, tribal and other interests often relegate the fight against corruption to the lowest priority leaving it to be regarded as a mere nuisance and embarrassment which may one day wither away.

Aware that key impediments to the fight include regime longevity, rule by the law, political corruption that breeds more corruption and the growing loss of confidence in Government institutions.

Committed to search for a new approach and concrete actions that will re-focus the struggle to a positive movement that will seek to build on the character and integrity of citizens as individuals and not hide behind institutions or party affiliations to avoid personal responsibility and accountability.

8th December 2011

II) The Meeting Resolved and Committed to individual and collective actions to secure our future as follows;

1. To identify and elect leaders and holders of public office of high integrity that will make decisions in public interest and not personal gains by making corruption an election and performance issue
2. To regularly expose and openly shun all corrupt individuals through a regular name and shame list to reverse the glorification of the corrupt.
3. To strengthen our own internal accountability mechanisms at personal and institutional level so as to have the moral authority to question.
4. To lobby and advocate for the enactment of laws that promote constitutionalism, rule of law and human rights. Coupled with strengthening the enforcement of existing legal and policy frameworks to address corruption.
5. To mobilize and empower millions of Ugandans to demand accountability from their leaders by building knowledge bases on the impact of corruption and sharing information.
6. To promote a moral regeneration revolution that begins with the family unit, institutions of learning, tradition cultural and religious as the initial inculcators of morals and ethical behavior.
7. To organize regular forums that will enable citizens to actively participate in debates on key national issues to enhance the country's equitable economic growth especially creating employment for the youth so that they are not used by the corrupt to build power bases for their protection.
8. To create awareness on the scourge of corruption and its effects through social media, academia and others.
9. To work with professional bodies to strengthen application of codes of conduct to promote actions against profession-related corruption.
10. To take up the fight against corruption as a patriotic and nationalist duty.
11. To lobby and advocate for the restoration of the presidential term limits in avoid restricting democratic choice and the pitfalls of regime longevity.
12. To work on international corruption issues, money laundering capital flight and related economic crimes that are becoming a reality especially now that Uganda has become an oil producing country.

As Citizens of Uganda we commit to taking action now by building a culture of integrity at all levels to ensure that we return to being a Pearl of Africa.

This is our commitment!

For God and our Country!

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