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## CORRUPTION QUOTE

**“Integrity, transparency and the fight against corruption have to be part of the culture. They have to be taught as fundamental values.” – Angel Gurría, OECD secretary general**

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## Message from the Director-General

Dear Readers,

I am glad to welcome you to this first edition of the E-Newsletter in the year 2023. The Commission always recognises the importance of reaching out to its stakeholders in this manner.

As you may be aware, the Commission is mandated to put in place mechanisms for the prevention of corruption in both public and private organizations; educate members of the public on the negative effects of corruption and enlist their support in the fight against the scourge; investigate cases of alleged corruption and prosecute these cases in the courts of law so that those found guilty are punished in accordance with the law and prevent would-be offenders. In this regard, the Commission carried out numerous public education, sensitization and corruption prevention activities.

It is also worth to note that during the quarter, two anti-corruption parameters were released, that is the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) and the Zambia Bribe Payers Index (ZBPI). The Commission is glad to know that both parameters shows a decrease in corruption incidences in the country. This is an indication that the anti-corruption strategies that have been put in place are working. However, we need to do more and the Commission is determined to vigorously fight this scourge and make corruption a very high-risk crime.

The Commission forecasts the year 2023 as a year of continued resolve and intensified efforts in combating corruption with a focus on asset tracing, recovery and prosecution of offenders. In this regard, the Commission will continue to build stronger partnerships with key stakeholders including other law enforcement agencies and increase collaboration in various anti-corruption efforts.

May i also take this opportunity to announce that the Commission is in the process of opening offices in 12 more Districts across the country and these include: Ndola, Chinsali, Serenje, Nakonde, Chililabombwe, Sesheke, Petauke, Lundazi, Kawambwa, Mpulungu Kasempa, and Mwinilunga. We want to ensure that our services become more accessible to members of the public away from the Provincial centers.

In conclusion, may I emphasize that the Commission remains determined to fight past, present and future corruption vigorously without fear or favour and bring the offenders to book.

Enjoy this edition of the Newsletter.

**Thom Trevor Shamakamba**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**



## ZAMBIA IMPROVES ITS CORRUPTION SCORE ON THE CPI



**ACC Director-General Thom Shamakamba reacting to the report**

**ZAMBIA** has in a third year running maintained the score of 33 on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) since 2020. However, this year the country's CPI improved with a slight increase of 0.9 percent.

And speaking during the launch of 2022 CPI at Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Director-General Mr. Thom T. Shamakamba said the Commission is concerned by the score of 33 points for Zambia in the survey and that the country has maintained the score for the third consecutive year.

He said the score indicates that the state of corruption in Zambia has not deteriorated from the previous years.

The Director General further said the slight increase in the score means that the avenues or opportunities of corruption are slowly being contained.

Mr. Shamakamba attributed the slight increase to various anti-corruption strategies that have been put in place in the last few years.

However, he admitted that there is need to do better and that the Commission is determined to turn-around things and make corruption a very high-risk crime.

The Director General also called upon Government to make lifestyle audits practical by strengthening the laws that govern Declaration of Assets for public persons that are appointed into public and state offices.

He also advocated for strengthening of procurement regulations in order to curb the leakage of public resources in the procurement of goods and services.

"It is for this reason that the Commission has ensured that it sits on all procurement meetings, including on those that relate to Constituency Development Fund," he said.

Meanwhile, Transparency International Zambia (TIZ) Chapter President Mr. Sampa Kalungu said the declaration of assets should be made open in the media especially for those handling public resources.

## GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO REDUCING CORRUPTION IN PROCUREMENT



**SECRETARY** to the Cabinet Patrick Kangwa has said Government is committed to ensure that corruption in public procurement is reduced.

Speaking during the launch of the 2022 Zambia Bribe Payers Index (ZBPI) at Taj Pamodzi Hotel under the theme: "Corruption and Procurement," the Secretary to the Cabinet said to reduce corruption in procurement, Government is implementing interventions such as electronic procurement system and reducing bureaucracy.

"With regard to corruption in public procurement, government is committed to ensuring that corruption in public procurement is eliminated. In order to achieve this, several interventions are being implemented. Among these interventions include the following: (i) government introduced the Electronic Government Procurement System (E-GP) to streamline the tendering process and reduce bureaucracy in public procurement. This reduces human interface in the procurement of goods and services and subsequently curtail corruption, (ii) government recently introduced the market price index in order to ensure that prices of goods and services being procured are not quoted far from the market price index," he said.

The Secretary to the Cabinet was pleased that the findings on the procurement component of the 2022 ZBPI shows that the interventions are being appreciated by suppliers as well as procuring entities.

Mr. Kangwa was happy that the 2022 ZBPI findings show that the overall bribery index has reduced by 0.8 percentage points from 10.9% in 2019 to 10.1% in 2022.

He said, the decrease is a manifestation of the effort's government has put in place such as the roll out of integrity committees in both government and private institutions as well as the introduction of corruption prevention best practices such as service charters, conflict of interest guidelines, and codes of conduct.

Meanwhile, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Board Chairperson Musa Mwenye SC said the Commission is concerned that most people do not report corruption when they see it happening especially in the public service.

"Often times these reports only come when the perpetrators of corruption are removed from office. The commission notes the fear of reprisal by potential whistleblowers and efforts are being made to strengthen the whistleblowers act," he said.

The Board Chairperson assured the public that the commission will provide the necessary confidentiality to every individual who reports to the commission of any act of corruption.



**British High Commissioner H.E Nicholas Woolley officially opening the training and ACC Director-General Thom Shamakamba on the right gives his welcoming remarks**

**THE BRITISH** High Commissioner, H.E Nicholas Woolley has urged Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to continue playing a key role in bringing criminals to justice, and protecting Zambians from the crime of corruption.

He said the focus of fighting corruption should not only be on the past, but also on the present and the future.

Speaking at the official opening of a five (5) days training workshop for LEAs in Financial Investigations and Asset Recovery by International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) at Twangale Park in Chilanga, Mr. Woolley told participants that it's their distinct responsibility to make sure that in the fight against corruption there is no sacred cows, whether a public servant, a Cabinet Minister or Government official should be held accountable sooner or later.

"Corruption is never a victimless crime. It is always damaging to society; and the cost is born by the most vulnerable – regular Zambians who cannot access quality medicines; are being prevented from sending their children to schools; or have to pay an extra corruption tax for a service that they are entitled to," he said.

Meanwhile, ACC Director General Mr. Thom Trevor Shamakamba urged participants to fully utilize the resources available and gather as much knowledge in order to effectively fight corruption in the country.

He said that to achieve a zero tolerance to corruption there is need to address all the loopholes that those who abuse the trust and steal from the people can hide their assets.

Those trained among LEAs are Officers from ACC, DEC, Zambia Police, FIC and other Government Institutions such as ZRA, ZPPA, NPA and Bank of Zambia.

The workshop was organised by Basel Institute on Governance and the Commonwealth.



## ACC TRAINS JOURNALISTS IN CORRUPTION AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING



**Ministry of Information and Media Permanent Secretary Kennedy Kalunga (C) pose for a group photo with Journalists from various Media Houses in Lusaka**

**'THE ANTI-CORRUPTION** Commission (ACC) in January this year, launched a series of Media Workshops aimed at enhancing its media relations and investigative reporting by the Media.

This was launched in Ndola by the Director-General Mr. Thom Trevor Shamakamba who urged the Journalists to take keen interest in investigative reporting, which reveals abandoned public projects that drew funds from the national treasury.

The Director-General stated that the Media is critical in bringing to light corruption's negative impact on the social and economic development of the country.

And speaking when he officially opened one of the workshop in Lusaka, Ministry of Information and Media Permanent Secretary Mr. Kennedy Kalunga stated that the Media has a huge role to play in public accountability through monitoring and investigating the actions of those who are entrusted with public resources to ensure they are serving the interests of the nation and not their own.

Mr. Kalunga encouraged Journalists to become vigilant anti- corruption ambassadors not only at work but also in their daily lives.

Meanwhile, Luapula Province Minister Derrick Chilundika emphasized the need for Journalists in the province to engage in investigative journalism and help unearth corrupt practices.

In delivering his closing remarks during a three day media training workshop on Wednesday in Mansa, the Provincial Minister advised media personnel to be professional as they engage in investigative journalism and to package anti-corruption messages in the language understandable in their catchment area.

So far ACC has trained Journalists in Copperbelt, Luapula and Southern Provinces.



## ACC HOLDS A TRAINING OF TRAINERS FOR CSOs



**ACC Director-General Thom Shamakamba top left officially opens the training, top right Fr. Bernard Kapembwa gives his opening remarks and bottom group photo with ACC Director -Public Education Dorothy Cheelo and ACC Copperbelt Regional Manager Roy Kakoma**

**IN IT'S** quest to enlist public support in the fight against corruption, the Anti-Corruption Commission has rolled out trainings to Civil Society Organizations (CSO).

This is because the Commission considers members of the public and CSOs as critical in the fight against corruption.

In this Regard, ACC through its Public Education Function held a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for CSOs in Copperbelt and Luapula Provinces.

ACC Director General Mr. Thom Trevor Shamakamba officially opened these ToT workshops with emphasis on collaboration in the fight against corruption between the Commission and CSOs.

The Director General urged CSOs to be agents of mindset change towards transparency and accountability in order to achieve a zero tolerance to corruption.

Mr. Shamakamba advised CSOs to devise programmes that enhance the dissemination of anti-corruption messages and strategies to the general public in order to enhance their support and involvement in the fight.

The Director General implored CSOs to use the knowledge from the training and encourage the public to report acts of corruption.

Mr. Shamakamba thanked the Germany Government through GIZ for the financial support towards the training and urged other international organizations to emulate GIZ so that more trainings can be conducted.

And Social Director and Cathedral Administrator at Caritas Ndola Fr Bernard Kapembwa urged CSOs to partner with ACC and form a formidable force in fighting corruption for the development of the country.

He emphasized that corruption cannot be fought in isolation and it cannot be left to the government alone.

## ACC BOARD CHAIRPERSON URGES ZAMBIA POLICE TO FIGHT CORRUPTION



**Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security Hon. Jack Mwiimbu officially opening the Zambia Police Service's Annual Commanders Conference at Lilayi Police Training College and on the right ACC Board Chairperson Musa Mweenye SC making a presentation at the same event**

**AS PARTNERS** in the fight against corruption and other economic crimes Anti- Corruption Commission (ACC) was part of this years Zambia Police Service's Annual Commanders Conference held under the theme: "Enhancing Service Delivery Through Reforms".

And during the presentations at the official opening, ACC Board Chairperson Musa Mwenye SC urged Zambia Police Service Command to fight corruption as it is a serious drain on national resources.

The Board Chairperson further said corruption impedes development and leads to reduction in the quality of health care, public safety and education.

Meanwhile, The Guest of Honour Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security Hon. Jack Mwimbu advised the Police Command to ensure that crime prevention strategies and measures are enhanced.

Hon. Mwimbu said this can consolidate on the gains made so far regarding community policing initiatives.

Other dignitaries that presented during the event are Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Gilbert Phiri SC, the Attorney General Mr Mulilo Kabesha SC and the Chairperson of Police Service Commission Dr. Peter Machungwa.



## ACC TRAINS TEVETA LECTURERS AND TUTORS



**Top left TEVETA Director General Dr. Cleophas Takaiza reading a speech on behalf of the PS Ministry of Technology and Science, Top Right ACC Director-General Thom Shamakamba giving his welcoming remarks and bottom group photo**

**IN ORDER** to reduce corruption and restore integrity in TEVET Institutions, the Anti-Corruption Commission has initiated anti-corruption trainings targeted at Lecturers/Tutors.

ACC held a training at Sandys Creation where Lecturers and Tutors under Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) were trained in anti-corruption content in a quest to reduce corruption at Tertiary education level.

And Ministry of Technology and Science Permanent Secretary (PS) Dr. Brilliant Habeenzu cautioned lecturers and tutors to desist from engaging in corruption.

Speaking on his behalf during the official opening, TEVETA Director General Dr. Cleophas Takaiza warned that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAS) will not hesitate to enforce the law against anyone suspected to have engaged in corruption.

Dr. Habeenzu urged participants to properly utilize the knowledge acquired during the workshop and be able to correctly impart it on students from their respective training institutions.

Meanwhile, ACC Director General Thom Trevor Shamakamba has disclosed that the Commission and TEVETA team has designed and introduced a new Module on "How to Manage a Business Entity in a Corruption Free Environment."

## INTEGRITY COMMITTEE PROGRAMME IS A NATIONAL AGENDA - PS MINISTRY OF YOUTHS



**Ministry of Youth, Sports and Art Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe officially opening an Integrity Committee Workshop as ACC Director-Corruption Prevention Ms. Glenda Mungalaba looks on**

**THE GOVERNMENT** recognizes the Integrity Committee (IC) programme as one of the most effective ways to proactively prevent the occurrences of corruption in both public and private Sectors.

The Committees' main drive is to deal with causes of corruption and promote ethical conduct at institutional level.

It is for this reason that the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts decided to establish an Integrity Committee.

And Speaking at the official opening of the induction training workshop for members of the IC, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts Permanent Secretary (PS), Kangwa Chileshe implored his staff to embrace the training and become anti-corruption champions.

The PS said that the Integrity Committee programme is a national agenda and pledged his management's full support to the Committee.

Meanwhile the ACC Director-Corruption Prevention Mrs. Glenda Mungalaba who represented the Director -General, commended the Ministry for establishing an Integrity Committee and ensuring that the capacity to mainstream corruption prevention in the Ministry is built through the induction training.

She urged the Ministry's management to ensure that a clear anti-corruption tone is set from the top.

She stated that there should be zero tolerance to unethical conduct in the Ministry and further challenged all the IC members to live beyond reproach both within and outside their work premises.



## ACC ARRESTS AUDITOR GENERAL DR. DICK SICHEMBE FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES



**THE ANTI-CORRUPTION** Commission has arrested and charged Auditor General Dr. Dick Sichembe for corrupt practices involving over K1million.

Dr. Dick Chellah Sichembe 52, of plot number A23 Miracle Lane Roma, Lusaka has been charged with one (1) count of Obtaining Goods by False Pretences Contrary to Section 309 of the Penal Code, Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia, one (1) Count of Conspiracy to Defraud the Government of the Republic of Zambia Contrary to Section 313 of the Penal Code, Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia and one (1) count of Willful Failure to Follow Applicable Procedures Contrary to Section 34 of the Anti-Corruption Act No.3 of 2012.

Dr. Sichembe has further been charged with one (1) count of Theft by Servant Contrary to Section 278 as read with Section 272 of the Penal Code Cap 87 of the Laws of Zambia.

Details are that on dates unknown but between 1st January, 2018 and 31st December, 2021 in Lusaka District, Dr. Sichembe jointly and whilst acting together with other persons, whilst serving in his capacity as Accountant General at the Ministry of Finance and subsequently as Auditor General at the Office of the Auditor General, did receive various payments for fictitious activities purporting that all activities were actualized and performed when in fact not to which he received an accumulated sum of K1,160, 639.57 in allowances (exclusive of salaries), acts prejudicial to the rights and interests of the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

Dr. Sichembe has since been released on bond and will appear before court soon.

Meanwhile, the Commission also arrested and charged former Kabushi Constituency Parliamentarian Bowman Lusambo for being in possession of a single story four-bedroom house reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime.

Mr. Bowman Lusambo of Lusaka's Chamba Valley area has been charged with one count of being in possession of a property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime contrary to section 71 sub section (1) of the Forfeiture of Proceeds of Crime Act No. 19 of 2010.

Details are that on unknown dates but between 1st May 2015 and 31st December 2021 Bowman Lusambo jointly and whilst acting together with other persons unknown did possess property number F/609/E/44/B/9 comprising of a single story four-bedroom house and a guest wing located in Chamba Valley, property reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Mr. Lusambo has since been released on Bond and will appear in court soon.

## FORMER DBZ MANAGING DIRECTOR CONVICTED FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES



**THE ECONOMIC** and Financial Crimes Court convicted and sentenced Former Development Bank of Zambia (DBZ) Managing Director Samuel Bwalya to 15 months imprisonment with hard labour for corrupt practices involving K 781, 195.78.

The Anti-Corruption Commission on 4th December 2021, arrested and charged Samuel Bwalya, 52, of House no. 28, Sugar Street in New Avondale, Lusaka, with 12 Counts of Abuse of Authority of Office contrary to Section 21 (1) (a) as read with Section 41 of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012 of the Laws of Zambia.

Details are that on multiple occasions between 1st May 2020 and 30th July 2021, Bwalya, a public officer, namely, Managing Director for Development Bank of Zambia, did abuse the authority of his office in the manner he arbitrarily directed 12 separate payments to different schools in the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Zambia amounting to a total of K781,195.78, for his children, using public funds belonging to Development Bank of Zambia, an act prejudicial to the rights and interests of the government, a matter or transaction that involved a public body.

The matter was presided over by Hon. Faides Hamaundu.





Investigations Officer Gabriel Phiri interacting with a client



Corporate Communications Officer Christopher Chibanku being interviewed



Corporate Communications Officer Christopher Chibanku interacting with ZP Officers



Senior Public Education Officer Bernard Ndlovu Displays the Trophies and on the other side Ngoni Warriors performing their dance



ACC Officers presenting gifts to Senior Chief Mpezeni (Nkhos Ya ma Nkhosi)



ACC Officers pose for a group Photo with Pupils during the ceremony

## 2023 NCWALA TRADITIONAL CEREMONY



### **VISION**

**A proactive, impartial and professional anti-corruption agency that promotes the attainment of a corruption free Zambia**

### **MISSION**

**To effectively and impartially prevent and combat corruption in order to promote integrity, transparency and accountability for the attainment of a corruption-free Zambia.**

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