

ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION



PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVE BY THE LEADERS IN THE RELIGIOUS SECTOR IN KENYA TO PARTNER WITH THE ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (EACC) IN ERADICATING CORRUPTION AND UNETHICAL CONDUCT

We, the leaders of various faith based organizations in Kenya including the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK), Hindu Council of Kenya (HCK), Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK) and the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) have this morning been hosted in a meeting by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). The forum was primarily for us to engage EACC, and provide prayers and counsel to the newly appointed Commission Chairperson His Grace Archbishop (Rtd.) Eliud Wabukala as he steers the Commission in the discharge of its mandate.

We understand and appreciate that the war against corruption requires multi-faceted strategies bringing together all players including government institutions, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, media, the religious sector and most importantly the general public.

We recognize that corruption is an evil which continues to shatter the moral fabric of the nation, and it must be fought by all using all means available including the Word of God. To this extent the faiths based sector will work closely with EACC and other stakeholders in tackling corruption and unethical conduct in Kenya with a view to nurturing a society where all people embrace integrity in their public and private endeavors.

We note with concern that Kenyans continue to view the fight against corruption as the sole obligation of EACC. This state of affairs must change. It is the individual responsibility of every citizen and resident of this country to stand up and be counted on what they are doing to reverse the corruption trend. The Commission with only 600 employees cannot be expected to serve over 45 million Kenyans and win this war on its own. The attacks against the Commission; and the politicization of the war must stop. We must reason together as leaders and Kenyans, and deal with the problem without fear and favour.

Based on the brief we have received from the EACC today, we are encouraged that, despite the criticism directed to the Commission, and public apathy towards the fight against corruption, EACC is on the right path and should be supported by all. We note that it is doing a wonderful job, with significant achievements in the war on corruption. Therefore, we call upon all Kenyans to take up their responsibilities in supporting the war on corruption. We as the religious fraternity today declare that we shall be fully behind this noble course by playing our respective roles.

Today we have **FIRMLY RESOLVED AND COMMITTED THAT** as leaders in the religious sector, shall use our respective places of worship to condemn corruption and lead our faithfuls towards discovering God's position and His direction on living a life full of integrity. We will also actively participate in changing the narrative from mere talk about corruption to taking both personal and collective responsibility in preventing and combating it in all our spheres of life. Corruption is a moral issue, and the religious leaders as preachers on morality will

In particular, we commit to-

- ✓ Support and partner with EACC in the fight against corruption.
- ✓ Use our resources, and the pulpit to spread the message against corruption and unethical practices in our society.
- ✓ Rally Kenyans to have peaceful elections and to elect leaders of integrity.
- ✓ Enlist those seeking elective positions to commit to provide virtuous leadership when they take up public service.
- ✓ Lobby the political leadership in this country to strengthen the legal policy and institutional instruments and capacity of EACC in the fight against corruption.
- ✓ Change the negative narrative and perception surrounding the fight against corruption to ensure that each and every Kenyan play their role in the fight. We particularly call upon all leaders at all levels of government to take personal responsibility for the corruption and unethical practices in their respective institutions.

WE DO HEREBY CALL UPON ALL KENYANS to wake up to the realization that corruption continues to bedevil the country and it is significantly responsible for most of the challenges that the nation is grappling with today; including terrorism, crime, diseases, hunger and the high cost of living. A time has come when we should all say no to corruption and stop all manner of hypocrisy and indifference and do something about the vice.

MAY GOD BLESS KENYA

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017

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