

**COURTESY CALL ON THE NEWLY APPOINTMENT DIRECTOR OF KENYA ANTI
CORRUPTION COMMISSION.**

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STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF NCBDA.

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It is firstly our great pleasure to congratulate you on the appointment to the post of the Director of KACC.

This appointment places you in the driver's seat of one of the most critical organizations in this country in our new dispensation. A Kenya that is fast CHANGING.

We as a business association representing businesses in Nairobi are very alive to the NUMEROUS causes of corruption and the effects of this VICE on our country.

Looking at the outstanding causes of corruption and its debilitating effects on our society then we can say that indeed you are on a HOT seat. A hot seat because if the leadership of KACC is not clearly and vividly aware of the critical nature of this organization then the organization cannot work. You are the leader of this organization guarded of course by a board which we anticipate will be very supportive.

We have read, learnt about you through the Media, listened to your speeches and statements about how you intend to tackle this big Corruption Monster. All that you have said is very positive. In actual fact going by your words we expect that you will do well.

The NCBDA and indeed the business community would however like to say that WE EXPECT ACTION. The business community would like to assure you that WE ARE WATCHING.

We must thank God because with the New Constitution now in place THANKS TO KENYANS ALSO for doing ourselves good we now have an opportunity for better governance, An opportunity for us to have courts that dispense off cases faster without delay and in a just manner.

Our opportunity for positive political will, to eradicate corruption,

Our opportunity to work through accountable and devolved systems of governance

A Kenya with New image and new dispensation that we can ride on.

That means that the environment is right for KACC to annihilate and destroy the old networks of corruption.

The environment is right to ensure that public resources are properly utilized for public projects.

The environment is right to ensure that you reverse all the weakening effects of corruption. It is our CHANCE TO IMPROVE OUR IMAGE.

The Environment to build a NEW psyche towards abhorring corruption and desiring to be STRAIGHT.

An environment where it will be easier to obey the LAW other than PAY SOMETHING.

We as businesses also know and take cognizance of the fact that environment provided by the new constitution and the opportunity to reap heavily from the new dispensation will not be genuine and real if corruption continues to thrive. In other words the New constitution will not be progressives if we allow the dragon of corruption to live.

Your organization is therefore an anchor to the new governance system. As an anchor your organization must do several things.

- **It must go towards addressing systemic corridors that promote corruption and demolishing and DISMANTLING those corridors and networks. It must be about solving the old big cases and making sure the guilty are brought to book. You must therefore reopen those old cases and deal with them conclusively and with finality.**
- **It must be about ensuring enforcement of laws in all avenues so as to destroy IMPUNITY. It must also be about FAIRNESS to all. You must demonstrate that fairness but FAIRNESS should never be an excuse for delay. Besides fairness we know you are capable of resisting pressure from the high and mighty.**
- **It must be about promoting accountability when one is in POWER and proper use of that power vested in them. So that those who will hold the new offices in our new system of governance do just, fair and transparent business.**
- **It must be about propping up professionalism and integrity. Helping promote that must stand out in your mandate.**
- **It must be about removal of inefficiency from the Public offices. The new devolved system will be extremely productive if efficiency is significantly emphasized but very costly and a corruption breeder if inefficiency is allowed to flourish!!**
- **It must be about endorsing and advancing positive societal values and norms.**

We know you cannot do it all alone. YOU NEED SUPPORT FROM ALL AND SUNDRY. Indeed we must all own this battle.

We have therefore come here to tell you that YOU HAVE ALL THE SUPPORT FROM US. We are also sure other organizations like KAM, FKE, KEPSA, and COTU amongst a host of other professional organizations will support your efforts.

We propose to be organizing regular forums whereby you (KACC) can be meeting businesses and having discussions and follow-ups on initiatives and actions where either KACC needs support and where businesses need support.

We also propose that you develop a rapid response system to be responding to cases that are reported to KACC by mwananchi. With a rapid response system you will ease collection of evidence and therefore ease prosecution since you will have foolproof evidence. This is especially true in cases of police bribery.

This will mean that KACC expands its countrywide network of offices and undercover agents if at all it will make meaningful change in sensitivity towards corruption.

The issue of Civil education is also paramount having taken leanings from the recently concluded civil education campaign on the new constitution. Our proposal is therefore, that KACC develops and implements very swiftly a far reaching and effective civil education drive.

For the fight against corruption more effective within our business circles we shall be proposing that anybody mentioned adversely in connection with corruption cases must step aside if they are holding public office. By public office we do not just mean government office but also key offices in public listed companies. It is a mockery of justice and fairness when one is mentioned with huge cases of embezzlement and grabbing and they continue to hold office. We shall therefore be discussing the possibilities of parliament enacting a law to stamp this issue.

We assure you that BUSINESSES WILL BE BEHIND YOU IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION.

BUSINNESES WANT TO DO CLEAN BUSINESS.

We shall therefore support you in all ways in your new job. Feel free to engage us. We shall be involved. We shall support you.

PLEASE SWING INTO VISIBLE ACTION. WE REQUEST VISIBLE ACTION.

Thank you

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