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Corruption: Perm Sec tasks civil servants on attitudinal change

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Sonny Echono, has stressed the need for civil servants to have a change of attitude in the discharge of their duties if the anti-corruption fight of the present administration is to have any positive impact.

Echono gave the charge recently in Abuja at a workshop on “Understanding Emerging Trends in Corruption at the Workplace” where he bemoaned the culture of lateness to work, absence from work without permission, fraud, closing before time and other acts of misconduct by civil servants.

The Permanent Secretary who described these acts as detrimental to the development drive of the present administration, called on civil servants to see the growth of the country as ‘a personal project’ and desist from inimical acts.

He also called on participants to take the information shared seriously as the workshop is intended at “identifying institutional vulnerabilities and corruption triggers that frustrate service effectiveness and efficiency”.

Echono, who was represented by Mrs. Grace Ekanem, Director, Legal Department of the Ministry, subsequently, enjoined staff not to engage in corrupt practices as they serve as stumbling blocks to the dream of the present administration of having a ‘re-engineered, re-invigorated, refocused and integrity - driven civil service’.

In his remarks, the Acting Director, Reform Coordination and Service Improvement Department, Mr. Ogunkunle Adesoji, said that as strategic drivers in national development, staff of the Ministry are expected to raise the template of excellent service delivery, transparency and integrity.

The Acting Director added that an understanding of the different manifestations of corruption in the workplace is vital in order for management to effectively fight it through the evolvment and implementation of the right policies and measures.

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