



**THIRD ZAMBIA ANTI - CORRUPTION CONFERENCE**

**STEERING THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION TOWARDS PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**DECLARATION**

Arising from this conference, anchored on the theme titled “Steering the Fight against Corruption towards Public Procurement”, we, the anti-corruption stakeholders, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, make the following commitments against corruption for the year 2023:

1. We recognize that fighting public procurement corruption demand a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectorial approach. This includes deliberate efforts to bring the private sector in the fight against corruption. We will therefore create multi stakeholder platforms to improve collaborative action in the fight against corruption in general and public procurement in particular.
2. As a way of fighting Public Procurement Corruption, we will heighten our efforts to advocate for strengthened and enhanced oversight of all procurement stages in the procurement process.
3. We will heighten our advocacy for usage of digital technology to increase automation of financial transactions to reduce human interface; and to enhance social media utilisation in sensitizing citizens about progressive interventions being implemented in the fight against corruption in public procurement as well as galvanising their support and participation in the fights against corruption.
4. We will continue to push for the enactment of the Access to Information (ATI) law and media freedom for improved transparency, investigative journalism and improved knowledge levels among citizens to create incentives for people participation in the fight against corruption
5. We reemphasize the importance of the Judiciary in the fight against corruption. We will therefore support and push for the full operationalization the Economic and Financial Crimes Court to ensure actualization of its mandate and achievement of the desired outcomes behind its establishment.
6. Ensure greater enforcement of the Public Procurement Act 2020: advocate for beneficial ownership as a mechanism for ensuring that persons behind companies that are engaging in public procurement corruption are also either suspended or blacklisted and they do not create new companies.

7. . We resolve to advocate for greater enforcement of the Company's Act through declaration of natural persons directly or indirectly owning or controlling corporate entities to ensure disclosure and verification of the data.
8. To ensure a sustained fight against corruption, there is need to foster public and private-sector integrity infrastructure to promote strong ethical governance.
9. Cognisant of the importance of oversight and law enforcement institutions in securing public resources, we will collaborate with other stakeholders in advocating for and supporting efforts aimed at strengthening these institutions.

As Transparency International Zambia, we remain committed to the fight against corruption and the promotion of good governance in Zambia.

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