

CORRUPTION HINDERS NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Hon. Chief Justice in the press conference (Photo / SC)

Corruption tarnishes your reputation. Do not accept it. This is the theme for the 13th Anti-Corruption Week in courts (13 – 16 February 2023).

During the press conference for the launching of the Anti-corruption Week in courts, Hon. Chief Justice, Dr. Faustin NTEZILYAYO, indicated that corruption is still a serious problem hindering the implementation of Government policies elaborated for the welfare of citizens, hence endangering the trust of citizens towards public institutions, and thus promoting activities endangering countries' stability and security and therefore hindering investment and development.

In his remarks, the Chief Justice reiterated that the absence of anti-corruption policy and punishment measures thereof for those involved in such act, the fight against it becomes next to impossible and sometimes such fight ends in vain. To stress the foregoing, the Chief Justice stated that : « It is clear that one of the strategies to fight against corruption is to adopt policies for punishing anyone involved in corruption activities through judicial organs that are professional, independent and free from any external interference in their work ».

The closing of this Week was held in Gicumbi District, Northern Province on February 16, 2023, and the Chief Justice and other Authorities from the organs in justice chain held presentation attended by people from different categories, and those leaders reminded the attendees the negative effects of corruption, hence asking them to participate in the fight against it.

Among people who attended the discussions include Representatives of Youth, Schools (students and teachers), Non-government Organisations, Mediation Committee, Private sector, judicial

personnel from the courts under territorial jurisdiction of Gicumbi Intermediate Court, Legal counsels, Prosecutors and Court bailiff from the very area.



Various authorities who attended the press conference in the launching of Anti-corruption Week in courts (Photo/ SC)