Rwanda’s new Ombudsman, Madam Madeleine Nirere was today sworn in at Village Urugwiro before President Paul Kagame. The president urged institutions charged with fighting corruption to do their duties.

“As we all know, injustice and corruption are amongst the things that impede Rwandans’ rights, destroy the social fabric, and slow down the country’s progress. We want to fight this and we have institutions tasked to do just that, and equipped to deliver. We need to see them working and implementing their mandate as they should.” President Kagame said during the swearing-in ceremony.

He added that they in this fight, all institutions complement each other, and should work together in everything. No institution can replace another, interfere in its duties, or contradict it.

The responsibilities are not new for Madame Nirere as she has been heading the National Commission for Human Rights.

The new appointment of Madame Nirere to head the office of the Ombudsman was announced on November 11 through Cabinet resolutions.

For her part, Ombudsperson Nirere has indicated that she stands ready to fulfill her assigned duty.

Rwanda is leading the fight against corruption and injustice in the East African region where it ranks first, 4th on the continent and 51st in the world, according to Transparency International (TI).