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**NATIONAL INTEGRITY AWARDS 2023: RECOGNISING EXEMPLARY ACTIONS OF
LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY**

Transparency International Kenya has today recognised and awarded significant contributions and actions towards realising Kenyans shared constitutional aspirations, national values and principles of good governance, leadership and integrity.

The nomination process for the National Integrity Awards 2023 was conducted from 11th July to 8th October 2023. The judging panel was composed of seven members from Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya), Mzalendo Trust, Global Compact Network Kenya, the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee, Commission on Administrative Justice, Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association, and Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK) who undertook the noble exercise of reviewing the entries for nomination and making recommendations for the awards.

The nominations and review process resulted in the recognition of six actions as listed below;

1. **Uzalendo Integrity Awards** - Ms. Mercy Chebet Tarus, recognised for demonstrating courage through her persistent call for accountability from Uasin Gishu County leadership in the Finland Scholarships scandal.
2. **Whistleblower Integrity Award** - Mr. Rodrix Okumu Nakhumwa, recognised for exposing corruption, sexual harassment, and tribalism at a horticultural farm in Kenya.
3. **Leadership Integrity Award** - Mr. Michael Peter Oduor, founder and coordinator of Kawangware Youths Paralegal Trust (KAYPAT), recognised for demonstrating exemplary Community Leadership as a seasoned paralegal, human rights defender, community governance expert and social auditor.

4. **Transparency Integrity Award** - Ms. Vexina Mueni, recognised for Acts of Integrity inspired by TI-Kenya's work leading to the promotion of integrity, transparency and accountability within and beyond Machakos County.
5. **Transparency Integrity Award** – The late George Collins Owuor, posthumously recognised for Acts of Integrity inspired by TI-Kenya's work and living a life committed to promoting democracy and social justice in Kenya
6. **Judicial Integrity Award** - The High Court of Kenya Five-Judge bench on the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) case for Actions of Integrity promoting progressive interpretation and application of Chapter Six and Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya by the courts.

The National Integrity Awards are not a general endorsement of recipients' good character or a stamp of past, present or future approval for individual character. Recipients of awards are expected to espouse the values for the recognised actions. Transparency International Kenya retains the prerogative of withdrawing and recalling any award, through the established award guidelines, if the individual recognised for an awarded action does not live up to the standards of integrity. For a comprehensive report of the National Integrity Awards 2023 visit: www.tikenya.org/nationalintegrityawards2023/.

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