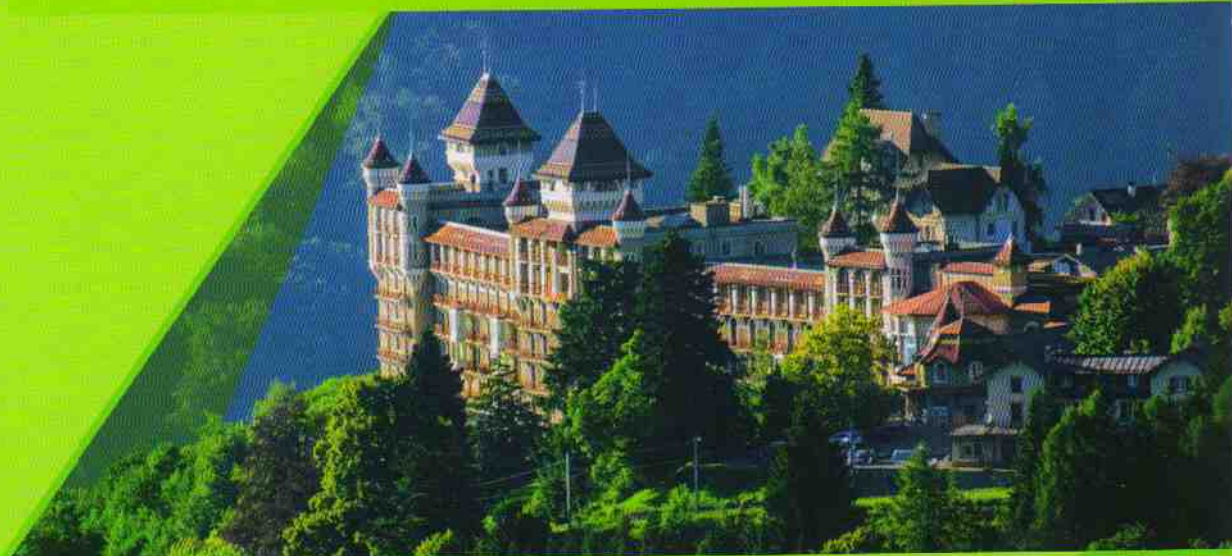


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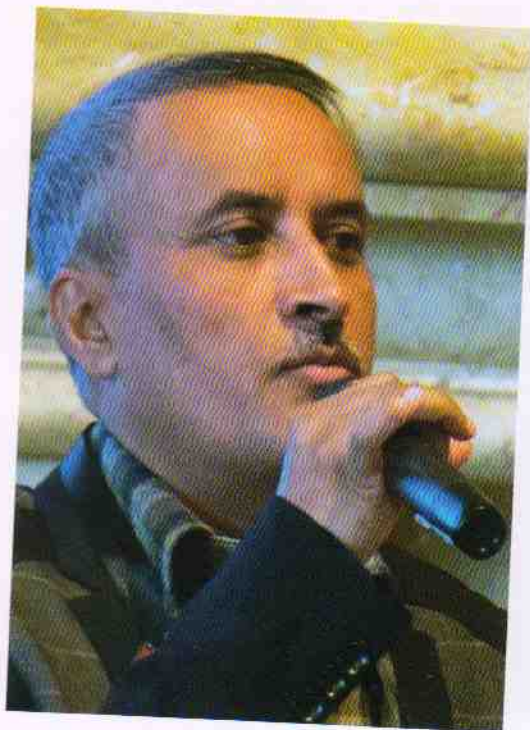
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How can everyone help combat corruption, heal divisions and create a governance that is just to all?



CHANGE STARTS FROM ME, NOW

Last year Leela Mani Paudyal retired as Chief Secretary of the Government of Nepal. He is known widely for his work to clean up Nepal. He launched the Bagmati River Clean-Up mega campaign, which has enlisted thousands of people and removed thousands of tons of rubbish from the river.

He is equally committed to cleaning up corruption. In government he worked to ensure integrity in the award of contracts. Often this meant standing up to powerful interests.

After he retired he continued, bringing together a team in a small office with one computer. When the team discovered corrupt dealings in the sale of government land, they put the information onto social networks. Within 24 hours, 120,000 Nepalese had responded and the sale was stopped.

Paudyal's approach to life is straightforward. 'Change starts from me and now,' he writes. *'We have to make our society beautiful and liveable, and we will do it with honesty and dedication. There are many things that I can change. If I am not a part of the solution, I am the problem.'*

GOOD GOVERNANCE IN KIEV

Victoria Vdovychenko, founder, Institute of Policy and Governance, Ukraine

Since the 2014 EuroMaidan revolution in Ukraine, when civil society started to be a driving national force, we have seen positive shifts in the struggle to overcome corruption. But there is still far to go. At Caux in 2014 we concluded that if no social group takes responsibility for reform, it will collapse.

We realized that young Ukrainians need training in justice, transparency, accountability and civil participation. So we started a School of Good Governance and Democracy. Our first courses this year brought together people from 12 regions of Ukraine. We have also developed a course on the roots of the Cold War, in view of Ukraine's daunting security challenge, and have presented this in five universities.

