

PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON THE ANTI-CORRUPTION

The problematic of good governance and development in Developing countries has for decades been undermined by the mismanagement, the embezzlement, the smuggling of the resources and above all rampant corruption inhibit every hope and prospect for positive change for the wellbeing of the populations of Africa.

It clearly appears that the Anti-corruption campaign requires interdisciplinary approaches but at the same time political will and enormous investment of the populations. In this regard, the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences [PIASS], in collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsman, and Transparency International-Rwanda, organized a public conference on the topic "***The Anti-corruption Campaign in Rwanda. Myth or Reality***". It took place on this Saturday July 23, 2016 at PIASS premises in Huye district

It is a great honour to have speakers: Mr. Clement Musangabatware, Deputy Ombudsman in charge of the anti-corruption campaign, and Mr Appolinaire Mupiganyi, the Executive Director, Transparency International- Rwanda

In his presentation, the Deputy Ombudsman emphasized on the activities of the Office as a legal framework for the fight against corruption and injustices, the mechanisms set up to facilitate the success of their activities; loopholes for corruption; their achievements and strategies underway, particularly mass education, clubs among youth and schools. He discussed the reasons why the academia must be involved, then reiterated the call from their office for universities and researchers to conduct studies on corruption.

The Executive Director of Transparency International insisted on Research, methodologies, examples of some projects, key findings and challenges in line of the anti-corruption agenda.

The discussions and interactions after the presentations were focused and showed the interest of the topic.

Thanks to the office of the Ombudsman and the Transparency International Rwanda for providing speakers. We extend our appreciation to the local government authorities of Huye district, partner academic communities, university authorities, PIASS staff and students who attended the conference.