

# MANDATES AND FUNCTIONS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES



In a collaborative approach and effort, the Anti-Corruption Agencies particularly, the Inspectorate of Government (IG), Office of the Auditor General (OAG), Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) and Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (DEI) have come together to fight corruption in Uganda. The collaboration between IG, OAG and PPDA is supported by the German Government through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, under the framework of the project "Promotion of Accountability and Transparency in Uganda".

The Institutions have different mandates and functions which are used in a collaborative manner to investigate incidences of corruption and prosecute those found culpable.

## MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

The Inspectorate of Government (IG) is established by Chapter 13 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

### Vision

The Vision of the IG is good governance, with an ethical and corruption free society.

### Mission

The Mission of the IG is to promote good governance through enhancing accountability and transparency and enforcement of the rule of law and administrative justice in public office.

### Mandate

The Inspectorate derives its mandate from the functions and powers that are prescribed in Article 225 (1) and Article 230 of the Constitution.

### Functions of the IG

The functions of the Inspectorate of Government are:

- To promote and foster strict adherence to the rule of law and principles of Natural Justice in administration;
- To eliminate and foster the elimination of corruption, abuse of authority and of public office;
- To promote Fair, Efficient and Good Governance in Public Offices;
- To supervise the enforcement of the Leadership Code of Conduct, subject to the provisions of the constitution;
- To investigate any act, omission, advice, decision or recommendation by a public officer or any other authority to which this article applies, taken, made, given or done in exercise of administrative functions; and
- To stimulate public awareness about the values of constitutionalism in general and the activities of its office, in particular, through any media and other means it considers appropriate.

### Core Values

The core values of the IG are Integrity, Impartiality, Professionalism, Gender Equality and Equity.

## MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE AUDITOR GENERAL

### Vision

To be an effective and efficient Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) in promoting effective public accountability.

### Mission

To audit and report to Parliament and thereby make an effective contribution to improving public accountability and value for money spent.

### Mandate

The Auditor General's mandate under Article 163 (3) of the Constitution

of the Republic of Uganda and as amplified by Sections 13 (1) and 18 of the National Audit Act, 2008, is to audit and report to Parliament on the public accounts of Uganda and of all public offices including the courts, the central and local government administrations, universities and public institutions of like nature, and any public corporations or other bodies established by an Act of Parliament.

### Functions of the Office of the Auditor General

Section 13(1), Article 163(3) of the 1995 Constitution as amended and the National Audit Act, 2008 (NAA) amplifies the mandate and functions of the Auditor General.

In discharging statutory responsibilities, the main functions of the office include the following:

- Undertaking financial audit of all public accounts in respect of all public offices in accordance with laws which govern them.
- Carrying out value for money audits.
- Preparing and submitting to parliament an annual report for the financial year immediately preceding.
- Controlling the release of funds from the consolidated fund.
- Auditing of classified expenditure.
- Auditing Government Investments.
- Auditing the Treasury Memorandum.
- Carrying out Procurement Audits.
- Assisting the Parliamentary Committees in carrying out their oversight functions effectively and assessing the adequacy of responses from the auditees to audit observations.

### CORE VALUES

The OAG is committed to upholding the following as its core values;

- Integrity- Being upright and honest
- Objectivity- Display impartiality and professional judgement.
- Professional competence – Act with diligence, proficiency and team spirit

## MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC ASSETS AUTHORITY (PPDA)

### Vision

A centre of excellence for regulation of public procurement and disposal

### Mission

To promote the achievement of value for money in public procurement so as to contribute to National development.

Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) is a statutory body established by the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 1 of 2003 to formulate policies, set procurement and disposal standards, build procurement and disposal capacity and supervise the procurement and disposal practices of all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs).

### Mandate

The legal mandate is derived from the objectives of the Authority as stipulated under section 6 of the PPDA Act, to:

- Ensure the application of fair, competitive, transparent, and non-discriminatory and value for money public procurement and disposal standards and practices.
- Advise Government, local governments and other procuring and disposing entities on the procurement and disposal policies, systems and practices and where necessary, on their harmonization.
- Set standards for the public procurement and disposal systems in Uganda.
- Monitor compliance of procuring and disposing entities.
- Build procurement and disposal capacity in Uganda.

### Functions of PPDA

- To ensure the application of fair, competitive, transparent, non-discriminatory and value for money procurement and disposal standards and practices.
- To advise central governments, local governments and statutory bodies on all public procurement and disposal policies, principles and practices; and where necessary on their harmonization.
- To monitor, audit and ensure compliance of public procurement in order to ensure fairness, transparency, and efficiency.
- To set and update standards; more specifically for advising on standards for procurement education and training, competence levels, certification requirements, updating and issuing standard procurement documents and enforcing their use, issuing guidelines.
- To build capacity in public procurement for both the public sector and the private sector.
- To manage the information generated in procurement and disposal process in a meaningful value adding way.

## MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY (DEI)

### Vision

A well governed, secure and prosperous society that cherishes moral values and principles.

### Mission

To provide leadership in rebuilding ethics and integrity in the Ugandan society and coordinate national efforts against corruption.

### Mandate

To rebuild ethics and integrity and coordinate national efforts in the fight against corruption and consequences of moral decadence.

Article 99(4) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda empowers the President to designate responsibilities to any institution or agency to help him or her perform the functions as prescribed in clause (1) of the article. In pursuance of this article, His Excellency the President in 1996 assigned the Vice President the responsibility of overseeing the fight against corruption that led to the establishment of an Anti-Corruption Coordination Unit. In 1998 this Unit was later re-designated to the Directorate for Ethics and Integrity (DEI) as the policy arm in the fight against corruption with an additional mandate of rebuilding ethics and integrity in the society. The DEI is established as the Secretariat for the member institutions of the Inter-Agency Forum (IAF) against corruption, thus coordinating the Government efforts to curb corruption in Uganda.

### Functions

In delivering its mandate the Directorate concentrates on the following core functions:-

- Providing political leadership and coordinating national efforts against corruption and moral decadence.
- Mainstreaming ethics and integrity to propel good governance.
- Spearheading the development of laws, policies and strategies to promote ethics and integrity in the Ugandan society.

### Core Values

The DEI holds values that can be summarized as Integrity, Transparency, Honesty and Accountability (ITHA). The Core Values are a sub-set of the 10 National Ethical Values of Uganda. The values enhance the institutional culture and foster a conducive working environment.

## MANDATES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE JUSTICE LAW AND ORDER SECTOR (JLOS)

### Vision

Ensure that people in Uganda live in a safe and just society.

### Mission

Improve the safety of the person, security of property, observance of human rights and access to justice for accelerating growth, employment and prosperity.

The Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) is a Sector-wide approach which brings together 17 institutions whose primary mandate is the administration of justice and maintenance of law and order as well as the promotion, protection and respect for human rights.

JLOS promotes communication, coordination and cooperation among several stakeholders in implementing a sector-wide, prioritised and costed strategic investment plan.

### JLOS objectives

- To promote a strong, harmonised and consistent, policy and regulatory framework conducive to JLOS operations and national development.
- To enhance access to JLOS services particularly for vulnerable people.
- To promote the observance of human rights, and accountability.

The Justice, Law and Order Sector Third Strategic Investment Plan for the period 2012/2013 to 2016/2017 is focused on; strengthening policy and legal frameworks for effectiveness and efficiency; enhancing people's access to JLOS services and driving the country towards deeper observance of human rights while promoting institutional and individual accountability.

As part of promoting individual and institutional accountability, JLOS is mandated to implement measures to reduce incidences of corruption. This is realized through implementation of strategic interventions that include: improving the environment and procedure for execution of court decisions through vigilant supervision of court bailiffs, developing standards for efficient and effective administration of justice, mainstreaming gender and human rights standards in the administration of justice, developing internal capacity to enforce regulations and lead awareness enhancement initiatives for the public sector on government liability and its implications for national development.

### Mandate

JLOS is mandated to implement the JLOS Anti-Corruption Strategy that is aligned to the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. All JLOS MDAs are required to develop contextualized programs that domesticate the Sector and National Anti-Corruption Strategies. The JLOS Anti-Corruption strategy strives to enhance the sector capacity to prevent corruption. It seeks to strengthen the Detection, Investigation and Adjudication of corruption cases and to promote and enforce effective mechanisms for punishment of those found culpable.

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