

## Zimbabwe: 'Let's Promote a Corruption-Free Zimbabwe'

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PUBLIC-private partnerships, transparent policies and public awareness campaigns are key to the total eradication of corruption, African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption chairperson Mr Willis Madzimore has said.

Speaking at the International Anti-Corruption Day commemoration themed "Eradicating Corruption Starts With You" in Harare yesterday, Mr Madzimore said there was a need for the Government to work together with the public and other institutions to ensure the support of the positive and pro-active stance against corruption.

"It is the Government's responsibility that it works hand in hand with its publics to ensure that it creates an environment that is zero tolerant to the scourge of corruption," he said.

"It is my sincere hope that as the fiscus improves, adequate resources will be channelled to these key institutions that are pillars of ensuring the integrity of our country."

Mr Madzimore expressed concern on the ignorance and lack of education in many societies which has resulted in a divided effort that has failed to promote a corruption-free Zimbabwe.

"Other people are not fully aware of their role in society to fight corruption, therefore APNAC Zimbabwe calls for the inclusion of comprehensive anti-corruption education in the school curriculum as a way to instil awareness," he said.

Various stakeholders including Transparency International Zimbabwe and the Anti-Corruption Commission of were represented at the commemorations.

Member of Parliament representative from the Netherlands said drafting laws and policies that were never implemented or properly governed could not help eliminate corruption.

"Malpractices, corruption and fraud cannot only be dealt with by drafting laws," she said.

"The ultimate remedy is for members of parliament to stop funding organisations that have engaged in fraudulent activities."

Commissioner Denford Chirindo of the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission said his organisation was one of the many institutions not fully performing their duties in curbing corruption.

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