

COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY CAMEROON'S NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (CONAC/CAMEROON)

On 09 December 2020, Cameroon, through the National Anti-Corruption Commission (CONAC), joined the international Community to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day. Held in Bafoussam, City of the Western Region, the celebration of the 2020 edition of this important day was dedicated to the fight against corruption on the roads.

Therefore, as a prelude to the celebration itself, highlighted by a protocol ceremony held in the Governor's Office of the Western Region, two Quick Response Action (A.I.R) teams were deployed. Two Rapid Intervention Action (R.I.A.) teams composed of CONAC personnel assisted by agents of the Special Control Division of the General Delegation for National Security Services and the Military Security Division of the Ministry of Defense, carried out a groundbreaking mission on 7, 8, and 9 December 2020, in order to observe possible cases of flagrant corruption at the road checkpoints of the Law Enforcement Forces, Water and Forestry agents, at the Toll Stations, Weighing Stations and in road prevention activities.

I. The objective of the activities carried out

The objective of the activities carried out by CONAC on this occasion was to commemorate, as the other States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the International Day dedicated to raising awareness among citizens in the fight against corruption and popularising the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. To this end, CONAC has therefore targeted the transport sector where acts of corruption occur in flagrance, in order to increase the critical mass of positive actors ready to say no to corruption in this area.

The activities of the A.I.R. teams.

- It is important to note that the Rapid Intervention Actions (R.I.A.) enable CONAC to deploy rapidly on the ground in order to establish cases of flagrante de facto corruption and similar offences ;
- During the raids carried out on the roads, A.I.R. teams travelled along national roads N° 3 (Yaoundé-Douala), N° 4 (Yaoundé-Bafoussam), N° 5 (Bekoko-Bafoussam) and N° 10 (Yaoundé-Akonolinga)
During this operation, they have :
- noted the misappropriation of public funds at the Toll Stations through the non-payment by some motorists of sums due and the sale of false toll tickets;
- caught in flagrante delicto corrupting elements of the forces of maintenance of law and order, as well as users of the public highway at road checkpoints;
- arrested individuals caught in flagrante delicto for corruption and illegal exercise of road prevention activities;
- seized a total sum of FCFA 147,000 (one hundred and forty-seven thousand), the proceeds of corruption.

Following these actions, A.I.R. teams took the following measures:

- Motorists who had not paid the toll fees were forced to pay a fine, in accordance with the regulations in force;
- eight (08) individuals caught in the act of bribery and selling fake toll tickets were handed over to police units for further investigation and legal action;
- the sums seized, the proceeds of corruption, were paid into the public treasury;
- the Law Enforcement Agencies met at road checkpoints and road prevention officers were made aware of the harmful consequences of corruption and the need to abandon bad behavior, particularly the scamming of road users.



Awareness-raising campaign for road safety officers



Awareness-raising session for the forces of law and order

III- Protocol ceremony

The Protocol ceremony to commemorate the 17th edition of the International Anti-Corruption Day took place in the Conference Room of the Services of the Governor of the Western Region, under the co-presidency of the Governor of the Region and the President of CONAC, in the presence of regional officials of public and para-public services of the Western Region. This ceremony was marked by four major events: the welcome address by the Mayor of the City of Bafoussam, the Governor's speech, the special communication by the President of CONAC and the presentation of the updated Website of CONAC.



Group photo during the ceremony

After all, the activities commemorating the International Anti-Corruption Day, CONAC has to its account a number of outstanding actions likely to dissuade corrupt practices on the roads.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE NATIONALE DE LUTTE CONTRE LA FRAUDE ET LA CORRUPTION (OFNAC/SENEGAL) TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

In the context of the commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day scheduled for 9 December each year, the National Office for the Fight against Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC) has commemorated this day by a national campaign of fifteen days from 9 to 24 December 2020. This period was highlighted by the organization of anti-corruption prevention activities in various sectors of activity in Dakar and Thiès due to the health crisis caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

For this reason, OFNAC celebrated December 9, 2020 with a ceremony to open the fortnight's activities held at the High Institute of Management (ISM) of Mbour Department, in the Thiès region. This ceremony was attended by the administrative, municipal, religious and customary authorities of the said department as well as students and staff of the ISM of Mbour who were strongly involved in the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day.

Also, in order to sensitise the administration, teachers and students on the principles of transparency, integrity and avoidance of fraud and corruption in education, OFNAC, in partnership with the same Institute, held a workshop for sharing and exchange in the form of a panel on December 10, 2020 in the buildings of the aforementioned Institute.

In the same spirit, OFNAC, in partnership with the National Financial Information Processing Unit (CENTIF), assessed "the effects of fraud and corruption in the financial sector" through an exchange and sharing workshop held on 15 December 2020.

Also in order to improve the capacity of students from the elite schools to prevent and fight corruption, three flagship activities were carried out with the Judicial Training Centre (CFJ) in Dakar, the National Administration School in Dakar (ENA) and the National Gendarmerie Officers School (EOGN) on 17, 19 and 22 December 2020 respectively.

With the CFJ, a panel rich in communications on the theme "Fighting corruption through an efficient and effective judicial system" was moderated by experts from the Ministry of Justice and the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP) reviewing the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

With ENA, experts from the Ministry of Finance and Budget facilitated a conference on "anti-corruption mechanisms in reception administrations".

With EOGN, a conference on "mechanisms for fighting corruption in the military corps: example of the Gendarmerie", was led by an expert from the National Gendarmerie.

This national anti-corruption 15-day campaign ended on 24 December 2020 with a workshop on the vulnerabilities to corruption in the civil registry sector in Senegal. The aim was to map the risks of corruption in the said sector with a view to highlighting recommendations to improve governance in the sector.



Mrs. Seynabou Ndiaye DIAKHATE, President of OFNAC (in blue), during the opening ceremony of the 4th edition of the national anti-corruption fortnight on the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day.



Students from the Mbour Institute of Management, attending the opening ceremony.



Sharing and exchange workshop on "the misdeeds of fraud and corruption in the financial sector", held on 15 December 2020 in continuation of the activities of the national fortnight of the fight against corruption



Speech of Mrs. Seynabou Ndiaye DIAKHATE, Presidente of OFNAC



The Director General of the financial sector of Senegal delivering the opening speech of the Sharing Workshop on the effect of Fraud and Corruption in the Financial Sector



Sharing and exchange workshop “Fighting corruption through an efficient and effective judicial system”» in the continuation of the activities of the two-week national anti-corruption campaign.



Trainee Magistrates and clerks of the Judicial Training Centre listening to the workshop's communications.



Director General of the Judicial Training Centre is with the President of OFNAC to open the sessions on 17 December 2020 on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day. The UNDP as well as the UNODC were in attendance.



The Colonel, Commander of the National Gendarmerie Officers' School receiving the President of the OFNAC in the aforementioned school's



National Gendarmerie officer trainees raised awareness of the misdeeds of corruption in the military corps.



The Chairperson of OFNAC receiving the Director General of the civil Registry of Senegal during the workshop diagnostic of the Governance of the Sector in Senegal held on the 24 December 2020.



Workshop on the governance of the civil registry sector ended the activities of the 4th edition of the national 15-day anti-corruption campaign on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December.