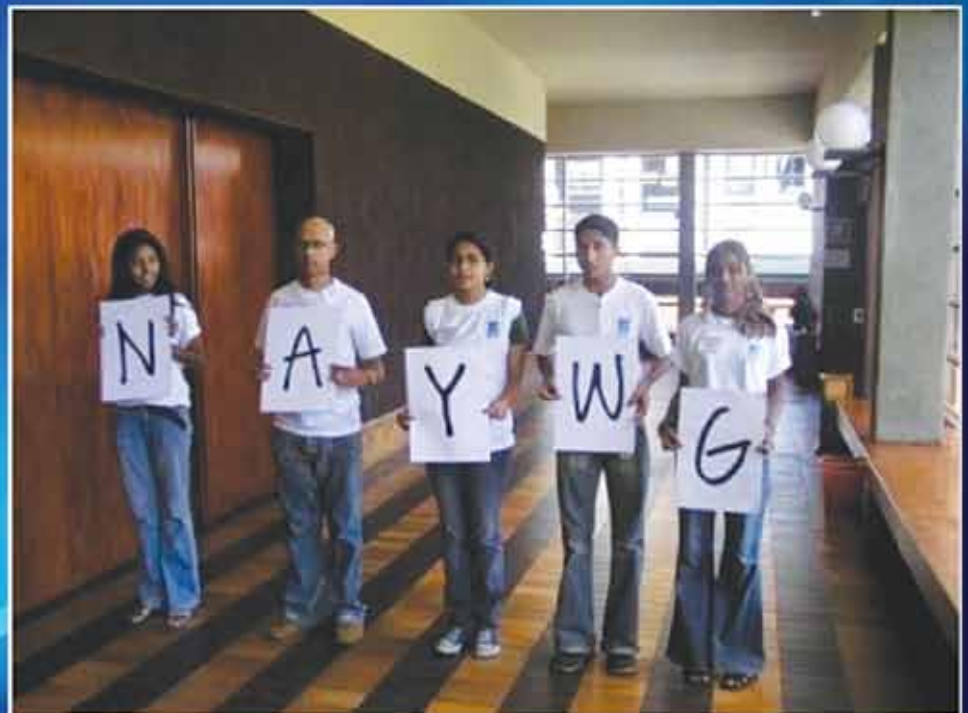




YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

6 years Achievement



National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group

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MESSAGE OF MR A.K. UJOODHA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ICAC

Corruption has become the major concern among the world community. International institutions, such as the United Nations and the World Bank, regional groupings like the European Union and the African Union, are all fully conscious of the danger it represents. In a common endeavour to root out this scourge, more than 140 countries have already signed the UN Convention Against Corruption. Regional and continental conventions have also been signed in order to consolidate international cooperation to ensure a more effective fight against corruption.

The antidote to corruption is the emergence of a culture of integrity which imperatively necessitates the close collaboration of all forces including the civil society, NGOs, trade unions and all the “forces vives” of the country. Each and everyone through their commitment and actions can contribute to a large extent towards building a better Mauritius. The transformation of social values and behavioral patterns to reinforce the principles of justice, fairness and transparency should thus remain one of the key components of our national strategy.

Investing in youth and their education is therefore the best investment we can make towards a strong future for our community. It is crucial to understand and believe that the youth can lead in the fight against corruption since they account for a very large segment of the world population - 1.1 billion according to the United Nations Population Fund. International surveys have revealed that the young in the age bracket of 18 to 24, are more prone to report a case of corruption than other age groups. This is a good sign and augurs well for the future of our country since they can play an active part as future decision makers and employees in the public sector particularly in enhancing integrity, raising standards and changing of mindset for serving the public interest best.

We, at the ICAC, had gauged the importance of youth (representing slightly above 20% of the Mauritian population) at the very outset in the building process of a corrupt free society as prescribed in our legislation. One of our main priorities has been to provide appropriate tools and empower those youth in a position of influence to pass on the flame of integrity to other young persons. Accordingly, the National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group (NAYWG) was set up in 2004 to advocate for the formulation and implementation of youth-oriented anti-corruption/pro-social projects and promote ethical standards among the youth. Since then, much has been achieved and yet there is still a lot to be done to create a new breed of corrupt-free citizens. The enthusiasm of our youth should now be geared towards the promotion of values, for without values, the whole fabric of society will crumble down. We strongly believe that in the long term, the commitment of today’s youth will contribute in a very significant manner, in the shaping up of our tomorrow.

The publication of this magazine marks the 6th Anniversary of the setting up of the NAYWG and demonstrates that our youth can make the difference when appropriate platforms and support are provided to them to prove that they are the best anti-corruption advocates. I would like to commend all the members of the NAYWG for their valuable contribution to this laudable project.

We trust you will find the magazine useful in your endeavour to pave the way for a new culture - a culture which values integrity in all spheres of life.





MESSAGE OF MR DEWENDRA DOOKNA TEAM LEADER – N.A.Y.W.G

It gives me a great pleasure and honour to address you at the launching of this magazine.

The NAYWG, one of the outcomes of the Youth Empowerment Programme, has existed since the last six years. I can say with much enthusiasm that there have been some major achievements in terms of sensitizing and empowering our youth on the dangers of corruption namely through the organisation of a blend of events and development of various anti-corruption tools. We have had the unflinching support and guidance of ICAC staff along with its Board Members, and the Director of the CPED in our endeavours.

Besides the above-mentioned undertakings, the Youth Summit Against Corruption 2008 has been one of the major events which has helped a group of youth leaders across the country to better understand the anti-corruption movement on the international scene. The launching of the Integrity Charter for Youth last year has raised higher expectations from the NAYWG and today, we are ready to face new challenges which have cropped up. Challenges that will test the resilience and determination of a small but dedicated group of young leaders, who remain the key drivers of our fight and endeavour. The major challenge now lies in formulating and implementing new strategies in order to sustain initiatives taken during past years.

We are all responsible for the well-being of our world. Today, we are witnessing a crisis of values where consumerism takes precedence over values such as integrity, equality and sharing. One cannot live by one's values without honesty in life. Honesty is the thread that ties our values together. Honesty is required in those who hold responsibility as well as those who are in need. Our role as leaders calls us to be examples of these values in practice. Our greatest impact on those who we serve as leaders will be through living those values in every aspect of our personal lives and making sure that they are reflected in our daily life. To further enhance that fight, we need to equip the youth with the necessary tools and inspire them to take the right path by helping them to create a positive environment within themselves. Through daily resolutions and positive thinking we can start to create the building blocks that will stop corruption. We need to remember the power of the collective consciousness, few people only are necessary to bring a global change. Remember: '*When I change, the world changes*'. It starts with me and YOU.

On behalf of the NAYWG and in my own name, I extend sincere gratitude to all our partners for their loyalty and support during these past years and look forward for successful collaborations in turning back the tide of corruption.

Together for a corrupt free Mauritius.





N.A.Y.W.G - AN OVERVIEW

Lead INTEGRITY

It all started in 2004.

The first National Anti-Corruption Youth Forum, organized in the context of the Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP), hardly came to an end when the NAYWG was set up to enlist the active participation of youth leaders and young professionals in the fight against corruption. The excitement was visible, the challenge great and expectations were high. Six years later, with hindsight, we can proudly say that thanks to dedicated and committed members and the unflinching support of ICAC staff much have been achieved. It's a fact that the NAYWG has now proved its worthiness and maturity.

Our objective and future

The core spirit of NAYWG still vibrates among the burgeoning populace. Those who pioneered this team left their footprints. Some of them left for personal or professional reasons. New ones joined but the same spirit still prevails today. In line with this spirit, the setting up, after the Youth Summit Against Corruption in 2008, of the Independent Integrity Club Against Corruption, a team managed by the Pamplemousses Cluster, is one of the major achievements. Following the footsteps of this cluster, eight other youth groups were set up on a regional basis.

Indeed, NAYWG is still striving to demonstrate that the young people can make the difference by nurturing an integrity culture at the heart of Mauritius. Emphasis is laid more and more on building youth leaders' capacity for advocacy, developing a focus approach to promote integrity and instilling a sense of ownership of anti-corruption initiatives by consolidating existing networks. Aristotle rightly puts it that *"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference"*.

We extend our appreciation to all past members, ICAC staff, other stakeholders and every citizen for their endeavour in making integrity the essence of the Mauritian beauty.

NAYWG





N.A.Y.W.G members - At a glance



*Mudeet
Beekam*



*Meenakshi
Seeboruth*



*Nivasha
Reddy Appadu*



Vikram Dookna



*Vachan
Ramloghun*



Avishah Soobron



*Yashoda
Auchombit*



*Roshan
Bunoomally*



*Utra Devi
Boodan*





Major events 2004



Along with the ICAC broad community based activities, a four phased “*Youth Empowerment Programme*” (YEP) spreading over a span of five years, was launched in 2004 during a National Youth Forum held at Octave Wiéhé Auditorium, Réduit. As a tool to promote an integrity culture, the programme aimed at mobilizing youth in the coalition building process to fight corruption. The core objective of the YEP was to empower 600 young people per year in order to act as peer support in the region where they live or at their workplace. The NAYWG was set-up a few months later with the voluntary participation of some young persons in various settings.



Dance by a youth group



Sketch performed by young professionals from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life



Role play by youngsters



Exhibition putting forward value-based posters

national youth forum



Major events 2005



The second phase of the YEP was focused on the effectiveness and efficiency of youth participation in fighting corruption. Over and above the production of anti-corruption tools, a series of working sessions targeting youth were organised during the year. The outcomes were presented at the 2nd National Youth Forum. Various events were also held, namely an Anti-Corruption Youth Camp, workshops, an Elocution Contest, a National Song Competition and production of a brochure for youth, a leaflet highlighting the main offences of the Prevention of Corruption Act 2002 and the development of 10 guiding principles for youth.



← Sketch by a youth group



Commitment signed by participants of the Forum →



national youth forum



Major events 2005



National Anti-Corruption Song Competition

A National Song Competition was organized by the ICAC in collaboration with the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) in 2005. The theme of the competition was as follows: **La lutte kont la koription – ène défi société.** The competition was in Creole and in an open style. Thirty entries (including four from Rodrigues) were submitted for the competition. The final result was in the following order:

1. Mr A. L. Noel Auriant (interprète: Chrystelle Thomas)
Song's title: Kan to lèvé gramatin
2. Mr Alain Seetim - Song's title: SOS Corruption
3. Mr Jean Alain Residu - Song's title: Kan to pou aret sa
4. Mr Daniel Toulouse (interprète: Jasmine Toulouse)
Song's title : Metier Mardayer
5. Mr José Papillon - Song's title: Valère Moral

Figures to remember...

- 1st** rank for Mauritius over 53 countries in the MO Ibrahim Index 2010.
- 9th** December - International Anti-Corruption Day. A series of events are usually organized to commemorate the Day.
- 39th** rank for Mauritius over 178 countries in the Corruption Perception Index 2010 released by Transparency International, with a score of 5,4 - on a scale from 10 (very clean) to 0 (highly corrupt). Mauritius is ranked at the 2nd place on the regional basis (Sub-Saharan Africa) after Bostwana.
- 68** convicted cases in connection with corruption/money laundering involving 74 persons who were convicted before Court since the enactment of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PoCA) in 2002.
- 236** cases in connection with corruption/money laundering lodged before Intermediate Court as at 1st August 2011 (including 68 cases in 2010).
- 1021** recommendations have been worked out by ICAC following 28 Corruption Prevention Reviews carried out in various institutions as at July 2011.



Workshop for youth at Cité la Cure

national youth forum



« Etre les ambassadeurs des valeurs anti-corruption »

Entretien avec Meenakshi Seeboruth, membre du NAYWG et responsable de projets au sein de l'Independent Integrity Club Against Corruption (Lauréat du Community Integrity Award 2009 organisé par l'ICAC et le NGO Trust Fund).

- 1. Comme son nom l'indique, votre club a été créé dans le but de combattre un mal qui affecte la société dans son ensemble. Expliquez nous votre démarche...**

Le club est le produit du *Youth Summit Against Corruption 2008* organisé par l'ICAC en collaboration avec le Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports. Le Sommet, au fait, nous a permis de jauger l'ampleur de la corruption sur le plan international et des conséquences qui en résultent. C'est ainsi que nous avons décidé de créer le club d'intégrité...

- 2. Qu'est-ce qui vous (les membres du Club) a poussé à participer dans le Community Integrity Award en 2009 alors que votre club fêtait seulement ces 6 mois d'existence?**

Au moment où l'*Award* fut médiatisé, on s'apprêtait à organiser une semaine d'intégrité dans la région de Pamplemousses pour marquer le lancement officiel du club. On a fini par se jeter à l'eau malgré le fait que le club était encore à ses premiers balbutiements. On l'a tout simplement pris comme un *challenge* vu qu'on menait déjà des actions concrètes pour sensibiliser les gens sur les méfaits de la corruption sur la société...

- 3. Racontez nous cette aventure...**

C'est suite à des rencontres multiples avec les membres du groupe qu'on est tombé d'accord sur le projet à être présenté. Les choix divergents ont enfin convergé vers le «*Community Awareness and Prevention Programme*» axé sur la sensibilisation et prévention des jeunes contre ce fléau. Et pourquoi ce choix ? Au cours de nos '*brainstorming sessions*' on a réalisé qu'on avait encore beaucoup à apprendre en matière de lutte contre la corruption. Et si nous (membres du groupe) ignorions

certains aspects élémentaires de la corruption alors qu'en est-il de ceux qui étaient encore dans l'ignorance totale? L'*Award* allait ainsi nous permettre d'être les ambassadeurs des valeurs anti-corruption auprès d'autres jeunes.

- 4. Comment cela vous a été bénéfique (à vous et à ceux ayant participé dans vos ateliers de travail) et surtout qu'avez vous retenu de votre participation à ce concours?**

Les ateliers de travail que nous avons organisé n'ont fait que raffermir, jour après jour, notre détermination à combattre la corruption. Cette aventure a aiguisé davantage l'intérêt que nous portions à ce sujet et a boosté notre motivation dans cette lutte silencieuse. Mais ce n'était que le premier pas dans cette démarche. Aujourd'hui, on est conscient qu'on a encore beaucoup à faire dans ce long cheminement afin de voir le triomphe du bien sur le mal.

- 5. Un des points proéminents de votre projet est de répliquer votre initiative dans huit autres régions de l'île. Pouvez-vous nous en dire davantage ?**

Le club est au fait un sous comité du Pamplemousses Regional Youth Council - une entité qui est placée sous l'égide du Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports. L'idée de perpétuer cette initiative dans d'autres régions de l'île a été favorablement accueillie auprès des Présidents des autres Regional Youth Councils. On est toujours en pourparlers avec les responsables concernés afin de matérialiser le projet dans un avenir proche. En tant que jeunes œuvrant pour un avenir meilleur, on croit fermement dans cette initiative qui certainement apportera sa contribution au développement d'une Ile Maurice encore plus propre et juste.



Major events 2006



2006 symbolized a crucial point for the YEP. During this phase, the endeavours were geared towards demonstrating through concrete practical activities, that youth participation can make the difference in creating change towards a corrupt free society. Various events were initiated by the ICAC and also upon requests of our key partners. The **National Youth Forum**, focused on *Youth in Action for a Corrupt-free Society*, mobilized a large chunk of our resources. It saw the participation of some 700 young persons coming from various spheres of activities. A micro-trottoir highlighting *Youth perception towards corruption* was presented during the forum.



Exhibition - Anti-Corruption Poster Competition



Role play by SOS Children's Village - Bambous

national youth forum



Major events 2006



Development of a micro-trottoir focused on Youth perception towards corruption



Symposium in the context of International Youth Day



Workshop with youth leaders in collaboration with the National Youth Council



Workshop at Cité Martial



Workshop for youth organised in collaboration with the Saint John Ambulance



Forum to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day



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Fresco Painting - Flacq Youth Centre



national youth forum



Major events 2007



The organisation of National Youth forum 2007 coincided with the last phase of the YEP. The event was focused on the following theme: *Be seen, Be heard: Youth Participation For Development*. The objective was to provide youth the opportunity to voice out their views and concerns regarding corruption, one of the world's most endemic problems and work out solutions in a unique, constructive and sustainable way. The structure of the National Youth Forum consisted of two distinct parts; the holding of five working sessions and the presentation of the outcomes of the working sessions and presentation of the findings of a survey to assess the impact of the YEP.



Winners of the Anti-Corruption Project Competition

Launching of 2nd issue of newsletter entitled 'YEP LINK'



Youth pondering on corruption issues during a working sessions



Young persons attending a talk at Cité Atlee



The 10 finalists of the Elocution Contest

national youth forum





Major events 2008

Some 90 motivated young persons coming from different walks of life, grouped in nine clusters, participated in the Youth Summit Against Corruption in October 2008 with the main objective to improve the understanding of youth regarding the anti-corruption movement on the international scene. All the related endeavours were articulated around the following theme: *Youth Against corruption: From voice to Action*. This event, organised by ICAC in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was the culmination of a series of intense interactive sessions starting some three months earlier.



Members of the Jury Panel



Cluster Pamplemousses singing the anthem of New Zealand



Cluster Port-Louis



Cluster Savanne

youth summit against corruption





National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group



Cluster Grand-Port



Cluster Rivière du Rempart presenting an anti-corruption fashion show



The Winning team – Cluster Plaine-Wilhems



Cluster Black River introducing a popular approach for children - the Rra Boanmaruri



Cluster Flacq



Cluster Moka



*Best reporter: Ms Kashinee Bunjun
Shield given by Mr I. Jheengut,
Chairman of the Jury panel*



*Gavin Soodin, local singer,
interpreting an anti-corruption song*

'Listen to voices inside'

*Listen to voices inside
How long can you hide
Guilty you will surely feel
As long as you cheat and steal
It's not too late
To wake up again
Open your eyes
Watch out,
or you're out*

*Poverty or greed, whichever the reason
Whatever you say, is there justification
It's time, to change our vision
Let's start the chain for right education
Cause it's not too late
To wake up again
Open your eyes
Watch out,
or you're out*

*A culture of values
The sharing of virtues
Ethics is our fight
To do what is right
So it's not too late
To wake up again
Open your eyes
Watch out,
or you're out*

*In goodness we believe
Justice to retrieve
Stand up for the true
It has been long due
For it's not too late,
To wake up again
Open your eyes
Watch out, or you're out
Watch out, or you're out
Watch out, or you're out*

**Lyrics of song composed by members
of Plaine-Wilhems Cluster
(Winner - Youth Summit Against
Corruption 2008)**





Mr Gowtam Raj Chintaram



Most Outstanding Young Person 2008 - Award organized by Junior Chamber International (JCI) Mauritius

"...Involuntarily many of us have witnessed or even been part of acts of corruption. Sometimes we do not realise when and how we get entangled in this web. I have had the chance to link up with the NAYWG and this indeed, have greatly groomed me in my endeavours in the civil society.

To you, my young friends, I wish to share Friedrich Nietzsche's quote - "The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently".

**Avishah Soobron,
Vice-President of
NAYWG**



1. *Being bankrupt is better than being corrupt!*
2. *Ill-gotten money never stays for long.*
3. *La corruption est une menace pour la société ainsi que pour votre famille.*

Medhav Goonjur

La corruption est une forme de pollution... combattons la pour vivre dans un environnement meilleur.



Youth in Action Programme at Chamarel

On 04 April 2008, the NAYWG organised a "Youth in Action" programme in the village of Chamarel. The main objective was to foster greater public intolerance towards corruption in the region.

The programme consisted of:

- (i) the holding of a working session with community leaders of the village,
- (ii) visit to St. Jacques R.C.A school to promote values such as integrity, responsibility, respect and citizenship,
- (iii) a door-to-door sensitization campaign and
- (iv) value-based activities depicting dangers of corruption held in the premises of the village hall.

In parallel, members of the NAYWG affixed posters in public places, distributed brochures and other anti-corruption tools to the inhabitants.



“Prendre les mesures qui s’imposent pour maintenir la corruption à un niveau contrôlable”

Entretien avec Marie Emilie Albert, gagnante du concours d’élocution (Rodrigues) 2009 organisé par l’ICAC et la Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports.

- 1. Aujourd’hui, en tant que jeune professionnel, comment perçois-tu le problème de la corruption sur la scène internationale?**

La corruption dénature les valeurs morales mais aussi entraîne des coûts considérables pour les pays concernés surtout si ces fonds proviennent du secteur public. En raison des actions malhonnêtes perpétrées par une poignée de personnes, ce sont les citoyens qui en payent le prix fort. Dans beaucoup de pays d’Afrique, par exemple, là où la corruption gagne du terrain, beaucoup d’investisseurs n’osent plus prendre le risque d’investir dans le public ou le privé. Par conséquent, cela freine le progrès et développement économique de ces pays déjà affaiblis par la pauvreté. A Maurice, heureusement que la situation n’est pas aussi alarmante. Mais il faut être vigilant et prendre les mesures qui s’imposent pour maintenir la corruption à un niveau contrôlable.

- 2. Plusieurs études internationales ont révélé que la société civile a un potentiel énorme pour faire reculer ce problème. Selon toi, comment les jeunes peuvent-ils jouer un rôle actif dans ce combat?**

Tout d’abord en mettant en pratique les valeurs telles l’intégrité, l’honnêteté et la responsabilité. Aussi, ils peuvent s’engager davantage en intégrant des groupes ou autre mouvement anti-corruption car ce sont eux les futurs leaders.

- 3. Dans le but d’apporter ta pierre à l’édifice anti-corruption, tu t’es inscrite à un concours d’élocution destiné aux jeunes de Rodrigues où tu as finalement décroché le premier prix. Raconte-nous cette expérience...**



C’était en effet très enrichissant. J’avais beaucoup de choses à dire à ce propos car ce sujet m’intriguait terriblement. Et ce fut la meilleure plateforme

qui s’offrait à moi pour m’exprimer ouvertement, quoique ces quelques minutes ne fussent pas suffisantes pour tout dire. Cependant, je dois reconnaître que l’ICAC m’a donné une occasion en or, et je salue cette initiative louable.

- 4. Comment cette aventure t’as-t-elle été bénéfique?**

Avec les nombreux livres que j’ai gagnés (*moi qui adore lire*), j’ai pu parfaire ma culture générale. Aussi, j’ai eu une chance incroyable car l’un de mes sujets d’examen en *General Paper (GP)* était axé sur la corruption. Puis, cela m’a beaucoup aidé à acquérir plus de confiance en moi. Ce qui m’a encouragé à participer à d’autres concours d’élocution. J’ai aussi appris beaucoup de choses sur ce fléau que je transmets maintenant à mes nombreux petits cousins et autres personnes dans mon entourage.



- 5. Quelles actions as-tu mené par la suite dans le but de promouvoir les idées développées durant ton exposé? (Le thème de l’intervention était comme suit: *The media, a key partner in the fight against corruption*).**

Quand j’ai l’occasion de passer à la radio ou la télé, je n’oublie pas de rappeler aux gens l’importance de militer ensemble contre la corruption... Etant membre du club de presse de mon collège- le *Rodrigues College*- je ne rate pas une occasion à travers mes articles pour alerter les jeunes sur ce mal qui devient un sujet préoccupant au niveau mondial.

- 6. Inviterais-tu d’autres jeunes à participer à des compétitions similaires?**

Bien sûr, ils en sortiront tous gagnants d’une façon ou d’une autre.

- 7. Pendant le concours, les neuf finalistes ont démontré l’intérêt de mettre sur pied un club d’intégrité regroupant quelques jeunes leaders/professionnels. Où en est ce projet?**

Au fait, on n’a pas vraiment eu l’occasion de se regrouper. Mais ce serait formidable si nous pouvions concrétiser ce projet dans un avenir proche.

- 8. Un dernier mot...**

Vous êtes l’avenir de demain ... alors restons intègre et combattons ensemble la corruption pour un future prospère.

Major events 2009

2009 saw the involvement of youth in a blend of events such as the organisation of a workshop for youth in the context of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the kick-off of a 'Make-A-Pledge - Signing Up Campaign' at Bon Accueil State College, Elocution Contest in Rodrigues, the launching of the 3rd issue of YEP LINK, and the organisation of a value-based activity focused on different artistic approaches to promote integrity in the context of the International Anti-Corruption Day. The principles of an Integrity Charter for youth were also unveiled during the event. The philosophy behind the staircase model is to demonstrate that there are several steps to climb before reaching the ultimate goal that is; being a role model.



Speech by Mr R. Toulouse,
Project Officer, DCP/EU



Soyons Patriotique



Fashion show vehiculing
anti-corruption messages



Sketch on
"Dire NON à la corruption"
performed by Kel Fami Trup



Soyons Patriotique
énonçons les Corrupteurs
et les Corrompus



Song by Gaëtan Raynal SSS Drama Club



Vachan Ramloghun,
Membre du NAYWG

1. Notre générosité et notre volonté envers la société reflétera notre force !
2. Nous respecterons tous les principes et les lois d'une société non-corrompue.
3. Chek ou action avant li vinn ene corruption !
4. Ene action kapav empeche corruption.
5. The only way to keep your mind free is to keep it free from corruptive thoughts!



Boodan Ultra Devi,
NAYWG Member

How long can one cherish money more than everything else? NAYWG shows how to cherish integrity to the burgeoning youth.



Yashoda Auchombit,
Membre du NAYWG

Na pa laisse toi tombe dan piège corruption pou to réalise to bane rêves ek pou réussir dan la vie. Céki pren chemin zépingle pou zouène bolom loulou ek céki pren chemin zégui pou arrive so destination avek ene gran sourire.





Major events 2009



“ O my Lord,

*Purify my thoughts,
my words, my deeds
and guide me to serve
my motherland in
a spirit of unity and
devotion.*

*Let not the evil of
corruption tempt me in
my daily endeavours.*

*Bless me with your
divine power to stand
against corruption ever
bold and determined.*

*Kindle the light of
peace, justice, liberty
and humanity in my
heart.*

So, help me God ”

By Mr. Beegun Neerunjun
School facilitator at
Bon Accueil State College

**(Winner of Anti-corruption
Project Competition 2007)**



Some representatives of the Student Council of Bon Accueil State College reading an anti-corruption pledge which was echoed by 700 youth present.



elocution contest in rodrigues





Empowering youth through an artistic approach



The winning team -
National Anti-Corruption Sketch Competition 2009:
Gaëtan Raynal Drama Club

Creating a generation of graft busters is the most reliable way to pave the way for the emergence of a culture of integrity. And this is precisely one of the objectives of the *Youth in Action Programme* launched in May 2010. The focus is to empower the youth against corruption and allow them to consolidate the national youth anti-corruption network in order to better fight corruption with the support of the ICAC. To mark the International Youth Day celebrated on 12 August 2010, the ICAC, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Arts and Culture organized the 2nd edition of a Sketch Competition on the theme “*Say NO to Corruption*”.

This national competition allowed 1500 young persons to get acquainted with the dangers of corruption through the artistic medium of sketch. The preliminaries which took place over three days, and held a week prior to the final outlined in varied ways the different forms of corruption such as bribery, favoritism, conflict of interests and the effects of corruption on the family which was a theme explored in the scripts of the 2nd



The winning team –
Anti-Corruption Youth Sketch Competition 2010:
Rabindranath Tagore State Secondary School

Runner up *L'Espoir-Goodlands Youth Centre* and the *Young Rovers-The Youth on the Move of Black River District council* (winner of the 3rd prize). It must be pointed out that the three selected groups for the final benefited from professional advice from officers of the Ministry of Arts and Culture during a polishing exercise held prior to the final.

The grand winner of the competition, warmly applauded by an audience of 400 young persons/artists, was a group of students from *Rabindranath Tagore State Secondary School* who pictured the effects of corruption on a personal, individual level and its wider implications. The Most Outstanding Performer went to Mr Bridge Bhugeloo from the Saint Mary's Drama Club.

The first edition of the Competition, in 2009, saw the participation of 25 groups involving 220 young persons. The Gaëtan Raynal Drama Club was awarded the first prize and Ms Julia Marimootoo was designated the Most Outstanding Performer by the Jury Panel.



Major events 2010



Run the flame of INTEGRITY

With a view to give a strong signal regarding the necessity to support and sustain the national anti-corruption movement, the ICAC in collaboration with other key stakeholders organized an event focused on the following theme: **Run the Flame of INTEGRITY** to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day 2010. The event was held on 09 December 2010 in the yard of the Municipal Council of Rose-Hill. Two professional athletes Widaad Gokhool and Khemraj Naiko lit up the flame of INTEGRITY prior to the holding of a show whereby local artists were invited to present value-based items.



The kick-off...



Led by the police Band



Dance by Montagne Blanche Youth Centre



System R Group joining the anti-corruption movement



Sketch by Komiko trup

snapshot



Major events 2010

The launching of an Integrity Charter bearing guiding principles for youth was held in June 2010 at the Municipal Council of Port-Louis. The charter was worked out by some youth leaders coming from different spheres of life to arm youth in a position of influence with the relevant tools to consolidate the anti-corruption web.

The principles of the Charter (a staircase model) were then discussed in-depth during interventions focused on 'Youth and ethics' which form part of a Leadership course offered by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, targeting youth leaders throughout the island.

The main steps of the model include the following elements: *adoption of sound attitudes and ethical behaviours, upholding high ethical standards, promotion of anti-corruption values, undertaking concrete preventive actions at different levels, denunciation of alleged acts of corruption and resistance to all forms of corruption and other malpractices ...*



Official ceremony for the launching of the Charter in the presence of Hon. Satyaprakash Ritoo, Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Achim Schaffert, Head of Mauritius Section/ European Union Commission and Mrs R.Domah, Director of Corruption Prevention and Education Division of ICAC

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International Empowerment Programme

EUROPEAN UNION

Charte d'Intégrité pour Les Jeunes

The Charter

Empowerment of youth is a key element of ICAC's endeavour to bring about sustainable change in the present socio-economic set-up. Youth should be effectively empowered and guided to resist corruption and uphold best practice in all their dealings.

Guiding principles are thus basic requirements for young persons to nurture a culture of integrity, taking into consideration their critical age. Accordingly, this flyer has been designed to provide youth leaders, in various settings, essential guidelines to fight corruption, promote good governance within youth organisations and encourage integrity among their respective communities.

The unveiling of the charter was held in the context of International Anti-Corruption Day 2010.

La corruption est un danger pour notre société. Ensemble, combattons ce fléau

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The Philosophy behind the Charter

The philosophy behind the staircase model is to demonstrate that there are several steps to climb before reaching the ultimate goal that is: being a role model.

The main steps of the staircase model include the following elements:

- Adoption of sound attitudes and ethical behaviours
- Upholding high ethical standards
- Promotion of anti-corruption values
- Undertaking concrete preventive actions at different levels
- Denunciation of alleged acts of corruption
- Resistance to all forms of corruption and other malpractices ...

Acknowledgement

The Integrity Charter for youth is an initiative of the National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group (NAYWG) which falls under the aegis of the ICAC.

The development of the Charter has benefitted from the invaluable input of:

- Mr Syam Muthoo, President of Rotaract Club of Quatre Bornes
- Ms Nivasha Reddy Appada, Social worker
- Ms Shivani Venkateswamy, Social Worker, Coordinator of Absolute Poverty Unit - National Empowerment Foundation
- Mr Minal Soharaj, Former President of the NAYWG
- Mr Ashley Goonje, Representative of Finière du Rempart (Youth) Cluster
- Ms Utra Devi Sooban, Member of NAYWG and Team leader of Finière du Rempart (Youth) Cluster
- Mr Dewendra Dooka, Member of the NAYWG
- Ms Yashoda Auchombit, President of the NAYWG

Ideas & Suggestions

Here are some suggestions to help you better promote the identified guiding principles at the level of your organisation/club/association:

- Implementation of concrete provincial projects, focused on commitment to integrity building
- Organisation of activities (for example, focus empowerment sessions targeting youth) articulated around each of the fundamental principles highlighted in the charter by ICAC
- Drafting of a code of conduct for members of your organisation. The principles highlighted in the charter should be the pillars of the code.
- Inclusion of the principles of the Charter in materials (such as flyers, brochures, posters, amongst others) developed by your organisation
- Putting anti-corruption issues high on the agenda of your organisation.

If you want to join hands together to foster a culture of integrity, please contact us now.

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Nothing is of just sacred but the integrity of your own mind. - Ashoka World Wisdom

integrity charter



MESSAGES FROM FORMER PRESIDENTS



“Our life is a journey towards perfection of our inner self and threading the right path to achieve our goals. In order to attain these, we have to make choices and to believe in ourselves. The people we meet and the experiences lived have a high influence on our behaviour. In this way, my adventure with the NAYWG started six years back as an inexperienced teen and by now I have grown as a matured young adult who can fearlessly accept challenges and to help others to achieve same. The experiences lived as NAYWG member have been beneficial for my personal and professional development.

The NAYWG is a platform providing for youth interaction and expression around corruption and anti-corruption matters. The sense of team spirit and sharing of experiences have helped the NAYWG to overcome many obstacles to achieve many of its targets. Consequently, the NAYWG brings both education and entertainment together to sensitize the young people. As former President of the NAYWG, I was able to demonstrate my leadership skills and to develop more social skills with the other members as well as to achieve our targets. Everything is possible if we have a sense of commitment and believe in ourselves. The journey has just started and this can only happen if every being unite with others to bring this major change we all dream of...

This magazine is a means to say thank you to all those who have accompanied and helped us throughout this journey”.

Long live NAYWG
Long live our Motherland

Yashoda Auchombit (Ms)
Former President of NAYWG (2008 – 2009)
and member of NAYWG



“Le National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group (NAYWG) se révéla être une expérience hors du commun. La nouveauté de cette lutte d’un autre genre, nous garantissait, à chaque fois, une audience plus qu’enthousiaste et c’était à nous, le NAYWG, de démontrer notre engagement à inculquer les valeurs dîtes nobles en essayant de travailler pour une jeunesse encore plus épanouie, certes, mais intègre dans l’âme et dans ses actions. La lutte a commencé et ne devrait connaître aucun répit. C’est donc avec un certain regret que j’ai passé le flambeau à d’autres jeunes mais sans pour autant m’être assuré que la relève était là, prête à se jeter à l’eau, pour une guerre sans merci contre la corruption. Je m’associe à eux pour leur souhaiter bon courage’.

Amicalement vôtre

Mrinal Sohoraye (Mons.)
Ex-Président du NAYWG (2004 – 2008)



« To all Mauritians ...
Be honest and trustworthy.
Always adhere to your words and commitments.
Support the truth.
Never be indulged in any corrupt act neither let anyone commit such offence.
Uphold the law and report corrupt acts.
Corruption affects the lives of everyone. It is high time we realize what a corrupt act means to others and our rights are being trampled”.

Roshan Bunoomally (Mr),
Former President of NAYWG (2009)
and member of NAYWG

Anti-Corruption tools

Over and above ICAC's on-going campaign targeting youth, the issuing of newsletter YEP (Youth Empowerment Programme) LINK has become a recurrent feature of the National Anti-Corruption Youth Working Group (NAYWG).

The following components and rubrics are as follows:

- Initiatives undertaken by youth to foster a culture of integrity on a national and regional basis
- Important figures to remember
- Information pertaining to modus operandi of ICAC and some provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PoCA).
- Article by youth
- A critical analysis of major events

The objective of the newsletter, conceived by members of the NAYWG, is to ease the process of sharing of views and concerns about corruption and related issues among youth community.



Official launching of the newsletter in 2006

3rd issue - 2009



1st issue - 2006



2nd issue - 2007



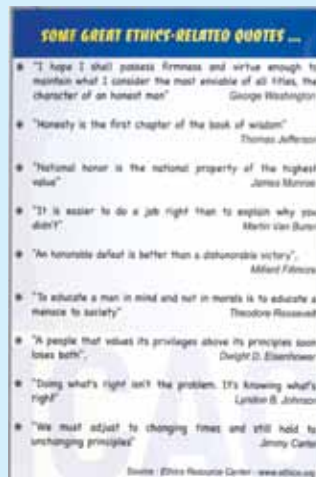
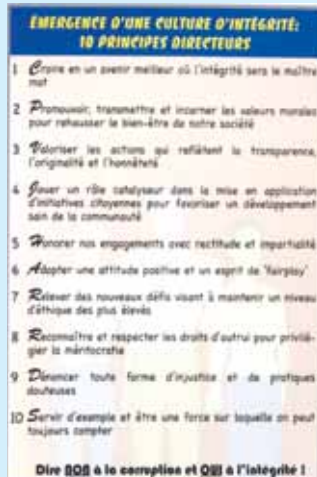
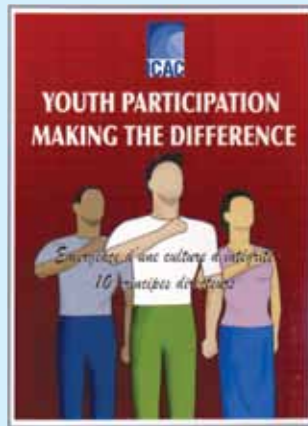
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Emergence d'une culture d'intégrité

Les 10 principes directeurs

- Croire en un avenir meilleur
- Oeuvrer pour un développement sain et intégral de la communauté
- Promouvoir, transmettre et incarner les valeurs morales
- Valoriser les actions qui reflètent la transparence, l'originalité et l'honnêteté
- Honorer nos engagements avec rectitude et impartialité
- Promouvoir le 'fairplay'
- Respecter les droits d'autrui pour privilégier la méritocratie
- Maintenir un niveau d'éthique des plus élevés
- Dénoncer toute forme d'injustice et de pratiques douteuses
- Servir d'exemple



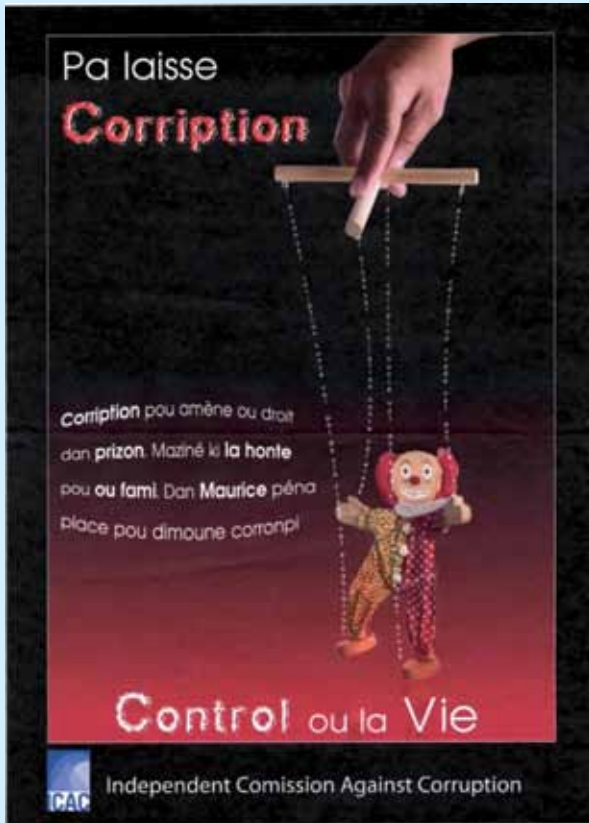
Dire **NON** à la corruption et **OUI** à l'intégrité

« Agis toujours en bien, tu feras plaisir à quelques-uns et tu étonneras les autres »,

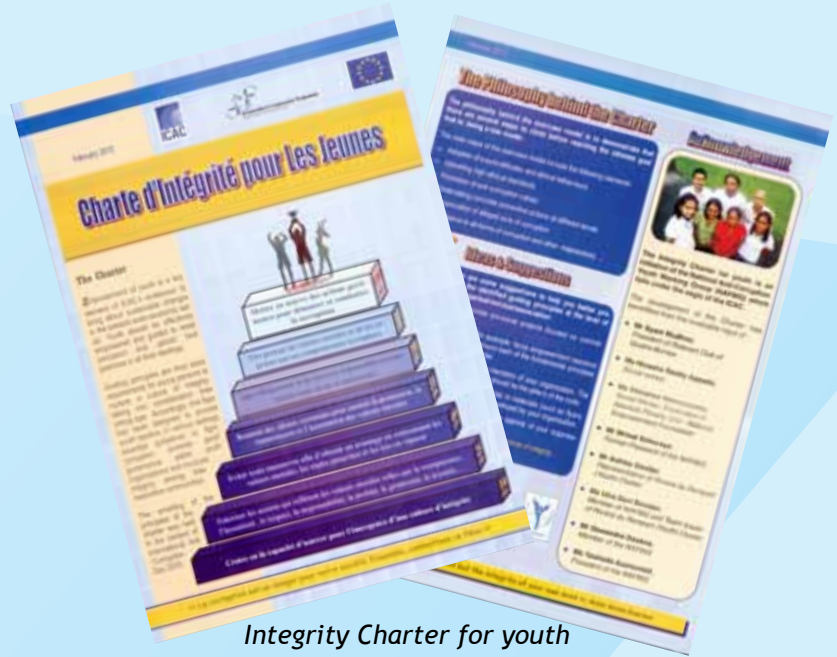
Mark Twain



Anti-Corruption tools*



Designed by Juno Gentil,
Winner of Anti-Corruption Poster
Competition 2006



Integrity Charter for youth



Brochure 'Avek Nou péna simin'

*The materials produced are downloadable on www.icac.mu



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Recommended websites and related links

- Independent Commission Against Corruption www.icac.mu
- Global Change Makers www.global-changemakers.net
- Transparency International www.transparency.org
- U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre www.u4.no
- Youth Network www.youthnetwork.com
- Hong Kong Ethics Development Centre www.icac.org.hk/hkedc



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