
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2015

1. Public accountability, a priority of leadership in Rwanda

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the Parliament pursues its audition of public institutions on study of report on general accounts of institutions which use national budget and patrimony.

Regular sessions are held between PAC members and Representatives of the Institutions: Ministries, Districts, Public Commissions, Boards, Universities, and Agencies etc. The debates are based on the report findings of Auditor General in last fiscal year. Leaders are questioned on mismanagement and imperfections in accountability of public finances observed in their institutions. In this regards leaders are requested to provide explanations to make clear the situation.

On their side MPs formulate advices and recommendations the institution to be executed in the following fiscals' years. During this process of audition some serious cases are discovered. The responsible resign and are sometimes arrested.



Leaders in audition with Public Accounts Committee (PAC)

The issue of Public accountability is not the responsibility of Parliament only. Other institutions are concerns according the rank of supervision. The Western provincial audit followed a nationwide assessment of mutual health insurance scheme, which, among others, indicated fundamental inconsistencies between the recorded number of beneficiaries and the total premiums.

This led to three Mayors of districts in Western Province, who had been discovered with mismanagement or corruption to resign or be arrested.

The investigations also start to reach the Executive Secretaries of Sectors who some of them are suspected of misappropriation of public funds. Today a certain number resigned or detained.

One other hand the National Public Prosecution Authority reported that in 2013-2014 232 millions Rwandan francs were refunded from public servant who had been accused of fraudulent and wasteful expenditures .

Challenges:

Big fish remain untouchable

As it have been observing on report from different institutions, the individuals accused of corruption are the simple citizens. Any high government official was arrested and accused of mismanagement

2. Contribution of RIG to anticorruption campaign

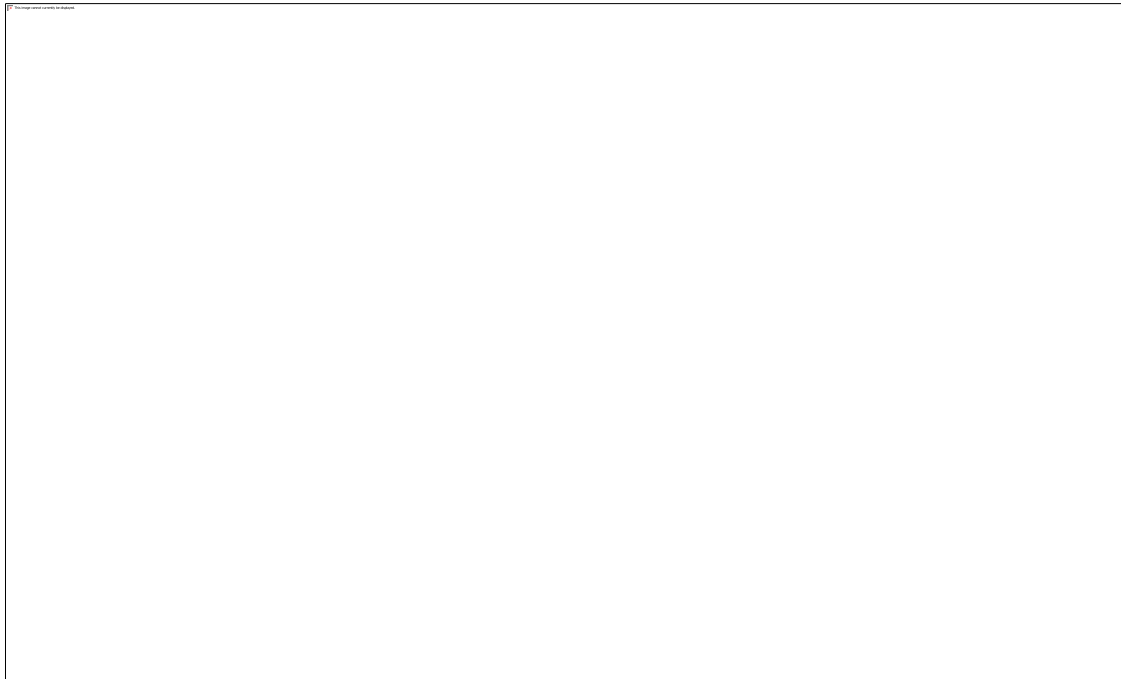
Anticorruption campaign is long and difficult struggle. Many approaches can be used

Rwanda Institute for Governance organises trainings in secondary schools on values especially integrity.

The aim is to provide skills to youth in order to enable them to grow with character of integrity.

The best way to combat the corruption is to start by the roots. When youth will own the integrity as the pillar of the life, that rate of corruption will reduce in society

Such activity has been carried out in southern Province



Member of RIG holds conference in Southern Provinces

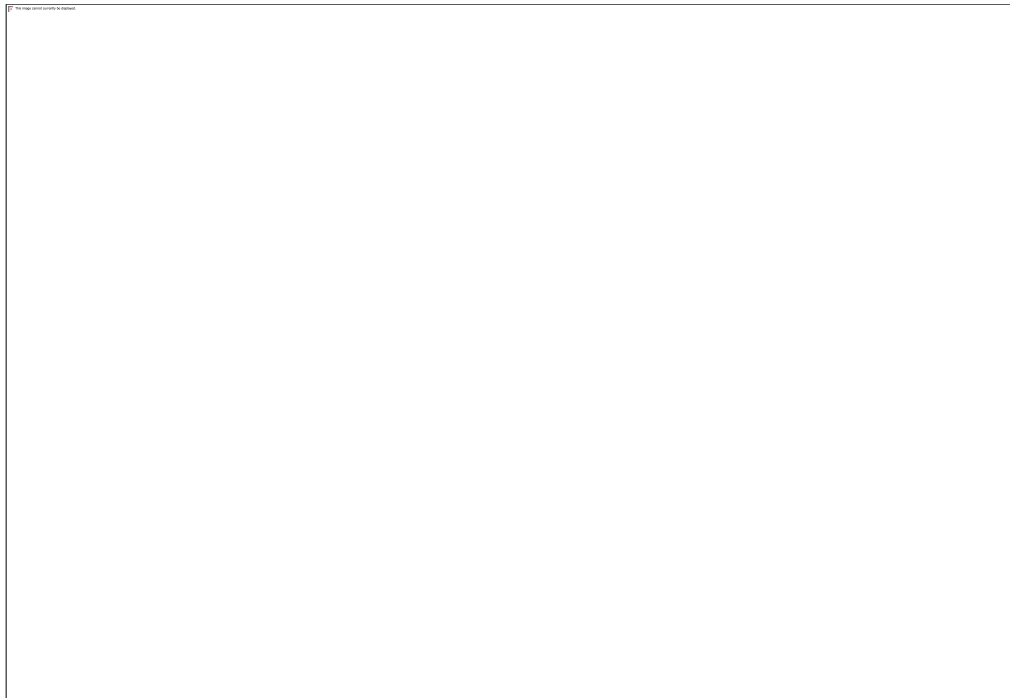
3.Celebration of International Peace Day for 2015

Every year, Rwanda joins the rest of the world in celebrating the International Day of Peace (ID).

The International Day of Peace was celebrated at national level on 21 November 2015 and this was a landmark of all other activities that were planned from the grassroots level in partnership with partner organisations. Different activities were conducted:

1. Grassroots celebrations
2. Youth conference with Parliamentarians
3. Peace Village
4. Peace One day Concert in partnership with Peace One Day
5. Peace related activities exhibition

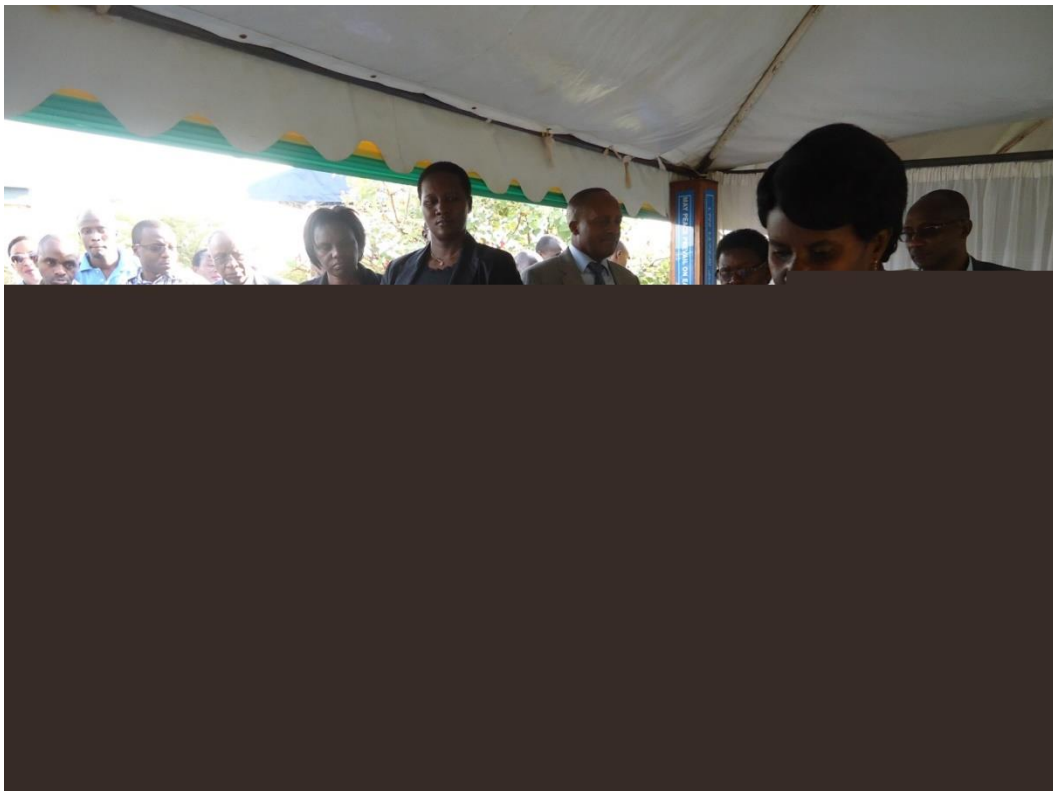
The national celebration on 21st September 2015 included the youth conference with Parliamentarians which was conducted in the morning of 21st September.



Youth in Parliament on in discussions

The youth-parliamentarian exchange brought together 300 youth from all around the country in order to share their views on peace building and initiatives of the youth in Rwanda with policy makers and civil society leaders. As result; Youth felt empowered in their peace-building initiatives through the

opportunity to share their thoughts with national leaders and the national leaders have the opportunity to hear ideas on peace building from the youth, learn and discuss about their initiatives and integrated these in their further considerations and actions.



Government officials visit the exhibition stands

Around the stadium, there was a Village of Peace (exhibition stands) where actors in peace exhibited their work and contribution to the process of Peace Building in Rwanda and the region.



Concert at national stadium

International Day of peace was celebrated at Petit Stade Amahoro through a Peace Concert organized in Partnership with Peace One Day. The celebration at Amahoro stadium was mainly focussed on youth and included youth voices (testimonies and commitment), drummer and dancing, short films with peace message. During the celebration, the Peace Day Anthem was launched in partnership with Peace One Day and Coca-Cola.

4. Trainings

On 3- 8 and 26-27 March 2015 RIG participated in facilitation training on Active Citizens at Musanze District, Northern Province and Kigali respectively. The training was organised by British Council and gathered representatives of some civil societies and public institutions. Active Citizen is

new program launched by British Council Active Citizens is a social leadership training programme that promotes intercultural dialogue and community-led social development.



RIG member attended British Council Training

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