

Corruptionfight a dangerous, lonely mission - Mweetwa

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Cornelius Mweetwa.

THE fight against corruption is a lonely and dangerous mission because corrupt people are not happy to be labelled as corrupt, says APNAC chairperson Cornelius Mweetwa.

Addressing members of the African Parliamentarians Network against Corruption governance and anti-corruption monitoring group in Choma yesterday, Mweetwa said APNAC had decided to take its operations to the grass root to incite ordinary people to develop hatred for corruption which would in turn force them to participate in the fight.

"Corruption is a moral issue. We want to demystify the concept of corruption because it goes beyond money. We want ordinary people to understand the intricacies of corruption such that they are able to identify it," he said.

Mweetwa said APNAC through the governance and anti-corruption groups that had been formed in Choma, Mwembeshi and Kabwe among others as a link, will soon begin to monitor how local public institutions are delivering

public service.

"The anti-corruption action group will be a link to APNAC. I encourage you people in the anti-corruption group to be courageous and bold. The work we do in APNAC goes beyond the fear of punishment because corruption is a moral issue," he said. "This is voluntary work so let's be volunteers of good calibre and be able to match up to the call. We can fight corruption and win together. Let's at least try to make strides."

He however said it was important for all members of parliament to join the fight against corruption because the crusade was every one's business and that it would help communities rid themselves of the vice.

And the Choma APNAC governance and anti-corruption action group elected Youth Development Organisation executive director Partner Siabutuba as its executive committee chairperson.

Other slots on the committee went to the media, church, civil society, youth and police.

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