



International Newsletter – April 2015

From the Trustees...

We hope you've had a good start to 2015. The IGI AGM in Nairobi in December was again a very useful time of catching up on what has been happening across the IGI family – please go to the website for a full report: www.igi-integrity.com/Pages/AGM2014.aspx. As you can read below, we are also excited about some new university-level courses, planned to influence a much wider group of future leaders across Africa. Finally, don't forget to pray for Parliamentary elections in UK on May 7th.



For more, see our website: www.igi-integrity.com, or Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/114264381979403).

Training a new generation of leaders to build integrity and fight corruption

How can we spread the culture of integrity as widely as possible with limited resources? How can we influence the key leaders of the future across Africa? The answer for IGI in Kenya and Cameroon (FITCAM) is by providing high-quality training and qualifications.

In both countries, IGI is using our experience of capacity building to develop curricula with respected partner universities. The training will give in-depth theoretical understanding of the origin and causes of corruption and the malign impact of corruption on the society, combined with practical capacity building. Capacity building includes how to develop robust governance structures and how to track funds and stolen assets.

Critically, it is the soft issues – such as the management of change and planning how to overcome opposition - where projects often fall down. So these will also form part of the courses, as well as practical projects to demonstrate understanding and to come to grips with some of the issues.

The target audience will typically be recent graduates or young professionals. Diplomas or certificates will be awarded depending on the level of the course.

We hope that those who take these courses will go out into the world with a vision for “clean” leadership and the tools to deliver real change.



University of Buea
KNOWLEDGE WITH WISDOM

Happy Fifth Birthday to Buea Project!

It's hard to believe that it is now five years since the start of the ground-breaking project at the University of Buea in Cameroon!

FITCAM have recently issued a report taking stock (see IGI website under “IGI News” or click: www.igi-integrity.com/Documents/Buea%20update.pdf)

- High-level opposition in 2009 was overcome
- A strategy of collaboration and non-confrontation bore fruit, working with the few who supported us
- Support won from the Minister for Higher Education
- Training, skills development, advocacy and exposure of corruption created an effective core of officers
- Significant improvements were measured
- The university's top administrators are now working with FITCAM to 'change a culture of corruption' from all angles of university activity
- Early this year, FITCAM became the first civil society organization to deliver an academic module for the Buea MBA



Simudzirai

Maybe you don't recognize this word! It's the name of a place in Zimbabwe where IGI Zimbabwe have constituted a team to set up a Community Taxpayers' Association, to mobilise local people for good governance. This will be similar to the 23 CTAs already existing across Kenya.



UK elections

Parliamentary elections take place in United Kingdom on 7th May 2015. They determine not only the membership of the legislative body (Parliament) for the next five years, but also the head of government (Prime Minister)

Issues for the new government will include:

- How to enforce the Bribery Act, and whether to introduce further laws against UK companies involved in corruption overseas
- How to progress transparency of company ownership, and other measures to reduce the use of UK for money laundering
- Whether to maintain UK's target of 0.7% GDP for overseas aid
- How to spend that money (whether to use any of it for promotion of gay rights, for promoting trade with UK, or all purely for humanitarian aid)
- How to ensure it does not get caught up in corruption in the countries where it is used

Rwanda

Rwanda Institute for Governance continues its work of training young people and developing active citizenship.

In March 2015 RIG participated in facilitation training delivered by the British Council in Musanze District, Northern Province and Kigali as part of its new *Active Citizens* programme.

Active Citizens is a social leadership training programme that promotes intercultural dialogue and community-led social development.

Over the next few months they have plans for

- Further conferences and training in secondary schools
- Training of youth volunteers associations
- Attendance at conferences and other events
- Designing further, more ambitious projects

Congo (DRC)

IGI DRC are working with partners to set up more radio debates and other publicity for good governance in Goma and Bukavu – **watch for more news!**

Somalia

IGI Somalia continues to struggle on with difficult conditions and limited resources.

Please pray...

- Thank God for all the anti-corruption work reported above, and pray for the continuing projects – especially the exciting plans for courses in Kenyan and Cameroonian universities
 - Thank God for the success of the AGM
 - Pray for further progress in Somalia and Nigeria
 - Pray that those who have been working in IGI for some years will not lose heart in the long battle against corruption
 - Pray for strengthening of relationships and sharing between IGI groups in different countries
 - Pray for more people to be involved in UK and more financial support
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