



Message to Public Officers in the Context of the International Anti-corruption Day 2013

REINFORCING INTEGRITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

By resolution 58/4 of 31 October 2003, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 9 December as International Anti-Corruption Day which is commemorated across the globe every 9 December to remind all states of their fundamental duty to ensure that corruption is being diligently addressed in their respective homelands. This special day also calls for concerted and collective actions to ensure effective anti-corruption initiatives.

Fighting corruption at national level necessarily entails a clean and fair public service devoid of corruption or malpractices. Today, with rising public expectations, the need for enhancing national integrity remains high on the agenda. As the guardian of public trust, public officials are called upon to demonstrate increasing engagement in the fight against corruption.

It is in this vein that the ICAC is spearheading a targeted and sustained programme to empower public officials to recognize, resist, reject and promptly report corrupt practices. Reporting of corrupt practices is essential as it not only brings the perpetrators to task but also deters would-be corruptors and corrupt.

It is our duty to reflect on effective ways and means to sustain this momentum to strengthen public intolerance against corruption and promote an integrity culture in the public service.

Best Wishes.