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30 years of NRM's committed stewardship: A remarkable legacy for Uganda



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When the National Resistance Movement (NRM) came into power in January 1986, fighting corruption was one of the priority areas in the 10-Point Programme. Accordingly the Government put in place a number of institutional and legal frameworks to combat the vice. The Inspectorate of Government was specifically set up as the lead Anti-corruption Agency by a statute in 1988. The Institution was later enshrined in the 1995 Constitution of Uganda under Chapters 13 and 14. A number of achievements have been registered over the years. In this regard, a number of anti-corruption laws to combat all forms of corruption have been enacted. These include: the Inspectorate of Government Act 2002, the Leadership Code Act 2002, the Financial and Accounting Regulations 2007, the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act 2003, Anti-Corruption Act 2009, the Whistle-blowers Protection Act 2010, the Anti-Money Laundering Act 2013 among others. The strong legal framework has equipped the Anti-Corruption Agencies specifically the Inspectorate of Government (IG) to deal with corruption and mal-administration. Indeed Uganda's policy and legal measures have been globally acclaimed as robust and rated at 99.6% according to the Global Integrity Organisation 2008.

The Anti-Corruption Division of the High Court is another initiative that was undertaken to ensure that Corruption offenses are adjudicated expeditiously.

Collaboration of Anti-Corruption Agencies

Under the Constitution of Uganda, various institutions were established to strengthen the efforts to eradicate corruption and mal-administration in the country. Various Inter-agency fora have been set up to share information and experiences in order to enhance the effort to promote transparency and accountability and the rule of law.

Inter-Agency Forum: The Inter-Agency Forum (IAF) is chaired by the Minister of State for Ethics and Integrity and has a membership of 19 institutions. These include: the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, the Inspectorate of Government (IG), Office of the Auditor General (OAG), Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) the Anti-Corruption Division of the High Court, service commissions, Inspectorate departments of Ministries, Departments and Agencies among others.

The IAF oversees and monitors the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS). The strategy is a

National plan to strengthen transparency and accountability and anti-corruption efforts in public offices. NACS is an action plan designed to make a significant impact on building the quality of accountability and reducing the levels of corruption in Uganda. The strategy focuses on building a culture where integrity is valued and corruption is rejected.

Accountability Sector: The Accountability Sector spearheads the promotion, supervision and implementation of accountability systems across government in a coordinated manner. The Sector comprises 10 members mandated to execute accountability-related programmes and the IG is a member.

The Sector has made significant strides in strengthening public accountability. Financial management reforms including Value for Money (VFM) have also been undertaken.

Citizen engagement

Citizens are important partners in the fight against corruption. The IG developed a citizen engagement framework to enhance the interaction with citizens at all levels. In this regard, the IG launched a robust awareness and sensitization campaign. During the campaigns citizens are sensitized on how to report

incidences of corruption and encouraged to report corruption. In addition, the citizens have been trained to monitor government programmes to ensure value for money. The Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption (TAAC) component of the second Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAF2) is a glowing example of a successful citizen engagement framework.

Further, the IG has championed integrity clubs in secondary schools and tertiary institutions with a view of nurturing a corruption free generation.

As we celebrate 30 years of NRM administration, there is need for a more concerted effort to eliminate corruption. We appeal to all stakeholders to embrace, adopt and promote the Principal of Zero Tolerance to Corruption. The Inspector General of Government, Deputy Inspectors General of Government and staff of the Inspectorate of Government congratulate H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament and the general public on this historical occasion.

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