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CSOs call for new strategies to strengthen corruption fight

"Government has many anti-corruption agencies, but they are not doing much instead corruption cases are on increase"

Civil Society Organizations have called for new strategies to curb corruption if service delivery in the country is to be improved. Jean Bagaya a representative of Civil Society Budget Advocacy (CSBAG), while discussing a paper titled: "Public Investment and Financing for the Fight against Corruption in Uganda," stressed that corruption scandals are on the increase and this calls for new ways of dealing with corruption in order to enhance service delivery. Citing the recent Transparency International Index on corruption, Bagaya pointed out that Uganda has been ranked to 159th position out of 175 corrupt countries.



CSBAG representative, Jean Bagaya discussing a paper on public investment and financing for the fight against corruption. She said the corruption fight requires new strategies and greater citizens empowerment. | @CSBAG2017

This was during the Anti -Corruption Summit held at Hotel Africana in Kampala on Wednesday December 6, 2017. The summit was held under the theme: "Citizen Empowerment and Leadership Responsiveness key in the fight against corruption." In his keynote address Rev. Jasper Tumuhimbise emphasized the need to empower citizens to report cases of corruption and hold Government leaders accountable. "Citizens should be empowered and demand for better services on road works, health and education from Government and their leaders because it is their right," Rev. Tumhimbise said. He appealed to CSOs to collect well researched information and use statistics of corruption indexes to back the fight against the vice. The Reverend also encouraged the public to trust the CSOs and report cases of corruption in a timely manner.

He also called for the involvement of the private sector and Local Government to ensure that graft is combated head on. He told participants that an investigation on the Youth Livelihood Fund needs to be carried out because not many youth have benefited from the project as poverty and unemployment continues to bite. Maxwell Ongetho, a representative from the Inspector General of Government commended the CSOs for being at the forefront to fight graft and empowering citizens for demanding accountability. He pledged to continue working with the Civil Society in the fight against corruption. In her remarks, Cissy Kagaba the executive director of Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda urged the Civil Society to intensify the fight against corruption so that the citizens get efficient and effective service delivery.

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Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda Executive Director, Cissy Kagaba (2nd right) with other officials at a press conference last week, ahead of anti-corruption day 2017. | @CSBAG2017



CSBAG and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in a march in Moroto district as part of the activities to end Gender Based Violence last week. | @CSBAG2017



Hon. Winfred Matsiko (left) together with other MPs during a radio talk show as part of their field visit to assess service delivery levels in Nakasongola district. | @CSBAG2017