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## Enhanced County Engagements!



NACCSC Chairman Archbishop Eliud Wabukala discusses areas of partnership and collaboration with West Pokot County Deputy Governor Hon. Titus Lote in his Kapenguria office. They agreed that negative ethnicity must be shunned, and all communities be encouraged to join together and fight corruption at the individual level. Photo/ Faynie Mwakio

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Concerned that corruption may take root in the Counties, the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) moved to partner with the County Governments early last year to jointly formulate and implement anti-corruption campaign strategies, programmes and activities at the grassroots levels. These include sensitization and awareness creation for County residents on what corruption is, its forms, manifestations, effects and action they should take

whenever they come across it.

Specifically members of the public are encouraged to participate in the fight against corruption, become intolerant to corrupt practices and jealously guard against misuse of the resources that have been devolved for development and service delivery, but most importantly, support local and national initiatives to fight corruption.

So far NACCSC has visited 32 Counties, after holding successful meetings with the following County

Governments:-

- Kakamega County - Tuesday, 17th February, 2015
- Busia County - Wednesday, 18th February, 2015
- Bungoma County - Thursday, 19th February, 2015
- West Pokot County - Friday, 20th February, 2015
- Garissa County - Friday, 6th March, 2015

Already several joint activities have been undertaken with various Counties after the partnership as follows:-

- Formulation of specific sensitization and awareness creation strategies and activities – Nyeri County had all their 1,300 Drivers of Public Participation capacity build on corruption matters thus equipping them to work better
- Sensitization of leaders – Members of the County Assemblies, women, youth, re-

ligious and opinion leaders, Project Management Committees, School Committees, Boards of Governors, among others

- Undertaking social audits and public reporting forums in project and programmes funded by the taxpayer – several have been undertaken in the 19 Counties that NACCSC has presence

- Airing of anti-corruption messages through popular local FM stations – Meru and Taita-Taveta Counties achieved this through *Mwariama FM* and *Mwanedu FM* respectively. Residents of Narok, Kajiado, Ngong and Trans Mara regions benefited from broadcasts through *Nosim FM* while *Mayienga FM* broadcasted to its bigger listener base that comprises Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay and Migori Counties as well as Rarieda, Ndhiwa, Mala-

ba, Busia, Kitale, Eldoret and parts of Rift Valley and Western regions. Efforts are underway to procure *Kalya FM* for residents of West Pokot, Turkana and Kitale Counties, as well as *West FM* to cater for Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega and Vihiga Counties as well as parts of Trans Nzoia and Uganda.

It is envisaged that future County engagements will result in more sensitization of and activities with people at the grassroots levels. NACCSC desires that all Kenyans join in the efforts to fight corruption and particularly support the sensitization and awareness creation campaigns as a preventive strategy. We all must embrace our individual role. The campaign against corruption is on and can be won!

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NACCSC Ag. Director Mr. David Gathii stresses a point during a public forum. Photo/Faynie Mwakio

# Nationwide Anti-Corruption Campaign Gets Fresh Lease



The Hon. Attorney General Prof. Githu Muigai (4th from left) with members of the reconstituted NACCSC at Sheria House. Photo/ Faynie Mwakio

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Cognizant of the saying 'prevention is better than cure', the Government recently reconstituted the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) thereby granting it a fresh lease of life. Vide Kenya Gazette Notice no. 6707 dated 19th September, 2014, new Members were appointed to NACCSC for a five-year term within which to actualize the campaign against corruption. The mandate remains that of undertaking a nationwide public education, sensitization and awareness creation campaign aimed at effecting

fundamental changes in the behavior, attitudes, practices and culture of corruption.

Over the years it has become evident that for the war against corruption to be won, there is need for a radical transformation of the mindsets of Kenyans hence the need to adopt a three-pronged approach incorporating investigations, prosecutions and preventive services. NACCSC falls in the latter category.

The new Members comprising 14 in total are drawn from a wide spectrum of society representative of the youth, women,

Faith-Based Organizations, trade unions, Government Ministries/Departments and State Corporations. The reconstituted Committee was inaugurated by the Attorney General Hon. Githu Muigai on 24th November, 2014 and thereafter underwent induction from 3rd to 6th December, 2014 where their capacity was built on how to campaign against corruption.

Already the team has approved for implementation the NACCSC work plan for the 3rd and 4th Quarters of the 2014/2015 Financial Year. Among the major ac-

tivities to be undertaken include:-

- Prevention of corruption in the implementation of public projects - Sensitization and awareness creation among Project Management Committees to equip them with skills necessary to promote transparency and accountability in the management of projects and programmes funded by tax payers.
- A values-based anti-corruption campaign – This is premised on the fact that there exists a direct link between the non-practice of values and increased cases of corruption. Already a concept paper on a nationwide Values-Based Anti-Corruption Campaign has been developed, and plans are at an advanced stage to contract a Consultant to actualize the campaign. The objective of this campaign is to sensitize the public on the national values as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya (2010), and promote

their practice to change the attitudes, behaviour, practice and culture of Kenyans towards corruption. A nationwide baseline survey is currently being undertaken in partnership with the Directorate of National Cohesion and National Values to inform the successful roll-out of this campaign.

- Partnership and collaboration with County Governments – So far, NACCSC has visited and partnered with 32 Counties to jointly formulate and implement anti-corruption campaign strategies, programmes and activities at the grassroots levels. Plans are underway to partner with the remaining 15 Counties in due course.

- Social audits, Public reporting forums, Public barazas and sensitization forums – Several social audits have been undertaken by the 19 County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committees (CACCOCs) already established by NACCSC on pro-

jects and programmes funded by the tax payer. This is to enhance transparency in the management of these funds as well as equip the public on what to look out for when such funds are expended in their areas. The public is also sensitized on how to identify corruption and become intolerant to it, as well as the steps to take to curb it.

- Collaboration with major stakeholders – The current NACCSC membership comprises a representative of the National Youth Council, Maendeleo ya Wanawake, Inter-Religious Council of Kenya and the National Council for People with Disabilities. Efforts are at an advanced stage to partner with these organizations and use their existing structures to reach their diverse membership at the grassroots level, and enjoin them in the campaign against corruption.

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NACCSC Members and Secretariat staff during their induction retreat at the Elementeita Lodge, Naivasha. Photo/Faynie Mwakio

# 'Tukomeshe Ufisadi, tuijenge County yetu Kirinyaga'



NACCSC road show in Kirinyaga County. Photo/Faynie Mwakio

By Lawrence Chege

On 31st October 2003, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption and requested that the Secretary-General designate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as secretariat for the Convention's Conference of States Parties (resolution 58/4). The resolution in part reads "7. Decides that, in order to raise awareness of corruption and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it, 9th December should be designated International Anti-Corruption Day".

The General Assembly had a vision to see the participation of the public in the fight against corruption, by creating worldwide awareness. In line with the vision of

the General Assembly and to enhance the fight against corruption, Kirinyaga County was for the first time one of the Counties to mark the celebrations.

The strong cordial relationship between the Kirinyaga County Government (KCG), Ethics and Anti corruption commission Nyeri office (EACC/Nyeri) and National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee Kirinyaga office (NACCSC-KIR) saw a successful and well attended occasion marked at Kerugoya Stadium. A strong professional task force working on volunteer basis composed of the three main partners KCG, EACC/Nyeri, NACCSC-KIR and the office of the County Commissioner Kirinyaga worked tirelessly to plan and ensure the success

of the celebrations.

The run up to the big day saw a road show roll out to all corners of the County from the major towns like Wanguru, Kutu, and Kagio to small towns like D'Fathers and Kiangwache where the message of anti corruption rang for two days. Experts in the field of Anti Corruption from the EACC/Nyeri office and the Kirinyaga based local District Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight committee (DACCOCs) took the time to sensitize and educate the community on corruption and the role of the public in fighting this evil.

The people met the message with joy and attentiveness, with most openly stating that their view of corruption is that *'It takes place in Government offices in Nai-*

robi and hence it is the duty of the Government, not them, to fight corruption'. The road shows gave the community the opportunity to share their views in the fight against corruption. "How do you deal with a corrupt police officer who is armed?" they would ask. Their questions were addressed in detail and this indicated the thirst of the community to fight corruption. The road show also gave the public the opportunity to

register their complaints and whereas over thirty (30) people came forth with issues of concern, only nineteen (19) were recorded as genuine complaints to be perused further for action.

The big day 9th December, 2014 came. It started with an 800meter march from Kerugoya town to the stadium led by the Kirinyaga Governor Hon Joseph Ndathi. The excited crowd joined the procession to the

celebration venue. The over 300 people listened attentively to the speeches made by various speakers and all the while chanted in support of the chorus 'Tukomeshe Ufisadi, tujenge County yetu Kirinyaga'. The flame lit on this day marked a milestone that should ripple towards a positive change in the perception of corruption in Kirinyaga County.

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# Malindi Roadshow a Timely Exercise

By Anderson Ziro Ndumbu

The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC), the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), and Transparency International (TI) carried out a very successful Road Show in Malindi to sensitize the public and create awareness on corruption. The road show started in the town centre and moved to Kisumu Ndogo, Majengo, and then to Kijiwe Tanga, Msabaha and Gede. It went through Kakuyuni, to Ganda and back to Malindi.

What measured the success of the road show was not just the blaring music by the event organizers, but the level of attendance and precisely the show of interest by the members of the public in the entire exercise. The response by the members of the public to the questions posed to them by the MC and crew were indicative of the level of awareness about corruption. The public seemed quite aware about corruption. They answered questions like what is corruption very well. They even gave examples of

corrupt practices with ease. This level of awareness can be mainly attributed to the frequent campaigns by NACCSC through the Malindi District Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committee (DACCOC) on the fight against corruption.

One common question raised by members of the public in most stop overs of the road show was "You are telling us about corruption but what have you done to stop it?" "We always here you people saying the Government is serious about stopping corruption but even today the police in the road blocks are taking bribes and you are doing nothing". We managed to convince them that fighting corruption is an individual decision, and saying no must start with you and me.

The campaign helped us to raise further awareness

about NACCSC by distributing our brochures. In this one road show NACCSC managed to distribute over 500 brochures. There is great need to now create further public awareness in the hinterlands of Kakoneni, Chakama, Bamba, Ganze, Chonyi and Kaloleni and Rabai since Mombasa and Malindi have benefited from frequent road shows.

On the celebration of the World Anti-corruption Day on 9th December 2014, some members of the public complained openly about leaders who were perceived as corrupt. This came out clearly when Hon. Dan Kazungu was interrupted in his speech by a member of the public who interjected and complained saying "you are telling us that corruption is bad but you are yourself very corrupt and we know it in Malindi." The person was however, asked to leave the venue but he had passed the message home.

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# Engaging the County Governments in the Fight Against Corruption



Bungoma County Deputy Governor 4th left Hon. Hillary Chongwony (in a white cap & glasses) with other officers including EACC Director Finance & Planning Mrs. Jennifer Kimani, Chief Magistrate Bungoma Ms Rotich, Bungoma County Secretary Murunga Chiuli and NACCSC representative Mr Windrick Mukoshi on the extreme left during the flag off of the World Anti-Corruption day march in Bungoma town. Photo/Faynie Mwakio

By Windrick Mukoshi

During the celebrations of the World Anti-Corruption day held on the 9th of December every year, partners under the Kenya Leadership Integrity Forum (KLIF) organizing the event in Bungoma including Ethics & Anti Corruption Commission, Transparency International and the National Anti Corruption Campaign Steering Committee engaged other stakeholders including the County Government of Bungoma, the Judiciary, the Kenya Police and the Office of the County Commissioner Bungoma amidst other County heads of departments. The

theme of this year's Anti Corruption day was 'Tukomeshe Ufisadi Tuijenge Kenya Yetu'.

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In his key note address to members of the public attending the celebrations, the Deputy County Governor Hon Hillary Chongwony appreciated the involvement of their office in the fight against corruption saying his office & that of the Governor shall

fight the corruption menace through "action, word and deeds". He said the County Government will adopt various mechanisms to promote transparency and accountability as well as practice an open door policy for members of the public who witness corruption incidences to walk in and report them. He said that his office shall collaborate with the Anti-Corruption Agencies in and out of his County to review its systems and procedures to ensure the County is Corruption Free.

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Corruption, embezzlement, fraud, these are all characteristics which exist everywhere. It is regrettably the way human nature functions, whether we like it or not. What successful economies do is keep it to a minimum. No one has ever eliminated any of that stuff.

By Alan Greenspan

Alan Greenspan is an American economist. He served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve of the United States from 1987 to 2006.

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