Succeeding Where Others Failed: The Role of Psychology in the Fight Against Corruption

Congress Announcement and Call for Papers

Corruption, understood as the abuse of entrusted power (or the improper use of public office in exchange) for private gain, is a major obstacle for sustainable economic development not only in Kenya, but in Africa and the rest of the world. It endangers democracy, equality, the rule of law, ethical values, and justice; and can take multiple forms. Corruption is a costly, deadly menace both politically, economically, socially and environmentally. It corrodes the fabric of society, undermines people’s trust in political and economic systems, institutions and leaders; and can cost people their freedom, health, money – and in the very worst of cases, their very lives!

Being a widespread phenomenon which is increasingly a normative behavior; we know that corruption can be curbed through effective implementation of various schedules of reinforcements, punishments, transparency, accountability, awareness, modelling, and psychological strategies to understand and combat it. As Psychologists, we believe that runaway corruption can be prevented since, the real problem of corruption is not political but rather psychosocial.

Congress Aim

To this end, PSK is organizing the 2019 congress knowing that psychology may well be the last frontier in the fight against corruption. The aim is to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas among local and international specialists in order to be able to cope with challenges related to corruption and the introduction of models and successful implementation of various anti-corruption strategies.

Congress Objectives

Specifically, the objectives of the congress are to:

1. Identify and discuss key sources of behavioral influence that contribute to the establishment and conduct of corrupt behavior;
2. Formulate a series of recommendations that will foster a safety climate where people can both recognize corruption-influencing behaviors, and be encouraged to speak the language of anti-corruption about them in no time; and;
3. Harness data and information that will go a long way in helping develop effective anti-corruption programs.

Sub-Themes

1. The Cognitive Psychology of Corruption: Micro-level explanations for unethical behavior
2. The Social Psychology of Corruption: Behavioral influence that contribute to the establishment and conduct of corrupt behavior
3. Psychopathology of Corruption: Maximizing self-gain while maintaining a moral person view?
4. Cultivating the Virtues of Honesty and Integrity as Pathways to Ending Corruption
5. Corruption in the Workplace: Reforming and restoring trust in corrupt institutions
6. Ending Impunity and Developing Sustainable Anti-Corruption Strategies
7. The Role of the Individual/Family in the Fight against Corruption
8. The Role of the Church/Religious Institutions in the Fight against Corruption
9. The Role of the State in the Fight against Corruption
10. Application of Psychology to the on-the-field Fight against Corruption.

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