

Message

from Dr. Navin Beekarry,
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It is with immense pleasure that I am addressing you in such an exceptional situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The spread of this ‘invisible enemy’ has indeed shed light on not only our vulnerabilities but also on our ability to change our habits and adapt to the ‘new normal’. A crisis may unfortunately lead to other crises, if not contained properly. We, therefore, call on all actors including the youth to act responsibly and exercise more caution and vigilance in all dealings - under any circumstance- to keep corruption and other malpractices at bay.

Besides, this unprecedented pandemic has disrupted the year 2020. To address the emerging challenges, ICAC strategies have had to be readjusted. In the same vein, given the limited access to schools, I would make a strong appeal to Integrity Clubs (ICs) to take ownership of the promotion of integrity and devise innovative solutions to sustain the momentum generated.

On another note, based on the findings of a mini survey conducted recently by the ICAC, I am glad to note that the IC Project has brought noticeable changes at school level. These are, amongst others, an increased awareness on anti-corruption issues, students acting more responsibly and demonstrating more commitment and interest in the promotion of integrity leading to a more positive atmosphere. However, the challenge remains how to keep the ICs active and bring more impact-oriented results.

Through this bulletin, we wish not only to stay connected with the school community but also to reinforce our existing collaboration. I look forward to your contribution to the next issues of the bulletin and your active participation in nurturing a brighter future.

Gearing up Integrity Clubs ...



Corruption is one of the major concerns facing the global community. This is why many countries including Mauritius have set up anti-corruption commissions or other agencies to fight the evil. Besides enforcement, numerous actions are being undertaken by the ICAC in terms of prevention and education because ultimately we aim towards triggering a change in people's mindset – which starts at an early age. The ICAC has spared no effort to engage youngsters in the promotion of integrity because they can make the difference in the way they think and act. It is in this spirit that the Integrity Club (IC) Project was launched in 2008 in secondary schools.

Based on feedback gathered during the past years and through our observations, it is noted that many ICs are active while some are not. The ICAC has thus, early this year, conducted a mini survey to better gauge the impact and outcomes of the IC Project so as to come up with remedial actions. The findings revealed that though IC members are committed to the promotion of integrity, their efforts are hindered by the unwillingness and disinterestedness of their peers to participate in IC activities, the challenges related to the operations/ planning of activities and time constraints. Follow-up actions have been proposed such as the development of a toolkit for ICs, development of an electronic Learning course as well as the creation of an online corner for ICs on ICAC website. The collaboration of all stakeholders will be sought to push for the implementation of the relevant recommendations.



The ICAC in collaboration with the University of Technology, Mauritius conducted a research study entitled ‘Barriers to youth engagement in the fight against corruption’, with the support of the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council. More on page 3.



A handbook for IC Facilitators has been developed by the ICAC as the result of wide consultations and interactions with key stakeholders in the secondary education sector. The guide aims at providing a user-friendly, informative and practical tool to educators designated as IC Facilitators. The electronic Learning course can be accessed via <https://icac.moodle.school/login/index.php>



A logo design competition for students of Grades 9 to 13 was launched in February 2020 with a view to provide an opportunity for young people to unleash their creativity and designing skills in the promotion of integrity. The winner of the competition is Mamodee Pouvaneeeshwari of Mauritius College (Girls).

The best logo will be used as the visual identity of ICs.

The success of the IC Project depends a lot on you. As rightly pointed out by Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations: ‘Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society’s margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies’.



Launching of a Video Clip produced by the Integrity Club of Terre Rouge SSS



Interview:
William Chong,
Winner of the
Anti-Corruption
Innovative Project
Competition
2019



Comic Strip Feature
. Youth as
Integrity
Builder



PLAY FOR
INTEGRITY

An Anti-Corruption Video Clip launched by the Integrity Club of Terre Rouge SSS

A video clip entitled 'Simé Légalité', produced by the IC of Terre Rouge State Secondary School in collaboration with the ICAC, was launched on Tuesday 25 February 2020 to sensitise the general public on the dangers of corruption. (See the lyrics on page 4).

The project was initially presented at the Anti-Corruption Innovative Project Competition organised by the ICAC last year. Upon the advice provided by Mr. I. K. Seetul -their IC facilitator, the young artists embarked on the implementation of their project with the support of the school, the ICAC, the Ministry of Education, T.E., S. & T., 'The Prophecy' and 'Big Boudha Cinematic Picture'.

The official launching of the video clip, in the form of a reggae song, was held at the ICAC headquarters, in the presence of Honourable N. Ramyad, Government Chief Whip and Chairperson of ICAC Parliamentary Committee and the acting Chief



Technical Officer of the Ministry of Education, T.E. S. & T. The interveners unanimously called for collective actions and emphasized upon the role of young people in fighting corruption and its linkage with other social ills such as poverty, environmental degradation, unemployment and drug trafficking. They also made a strong appeal to other schools to lead by example by undertaking impact-oriented and integrity-led activities.

The video clip is being disseminated through ICAC's education campaigns.

*The video-clip is available via
[https://www.facebook.com/410912265650281
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An Overview of Corruption and Human Rights Nexus

According to the United Nations, human rights are rights inherent to all human beings regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. They include the right to life and liberty, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more.

The field of human rights began to emerge after World War II, whereas the field of anti-corruption developed following the end of the Cold War. In the 1990s, the international community recognized the need to address and limit corruption, which they viewed as a global impediment to economic development ... Corruption could also have a detrimental effect on peace and security, thereby fostering conditions in which the risk of human rights violations is heightened.

Corruption hampers the human rights of all individuals in a society, but members of vulnerable groups and groups exposed to marginalization and discrimination may suffer first and may suffer disproportionately from corruption. Groups of individuals who may collectively experience the negative impacts of corruption include women, children, the elderly, indigenous people, irregular migrants and other non-nationals, people with disabilities, prisoners, sexual minorities and people living in poverty. These groups are often more reliant on public goods and services, such as education and health care, and have limited means to look for alternative private services.

Every State has an obligation to protect the human rights of people belonging to these groups within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction, and to guard them against human rights violations associated with corruption.

Adapted from the UNODC Education for Justice (E4J) initiative.
The full version is available on
<https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/anti-corruption/module-7/index.html>

Questions à William Chong, leader de l'équipe gagnante du concours de projets anti-corruption (2019)

Se focaliser davantage sur l'éducation, les aptitudes et compétences pour concevoir des solutions uniques afin pour contrer ce fléau [la corruption]



1. Comment perçois-tu le problème de la corruption sur le plan local et international?

La corruption est un phénomène culturel car elle dépend de la manière dont la société conçoit les règles et les valeurs personnelles. Elle peut être considérée tantôt comme une pratique normale dans certaines sociétés et tantôt comme étant illégale et immorale dans d'autres.

2. Plusieurs études ont révélé que la jeune génération a un potentiel énorme pour faire reculer ce problème. Qu'en penses-tu ?

Un consensus parmi les jeunes est primordial sur le fait que la corruption entrave le développement économique et politique de tout pays. Ils doivent se focaliser davantage sur l'éducation, leurs aptitudes et compétences pour concevoir des solutions uniques pour contrer ce fléau.

3. Afin d'apporter votre pierre à l'édifice anti-corruption, vous (ton ami Wally et toi) vous êtes inscrits à ce concours. Raconte-nous cette expérience...

Mon enseignante a été la première à nous encourager à y participer. Après mûre réflexion, on décida d'allier nos compétences informatiques à la lutte contre la corruption en créant une plateforme en ligne pour dénoncer les cas de corruption.

4. Quelles actions comptez-vous mener dans le but de promouvoir le projet primé?

La prochaine étape consiste à améliorer 'l'expérience utilisateur' et, pourquoi pas, lancer notre plate-forme en collaboration avec l'ICAC. Nous aimerions voir celle-ci entre les mains de nombreux utilisateurs et recueillir des réactions y relatives.

5. Un dernier mot...

On a entamé cette aventure à partir des idées simples, et depuis notre sacre les encouragements n'ont cessé de fuseler. Cela a aussi suscité l'intérêt des gens sur les réseaux sociaux. Il y a eu tout un travail colossal pour la mise en œuvre du projet et nous sommes fiers du résultat.

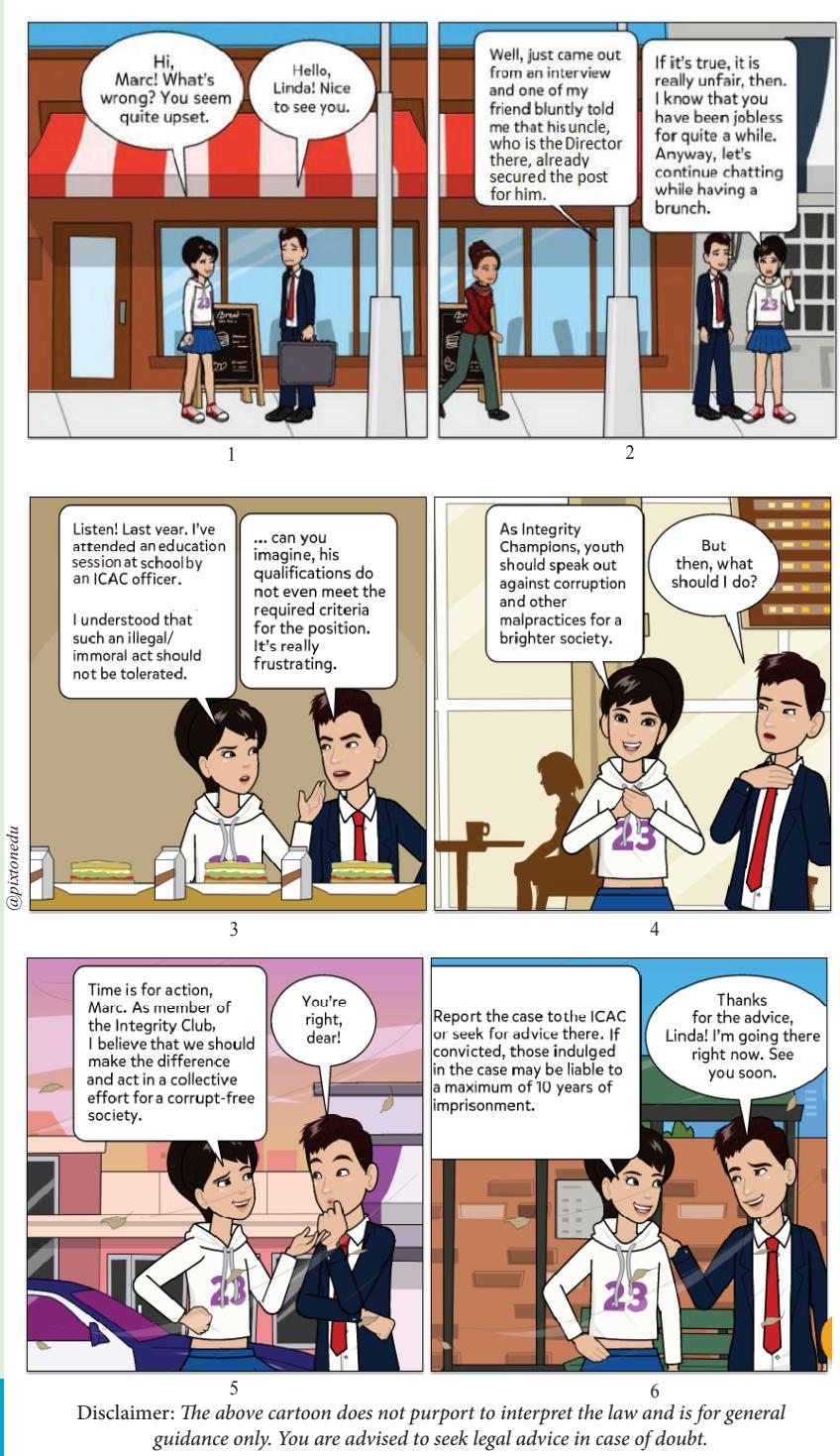
Gagner le concours a été l'expérience la plus émouvante de ma vie et cela m'a incité à concevoir d'autres projets encore plus innovants.

250. C'est le nombre d'équipes regroupant plus de 550 jeunes provenant d'environ 70 institutions, ayant participé au concours de projets anti-corruption organisé par l'ICAC, en 2019. Une présentation des projets présélectionnés est disponible sur la page Facebook de l'ICAC:

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/story.php?story_fbid=3191550247586455&
id=410912265650281](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3191550247586455&id=410912265650281)

"The time is always right to do what is right." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Comic Strip Feature : Youth as Integrity Builder

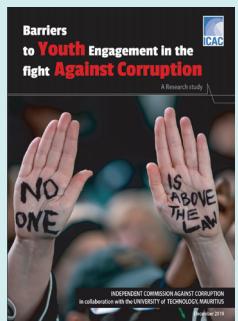


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Research Study:

'Barriers to youth engagement in the fight against corruption'

The ICAC in collaboration with the University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM) has undertaken a research study entitled 'Barriers to Youth Engagement in the Fight against Corruption', partly funded, under the Small Scale Research and Innovation Grant Scheme by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC).



The study, conducted from December 2017 to December 2018, was geared towards:

- 1) investigating and understanding the barriers to youth engagement;
- 2) identifying specific actions; and
- 3) revisiting existing strategies based on the findings.

In a nutshell, the study revealed that though much effort was devoted during the past years in empowering youth to act as anti-corruption champions and securing their engagement, there is still a need to level up awareness-raising among them. Though facing a few barriers (education system, fear, influence of parents and time constraints) towards their engagement to fight corruption, young Mauritians showed willingness to do so through a series of initiatives.

In the light of these findings, some recommendations have been proposed such as curriculum enhancement, creation of 'l'école des parents contre la corruption', optimum use of social media/ audio-visual productions, a holistic empowerment programme for youth and the organisation of prestigious award for most outstanding young persons in the field of integrity.

The collaboration of key stakeholders involved in youth empowerment will be sought in the implementation of the recommendations.

The publication is downloadable on
<https://www.icac.mu/barriers-to-youth-engagement-in-the-fight-against-corruption/>

Intégrité pour toujours !

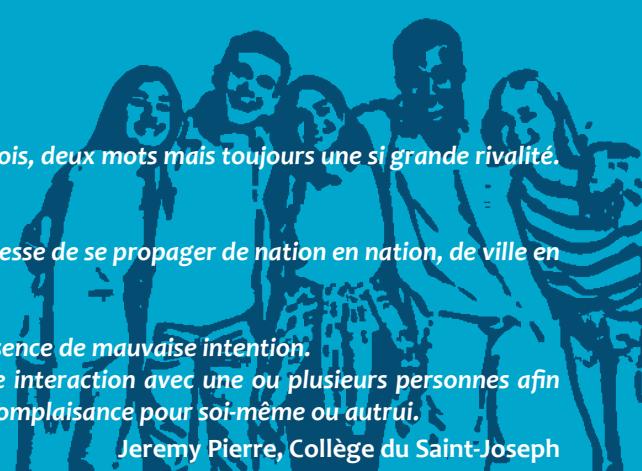
Neuf lettres (Intégrité) contre dix (Corruption), quatre syllabes contre trois, deux mots mais toujours une si grande rivalité. Elles se présentent sous deux noms distincts.

En ce qui concerne le premier, on ne l'a pas assez. Tandis que le deuxième ne cesse de se propager de nation en nation, de ville en ville, de région en région. Mais comment éradiquer la corruption?

L'intégrité se définit comme une probité absolue, c'est-à-dire, là où il y a l'absence de mauvaise intention. La corruption est la perversion ou le détournement d'un processus ou d'une interaction avec une ou plusieurs personnes afin d'obtenir des avantages ou des prérogatives particulières en échange d'une complaisance pour soi-même ou autrui.

Jeremy Pierre, Collège du Saint-Joseph

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful"
Malala Yousafzai, youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate





PLAY FOR INTEGRITY

I X F V B X Y M K D V Y L E D
 F A I R N E S S S N C Q T U C W
 M E R I T O C R A C Y I H I K
 D E N I L P I C S I D R O T Y
 N Z K E J B O T I H J G N S W
 T C E P S E R Y C C H E E U D
 L P M P G S P C H C E T S J L
 E M P A T H Y H I A M N T P E
 L S A C Q R V Y N Z E I Y C O
 Y T I L I B I S N O P S E R N

DISCIPLINED
HONESTY
MERITOCRACY

EMPATHY
INTEGRITY
RESPECT

FAIRNESS
JUSTICE
RESPONSIBILITY

Answers to Crossword 2019 – Issue 1

Across

- CHARACTER—strength and originality in a person's nature
- BEHAVIOUR—the way in which someone behaves
- RESPONSIBILITY—having an obligation to do something
- COMMITMENT—the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or policy
- DIGNITY—the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect
- RIGHTS—morally good, justified or acceptable
- DUTIES—a moral or legal obligation

Down

- CORRUPTION—abuse of position or status for personal gain
- RESPECT—due regards for the feeling and rights of others
- VALUES—principles or standards of behaviour
- INTEGRITY—the quality of having strong moral principles
- TOLERANCE—the ability, willingness or capacity to tolerate something
- FAIRNESS—treating people equally/just or appropriate in the circumstances
- VIRTUES—behaviour showing high moral standards
- GREED—intense and selfish desire for wealth, power or food

Test your Knowledge (Answers to Quiz 2019) - Issue 1

- Moka
- Education, Prevention and Investigation
- 9th December

Anti-Corruption Song composed by Integrity Club of Terre Rouge SSS

SIME LEGALITE : LYRICS

Some nou lavi nwar nou realite
 Bokou larm ape koule akoz koripsion kontinie

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Mantalite na pa le sanze pa zenes ape pieze
 Koripsion ape kontinie se nou pei ki denigre
 Pa les koripsion anpwazonn nou lavwa
 Morisien lame dan lame
 Ansam enn sel fami pou ki dime nou pas regrete

Some nou lavi nwar nou realite
 Boukou larm ape kouler akoz koripsion continie

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seki to pran par koripsion li anpwazone
 Ena ki deklar pa koner apre divan zot p tase
 Zot fami ki ape soufer
 Perdi fami to pou regrete me twa nouvo zenerasion
 bizin swivsime legalite

Mem si lotorite pe esey fer tou pou ki zot sanze
 Ena ki pa le sanze li le swiv sime ki ena maler
 Pran inpe konsians pou to integrite dan nou pei
 Lonete ki nou bizin pou ki koripsion pa kontinie

nou lavi nwar nou realite
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Dear Readers,

Your views and suggestions pertaining to the issues covered are of interest to us. Kindly share your feedback via cviolette@icac.mu or lboodhoo@icac.mu

Stay tuned and make the difference!

If there is no Integrity Club at your school yet, contact us NOW.



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"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest" - Mark Twain

The answers will be published in the next issue.