

INTEGRITY CLUBS ON THE MOVE

FOMIC POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY SETS THE PACE

The Integrity Club of FOMIC Polytechnic University, a higher learning institution based in Douala and Buea, has already kick-started its activities for 2022 with the installation of a new Executive and on campus mobilisation.



The promotion of integrity as a core value has been the driving force for the National Anti-Corruption Commission, CONAC, as the Institution makes moves to ensure the existence and proper functioning of Integrity Clubs in universities and other institutions of higher learning.

CONAC recently undertook measures to engage University Communities in the fight against corruption in the country, through the creation and revamping of Integrity Clubs and the promotion of club activities, both in public and private Institutions. The initiative gained momentum after a training workshop was organized by CONAC in Yaounde, on October 15th, 2020. Over 70 Integrity Club leaders, drawn from some 40 higher learning institutions across the country, were drilled on the notions of corruption and integrity and on how to promote the fight against corruption within their res-

pective university campuses.

A few weeks after the training, CONAC proceeded with the installation of integrity club leaders in their various institutions and handed them instructions and material to operate. They were called to serve as focal points in the fight against corruption.

Almost a year down the lane, some Clubs have distinguished themselves as veritable instruments for the fight against corruption in the varsity milieu and beyond. Such is the case with the Integrity Club at FOMIC Polytechnic University with campuses in Buea and Douala. The Club, which saw the light on February 16, 2021 with the installation of the first Executive Committee by the Chairman of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Rev. Dr. Dieudonné MASSI GAMS, has covered grounds through a series of sensitization activities aimed at promoting

ethics and integrity. Its activities have contributed to scale up students' academic performance and promote ethics.

With the graduation of some of the Executive Committee members from the Institution at the end of last academic year, the enthusiastic members of the Club have already put in place a new leadership to ensure continuity. This was on Wednesday 19th January, 2022.

As the Club intends to effectively implement its plan of action for the ongoing Academic year, it is expected that the Integrity Clubs in other institutions that are yet to make their impact felt would follow suit.

By massively engaging youths, especially those in universities against corruption through the promotion of integrity education, the National Anti-Corruption Commission seeks to guarantee a corruption-free society in Cameroon.

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DROP IN INDISCIPLINE, IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE...

Ms Laurentine NJIE, President of the FOMIC Polytechnic University Integrity Club, talks of the importance and impact of the Integrity Club of her Institution.

How did you welcome the idea of having an Integrity Club in your Institution?

One of the core missions of FOMIC Polytechnic University is to train and produce professionals who will serve and lead others in the society with Integrity. We were privileged, to be assisted by CONAC, to create an Integrity Club within the Institution. The initiative was highly welcome, most especially for students who hate illicit practices.

Tell us about the impact the Club has had on students and the entire Institution so far?

The Integrity Club has impacted the students and even the teaching and administrative staff through its activities. We have carried out a series of awareness raising campaigns on the dangers of illicit practices; be it in the school environment or at home. The most recent was a Club meeting we organized on campus on Wednesday 19th January, 2022, during which CONAC

T-shirts and other anti-corruption gadgets were distributed to new Club members. The encounter created awareness to newly admitted students and new staff members on the existence of the Club. Similarly, parents who have children in our Institution have testified about positive changes in the attitudes of their offspring ever since they joined the Integrity Club.

Has there been any impact on academic performances?

The feedback on campus has been positive. Lecturers talk of improved academic performance of students especially Integrity Club members. The Administration also reveals that there has been a drop in the number of cases of indiscipline and so on. Certain attitudes, such as cheating during examination, are virtually non-existent. In all, more and more students are joining the Club to become front line actors in the fight against corruption. We are on a good footing to making FOMIC Polytechnic University a citadel of integrity.

What is your Plan of Action for this Academic year?

Our emphasis is on the promotion of ethics. Each and every student should be able to master and obey the Code of Conduct of

FOMIC Polytechnic University. We have been richly inspired by the CONAC Code of Ethics which we received in good quantity and which is in the possession of every member of the club and administration. We are tapping from there to see how we can make our campus a community of morally upright citizens. You know, we didn't become members of the Integrity Club because we just wanted to belong. Rather, it was because of our strong conviction to stop illicit practices and promote honesty, loyalty, commitment and above all, educate ourselves on how to develop our ethical and moral values; given that we live in a society where corruption is at its peak.

What contributions do you expect from CONAC?

We would like CONAC to organize more seminars where we can be able to learn more on maintaining integrity and good leadership. Also, we will expect CONAC to accompany us in some of the activities we organize on campus such as sensitization talks, open days, etc.. The presence of CONAC in our activities will create more impact. We would equally like that CONAC puts at the disposal of the Integrity Club, sensitization gadgets on a regular basis.

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ROLE ET ATTRIBUTIONS D'UN CLUB D'INTEGRITE

La création des Clubs d'Intégrité dans les Etablissements secondaires et universitaires est préconisée dans le Programme National d'Education à l'Intégrité, élaboré par la CONAC en 2010, comme instrument de lutte contre la corruption et promotion des valeurs d'Intégrité, surtout dans le milieu de la jeunesse.

Définition

Un Club d'Intégrité est un mouvement associatif, une plateforme associative et un cadre d'échange et de partage de connaissances, d'aptitudes et de pratiques en vue de promouvoir l'intégrité.

But et objectifs

Le principal but du Club d'Intégrité est de promouvoir et vulgariser les principes et valeurs d'Education à l'Intégrité en milieu jeune.

A travers les Clubs d'Intégrité, il est question d'aider les membres et principalement tous les jeunes à :

- s'approprier les objectifs et les dispositions du Programme National d'Education à l'Intégrité (PNEI) dont l'ambition est de faire de chaque jeune Camerounais et Camerounaise une sentinelle d'intégrité ;
- adopter et promouvoir les principes et valeurs d'éthique et d'intégrité ;
- promouvoir la paix et le développement durable ;
- contribuer à faire du Cameroun un pays où l'intégrité constitue une valeur capitale pour tout citoyen.

Attributions d'un Club d'Intégrité

Un Club d'Intégrité a pour missions de :

- sensibiliser sur les dangers des actes et pratiques illicites ;
- éduquer à l'intégrité en vue de l'adoption des attitudes et comportements éthiquement corrects ;
- dénoncer les comportements déviants et autres pratiques contraires à l'éthique et à l'intégrité.

CAN TotalEnergies Cameroun 2021

LES AFFICHES DE LA CONAC DANS LES AÉROPORTS ET VILLE HÔTES APPRÉCIÉES

La Commission Nationale Anti-Corruption a mené une campagne baptisée « CAN TotalEnergies Cameroun 2021 Sans Corruption » pendant l'événement sportif qui s'est déroulé du 9 janvier au 6 février 2022 au Cameroun.



La CONAC a montré l'image d'un « Cameroun sans corruption ». Telle est l'appréciation d'un Camerounais qui a appelé sur la Ligne Verte de l'Institution le 07 février 2022, au lendemain de la fin de la CAN TotalEnergies Cameroun 2021. Cette appréciation, dit-il, est motivée par la campagne de communication menée par l'Institution pendant cet événement sportif international.

Lancée à l'Aéroport de Bafoussam-Bamoungoum, le mercredi 29 décembre 2021 par le Rév. Dr Dieudonné MASSI GAMS, Président de l'Institution, cette

campagne consistait à poser des Roll-ups dans les Aéroports Internationaux de Yaoundé, de Douala et de Garoua, et l'aéroport national de Bafoussam-Bamoungoum.

Le message véhiculé par la CONAC était : « Pour une CAN TotalEnergies sans corruption, disons non à toute forme de corruption et de tricherie et dénonçons tout acte de corruption à la CONAC ». Ce message figurait aussi sur les affiches publicitaires posées dans les villes de Bafoussam, Limbé, Buea, Douala, Yaoundé et Garoua, sites des compéti-

tions. Les supports de communication utilisés portent également le Numéro Vert de la CONAC, le 1517, à travers lequel le public pouvait appeler et dénoncer gratuitement des actes de corruption.

Cette campagne visait à sensibiliser davantage les citoyens sur la nécessité de combattre la corruption, et à rassurer les visiteurs et acteurs du football, sur l'effectivité et l'efficacité de la lutte contre la corruption au Cameroun. La veille anti-corruption organisée par la CONAC a couvert toute la période de la 33^{ème} édition de la Coupe d'Afrique des

Nations, CAN TotalEnergies 2021 qui s'est jouée du 9 janvier au 6 février 2022.

A l'occasion du Championnat d'Afrique des Nations (CHAN), la CONAC avait déjà conduit une campagne du même genre, du 11 au 14 janvier 2021, dans les villes de Yaoundé, Douala, Buea et Limbé. Ces compétitions internationales offrent au pays hôte une vitrine pour valoriser son image et attirer de potentiels investisseurs. La CONAC a cru devoir rassurer l'opinion internationale de la volonté politique réelle du Cameroun d'éradiquer la corruption.

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AFCON TotalEnergies Cameroon 2021

THESE ANTI-CORRUPTION NOTICES THAT REASSURED VISITORS

International sports competitions are a window for investments as they project the image of the host country and attract international investors. Interest in a country can however be dampened if investors know the field of play is not level.

It was to reinforce sensitisation of the masses on the need to fight against corruption and to reassure visitors of the effectiveness of the Anti-Corruption drive in Cameroon that the National Anti-Corruption Commission decided to organise a communication campaign during the AFCON TotalEnergies Cameroon 2021 that held in the country from January 09 to February 06, 2022.

It comprised putting up anti-corruption Billboards in towns that were hosting the different pools of the competition; notably, Bafoussam, Douala, Garoua, Limbe-Buea and

On the occasion of the AFCON TotalEnergies Cameroon 2021, the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Cameroon carried out a campaign dubbed "AFCON TotalEnergies Cameroon 2021 Without Corruption" that sought to reassure visitors of the effectiveness of the Anti-Corruption drive in Cameroon.

Yaounde and Roll Ups at International and national airports. The first Roll-

CONAC billboard in Limbe.

Up to launch the campaign was mounted at the Bafoussam-Bamoungoum Airport by the Chairman of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Rev. Dr. Dieudonné MASSI GAMS on December 29, 2021.

All the communication and sensitisation gadgets carried CONAC's message including the Commission's

Toll-free number, 1517, through which the public could call and denounce all acts of corruption free-of-charge.

During the African Nations Championship, CHAN, CONAC carried out similar activities in the towns of Douala, Limbe and Yaounde from the 4th to 14th of January, 2021.

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