



**SPEECH BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE
NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE**

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DURING LAUNCH OF THE EXAMINATION INTO
SYSTEM, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTISES
OF WORK IN THE NPS**

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AT NPC EMBAKASI 'A' CAMPUS- NAIROBI.

- The EACC Chairperson, Dr. David Oginde,
- The CEO - Mr. Abdi A. Mohamud,
- DIG KPS, DIG APS and the Director DCI
- European Union and UNODC Representatives,
- Colleagues NPS Staff,
- Invited guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning,

I am delighted to be here this morning, as we launch the **Examination into the Systems, Policies, Procedures, and Practices of Work in the National Police Service.**

The basic objective of the process is identification of possible weaknesses, avenues, and loopholes for corrupt practices, so that we can work towards eliminating them.

As we are all aware, integrity and accountability are core foundational values and principles of our constitutional system. In addition, Chapter Six of the Constitution demands ethical conduct by all state and public officers. Consequently, today we give impetus to the pursuit for better leadership and integrity standards, in the Service.

For this I underscore the input from EACC, EU, UNODC and other partners, involved in this undertaking. To this moment in time, corruption remains a major problem and a key impediment to national development, as it undermines the moral fabric of our society. It siphons resources that should be used for essential services like health, education, and infrastructure, thus denying citizens the basic needs that they deserve. It corrodes democratic institutions, undermines the rule of law, discourages investment, and promotes inequality.

Therefore, this preventive approach that we are launching today is informed by the reality that corruption is not only a product of lack of personal and professional ethics; it is also a function of manipulation of systems, policies, procedures and practices, that are intended to favour personal or private interests, at the expense of public good.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our Mission as the National Police Service is to provide professional police service, through community partnership, and upholding the rule of law, for a safe and secure society.

Towards this end, we have robustly embraced a collaborative approach with other State agencies in the justice sector, with the aim of ensuring that we have proper processing of corruption cases.

Under the objects of the Service as set out in Article 244 of the Constitution of Kenya, the National Police Service is mandated to prevent corruption, promote and practice transparency and accountability, among other functions.

We, therefore must collectively and consistently, deal firmly and swiftly with all allegations and complaints of misconduct, including allegations that relate to corruption in the National Police Service.

To further enhance our efforts in combating corruption, the National Police Service has adopted several strategies, including the establishment of Internal Accountability Mechanisms, Quality Assurance Directorates within the Service, and revamping of the Internal Affairs Unit.

In a further measure towards strengthening oversight and reporting mechanisms, we have leveraged technology by establishing toll-free hotlines, and online platforms for citizens to report corruption and other cases. For anonymous reporting, we also have the Internal Affairs Unit's Anonymous Reporting System, and the "Fichua Kwa DCI" mobile number.

In addition, the Service has commenced the process of digitalizing its services, and aims to automate processes like filing of complaints, processing of fines, and other public-facing services, to reduce opportunities for bribery and other corrupt practices.

We also recently signed performance contracts for the Financial Year 2024/2025, which demonstrates the unwavering commitment of the National Police Service to ensuring that efficient and effective services are delivered to Kenyans in line with the provisions of the Constitution.

Other strategies in the pipeline include the use of body cameras for police officers to enhance transparency and accountability during policing duties, a review of the NPS Conflict-of-Interest Policy, the Anti-Corruption Strategy, and the Code of Conduct and Ethics.

It is my firm believe that these efforts will soon bear fruits, and that policing services to the public will be improved significantly.

In conclusion, I applaud the EU and UNODC for continuing to support the National Police Service in various fronts.

Furthermore, I congratulate the EACC for the tremendous milestones it continues to achieve in the fight against corruption, and I urge all of us to rise up individually and collectively, in our quest to slay this ugly monster, that has the potential to destroy our nation.

The National Police Service remains fully committed to providing the highest quality of service, and maintaining public trust through professionalism, accountability, and community engagement.

In achievement of the above, I call upon all police officers to be fully dedicated to upholding the rule of law, protecting lives and property, and promoting a safe and secure environment for all residents, visitors, and properties in Kenya.

Let us walk this journey together.

I thank you all.

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