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TI-Kenya Celebrates Champions of Integrity on International Anti-Corruption Day

As the world marks **International Anti-Corruption Day** today, Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya), through its initiative, ‘**National Integrity Actions Awards**’, recognizes individuals and groups who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting integrity, accountability, and transparency.

The Awards are conducted annually to celebrate actions that embody Kenya’s Constitutional values of good governance, leadership, and integrity. In the 2024 National Integrity Actions Award, the following individuals and groups have been honored for their impactful contributions:

- **Uzalendo Integrity Actions Award 2024:** Ms. *Damaris Aswan*, for establishing integrity clubs in Kilifi County, hence fostering a culture of accountability and ethical conduct among high school students.
- **Whistleblower Integrity Actions Award 2024:** Mr. *Nelson Amenya*, for exposing, via social media, the controversial plan to lease Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to Adani Airport Holdings Limited.
- **Leadership Integrity Actions Award 2024:** Mr. *Byron Menezes*, for offering pro bono legal aid and public education through the Menezes Foundation, raising awareness among residents in Kisumu, Migori, Siaya & Homabay Counties about their rights and responsibilities.
- **Transparency Integrity Actions Award 2024:** Mr. *Paul Odongo*, for promoting community participation, access to information, and efficient public finance management in Kakamega County.
- **Judicial Integrity Actions Award 2024:** *Hon. Justice William Musyoka*, for delivering a landmark ruling in *Orogo v. Chairman Board of Directors KRA & another (Petition E004 of 2023) [2024]*, ensuring constitutional compliance in public office recruitment, and promoting progressive interpretation and application of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and other provisions on National Values and Principles of Governance.

Other than the five categories listed above, TI-Kenya also awarded young creatives who have been part of a Programme for promoting transparency, accountability and integrity using art, music and other talents. This is in line with this year’s global International Anti-Corruption Day theme, “*Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity*,” which underscores the role of young people in shaping a future free from corruption.

These National Integrity Actions Awards align with TI-Kenya’s 2022–2028 Strategic Plan, ***Action for Integrity***, which aims to empower citizens to demand accountability and inspire collective action against corruption. The Award is in

recognition of actions of integrity, and it is not a stamp of approval of an individual's character. Recipients of the Award are expected to be of exemplary character. TI-Kenya retains the prerogative of withdrawing the Award if the individual fails to live up to the standards of integrity.

“Each recipient and their actions demonstrate that our actions matter and that citizens can positively impact our communities and our country by advocating for integrity and good governance. By honouring these individuals, we hope that their actions and stories will inspire us to act with integrity and become voices of change within our communities,” said Sheila Masinde, Executive Director, Transparency International Kenya.

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