

# THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING INSTITUTE (ELI) ON CORRUPTION SYLLABUS OUTLINE



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2018 YEAR OF  
**Combating  
Corruption**  
A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation

## Background

2018 is the African Union's Year of Anti-Corruption. ELI has chosen to focus its inaugural institute to looking back and reflecting on the lessons learned in the past three decades of the fight against corruption in Africa. This institute will identify and engage with different approaches that have been taken thus far by various anti-corruption initiatives; evaluate and understand their successes and failures; while sharing the lessons learned from the different contexts in which they have been tried in Africa; guided by the following questions:

1. How is corruption defined and understood in African contexts?
2. Is corruption in any way or form "uniquely African"? What are the implications / consequences of (not) characterizing it as such?
3. Is corruption a priority issue for Africans? What are the implications / consequences of (not) characterizing it as such?
4. Is corruption a political, economic or socio-cultural problem? What are the implications / consequences of (not) characterizing it as such?
5. What trajectories has the anti-corruption fight taken in the last three decades on the African continent?
6. What are the successes and failures of anti-corruption movements and initiatives in Africa, and to what can these be attributed?
7. What has been, is, and should ideally be the role of different players - the State, civil society, professionals, ordinary citizens, external players - in the anti-corruption fight? To what extent have these different players been a facilitator or obstacle to the eradication of corruption in Africa? How can these different players be enlisted for the fight against corruption?

## Methodology

The institute is designed as a capacity building; networking; skills and information sharing forum for participants already working on the broad issues of good governance, human rights, leadership and accountability, with a focus on fighting corruption.

Both those working in the state and non-state (including civil society, non-profit and the private sector) spheres are welcome to apply.

Chatham House rules will apply throughout, as this experiential institute is driven by the experiences, challenges and realities of the contexts and concerns of the participants

# SYLLABUS OUTLINE

## Day One: Introduction

### Readings:

- Syllabus
- "The AU Anti-Corruption Convention of Preventing and Combatting Corruption"
- Gado (Godfrey Mwampembwa). "The Cancer of Corruption", Crisis...? What Crisis?! Nairobi: Buni Media. 2012. pp 131 – 154
- Excerpts: Billy Kahora. "Part Three" and "Part Four". The True Story of David Munyakei Nairobi: Kwani? Trust. pp 55 - 83

### SESSION ONE:

Introduction I: Participants

- MS-TCDC, ELLand AU Advisory Board on Corruption
- Participants
- Facilitators
- Photo session

Introduction II: Pedagogy

- Workshop Pedagogy
- Group Contract

### SESSION TWO:

Introduction III: The Course

- Participants' Expectations
- Facilitators' Map - The Syllabus

Introduction IV: Corruption: Working Definitions (Plenary - 60 mins)

- Definitions
- Perceptions, Understandings

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### **SESSION THREE:**

The African Union Anti-Corruption Strategy

- The AU Anti – Corruption Framework
- The AU Advisory Board – Mandate, Role, Activities

### **SESSION FOUR**

Plenary Discussion: "To be or not to be? That is the question!"

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## **Day Two: Which Way Africa?**

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### **Readings:**

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. "Executive Summary", The Report of The Presidential Commission of Inquiry Against Corruption (The Warioba Commission). Dar es Salaam: GoT. 1996. pp 1 – 33
- Githongo, John. "Corruption in Kenya." Toronto: IDRC (2011?)

### **SESSION ONE**

An African Journey 1: Case Study: Tanzania

Presentation: Justice Joseph Warioba

### **SESSION TWO**

An African Journey 2: Case Study: Kenya

Presentation: Mr. John Githongo

### **SESSION THREE**

An African Journey 3: Case Study: Burkina Faso

Film: "Thomas Sankara: The Upright Man"

An African Journey 4: Case Study: Senegal

Film: "Incorruptible"

### **SESSION FOUR**

Plenary Discussion: The Anti-Corruption Fight: African Experiences

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# Day Three: The Journey So Far

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## Readings:

- Peter Gastrow. Termites at Work: Transnational Organized Crime and State Erosion in Kenya New York: International Peace Institute. 2011.

### SESSION ONE:

#### The Cost of Corruption

- The Social Dimensions
- The Political Dimensions
- The Realpolitik of Corruption
- Emerging Issues

### SESSION TWO:

#### The International Anti-Corruption Movement

- History and Instruments
  - o Publications
  - o Institutions
  - o Bi-lateral and Multi-lateral instruments
- Approaches
  - o Top-down
  - o Prosecution-related instruments (e.g. anti-corruption commissions)
  - o Transparency-related instruments (e.g. publication of budget)
  - o Ethics-related instruments (e.g. codes of conduct, wealth declaration)
  - o Executive fiat
  - o Bottom-up
  - o Open government initiatives,
  - o Social audits instruments
  - o Budget monitoring initiatives

### SESSION THREE:

#### Spheres of Work (Networking Session)

- State Institutions
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- Civil Society: Others (Media; Private Sector; Individuals)

### SESSION FOUR

#### Individual networking

### SPECIAL EVENING SESSION:

#### Corruption: A Global Challenge

- Screening of film: "Syriana:"
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# Day FOUR: Choices and Consequences

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## Readings:

### SESSION ONE

Scene Setting

### SESSION TWO

Role-Play I: "The Tender"

### SESSION THREE

Role-Play II: "Action Now"

### SESSION FOUR

Plenary Discussion

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# Day Five: An Anti-Corruption Tool-Kit

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## SESSION ONE:

### An Anti-Corruption Toolkit

- Resource File (Plenary - 35 mins)
- Instruments: Multilateral, Regional, Bilateral and National
- Institutions: Academic, Non-academic
- International and Continental Networks
- Forums
- ELI Evaluation

## SESSION TWO:

### Panel Conversation

- "Justice Willy Mutungain conversation with Justice Joseph Warioba"
- Photo Session

## SESSION THREE:

### The MS-TCDC ELI Inaugural Public Lecture

- Justice Willy Mutunga

## SESSION FOUR:

### Closing Ceremony

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