

# Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Effective Implementation: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AU Agenda 2063

## Integrity in Corruption Prevention

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Background



Context: SA, Africa and Global



Impact of corruption on policy goals -  
UNSDGs and NDP, AU 2030



Interventions: Integrity

# Context: Africa & Global



• Feb 2024: UNSG - World most polarised, insecure and unsafe, since WW2, greatest trust deficit between citizens and leaders.



• Multiple geopolitical crises and conflicts.



• Declining morals, ethics, values based leadership



• Social ills laid bare: extreme hunger, poverty, inequality and greed crime and corruption.



• Jan 2024 - TICPI worsening corruption impacting human rights and social justice. Resurgence of civil society activism globally youth.



• Policy status on UNSDGs and NDP - Vision 2030 derailed, 15%, other Pact for Future, Moonshot 3.

***Corruption is the single biggest threat impeding development, progress, human rights, freedom and exacerbating poverty, inequality, conflict, and threatening global peace, prosperity and security for all - women bear greatest brunt***



# What is corruption ?

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# Corruption defined....



- A complex, multifaceted problem with multiple causes and effects.



- Abuse of power/abuse of office.



- Use of public resources for personal gain.



- Form of dishonest or unethical conduct by a person of authority.



- The act or effect of making someone or something morally depraved.



- Wrongdoing on the part of an authority or powerful party through means that are illegitimate, immoral, or incompatible with ethical standards.

# Categories of corruption

**01** | Grand corruption

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**02** | Bureaucratic corruption

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**03** | Political corruption

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**04** | Petty corruption

**05** | Management corruption

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**06** | Principal-Agent corruption

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**07** | Economic/Financial corruption

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**08** | White collar crime

# Types of corruption

Fraud

Bribery

Extortion

Cronyism

Embezzlement

Money laundering

Nepotism

Patronism

Skimming

Kickbacks

# Consequences of corruption



*June 2022, CJ Zondo, State capture and grand corruption – caused by massive deficit of integrity and accountability.*



"Corruption kills. Money stolen through corruption every year is enough to feed the world's hungry 80 times over... Corruption denies them their right to food and, in some cases, their right to life," Navi Pillay, UNHCHR, 2013.



# Consequences of corruption

Consequences  
for the economy

Consequences  
for development

Consequences  
for government

Consequences  
business

Consequences  
for international  
donors and  
investors

*Nov 2023 NACAC, CJ Zondo, "The levels of corruption in our country have reached completely unacceptable proportions, and unless something very drastic and effective is done soon, we will have no country worth calling our home."*

# Strategies to reduce corruption

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Anti-corruption institutions

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Civil service reforms for example reinforcing code of ethics/conduct

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Strengthening judicial independence

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Promoting and protecting whistle blowers

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Anti-corruption legislation

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Citizens' empowerment

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Media reforms

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Building and integrating human values in our own lives

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# What is integrity ?

THE FAMOUS  
QUOTATION  
ABOUT DOING  
THE RIGHT  
THING EVEN  
WHEN NO ONE  
IS WATCHING

DOING WHAT IS  
RIGHT, EVERY  
TIME!

ADHERING  
CONSISTENTLY  
TO MORAL  
PRINCIPLES  
AND VALUES IN  
WORD AND  
DEED

HONESTY AND  
BUILDING  
TRUST

# Integrity translating into:

01

Consistency of  
actions, processes  
and principles

02

Ethical  
consistency

03

Open reflection  
on morals

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Solidity and  
wholeness

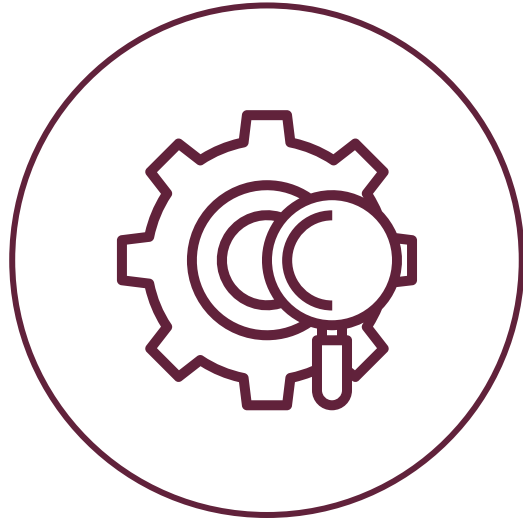
# Integrity as a value



# Different types of integrity related to conduct

- Societal
- Personal
- Professional
- Organizational
- Political
- Academic

# Importance of integrity



Foundation of trust,  
credibility, and respect  
in relationships,  
whether personal or  
professional



Commitment to ethical  
behavior



Helps to build strong  
relationships based on  
mutual respect and  
trust



Long-term Success

# Elements of an Integrity System

Achievable and effective anti-corruption strategies

Functional Anti-Corruption agencies

Adherence to codes of conduct

Compliance, oversight mechanisms

Public awareness and public participation

Monitoring and evaluation

Enforcing lifestyle audits

Disclosures of Gifts/assets/income

Agile and resilient civil society

Role of media

Procurement systems in place

Removing people permanently from public service

Consequence management

Naming and shaming

Effective judicial processes



# Success Factors

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Strengthen ethical training

Regular audits

Disclosures and disclosure systems

Transparent decision making

Committed political leadership

Public involvement and public education

Reinforcing values-based culture and start teaching values in schools

Performance targets must be met

Accountability measures must be in place and enforced

Legal reforms in the protection of whistleblowers

Appointment of Ethics Officers, creation of ethics committees

# Lessons and best practices



Consistent ethical behaviour in leadership enhances organisational culture.



Encourage openness, transparency, and accountability at all levels of society.



Integrity requires fairness and the avoidance of personal gain at the expense of others.



Policies should reward those who demonstrate integrity and penalise corruption.

# Examples of leaders with integrity

**Nelson  
Mandela**

- ✓ Known for his moral stance and consistent integrity in both his political and personal life.

**Mahatma  
Gandhi**

- ✓ Advocated non-violence and integrity in leadership to lead social change.

**Angela  
Merkel**

- ✓ Admired for her honesty and transparency during her tenure as German Chancellor.

**Ruth  
Bader  
Ginsburg**

- ✓ Demonstrated unwavering integrity in her pursuit of justice and equality.

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