

## **25 YEARS OF PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

This year 2018, Transparency International Uganda (TIU) marks 25 years of promoting Transparency and Accountability in Uganda. This as well coincided with the Transparency International Global celebration of 25 years. The climax of this was held during the Anti-Corruption Week (ACW) graced by the International Board Chairperson of Transparency International, Dr. Delia Ferreira.

Highlights during the celebrations included;

1. **Press conference:** This was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 and addressed by Dr. Delia and the TIU officials. Here, journalists sought to know the global perspective in as far as corruption is concerned and the link or relevancy to Uganda.  
The press conference attracted over 30 media houses from both print and broadcasting. It subsequently received wide coverage on all the major newspapers, Radio and TV stations.
2. **Courtesy calls:** On the same day, Dr. Delia joined by the TIU Team made courtesy calls to Justice Bert Katureebe the Chief Justice of Uganda, as well as the Integrity Manager of Umeme (the National Electricity Distribution Company that TIU is partnering with to run an integrity call centre)
3. **The National Anti-Corruption Dialogue:** This dialogue attracted over 200 participants drawn from Civil Society, Government, religious leaders, Academia, media, among others. It was graced by H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. It focused on the status of corruption in the country with a panel of discussants from Government Ministries, Government Accountability Institution, Academia as well as Civil Society. Dr. Delia also made a presentation on the global perspective of corruption with interactive sessions where participants were given an opportunity to ask questions.
4. During the dialogue TIU recognized the different partners it has worked with for the past 25 years and for their contribution towards the fight against corruption and these included; Local Governments in TIU's areas of operation, key Government Accountability Institutions, TIU Founder members, previous TIU Board members and CSOs. TIU also recognized the President of Uganda for having put in place the legal and institutional framework to support the fight against corruption in the country.
5. **Courtesy calls:** The ACW week was wound up with more courtesy calls to the Inspector General of Government Lady Justice Irene Mulyagonja and the Minister of Ethics and Integrity Rev. Father Simon Lokodo.

In her remarks, Dr. Delia generally emphasized the need for strengthening Anti-Corruption institutions, access to information as key in promoting Transparency and Accountability as well as encouraging citizens to participate in the fight against corruption.