

THE COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY AAACA MEMBERS (ILCS)

INTRODUCTION

The whole world celebrated the International Anti-Corruption Day in the particular context of the Covid 19 pandemic under the theme "**United Against Corruption, Recover with Integrity**".

Despite this challenging time the world is experiencing, each State Party to the United Nations Convention against Corruption tried to adapt to the situation to join other countries in the celebration of this International Anti-Corruption Day.

The AAACA Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to thank the member institutions that have shared information on the celebration of this day and whose content is provided below.

I. CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AUTHORITY OF EGYPT

The celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day started with a great ceremony under the high patronage of the Prime Minister of Egypt representing His Excellency the President of the Republic Arab of Egypt.



Participants to the International Anti-Corruption day

Some of the guests at this day included the President of AAACA, Mr. Emmanuel OLLITA ONDONGO, Civil Society Organizations, Public and Private Administrations, Faith Communities, International Organizations, UNODC, AfDB etc.



Mr. Emmanuel OLLITA ONDONGO during his speech in Cairo/Egypt

During the celebration of the day, the President of AAACA had the opportunity to take the floor and invited all African institutions in charge of good governance to join their efforts in order to achieve the objective of fighting corruption.

Furthermore, he said that Africa is suffering an estimated US\$150 billion a year in losses due to corruption and that it is powerless to witness the dilapidation of its wealth due to the uncivil behaviours of its sons. For him, corruption, fraud and bribery are not a fatality.

According to him, corruption is currently one of the main problems of the Continent. It negatively affects the quality of public management to harm social relations, destroys the trust of authorities, citizens and even Nations and leads to the disintegration and degradation of social structures.

Finally he concluded by inviting everyone to:

- 1°. Promote social progress and national solidarity in every African country;
- 2°. Reduce poverty to an acceptable social level;
- 3°. To reach the stage of newly developed countries;
- 4°. To become middle-income countries;



Working session of the AAACA President with the officials of the National Anti-Corruption Academy

During this visit, the President of AAACA, Mr. Emmanuel OLLITA ONDONGO had a working day with the Senior staff of the National Anti-Corruption Academy and an Officer in charge of anti-corruption affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the host Country on the implementation of the recommendations of the first anti-corruption forum in Africa held in June 2019 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

To conclude, the event was an opportunity to note a real political will of the Egyptian government in the fight against corruption, the need for cooperation between institutions in charge of fighting corruption, the promotion of an exchange of experiences between institutions in charge of fighting corruption and the ratification by African States of the African Union Convention on Preventing and combating Corruption and the United Nations Convention on Corruption.

II. COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE ONPLC/ALGERIA

The National Organ for Preventing and Combating Corruption (ONPLC) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) celebrated the International Anti-Corruption Day by organizing a Visio Conference under the theme: 'The National Integrity Network (RNI), a support mechanism for civil society in the prevention and fight against corruption. ‘

This celebration took place at the International Conference Centre of Alger "Abdellatif Rahal".

The following participants took part in this video-conference:

- The President of the ONPLC;
- The Permanent Resident of the UNDP in Algeria;
- Representatives of Public Institutions;
- Representatives of Associative movements;
- Academics
- The media.

The conference was facilitated by national and international experts renowned in the domain.

The objective of the conference was to

- To present the project of the National Integrity Network to civil society and other participants in the conference vision;
- Exchange good practices and identify successful international experiences in strengthening the role of civil society in promoting integrity and preventing and fighting corruption.

This event is part of the support to the formulation of the national anti-corruption strategy, an ONPLC/UNDP partnership that came into force in November 2019.

This commemoration was also marked by communication products specially made for the day such as:

- KN95 brands with the visual of the day;
- Bottles of hydro-alcoholic gel with the visual as well;
- Macaroons with the same visual.

For more information, please visit :

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbNEz3p5fijTCF_LBu80sg

III. COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY FONAC/ BENIN

Two days celebrated annually between the 8th and 9th of December, to raise awareness, and to call for a change of mentality and attitudes. It is the national day of the fight against corruption and the international day of the fight against the same phenomenon.

In fact, since 2006, Benin has decreed 8 December of each year as the national day against corruption. This year's celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day is marked by a context of global crisis due to the Coronavirus, hence the theme chosen "restore with integrity and responsibility" According to the United Nations, corruption prospers in times of crisis and the ongoing global pandemic has not been an exception either. According to Dr. Jean Baptiste Elias, President of the Front des Organisations Nationales contre la Corruption (FONAC), it is not because there is the Covid-19 pandemic that we should forget to do things properly.

For him, the people who are on the front line to fight this pandemic, i.e. health workers, need specific equipment to protect themselves and to be able to work for others.



Dr. Jean Baptiste Elias during the press conference

The acquisition of specific equipment should not by pass normal procedures to avoid corruption in the procurement process.

In addition, he also indicated that regardless of the equipment of health workers, it is always necessary to monitor whether procedures are respected in the procurement process. For him, it is necessary to fight against corruption in all its forms in order to have the necessary resources to deal not only with the pandemic, but also with the economy and sustainable development of our respective Nations.

Referring to the current situation of the fight against corruption in Benin, the country is well positioned. Indeed, Benin is one of the very few countries to have adopted a decree to dedicate the national anti-corruption day. However, for the President of FONAC, Benin can do better. But the indicators based on country rankings, namely, the report of Transparency International, the report of the foundation MOI IBRAHIM on governance and the fight against corruption for Africa which places Benin in 13th place out of 54 countries shows that Benin is well ranked. This is not enough, he said.

That is why he called on all Beninese citizens to make an effort to improve governance and the fight against corruption and to achieve this, he said, he believes the following measures will be needed:

1°. Respect all the procedures laid down in the texts and Benin has all the necessary instruments at its disposal to move forward;

2°. To convince oneself that I will not be corrupt and that corruption will not pass through me;

3°. Give good wise advice at home. In other words, the head of the family should preach by example by advising his wife not to dissipate public funds. She in turn will give advice to her husband and their children. If this wise advice is relayed at the neighborhood, commune and provincial levels, and finally at the national level, everyone will be convinced that corruption will not pass through them. And thanks to these councils, citizens will be able to change their mentalities and we will live in a country without corruption.

IV. COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE SPECIAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BRIGADE / BURUNDI

Burundi has joined the International Community to celebrate the International Anti-Corruption Day, celebrated under the theme "All together, let's build a nation without corruption". The activities were carried out under the high patronage of the Ministry of Justice. Four activities marked the week dedicated to the fight against corruption.

1°. Organization of a panel broadcast on the National Radio and Television of Burundi



The Permanent Secretary (middle) during the panel

The participants were :

- The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice
- The Commissioner General of the Special Anti-Corruption Brigade
- The Representative of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB)
- The President Anti-Corruption Court

2°. Visit of the Anti-Corruption School Club of BUTARA High School of CIBITOKE Province on 4 December 2020 and the Anti-Corruption School Club of MURAMVYA High School of MURAMVYA Province on 7 December 2020.

Followed by a sketch by the students of the Anti-Corruption School Club of the BUTARA High School on "corruption in the school environment".



The Commissioner General of the SACB giving gifts to the students of the Anti-Corruption School Club of the Lycée MURAMVYA

4th Activity: Organization of a workshop for the administrative staff of the Gitega Province, held in HELENA HOTEL from 8 to 9 December 2020

In the wake of the elections, which have given the country many new officials, there is an urgent need to raise awareness among public administration officials about (i) the principles of good governance, (ii) good management of public services and (iii) the law on recourse and direct action by the state and the communes against their representatives and officials, with a view to enhancing good management of public affairs to the benefit of Burundian citizens.

Furthermore, for the police, justice and the Burundi Revenue Authority (OBR), it is always necessary to recall to the agents of these services, the legal framework and good manners on the management of assets seized during the exercise of their missions.

Thus, for the occasion, 3 themes were presented namely :

- "The General Principles of Good Governance" presented by Eric KAYANZARI, Officer of the Special Anti-Corruption Brigade.

- "Institutional framework of the law on the direct and recourse action of the State and Municipalities against their agents and employees" presented by Edouard MINANI, Director of the Training Centre for the Judiciary.

- "How to improve the management of seized property and public services?" presented by Arcade HARERIMANA, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice, Former magistrate at the Anti-Corruption Court and Vice-President of the Commission of the Ministry of Justice in charge of the Seizure Management.



Participants to the workshop

V. CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE HIGH ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITY (HALC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The High Anti-Corruption Authority (HALC) of the Republic of Congo, even though it has only recently been created and does not yet benefit from all its financial, material and administrative resources, did not remain on the margins of the commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day.

In the line with the activities often carried out in the framework of this day by the two former structures to which it succeeded, the National Commission for the Fight against Corruption, Bribery and Fraud and the Anti-Corruption Observatory, the HALC has joined the concert of nations that celebrated the aforementioned day on 9 December 2020.

HALC carried out several activities with the assistance of interested partners: the National Supervisory Commission of the People's Republic of China (Chinese Embassy in the Congo) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

1st Activity:

Dissemination of a message by the President of HALC outlining the theme chosen for this day and the call for the mobilization of the entire population to undertake the fight against corruption. This message was relayed in all the national media on 8 and 9 December 2020.



The Chairperson of HALC, Mr. Emmanuel OLLITA ONDONGO delivering his declaration calling for the mobilization of all citizen to fight against corruption

2nd activity :

Participation in a Visioconference in the context of the Cooperation and exchange of experiences and views with about twenty speakers. (Recording) of the President's Communication on 7 December 2020). The theme developed by the President is: " Concepts and Practices of prevention during the response to Covid-19 and economic recovery".

This visioconference organized by the National Supervisory Commission of the People's Republic of China (Chinese Embassy in Congo) was attended by the Secretary General of HALC, representing the President on a missions to Egypt on 9/12/2020.



HALC Chairman raising the issue of corruption in the management of funds allocated to the response to Covid-19 during a vision conference with China

3rd activity: Mission of the President of the HALC in his role as President of the AAACA, at the invitation of the Administrative Control Authority (ACA) starting on 8 december 2020.



Speech by the President of HALC, President of the Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities of Africa (AAACA) in Egypt at the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day in a full conference room



4th activity:

A public conference on corruption and its consequences on development, on December 10, 2020 at ACERAC before a public comprising of students, members of civil society and HALC staff.

This enabled to present the United Nations Convention against Corruption and to learn about the harm that this scourge causes to the nation's development and gave the opportunity to the Secretary General of HALC, Mr. Michel MOMBILI AWEYAMBI to relay the message of the President of HALC for all sectors of the society to get involved in the fight against corruption.



Public Conference moderated by HALC Secretary General Michel MOMBILI AWEYAMBI (in the middle) and two investigators in front of a public composed of students, members of the civil society and members of HALC



View of the participants at the public conference

5th activity:

Displaying seventeen (17) banners throughout the Brazzaville city showcasing the theme chosen for the International Anti-Corruption Day and inviting the population to fight corruption and supporting the HALC to do so. Below is a sample of the banners displayed in the capital city.



Banners posted in front of the HALC headquarters and in the main alters and public places of Brazzaville city.

6th Activity:

Distribution of brochures in the nine (9) Districts of Brazzaville as well as at the Marien Ngouabi University.



A view of the students dressed in the printed T-shirts distributing the brochures in the arteries of the Brazzaville city following the pre-deployment conference

A number of young students, dressed in printed T-shirts, distributing the 2400 leaflets in the streets of Brazzaville city following the conference before the deployment.

7th activity :

Recording of a radio and television platform. This activity, which closes the range of activities selected in the framework of the commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day, will allow to take stock of all the activities carried out and to internalize the achievements of the commemoration of this international anti-corruption day.

VI. COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE INDEPENDANT COMMISSION CORRUPTION/ (ICAC/MAURITIUS)

The Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius commemorate thr International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 by organizing three (03) major events. These were :

- i) A half day workshop on 08 December 2020 on the theme “ **Enhancing integrity in Public Procurement**” where 3 best practice guides were launched, namely :
 - Guidelines for Public Bodies-Corruption Preventing in Direct Procurement ;
 - Best Practice Guide on Management of Contract Works for Public Bodies ; and
 - Guidelines on the Exercise of Discretionary Powers.

The guides are available on ICAC website www.icac.ac.mu . The aim of the best practice guides are to promote integrity and best practices in the public sector.

- ii) A forum- debate on 09 December 2020pn the theme “ **Social Media in the Fight Against Corruption**”with the participation of youth from civil society, public

and private sector. The aim of this forum debate was to reflect and discuss about how the youth can effectively contribute in the fight against corruption using social media platforms ; and

iii) Signature of a memorandum of understanding between the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius and the National Committee on Corporate Governance, Mauritius on 09 December 2020. The aim of the MoU was to formalize collaboration between the ICAC and the NCCG towards promoting good governance in the corporate sector.

VII. COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY THE INDEPENDENT ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU (BIANCO)/ MADAGASCAR

This day was celebrated in Mahajanga. The theme was entitled ‘**Responsible citizens collectively committed to fighting corruption.**’

According to the Director General of BIANCO, Mr. Laza Eric Donat ANDRIANIRINA, each actor must feel involved in the fight against corruption in his or her area of action. And for a more effective fight, he said, it is essential to share with partner bodies and other actors the expertise acquired after these years of struggle. Appropriation of the means of this fight conditions the success and here is an example.

And for him, the actions to fight against corruption cannot be palpable unless, by uniting us, they combine their efforts to internalize the means of this fight. He concluded by inviting the Malagasy people to join together in this implacable fight against corruption.

Concerning the actual commemoration of the day, there was a massive participation of the population to say NO to corruption.

Indeed, two days, on 08 and 09 December, were dedicated to Mahajanga to celebrate the International Anti-Corruption Day 2020. The day of 08 December was dedicated, on the one hand, to the final of the "Best Reporters" competition with the theme *"Public service outlawing corruption, a guarantee of satisfaction for the citizens."* On one hand, and



and on the other hand, at the conference-discussion facilitated by members of the Anti-Corruption System (SAC) on the theme "**United against corruption**".



Conference/debate facilitated by BIANCO members

The "D" day of the national celebration took place in the morning of December 9th in the presence of high local personalities and coming from Antananarivo.

A big carnival from the Town Hall Square to the Ampisikina Sports Complex which hosted the official ceremony marked the kick-off of the event.



Carnaval RHI

During his speech, the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative particularly stressed the need to strengthen accountability, integrity and transparency, and to this end to create synergy between public and private sector actors, civil society organizations and citizens, especially young people



The Deputy Representative Resident of UNDP in Madagascar

In his speech, the Director General of BIANCO reaffirmed the importance of the commitment of all to succeed in this fight: "***We no longer need to persuade you that this fight concerns us all. Let us join forces to form this much desired anti-corruption coalition. Because this is the only condition for the victory***".



The BIANCO Director General during his speech

A message that was relayed by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, representing the Minister.



Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice during his speech

At the end of this series of speeches, the winners of various competitions (slam, best public services of Mahajanga, journalists "best reporters") received their awards from the authorities present just before the opening of the exhibitions.



Laureates of various competitions

The SAC, the Malagasy Council for Reconciliation, the Ministry of the Environment, the NGO Tolotsoa, and some local NGOs actively participated in this exhibition.



exhibition session

VII. COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY OCLEI/MALI

The International Anti-Corruption Day in Mali was highlighted by exchanges and debates on two main themes. *"Fighting corruption through effective and efficient judicial systems"* and *"Global solidarity and common responsibility"*. »



The day, attended by all those in charge of public and private sector, civil society and the media, highlighted the fact that corruption cannot be combated unless judicial systems are effective and efficient, and unless they are equipped with material and human resources and work in total independence.



Given the situation imposed by Covid 19, this day was celebrated in the observance of the instructions to combat pandemic, i.e. the wearing of masks and social distancing.



It was further noted that corruption can only be combated if the world stands together against this evil and if there is synergy in the fight against corruption in this Covid 19 period.



The theme below has been debated during the celebration of International Anti-Corruption Day



photo of the participants attending the conference



Mr.Moumouni Guindo, President de l'OCLEI

VIII. CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY BY ZAMBIAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION ACC/ZAMBIA

In view of this, the National Launch of the Anti-Corruption Week of Activism by the Minister of Justice on the National Television, culminated into various activities such as talks and Information Displays in different institutions together with the Commission on this day, 9th December 2020.

You may wish to have a look at pictures of some of the activities conducted in celebrating this day attached to this mail.

The Anti-Corruption Commission is also celebrating this year's International Anti-Corruption Day in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic. In order to address this pandemic, The Republic of Zambia had to put in place Health guidelines to address it.



A Poster at ACC/Zambia headquarters showing the Theme

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ACC members conducting awareness-raising campaigns