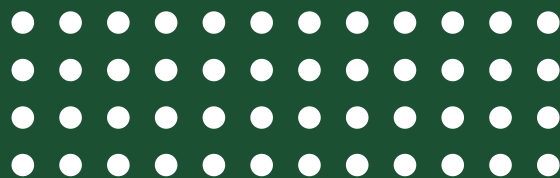




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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL

Dear reader,

I am delighted to welcome you to the E-Newsletter covering activities of the commission of the last six months in 2023. The Commission expresses gratitude to its various stakeholders and the general public for the support rendered in the last six months in 2023. The valuable input and feedback the Commission received on its daily activities through the media and social media platforms is evident that you desire to live in a corruption free country. The Commission appreciates your firm stance against corruption.

I am pleased to highlight some activities of this reporting period, among them is the launch of the Integrity Committee Handbook. Integrity plays an important role in an effort to prevent corruption. Therefore, country men and women should always uphold core values of integrity such as honesty, transparency and impartiality in order to fight corruption against all odds.

Though we may have in place adequate legislation in the fight against corruption, this effort may be meaningless if individuals' integrity is not addressed. Conducting oneself with integrity builds on the country culture as well as creating intolerance to corrupt practices, hence promoting a corruption free country.

In addition, an individual that upholds integrity is more likely to have the courage and fortitude to take a stand against corruption, even if it is not an easy choice. Every Zambian citizen has a role to play in fighting corruption by acting with personal integrity.

Corruption is complex, it takes up any form of bribe, fraud, abuse of power, maliciously interfering with the justice system. Individuals should not try to engage in any form of corruption. No form of corruption is small, any act is punishable by law.

The country does not only need systems, laws, policies and institutions to guide us in combating complex networks of corruption but we also need people with integrity, building those systems, implementing laws and heading institutions.

Overall, the relationship between integrity and the fight against corruption is crucial but one who stands firmly with high esteem can win the fight against corruption. Hence forth, uphold integrity, stand up to corruption and lead by example.

Enjoy reading this edition of the ACC Newsletter.

Thom Trevor Shamakamba



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UNCAC AT 20: UNITING ZAMBIA AGAINST CORRUPTION



(Hon. Jack Mwiimbu inspects the march past)

On December 9th, 2023, Zambia joined the global community in commemorating the United Nations International Anti-Corruption Day held under the theme, "UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption," highlighted the significance of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

The event commenced with a match pass aimed at sanitizing and raising awareness among the general public on the dangers of corruption. In his opening remarks, the guest of honor the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Hon. Jack Mwiimbu, emphasized the government's steadfast commitment to combating corruption. He outlined the government's comprehensive approach, including the establishment of fast-track courts, recovery of stolen assets, and the expansion of the Anti-Corruption Commission's operational presence. Hon. Jack Mwiimbu stressed the importance of citizen participation and the government's proactive measures, such as incorporating anti-corruption education into school curricula.

Following Hon. Mwiimbu's remarks, Mr. Musa Mwenye SC, the ACC Board Chairperson expressed his honor in addressing the commemoration and launching the ACC Strategic Plan 2022-2026. He acknowledged the successes of the previous strategic plan, including the establishment of integrity committees and the recovery of significant proceeds of crime.

However, Mr. Mwenye highlighted ongoing challenges, including inadequate legal frameworks, communication, financial resources, and staff capacity. The ACC's strategic plan aims to address these challenges through a vision of "A Credible Anti-Corruption Institution for a Corruption-Free Society."

The strategic plan focuses on seven strategic objectives, ranging from corruption education to stakeholder engagement, and Mr. Mwenye called for support from cooperating partners and stakeholders in its implementation.

Meanwhile, Ms. Beatrice Mutali, the United Nations Resident Coordinator, reaffirmed the UN's commitment to supporting Zambia's anti-corruption efforts. She praised Zambia's ratification of key international conventions and pledged continued UN assistance in areas such as asset recovery and institutional capacity building. Ms. Mutali emphasized the importance of inclusive partnerships and the need to address gender disparities in combating corruption.

And Mr. Thom Trevor Shamakamba, Director General of the Anti-Corruption Commission, expressed gratitude for the collective commitment to integrity and accountability. He acknowledged the challenges facing the commission and underscored its vital role in safeguarding the nation's integrity.

PRESIDENT HICHILEMA STRENGTHENS FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION WITH KEY APPOINTMENTS



In a determined effort to tackle corruption head-on, President Hakainde Hichilema made significant appointments within the Anti-Corruption Commission. In the third quarter of 2023, Mr. Hichilema officially swore in the Deputy Director Mrs. Monica Chipanta Mwansa and a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Dr. Tommy Kamintondo signifying his commitment to stamp out corruption and promote transparency within the country.

Mrs. Mwansa was appointed as the new Deputy Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission with experience in law enforcement and combating corruption as an advocate of the High Court of Zambia. Mrs. Mwansa is known for her relentless pursuit of justice and her unwavering dedication to upholding the rule of law. Her appointment sets a promising precedent for a stronger and more effective anti-corruption agency in Zambia.

Joining Mrs. Mwansa is Dr. Tommy Kamintondo, a well-respected and accomplished professional in the field of governance and public sector ethics. With a background in global anti-corruption efforts, Dr. Kamintondo brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role as a Member of the Board of Commissioners. His appointment serves as a testament to President Hichilema's desire to promote diversity and inclusivity in the fight against corruption.



Speaking at the swearing-in ceremony, President Hichilema emphasized the urgent need to eradicate corruption in all its forms. President Hichilema said, "Corruption has deeply affected our society and undermined our development. Today, we take a significant step forward in our fight against this menace". the president also stated that he has full confidence in Mrs. Mwansa and Dr. Kamintondo's appointments to lead the Anti-Corruption Commission in creating a more transparent and accountable Zambia.

The President further outlined his administration's commitment to providing adequate resources and support to the Anti-Corruption Commission. He pledged to strengthen legislation related to corruption, encourage collaborations with international partners, and ensure the independence and integrity of the commission.

The appointments of Dr. Kamintondo and Mrs. Mwansa have been widely applauded by

civil society organizations and the general public, who perceive them as a sign of hope for a corruption-free Zambia. Transparency International Zambia, a leading anti-corruption watchdog, commended President Hichilema for the appointments of Mrs. Mwansa and Dr. Kamitondo.

As the new Deputy Director and Member of the Board of Commissioners assume their roles, Zambia looks set to embark on a new path in its fight against corruption. The nation eagerly awaits the results of their dedicated efforts, hoping for a future where transparency and integrity prevail in all levels of governance.

While significant challenges lie ahead, with corruption deeply rooted in many sectors of Zambian society, the appointment of these key individuals marks a clear declaration of intent from President Hichilema's administration. The President's commitment to tackling corruption head-on sends a powerful message that accountability will be prioritized under his leadership.

Harnessing Technology Advancement in the Fight Against Corruption

In a compelling call to action, Secretary to the Cabinet Mr. Patrick Kangwa underscored the imperative for both public and private entities to leverage technological advancements in the relentless battle against corruption.

Addressing attendees at the inauguration of the Integrity Committee Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) Forum convened at the Mulungushi Conference Centre on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, Mr. Kangwa championed the theme: "Preventing Corruption through Implementation of e-Governance and Integration of Government Systems."

He emphasized that the Government is actively rolling out various E-government reforms, including the Public Financial Management (PFM) system, E-Government Procurement (e-GP) System,

CEO's Forum Photo Focus



land Integrated National Registration Information System (INRIS).

These initiatives aim to minimize human interaction, mitigate opportunities for corruption, enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability in public service delivery, and curb corruption-related offenses expressing satisfaction, Mr. Kangwa noted a notable increase of 32 Integrity Committees since the previous year's CEOs forum.

He remarked, "Integrity Committees provide for the mainstreaming of corruption prevention in the routine business of every public and private institution, thereby adopting a multifaceted approach against corruption." He stressed that the Integrity Committee strategy remains pivotal in corruption prevention and reiterated the Government's unwavering commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against corruption.

meanwhile, Anti-Corruption Commission Director General Mr. Thom Trevor Shamakamba

underscored the pivotal role that Chief Executive Officers play in combating corruption. He stressed the necessity for enhanced collaboration, aligning with the Government's steadfast stance on a 'Zero Tolerance' policy against corruption.

Mr. Shamakamba urged CEOs to bolster anti-corruption measures across all levels of corporate governance within organizations to minimize opportunities for corrupt practices.

Furthermore, he highlighted that intensified anti-corruption measures can mitigate the misuse and mishandling of public funds, deter embezzlement, curtail inflated prices for goods and services, and discourage outright theft of resources.

In a unified effort, stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to utilizing technology and collaborative strategies to fortify the ongoing fight against corruption, ensuring a fair and transparent environment conducive to progress and prosperity for all.

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION ZAMBIA

WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS



CLASS OF
2023

The Anti-Corruption Commission-(ACC) Zambia proudly hosted a graduation ceremony to welcome 24 newly inducted officers into its esteemed ranks.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished representatives from partner institutions, including Inspector General of Zambia Police Service, Graphel Musamba; Director-General of the Drug Enforcement Commission, Nason Banda; and Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre, Diphath Tembo.

During the ceremony, ACC Board Chairperson Musa Mwenye delivered a poignant address, urging the newly inducted officers to uphold professionalism and impartiality in their pursuit to combat corruption across past, present, and future realms. He emphasized that despite the inherent challenges associated with anti-corruption endeavors, it remains crucial for the betterment of society and the advancement of national development.

The Inspector General of Police echoed Mwenye's sentiments, encouraging the officers to seek guidance from their superiors and embrace the

complexities that accompany their noble career path. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging not only the triumphs but also the challenges inherent in their mission to uphold integrity and transparency.

The ceremony served as a testament to the collective commitment of Zambia's anti-corruption forces in safeguarding the nation's resources and fostering a culture of accountability. As the newly inducted officers embark on their journey, they carry with them the mandate to uphold the highest standards of integrity, serving as beacons of hope in the fight against corruption.

The ACC Zambia extends its warmest congratulations to the newly graduated officers and reaffirms its unwavering dedication to the pursuit of justice and transparency in the service of the Zambian people. Together, they stand poised to confront corruption head-on and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all.

ACC EXPANDS ANTI-CORRUPTION MISSION WITH NEW DISTRICT OFFICE IN SERENJE



In a proactive move to intensify its fight against corruption, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has unveiled a new district office in Serenje. This strategic initiative is part of the commission's broader mission to educate the public on the detrimental effects of corrupt practices in every corner of the country.

During a courtesy call on Serenje District Commissioner Paul Masuwa, ACC's Secretary and Controlling Officer Ivor Mukwanka reiterated the commission's unwavering commitment to spreading its anti-corruption mission nationwide. Mr. Mukwanka disclosed that the expansion plan also involves establishing an office in Chinsali following the separation of Northern and Muchinga provinces.

He clarified that before the division of the two provinces, the ACC had a presence in all nine provinces. However, with the addition of Muchinga, a new office in Chinsali became imperative to ensure comprehensive coverage. The recent openings in Nakonde and Serenje mark significant strides in the commission's expansion strategy. Serenje District Commissioner Paul Masuwa expressed his wholehearted support for the fight against corruption within his jurisdiction. Aligning with the vision of President Hakainde Hichilema's government, Masuwa emphasized his commitment to fostering a corruption-free society for the betterment of the people.

"As you know, the New Dawn administration under His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema advocates for a corruption-free society for the betterment of our people. So, as a representative of the President in the district, I am equal to the task that corruption is not tolerated in the district," he affirmed.

In their interactions with Heads of Government Departments, ACC delegates encouraged the reporting of any instances of corruption encountered in the region. The officers underscored the importance of collective involvement in the fight against corruption for the overall betterment of Zambia. The new district office in Serenje marks a crucial step forward in the ACC's mission to eradicate corruption and promote transparency across the nation.

NEW ANTI-CORRUPTION OFFICE OPENS IN MUCHINGA PROVINCE

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) of Zambia is expanding its reach with the inauguration of a new office in Muchinga Province. This move underscores the government's commitment to combatting corruption and fostering integrity across the nation.

Minister Henry Sikazwe of Muchinga Province reiterated the province's dedication to a corruption-free Zambia and expressed optimism about the ACC's role in upholding integrity. He emphasized the significance of the ACC's presence in facilitating efficient resource utilization amidst numerous developmental projects underway in the province.

In the past, accessing ACC services necessitated a journey to Kasama, presenting logistical challenges. However, with the opening of the new office, spearheaded by President Hakainde Hichilema, accessing anti-corruption services becomes more accessible, particularly in a province teeming with developmental activities.

Mr. Sikazwe emphasized the pivotal role of the ACC in restoring integrity within government institutions and promoting accountability. He stressed the need for collaborative efforts to instill a culture of responsibility and safeguard the nation's resources.

Acknowledging potential apprehensions about the ACC's presence, Mr. Sikazwe highlighted the importance of awareness programs, especially within schools and districts, to foster understanding and cooperation in the fight against corruption.

ACC Vice Chairperson Ireen Lamba expressed gratitude for the Minister's support and reiterated the commission's commitment to expanding its presence nationwide. She emphasized the importance of educating communities about the perils of corruption and implementing preventive measures to close loopholes. Ms. Lamba underscored the significance of the new ACC office in Muchinga, stating that collaborative efforts among government entities are essential to curb corruption effectively.

ACC Commissioner Dr. Henry Mbushi emphasized that the commission's presence in Muchinga aims to streamline efforts in combating corruption and promoting transparency across all sectors. The opening of the new ACC office in Muchinga Province marks a significant milestone in Zambia's anti-corruption endeavors, signaling a united front in the fight against corruption and the restoration of integrity in governance and public service.



INTEGRITY IN MOTION: CRUSH CORRUPTION IN EVERY MOVE

UNITED AGAINST CORRUPTION AEROBICS MANIA



By: Mwape Bwalya

In a vibrant fusion of fitness and advocacy, the Anti-Corruption Commission Zambia orchestrated the inaugural United Against Corruption Aerobics Mania, a ground breaking event

raising awareness about corruption while promoting physical well-being and enjoyment.

Over 300 dedicated Anti-corruption ambassadors enthusiastically participated in the event, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to integrity in the fight against corruption. Under the resounding theme "Integrity in Motion: Crushing Corruption in Every Move."



the Aerobics Mania served as a spirited prelude to the upcoming commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, 2023. Participants, adorned with enthusiasm and determination, engaged in synchronized aerobics routines, symbolizing unity and solidarity in their collective endeavor to combat corruption. The event not only fostered a sense of camaraderie but also underscored the transformative power of physical activity in advocating for social change.

As participants moved and grooved to pulsating beats, they embodied the spirit of resilience and determination in their pursuit of a corruption-free society. By intertwining the promotion of integrity with the celebration of physical health, the United Against Corruption Aerobics Mania exemplified the harmonious convergence of diverse interests towards a common goal.

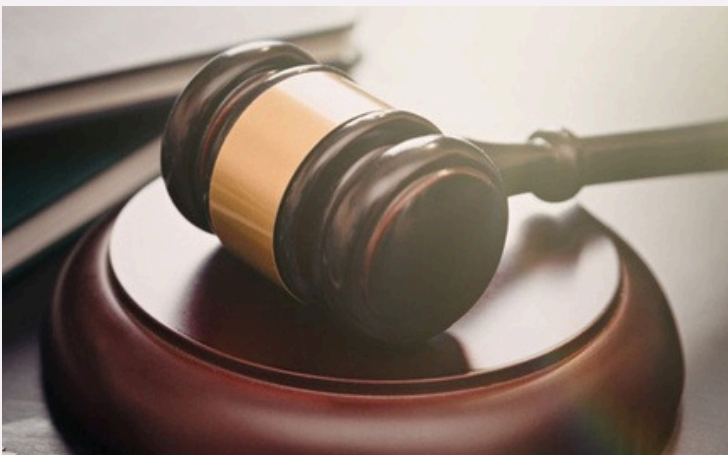


As Zambia geared up to commemorate International Anti-Corruption Day 2023, the resounding success of the Aerobics Mania reinforces the Anti-Corruption Commission steadfast resolve to combat corruption at all levels. Through collective action and unwavering commitment, Zambia continues to pave the way towards a future defined by integrity, accountability, and social justice.



ARRESTS & CONVICTIONS

FORMER NAPSA EMPLOYEE CONVICTED FOR FRAUD



The Solwezi Subordinate Court has convicted and sentenced former National Pension Scheme Authority (NAPS) Accounts Clerk Stark Simbaya to two (2) years imprisonment with hard labour for fraud involving over K2 million.

Hon. Magistrate Davies Chibwili found Simbaya, 48, of flat no. 5 Urban Area in Solwezi, guilty of Fraudulent False Accounting and Uttering of False Documents contrary to Sections 326 and 352 of the Penal Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia.

Simbaya was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in 2017 and charged with thirty-one (31) counts of Fraudulent False Accounting and three (3) counts of Uttering of False Documents.

A Brief facts of the offence are that between 1st June 2016 and 31st May 2017, Simbaya made Fraudulent False Accounting by purporting that three companies namely Freca Mining, Buildcon and Silondwa Engineering Works Limited had paid the NAPSA monthly contributions when in fact not.

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FUN FACTS	DID YOU KNOW?
	 The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) was established by the Corrupt Practices Act of 1980, though actual operations started in 1982. The Commission currently operates under the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012.

CBU LECTURER ARRESTED FOR SEXTORTION

The Anti-Corruption Commission arrested a Copperbelt University (CBU) Lecturer for Corrupt Practices involving sexual gratification.

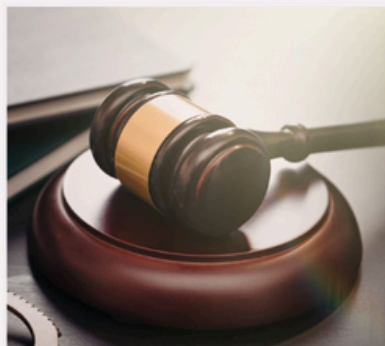
Dr Webby Mulyata Mwaka, a Lecturer in the School of Engineering, aged 43 of CBU Jambo Drive Campus, has been charged with one (1) count of Abuse of Authority of Office of contrary Anti-Corruption Act Number 3 of 2012

Details are that Dr. Mwaka on dates unknown but between 1st January 2023 and 3rd October 2023 in Kitwe, Copperbelt Province did abuse the authority of his office did corruptly solicit sexual gratification from a named female Copperbelt University student as an inducement or reward for himself to help her pass her course, a matter or transaction that concerns the Copperbelt University, a Public Body. Dr. Mwaka has since been released on bond and will appear before court soon.

The Anti-Corruption Commission arrested two other CBU Lecturers on similar charges. The Commission is concerned with the rise in offences of this nature and would like to appeal to all victims of such immoral and criminal acts not to shy away from reporting incidences of sexual gratification but to report to the ACC so that corruption in all its forms is eliminated.

ARRESTS & CONVICTIONS

TWO FORMER ZRA CUSTOMS OFFICERS CONVICTED FOR CORRUPTION



The Lusaka Magistrate Court has today convicted and sentenced two former Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) Customs Officers to three (3) years imprisonment with hard labour for corrupt practices involving over K40,000.00.

In presiding over the matter, Hon. Nthandose Chabala said the prosecution had proved its case beyond all

reasonable doubt and therefore, found Caroline Moyo Mukelebai and Gilbert Keembe Mainza guilty as charged in count one (1) of Abuse of Authority of Office and count two (2) of Corrupt Practices by Public Officer and convicted them accordingly. The Court then proceeded to sentence Gilbert Mainza to three (3) years imprisonment with hard labour in the first count and 18 months imprisonment with hard labour in the second count.

Meanwhile, Caroline Mukelebai was sentenced to three (3) years simple imprisonment in the first count and 18 months simple imprisonment in the second count.

The sentence is effective today and will run concurrently.

In 2015, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) jointly arrested and charged the duo with one (1) count of Abuse of Authority of Office contrary to Section 21(1) (b) of the Anti-Corruption Act No.3 of 2012 and one (1) of Corrupt Practices by Public Officer contrary to Section 19 (1) as read with Section 41 of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012 respectively.

Details in the first count are that, Ms. Mukelabai and Mr. Mainza jointly and whilst acting together, on 17th February, 2015 in Lusaka, being persons employed in the Zambia Revenue Authority as Customs Officers, for purposes of benefit abused the authority of their office by conducting a timber inspection exercise at Silbrand Warehouse without authority from their supervisor, an act arbitrary and prejudicial to the rights and interests of Zambia Revenue Authority, a public body.

Details in the second count are that, Ms. Mukelabai and Mr. Mainza, jointly and whilst acting together on unknown dates, but between 1st February 2015 and 18th February 2015 in Lusaka, being public officers employed in the Zambia Revenue Authority as Customs Officers, corruptly solicited for K40, 000.00 cash gratification from a Mr. Peter Hatuma of Silbrand General Trading and in fact received K15, 900.00 in order to facilitate the release of Silbrand Trucks that were impounded in Mozambique, an act that concerns the Zambia Revenue Authority, a public body.

ZAMBIA POLICE OFFICER JAILED FOR CORRUPTION

The Choma Subordinate Court has convicted a Zambia Police Officer to two (2) years imprisonment with hard labour for corrupt practices.

On 30th May 2023, the Anti-Corruption Commission arrested Justine Kainga, a Police Officer aged 45 of house number 40 Macha area, Choma and charged him with Abuse of Authority of Office contrary to Section 21 (1) (a) and Corrupt practices contrary to Section 19(1) as read with section 41(a) of the Anti-Corruption Act No.3 of 2012.

Details are that Justine Kainga between 1st and 31st March, 2020 in Choma, Southern Province, being a public officer abused his authority in the manner in which he arrested Vernon Ntunka and Crispin Ntuunka, a matter involving the Zambia Police Service, a public body.

Further, that Mr Kainga between 1st and 31st August, 2020 in Choma, being a public officer did corruptly solicit K6,000 and actually obtained K2,000 to enable the release of Vernon Ntunka and Crispin Ntuunka from Police custody, a matter or transaction involving the Zambia Police Service, a public body.

In presiding over the matter, Magistrate Chabala sentenced Mr Kainga to 24 months imprisonment with hard labor in count 1 and, 12months imprisonment with hard labor in count 2 which will run concurrently.