



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT (IG)

THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ONLINE DECLARATION SYSTEM

The Inspectorate of Government (IG) is a Constitutional Body established under chapter 13 and 14 of the Constitution of Uganda. The IG has the following functions: (a) To promote the rule of law and natural justice in public administration; (b) To eliminate corruption, abuse of authority and public office; (c) To promote fair, efficient and good governance; (d) To supervise the enforcement of the Leadership Code of Conduct; (e) To investigate acts and omissions by public officials in exercise of their administrative duties; (f) To stimulate public awareness on the values of constitutionalism and the activities of the Inspectorate.

One of the functions of the Inspectorate of Government as seen is to enforce the Leadership Code Act which was enacted in July 2002. Under section 4 (2) (a) & (b) of the Act, specified leaders are required by law to declare their income, assets and liabilities to the Inspector General of Government, three months after assuming a position of leadership and thereafter every two years in the month of March.

The objective of leaders to declare their incomes, assets and liabilities to the IGG is to monitor the leaders' wealth and liabilities in order to mitigate corruption. This process started in 2002. Currently, the IG receives 25000 declarations from various leaders across the country.

The Inspectorate of Government has been using a Computerised Leadership Code of Conduct (LCC) database in the management of declarations of leaders' income, assets and liabilities. This system enables the electronic data capture, searching, reporting, designing and analysis of the declaration forms. However, the process of distribution and receiving the declaration forms has been manual. The IG distributes declaration forms physically to the various leaders across the country. The leaders fill in the declaration forms and physically return them to the Inspectorate of Government where they are issued with an acknowledgement receipt. The information is entered into the LCC database manually and this requires a lot of manpower in order to be efficient and effective. The forms are then stored and this too requires a lot of space for storage. This process has

been very expensive, time consuming and cumbersome to both the IG and the leaders.

This process also affected the compliance of the leaders to declare to the IGG in time. Many leaders complain of the tedious process of filling in the forms and delivering them to the Inspectorate of Government which is also costly for them.

IG-Online Declaration System (IG-ODS)

To have an efficient and effective declaration system, the IG designed a web based database system that will enable leaders to declare their income, assets and liabilities online. The IG-ODS will ease the declaration

process, including receiving, examining and verifying leader's declarations of their income, assets and liabilities. The IG-ODS will also enable the IG to investigate breaches of the Leadership Code by the leaders.

With support of the National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U), the system was subjected to several tests which were concluded in November 2015. Other security measures are continuously upgraded on the system.

As we launch the Online Declaration System, the IG has identified focal persons in each institution. The focal persons will be trained on the operations of the system so that they

can train all leaders within their institutions. Therefore the leaders are required to know their institution's focal person.

In March 2017, all leaders will be required to declare their income, assets and liabilities using the Online Declaration System. All leaders will receive an invitation to declare to the IGG through their email addresses that is provided to the Inspectorate of Government by the Accounting Officer. It is important therefore that the leaders make sure that the proper email address is provided to the Inspectorate of Government. The Guide and User Manual will be available on the IG website: www.igg.go.ug. This will guide leaders on how to log on to the Online Declaration System, fill in the forms and submit to the IGG. For more information, the leaders can call: **+256-414-231183, +256-776-231184 and +256-702-231184.**

All the leaders are expected to comply by submitting their declarations to the IGG online by 31st March 2017.

The Inspectorate of Government recognises and appreciates all those institutions that have supported the development of the Online Declaration System; Specifically, Strengthening Uganda's Anti-Corruption Response (SUGAR), Star Initiative/World Bank, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology, National Information Technology Authority Uganda (NITA-U), Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and the staff of the Inspectorate of Government.



The IGG, Irene Mulyagonja receiving the Online Declaration System manual from Ms Annet Twine, the Director Leadership Code, IG



The IGG Irene Mulyagonja and Deputy IGG Mariam Wangadya using the online declaration system.



Deputy IGG George Bamugemereire using the Online Declaration System, with guidance from IT officer Peter Senyondwa. Looking on is Mr Bageya Waiswa, Secretary to the Inspectorate of Government.