

JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM BETWEEN THE ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (EACC) AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN KENYA ON THE PROMOTION OF INTEGRITY IN THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD AT THE KSMS

Monday, 27th June 2022

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

We, the **Religious Leaders drawn from different faith sectors in Kenya** have this morning held a consultative meeting with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on how best to promote integrity in the upcoming general elections.

NOTING that corruption is a major obstacle to good governance in Kenya and has continued to impoverish the lives of all citizens;

AWARE that corruption, which continues to shatter the moral fabric of the nation is partly a direct consequence of electing unethical persons to leadership positions. This is despite Kenya not being short of good leaders with high moral standards;

ACKNOWLEDGING that despite the efforts made by EACC to enforce Chapter Six of the Constitution in the 2022 elections, persons who clearly fall below the expected moral and ethical requirements for election to public office have been cleared by IEBC to seek election to various positions in both national and county governments;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT that war against corruption requires multi-faceted strategies bringing together all players including; Government institutions, private sector, non-governmental organizations, international partners, media, the religious sectors and most importantly the general public.

RECOGNIZING the critical responsibility of citizens who are the holders of the sovereign authority as decreed under the Article 1 of the Constitution, 2010, to rise up against corruption all available means including the word of God;

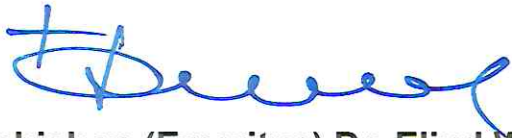
APPRECIATING that Religious Institutions play a critical role of instilling ethical values and integrity in our society through propagation of the Holy

Scriptures to their respective congregations and the public, the religious sector lays the foundation for a strong moral society.

WE THEREFORE:

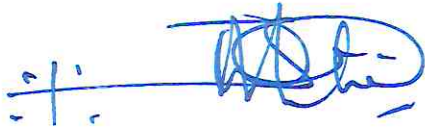
1. **DECLARE** that good governance in Kenya can only thrive in a climate of ethical leadership and as such, we strongly condemn any pervasive maneuvers to circumvent the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya in the 2022 elections and cause election into office of persons who fall below the ethical threshold;
2. **URGE** all Kenyans to vote out all candidates who have corruption tags as a means of securing good governance post 9th August, 2022.
3. **RETALIATE** our commitment to stand with and support EACC and other agencies charged with the responsibility of banishing the demons of corruption from our country and call upon all Kenyans to shun, shame and shake the walls of the corrupt. Living a life of integrity is a choice that everyone must make.
4. **HEREBY COMMIT** to embark on the following measures to champion election of ethical leaders:
 - i) **Infuse integrity education** in your programs to guide citizens on their role in promoting electoral integrity. Be carriers of the message.
 - ii) **Rebuke** electoral malpractices from the pulpit. Advocate for effective enforcement of Chapter 6 of the Constitution.
 - iii) Be **appropriate role models** and inspire citizens to embrace honest living. Expose and condemn corrupt conduct.
 - iv) **Collaborate and partner with EACC** and other state and non-state actors in promoting integrity before, during and the general elections.
 - v) **Youth empowerment:** Involve the youth in the joint programmes.

Signed on this Monday, 27th Day of June 2022 at Nairobi



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