

A photograph of a large, white, two-story building with a central entrance and a sign that reads 'HUGENOT COLLEGE A D 1907'. The building is set against a dark sky.

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COMBATting CORRUPTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

A lowdown on the current landscape

You cannot fill a bucket with water if the bucket has holes. All you get is a watery mess. South Africa, unfortunately, represents the bucket and corruption, the holes or rather massive holes. Corruption in South Africa's government, the public and private sector created a mess on a socio-political and economic front. Consequently, affecting the flow of water into South Africa's bucket as foreign investors look elsewhere.

Corruption has always plagued South Africa. Apartheid was intrinsically corrupt and brought about great inequality. Unfortunately, Apartheid has also become the 'go-to' excuse of multiple politicians when queried about the economic state of South Africa. Whilst the impact of Apartheid must never be understated so too must the contribution of corruption. South Africa's development into a prosperous society has been greatly halted by the corrupt. Those political and business leaders must be held accountable.

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CIVINOVUS AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

*How to combat this corruption?
Implementing the Integritas Big Idea:
Concrete Next Steps Action*

There is a deliberate bias for action in implementing the Integritas Big Idea. This implementation will be built through a series of continuing and complementary phases and layers.

4.1. Next Steps Phase 1: Legitimising, legalising and action towards the Integritas integrity initiative

4.2. Timeline August to December 2020

4.3. Objective Phase 1: Further legitimising and first level legalisation of the Integritas Network locally, nationally and globally linked to concrete action steps:

Concretely institutionalizing and implementation Phase 1 through:

- Layer 1: Increase individual support and membership of the local, national and global networks;
- Layer 2: Confirm first level proof of concept by securing funding for the next layer.



Professor Erwin Schwella

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Advertisement Example



Current Affairs

AdLike Covid 19, corruption is a global pandemic. And, as is the case with Covid19, South Africa is one of the hardest hit countries by the pandemic of corruption.

For South Africa, there is consistent and growing evidence that corruption kills. Poor and powerless people die everyday as a consequence of corruption.

Corruption contributes to poverty, inequality and unemployment. Poor and powerless people doing the right thing by exposing and combating corruption, are murdered by the corrupt as part of covering up their corruption.

Where there is uncontrolled corruption, like in South Africa, roads fall into disrepair, currencies depreciate, real prices inflate, health services weaken, life expectancies slump, people go hungry, education standards fall, civil society becomes beleaguered, personal and national prosperity slows, crime rates accelerate, and safety and security become tenuous. Corruption grows corruption.

Funds flow out of the country into hidden bank accounts. Discrimination becomes prevalent. Where corruption rules unabated integrity is on the retreat. The corrupt conquers. The rat race is over and the rats win! Civil wars begin. Life becomes solitary, nasty, poor, brutish and short.

Integrity inspires and innovates!

Where there is integrity, in contrast to corruption, government and societal institutions perform effectively benefiting citizens. Quality of life increases, crime decreases. Ethical and effective governance founded upon the rule of law delivers safety and security, good education, good healthcare and economic growth towards a better life for all. Integrity inspires and innovates towards effective and ethical arteries of governance, public service, commerce and industry. Human freedom improve. Integrity innovates and inspires civil society to protect the environment. Integrity based innovation inspires citizens with a sense of trust towards cooperation, consensus and cohesion. When good people do nothing, evil thrives.

We need to get the boot of corruption of our throats and the throats of the poor and powerless who cannot breathe. We need to do so with integrity, compassion, inspiration, innovation and impact.

This commitment to action for change leads into the Integritas Big Idea.

2. The Integritas Big Idea (Vision)

The Integritas Big Idea is to purposefully and actively co-create knowledge and community-based integrity community partnerships to counter and combat corruption with inspiring and innovative integrity.

Upcoming #Integritas Meetings

- 15 February 2021

#Integritas Worcester Meeting

-21 March 2021

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-29 April 2021

#Integritas Worcester Meeting

Realistically speaking, our team's strengths lie in our tendency toward fresh, innovative, and creative ideas.