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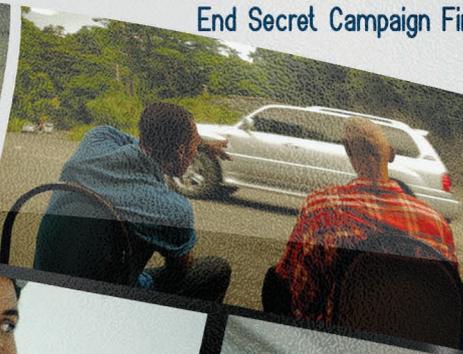
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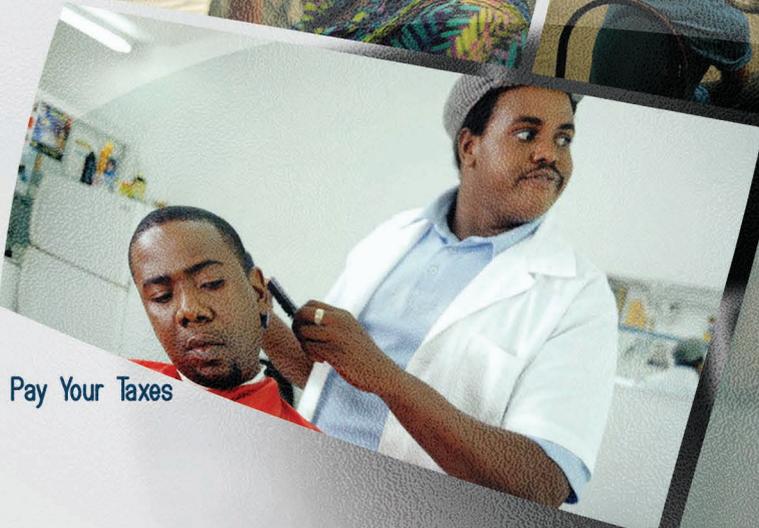
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- You cannot get a job/contract or lose your job/contract because of the political party you support.
- Money to fix the road, repair the gully or build the school ends up in the contractor's pockets without the work being done properly.
- When a contractor gets a contract because of his connections.
- Someone who cannot drive, pays off someone and gets a driver's license.
- Someone whose vehicle should not be on the road gets a certificate of fitness, which might lead to an accident.
- A policeman destroys evidence in return for money and a murderer gets off.
- An investor has to pay extra money to get approval for a housing development.
- When a policeman tips off a gang, that there will be a raid or a curfew, in return for money.

# NIA

## National Integrity Action OUR FIRST YEAR

Professor Trevor Munroe, Executive Director

National Integrity Action is satisfied without at all being complacent that in our first year we have been fulfilling our mandate to build integrity and combat corruption, thereby strengthening the foundation for advancing this mission in the years ahead.

In the first place we have been enhancing public awareness of the urgent need to build integrity and combat corruption in:

- The need to eliminate garrison constituencies, an outgrowth of political corruption, which infringe on the rights of Jamaicans in these areas and seriously holds back achieving higher living standards in so many inner city communities;
- Bringing to an end secret campaign financing and the buying of influence over the authorities which this facilitates;
- Reducing illegal tax evasion which deprives the Jamaican Government and people of revenue to improve our clinics, to equip our hospitals, to build more schools and increase the need to borrow money which we then have to pay back through higher taxes;
- Underscoring the importance of the rule of law – one law for all regardless of where you live, how much money you have, and how many contacts you have. One law for all so that confidence in equality before the law and in our system of democratic governance can be sustained and improved.

Our television and print ads as well as regular presentations and commentaries are designed to build public awareness, not as an end in itself, but as a means to strengthening the foundation amongst the people to demand more effective measures to combat corruption.

To carry forward this process of motivating and mobilizing the people, we have been encouraged by our partnership with parish authorities – the Parish Development Committees (PDCs) Social Development



Professor Munroe smiles as Hon. Peter Phillips, representing then leader of opposition Portia Simpson-Miller, and then Prime Minister Andrew Holness shake hands at NIA's launch on International Anti-Corruption Day December 9, 2011.

Commission (SDC), the Chambers of Commerce, the Ministers' Fraternal, the Mayors, etc. – in the well-attended town hall meetings which NIA has held in engaging the communities.

We were also encouraged for the first time to see some movement, responding to the growing call to plug legislative loopholes in the

anti-corruption framework. In this regard, after ten years of effort by various individuals and within recent times by the Electoral Commission, the advocacy of civil society bodies alongside NIA; Jamaica's Parliament finally adopted the report and recommendations from the Electoral Commission of Jamaica (ECJ).

These recommendations:

- Place limits on how much money may be donated to and spent by a political party in election campaigning.
- Require public disclosure of the very big donors to parties.
- Ban contributions from unregulated financial entities like OLINT or Cash Plus.
- Provide for and enforce strict sanctions for violations of campaign financing regulations.

The year also saw for the very first time, six major private sector companies declaring their contribution to the election campaign of December 2011. Also, for the very first time, in response to representations from NIA, the

publication of the names of candidates who were in violation of the Representation of the Peoples' Act (ROPA) in failing to make election returns as required by law. Overall, in answer to a letter from the Executive Director of NIA, the Government has committed to having campaign financing legislation on the books by March 2013.

### Advocating for a Single Anti-Corruption Agency

Another major legislative loophole which NIA's advocacy has been seeking to plug, relates to the absence of prosecutions (outside of those relating to members of the JCF) and the need to make Jamaica's main anti-corruption institutions more effective. As such, we responded to the invitation from the new administration to serve on an advisory group to review the Special Prosecutor's Bill, proposed by the previous



Session chair Dave Garcia of NCB welcomes presenters Professor Munroe & Justin Felice to the Jamaica Bankers Association Anti-Money Laundering Conference.

Government and to make recommendations towards establishing a Single Anti-Corruption Agency. This report which has now been sent to the Minister of Justice is now before the Cabinet and NIA is preparing to advance its explanations amongst the people of the urgent need to support the establishment of this body which will combine the Corruption Prevention Commission, the Parliamentary Integrity Commission and the Office of the Contractor General.



At the Launch of the DPP's Website Guest Speaker Professor Munroe converses with (l-r) Earl Witter, Public Defender; Paula Llewellyn, DPP; Ministers Mark Golding and Peter Bunting.

### Training Workshops and Seminars

Our work however extended itself beyond building public awareness and lobbying for effective legislation. It had to include strengthening the professional will and institutional capacity of those engaged on the frontline of combatting corruption. Towards this end we sponsored and participated in weekend training seminars successively for prosecutors from around the island, for resident magistrates and for investigators of financial crimes, including participants from the MOCA, FID, RPD, Customs, Tax Administration Jamaica, etc. These training seminars, drawing on the best expertise from the Universities and from the relevant authorities were well received and shall be broadened and strengthened during our second year.

### Building Alliances

Practical recognition was given to the fact that NIA alone, no matter how active, can hardly build the levels of integrity and successfully challenge the impunity of the corrupt in high places without strengthening relationships and networks amongst the likeminded at home and abroad. Hence we strive to enhance the anti-corruption dimension in the work of the Jamaica Civil Society Coalition.

### Youth Programme

We began the development of a youth programme amongst University and secondary school students – in the latter case with the sponsorship of a national essay competition in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. Developing this youth programme is a major need and shall be an important emphasis in 2013.

### Building International Partnerships

During the period under review, we applied our understanding that the anti-corruption study is global, by strengthening our relationships with Transparency International, the major international non-governmental organization in combatting corruption. Two aspects of this were my being named an Individual Member of Transparency International, one of only 30 in the world and the first for the English speaking Caribbean. The second aspect was the acceptance by TI of our invitation to stage the Regional Meeting of the Americas in Jamaica in May and the very successful execution of that conference concluding with the Runaway Bay Declaration. NIA's international relations were further cemented by my attendance at the Annual Members Meeting of TI and the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference, both held in Brasilia in November 2012. Underpinning these relations and networks of course, was the strong support NIA received from local partners such as FLOW Cable Network and our international development partners.

Special attention has been paid to sustaining and enhancing the non-partisan character of NIA. At our launch in December 2011, the then Prime Minister was the keynote speaker and the then Opposition leader was represented at the highest level. Thereafter, in our public functions and town hall meetings and in our training seminars we have invited and benefitted from input from both sides of the aisle. Similarly, in our public statements and presentations, NIA has taken positions without fear or favour, as well as ensured that we maintain the lines of communication with government, with opposition, with leaders of the public, private and civil society sectors in advancing the cause of building integrity and of combatting corruption. Non-partisanship is at the heart of our public interest mission and shall continue in our second year and beyond.



**SIR PATRICK ALLEN ON, GCMG, CD  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

One year ago on International Anti-Corruption Day, the National Integrity Action was launched. Jamaica was then presented with a non-partisan, non-profit body which sought to become the local counterpart of Transparency International and to stimulate public activism against corruption. Perhaps because of the context in which the NIA was launched, it hit the ground running and must be commended for its accomplishments during its first year of operation. The leadership of the organization has demonstrated the NIA's total commitment to its objectives and is successfully building public awareness.

Through its varied activities, ranging from lobbying for the adoption of anti-corruption legislation to essay competitions in schools, the organization has increased public understanding of corruption and its negative impact on our country locally and internationally. Its powerful media advertisements are geared at encouraging Jamaicans of all walks of life to join in the fight against corruption. The NIA's successful first year is a solid foundation for its future role in building a better Jamaica.

I unequivocally support the urgent message of the NIA for each and every one of us to close ranks against corruption. We must win the battle against corruption, so that Vision 2030 may become a reality and this beautiful land fulfill its destiny of playing her part in advancing the welfare of the whole human race.



**THE MOST HON. PORTIA SIMPSON MILLER, ON, MP  
Prime Minister**

The fact that the National Integrity Action (NIA) is only celebrating its first anniversary should in no way detract from Jamaica's longstanding and principled stance on matters of integrity and the need to combat corruption at all levels. Indeed, while we are not where we would like to be in terms of our corruption perception index, Jamaica has been a consistent advocate for a corrupt-free society and has over the years implemented relevant legislation and appropriate action toward reducing levels of corruption in the society. In recent times, our advocacy and actions have assumed greater urgency as the national determination for a corrupt-free society becomes even more resolute if our progress toward building a fairer and more just society for all our citizens is to be fully realised.

Much to its credit, the NIA and its predecessor the National Integrity Action Forum –NIAF, along with a host of other civil society groups have played a major role in helping to develop public awareness and regard for the issue and the need for appropriate legislation and action in helping to achieve the desired outcomes. No one can deny that considerable progress has been made in raising standards of national integrity and an anti-corruption climate in our dealings and transactions. The NIA must be commended for embracing and facilitating that opportunity for widening the discussions, building public awareness, agitating for new legislation and in general leading the charge for the strengthening of transparency and accountability in our public and private spheres.

We have and will continue to support the aims of the NIA and as a government will do our part in furthering the goal of building the anti-corruption capacity within the country. We believe that a Jamaica, in which everyone has a high level of confidence based on rules, regulations and accepted standards of conduct, must be a better society in which to live, raise families, and do business. To use a sporting analogy, we can celebrate champions and world leaders when we are confident that all in the starting blocks are clean.

As we congratulate the NIA on its first anniversary and join the global community in observing another International Anti-corruption Day, the nation can be assured that this government will continue to strengthen legislation on good governance, accountability and transparency as part of a determined effort to detect, deter and punish those caught and found guilty of corruption, wherever such acts occur. May God continue to strengthen and guide your actions in advancing Jamaica's anti-corruption agenda for the long-term success and prosperity of our people and the nation.



**ANDREW HOLNESS, MP  
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

There can be no doubt that corruption is a major stumbling block to the development of a country. In developing countries like Jamaica this constraint is most acute and serves as the basis of major concern. Some of its most negative effects have been stated as: "the undermining of democracy and the rule of law, an obstacle to poverty alleviation, and fuel for inequality and injustice".

Further it makes us wallow in the mire of distrust particularly of our national leaders. Jamaica is placed at number 86 of 182 countries in the annual ranking of Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index which lay bare the severity of the problem we face.

As a national leader, I have made the fight against corruption in both the public and private sectors one of my foremost objectives. It is in this regard that I want to congratulate the National Integrity Action registered in March 2011, for one year of superb efforts in seeking to combat corruption.

The company has brought to the forefront the absolute need for honesty, decency, integrity, transparency and accountability in all our procedures and processes. You have done a great job in enhancing public awareness of the challenge.

I want to congratulate all the entities private and public which have lent of their resources and expertise in support of the anti-corruption objectives.

Jamaica has recognised article 68 (1) of resolution 58/4, the United Nations Convention against Corruption which entered into force on 14 December 2005. This makes the task of the National Integrity Action to intensify the focus on its objectives for the future most important. I appeal to all Jamaicans to support your efforts.

I wish you well.





**Professor Anthony Harriott**  
Chairman of NIA

The NIA is now one year old. In this short period, it has done much to increase the demand for good governance in Jamaica and for integrity in government. It is now a part of the good governance landscape.

Jamaica is truly in need of better governance. Any observer of Jamaica can readily see the contrast between private and public wealth. For example, the mansions of the wealthy, contrast sharply with the state of the roads leading to them. The reasons for this include the poor level of tax compliance and the siphoning off of public funds by various means such as shabby road work and conflict of interest deals. The impact of corruption is not minimal. Corruption increases public poverty and retards our development.

Corruption has a profound impact on the legitimacy of our critical institutions and the moral authority of our political administrations. This is partly why the levels of trust and confidence in so many state institutions are so low. The highly visible success of corrupt actors who exploit their positions in these institutions have the effect of self-interested persons self-selecting to work in them – thereby further deepening the problem. If left to become chronic, it will take a huge effort, much resources and external assistance to turn this problem around. The time for action is now.

There is some public support for effective action against corruption. NIA is a response to this demand for change and for greater accountability. NIA is not a group of moral entrepreneurs. It is driven by the demands of development. It will work for Jamaica to truly become “the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business.”



**Errol Miller**  
Chairman of ECJ

The Electoral Commission of Jamaica is committed to and practices transparency and interactive participation in almost all areas of its work. Transparency in the registration of voters, verification of their residence, in producing voters' lists, deciding upon the locations at which electors vote, in the voting process in polling stations on Election Day, in transporting ballots to counting centres, and in the counting of ballots cast in an election have been key to engendering public trust in the electoral process.

Building on this success the Electoral Commission in recent years has been moving in the direction of registering and financing political parties and in campaign financing. In these matters in particular, and generally, the National Integrity Action (NIA) has been of considerable help to the Electoral Commission largely as a result of the fact that Professor Trevor Munroe has been and continues to be a champion and great advocate of legislation and regulations related to the political party and campaign financing. The NIA was one of the civil society groups that was represented and played a significant role in the consultative process employed by the Commission in developing its Report to Parliament on the Registration and Financing of Political Parties and was approved by Parliament in March 2011 and its Report to Parliament on Campaign Financing approved by Parliament in March 2012. Moreover, in numerous Forums and in several statements NIA has fully supported the work of the Commission.

The Electoral Commission of Jamaica salutes the National Integrity Action and its achievements over the past year and looks forward to continued collaboration in the journey of building trust in public institutions in Jamaica through transparency and public accountability.



**Carol Narcisse**  
Chairperson of JCSC

The Jamaica Civil Society Coalition (JCSC) extends its congratulations to the National Integrity Action (NIA) on the occasion of its first Anniversary.

In its short year's existence the NIA has distinguished itself as the country's premier, non-government organisation building public awareness and understanding of the negative consequences of corruption, and working to bring about needed national policies and legislative changes to reduce, deter and prosecute corruption in Jamaica.

Corruption is one of the most ominous threats to sustained economic growth and social development in the Nation today. It has eroded trust, impeded democracy and the rule of law, increased apathy in public affairs, undermined the legitimacy of authority, depleted our national wealth, and has contributed significantly to a general reduction in the quality of life.

Against this background, the JCSC is pleased to be in partnership with the NIA in the implementation of a three-year project - Strengthening Anti-Corruption and the Progress of Transparent Governance. The project, will serve to broaden and deepen the reach and impact of the work of the National Integrity Action on issues of Party and Election Campaign Finance Reform, improved government contract procedures and strengthened anti-corruption institutions, policies and penalties.

The twenty-one organisations of the JCSC and its individual members look forward to a successful collaboration and wish for the NIA continued effectiveness in its programmes. We are confident that the efforts of NIA and the wider citizenry will redound to the continued, positive transformation of the Jamaican society.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Professor Anthony Harriott**

Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute of Criminal Justice and Security at the University of the West Indies  
**Chairman**



**Professor Trevor Munroe**

Honorary Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, University of the West Indies  
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## DR. TREVOR MUNROE APPOINTED TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

One of only thirty worldwide and the only Individual Member in the Caribbean, this appointment attracted widespread positive public comment and congratulations. It was acknowledged and placed in the record of Parliamentary proceedings by the speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointment was in recognition of the work of NIA since its inception, under the leadership of the Executive Director.





# TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

the global coalition against corruption

Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. It is a global movement sharing one vision: a world in which government, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption.

The Mission is to stop corruption and promote transparency, accountability and integrity at all levels and across all sectors of society. TI's Core Values are: transparency, accountability, integrity, solidarity, courage, justice and democracy.

In 1993, a few individuals decided to take a stance against corruption and created Transparency International. Now present in more than 100 countries, the movement works relentlessly to stir the world's collective conscience and bring about change. Much remains to be done to stop corruption, but much has also been achieved, including:

- the creation of international anti-corruption conventions.
- the prosecution of corrupt leaders and seizures of their illicitly gained riches.
- national elections won and lost on tackling corruption.
- companies held accountable for their behaviour both at home and abroad.



Contractor General Greg Christie greets Marisa Dalrymple-Philibert M.P while Custos of St. Ann Radcliffe Walters and Senator Mark Golding look on.

**National Integrity Action, in taking its place in the global network engaged in the fight against corruption, is on the path to becoming the national chapter of Transparency International. There is a three-step process in this regard: (1) Becoming the national contact; (2) Designation as a chapter in formation and (3) Formal recognition as a chapter. NIA has already concluded the first step. It is anticipated that being a chapter of Transparency International will add to the legitimacy and long-term sustainability of NIA.**



Delegates from Mexico, Trinidad & Tobago and TI Secretariat pose for our cameras.



Conference delegates and invitees to the TI Americas Regional Meeting during the opening ceremony on May 30, 2011.



# NIA HOSTS TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL 2012 REGIONAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAS

Earlier this year, National Integrity Action hosted the Regional Meeting of Transparency International of the Americas. The three-day conference was held at Breezes Runaway Bay and ran from May 30 to June 1.

TI of the Americas has some 20 chapters and national contacts in the Caribbean region including Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago. Some 35 delegates were in attendance. Including members of the secretariat based in Berlin. The conference commenced with an Opening Ceremony at which Senator the Hon. Mark Golding, Minister of Justice was the keynote speaker, and Mrs. Marisa Dalrymple-Philibert represented Mr. Andrew Holness, Leader of the Opposition in bringing greetings.

Alejandro Salas, Regional Director in addressing the Meeting stated, "This TI meeting is a crucial one and has been designed around four sub-objectives that address the key issues, both thematic and operational, that are of critical importance to the region and the fulfillment of TI 2015 strategic priorities of: people, institution, law, value, network and impact."

Professor Munroe, Executive Director, NIA speaking to the media prior to the conference stated: "We are of the view that the decision of TI to come to Jamaica at this time to hold its annual meeting is in direct response to the role of not just NIA, but other like-minded advocacy institutions, in the fight against corruption."



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Dear Trevor,

On behalf of the Americas team, I am writing to you to thank you for what was truly a terrific regional meeting, our first ever in the Caribbean. Beyond the first-class hospitality and perfectly executed organization of the event, for which we were grateful but not surprised, we were especially impressed with the power of NIA to convene such a broad spectrum of Jamaican society to come to the table and talk about their experiences of corruption and aspirations for combating it.

You have always said that any real effort to fight corruption in Jamaica has to involve not just the government reformers, private sector and more traditional faces of 'civil society' but a strong and engaged demand of citizens themselves. The regional meeting was true to that vision. We were all so impressed at the opening ceremony where so many senior officials, reformers and politicians from "both sides of the aisle" came together to have a serious discussion about their visions for combatting corruption on the island. It says something that they all came despite the long road trip from Kingston.

Then to close the meeting with the community outreach event was something special and unique for all. To share in that space the experiences of so many victims and witnesses of corruption, people of modest means who bear the highest cost of corruption on the island, stands out as both a testimony to NIA's capacity to reach out to all sectors of society but especially to build trust among those who most likely have had very little of such trust in the capacity of the state to protect their rights as citizens in the past.

That event also made clear that NIA is well poised to act as a leader in TI's movement on several fronts, such as security, but also on one of our key strategic goals for TI – a people's engagement approach that truly brings those made most vulnerable to the problem of corruption on board with us in the fight against corruption.

Everyone who attended that event was struck by NIA's capacity to engage such diverse stakeholders, run an extremely professional event, and keep the focus on the key corruption issues that affect our region. Our chapters, from the Americas to the UK, are very eager and excited to continue to work with you and your team, especially on issues of citizen security, political finance, impunity, and others that will surely arise and position NIA to lead not just in Jamaica but in the Caribbean more generally.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Salas, Americas Regional Director

Marisa Dalrymple-Philibert M.P., Professor Munroe, Minister Mark Golding and Alejandro Salas converse before taking their places at the head table at the Opening Ceremony



Alejandro Salas, Regional Director, TI, holds the attention of left to right Professor Trevor Munroe, Pilar Domingo and Professor Anthony Harriott, Chairman, NIA



Delegates to the conference registering



Contractor General Greg Christie and Professor Munroe converse with Alejandro Salas and Zoe Feiter from the TI Secretariat

We are hopeful that this conference and the attendant Outreach brought to the fore Jamaica's continuing struggle to turn the spotlight on the ill-effects of corruption not just to the country but also the debilitating effects it is having on our ability as a country to adequately provide for our citizenry.



# Partnerships In Training



Senator the Hon. Mark Golding, Minister of Justice, the Hon. Mrs. Justice Zaila McCalla O.J. and Professor Trevor Munroe are being assisted at the head table of the Training Seminar for Resident Magistrates.

Very early in its organisational development National Integrity Action realised that training would be a major plank of its anti-corruption work. This training would be made available to the investigative, prosecutorial and judicial cohorts in an effort to enhance the capacity and ability of the legal system to successfully prosecute the corrupt. In undertaking these training seminars NIA has leaned heavily on several state agencies and would like to once again thank them for their partnership and facilitation of these training seminars.

These include:

- The Office of the Chief Justice
- The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)
- The Ministry of Justice
- The Justice Training Institute
- Court Management Services
- JCF Anti-Corruption Branch
- Financial Investigations Division

## Prosecutors' Training

The first in the series was a training seminar for prosecutors staged at the ClubHotel Riu, Ocho Rios, February 10-12, 2012. The training seminar, the largest of its kind ever convened in Jamaica, was also the first with a direct anti-corruption focus. The seminar trained some 70 participants, who were drawn from the staff of the ODPP, and included officers from the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, as well as clerks and deputy clerks of courts from across the island.

## Resident Magistrates' Training

Building on that success, NIA collaborated with the Court Management Services and the Justice Training Institute - an arm of the Ministry of Justice - to stage the First Annual Resident Magistrates' Training Seminar on Corruption. This Seminar was held at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel in Ocho Rios, St. Ann on the weekend of June 15-17, 2012 and represented one of the first opportunities for Minister of Justice Mark Golding to meet with a cadre of the Resident Magistrates since taking office. Some 42 members of the magistracy from across Jamaica, including 12 Senior Resident Magistrates, participated in the Seminar.



Senior Deputy DPP, Dirk Harrison making his presentation at the Financial Investigators' Training Seminar.



A participant at the Prosecutors' Training argues a point.

## Investigators' Training

More recently National Integrity Action staged the "Anti-Corruption and Financial Crime Investigators' Training Seminar" at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, October 20-21, 2012. The theme of the seminar was "Following the Money – Combatting Financial Crime and Corruption."

The participants in this seminar were drawn from several agencies involved in curtailing financial crime and corruption, namely:

- Revenue Protection Division
- Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Task Force

- Financial Investigations Division
- Constabulary Financial Unit
- Organised Crime Investigation Division
- Tax Administration Jamaica
- Customs- Contraband Enforcement Team

### Presenters at the various seminars included:

- Professor Kent Pantry, former Director of Public Prosecutions
- Justice Karl Harrison C.D, retired Judge of the Court of Appeal

- Dirk Harrison, Senior Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions
- Justice F. Algernon Smith C.D, retired Judge of the Court of Appeal
- Justice Patrick Brooks, Judge of the Court of Appeal
- Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop, Supreme Court Judge
- Dr. Shazeeda Ali, Senior Lecturer in the faculty of law U.W.I. Mona
- Maurene Simms, Division Chief, Financial Institutions Supervisory Division, BoJ
- Janet Johnson-Haughton, Director, Compliance and Internal Control, FSC



(l-r) Minister Peter Bunting and Professor Munroe listen as ACP Carl Williams responds to a query during the Financial Crime Investigators' Training.



Professor Munroe and Chief Justice Zaila McCalla confer during the Training Seminar.

The seminars' main objective was to raise the professional capacity and will of the various agents and agencies involved in detecting, investigating and prosecuting instances of corruption and financial crime, as well as increasing communication and collaboration between these agencies. The seminars also sought to unearth the reasons for - and thereby begin to consider ways to address - the seeming under-utilisation of the various laws in Jamaica which seek to curtail financial crime and the corrupt facilitation of same.

NIA has the testimony of many participants as to the immense benefit of these seminars. It is the intention to repeat these each year in order to sensitize additional members of these groups. Where possible we aim to provide additional training, in continuing to enhance the capability of the Justice system to successfully prosecute instances of corruption.

# Reaching out to the Communities

*“Combatting corruption is a national effort. And so it is extremely important that every man, woman and child is aware of the negative and crippling effects of corruption on the development of Jamaica. It is our intention to take our message to every nook and cranny of Jamaica.”*

Professor Trevor Munroe, Executive Director at the Official Launch of National Integrity Action on December 9, 2011.



A resident from Mandeville giving his view of how residents can help NIA in the fight against corruption.



A section of the large turnout at the Mandeville meeting.

Approximately eleven months after making that statement NIA is living up to its mandate and have hosted a number of Community Forums across Jamaica under the theme: **Combatting Corruption, Building Integrity, Engaging Communities.**

The first Public Forum was held at Cardiff Resort in Runaway Bay, St. Ann and was the culminating event of the Regional Meeting of Transparency International of the Americas in May 2012. This was followed up in October in Mandeville, Manchester with participants from adjoining parishes of Clarendon and St. Elizabeth. Both forums were well attended by a wide cross section of citizens.



A returning resident of Mandeville questioning members of the panel

Of paramount importance in all of this is the need for every Jamaican to get involved in the fight against the scourge of corruption. NIA cannot do it alone. It is everybody's business as said time and again at these forums and so in organizing the Community Forums, NIA collaborates with the Social Development Commission, the Parish Development Committees and the Chambers of Commerce.

Plans are in place for NIA to host a Public Forum every other month.



Mayor Brenda Ramsay addresses the Mandeville gathering.



Ms. Cecilia Blondet of Peru addresses the audience at NIA's first outreach in Runaway Bay.



A resident seeking answers to questions on corruption at the Runaway Bay outreach.

# ENGAGING THE YOUTH



A student raises a point during the discussion which following the screening of 'Ghett'a Life' at the Launch of the NIA-MoE Essay Competition

In its anti-corruption advocacy, National Integrity Action (NIA) recognizes that the youth are an important component of society and so actively seeks to engage them, in order to raise their awareness of the impact of corruption – on the nation and on an individual level – as well as deepen their understanding of the issues related to corruption and steps that can be taken to reduce corruption and build integrity in Jamaica.

This engagement commenced soon after our launch in December 2011, with a screening of the film 'Ghett'a Life' for students from the University of the West Indies. The film depicts some of the harsher realities of political tribalism which Jamaica experienced in previous decades. The discussion following the film indicated a deep resonance with some of the students who were from inner-city communities. At NIA's request, some of these students also



UWI Leads members interacting with Professor Munroe prior to the screening of the movie



Amina Blackwood-Meeks, Director of Culture in Education at the Ministry of Education and Professor Munroe are flanked by students and a teacher at the launch of the essay competition



A member of the UWI Leads questions Professor Munroe on actions from the movie Ghett 'a Life

attended the Parliamentary debate on March 27, 2012 in support of the adoption of the Electoral Commission of Jamaica's report on Campaign Finance Reform.

NIA's youth engagement later blossomed into a partnership with the Ministry of Education and a national Essay Competition was launched as a result. The competition is open to sixth-form students, who are asked to write essays under the theme 'Fighting Corruption, Building Integrity in Jamaica'. At the launch of the essay competition on International Peace Day September 21, 'Ghett'a Life' was again screened so that the students could begin to think about solutions to Jamaica's problems – which carry the highest weighting in evaluating the essays. NIA intends to sustain and expand its youth programme into the coming year, working through the nationally representative youth bodies.

# Catching 'Big Fish': the need for a Single Anti-Corruption Agency

By Professor Trevor Munroe, Executive Director of National Integrity Action

Events over the past two (2) years have occurred that have reinforced my conviction that Jamaica needs a single anti-corruption agency with powers of investigation, arrest and prosecution, if our people are to attain more meaningful results in the combat of corruption.

The growing concern of our people with the incidences of corruption, a concern reflected in the 2008 survey results which revealed that Jamaicans regarded corruption as the second thing most wrong with Jamaica, behind crime and violence. By September 2010, the Don Anderson Poll revealed that a majority of our people regarded corruption as that which is "most negative about Jamaica." Despite this growing sense of urgency, and despite the fact that over 85% of our people believe that some politicians are connected to criminal elements ('Changing Attitudes to Corruption', Jamaica Gleaner, April 14, 2010) there has been no recent prosecution nor conviction of any 'big fish' accused of corruption. To rectify this deficiency, there is a need for a single anti-corruption agency - one which would merge the Corruption Prevention Commission, the Parliament Integrity of Members Commission and the Office of the Contractor General - to focus exclusively on the investigation and prosecution of the corrupt, particularly in high places.

Undoubtedly, much effort and some gains are being made in Jamaica's combat of corruption:

- In 2009, a Senior Police Officer was tried, convicted and sentenced to prison for corruption.
- A MP and former Junior Minister is before the court on corruption charges.
- Between January and August 2010, almost 200 police officers were separated from the JCF or charged for corruption by the JCF Anti-Corruption Branch.
- Over 100 civil servant declarants have been brought before the courts at the instigation of the Corruption Prevention Commission and in December 2010, two cases were on trial before the courts. (See letter to the editor, Jamaica Gleaner, December 20, 2010 by Justice Chester Orr, Chairman, Commission for the Prevention of Corruption).
- There is now 100% compliance with the Contractor General Act regarding timely submission of Quarterly Contract Awards by Public Sector Entities.
- There is a court and a judge in Kingston assigned to hear corruption cases.
- The country's rating and ranking on the 2010 CPI has improved for the first time after three successive years of decline.

**BUT THERE IS CONSENSUS THAT THESE GAINS ARE FAR FROM ADEQUATE, THAT CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES REMAINS RAMPANT AND THAT ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTITUTIONS NEED TO BE RECONFIGURED TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS.**

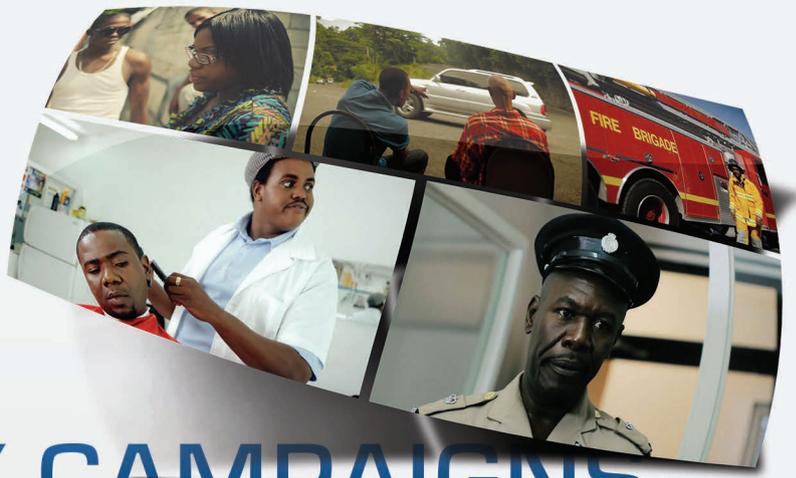
Let us then take to heart and act more decisively on the words of Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt at the National Prayer Breakfast held on January 15, 2009:

"If we are to curb corruption in Jamaica, tough and enforceable laws are needed as a first step. Ordinary people must begin to see more corrupt officials being held accountable to be fully punished by the judiciary process. The rich and politically powerful must not be allowed to buy their way out of accountability! Secondly we need to treat the drive against corruption as a major campaign on the same scale as if we were fighting a deadly infectious disease. Thirdly, we need an intense campaign to educate the general population to recognize corruption as a destructive force aimed at the moral foundations of our nation."

The establishment of the Single Anti-Corruption Agency at this moment a most critical weapon to get at the 'big fish' whose continued 'untouchability' is badly hamstringing development, seriously undermining the rule of law and gravely damaging the legitimacy of authority in every sphere of life.



This is an excerpt from an article written and published on January 16, 2011 in The Gleaner. Since then, the GOJ has committed to establish a Single Anti-Corruption Agency in Parliamentary year 2012/13.



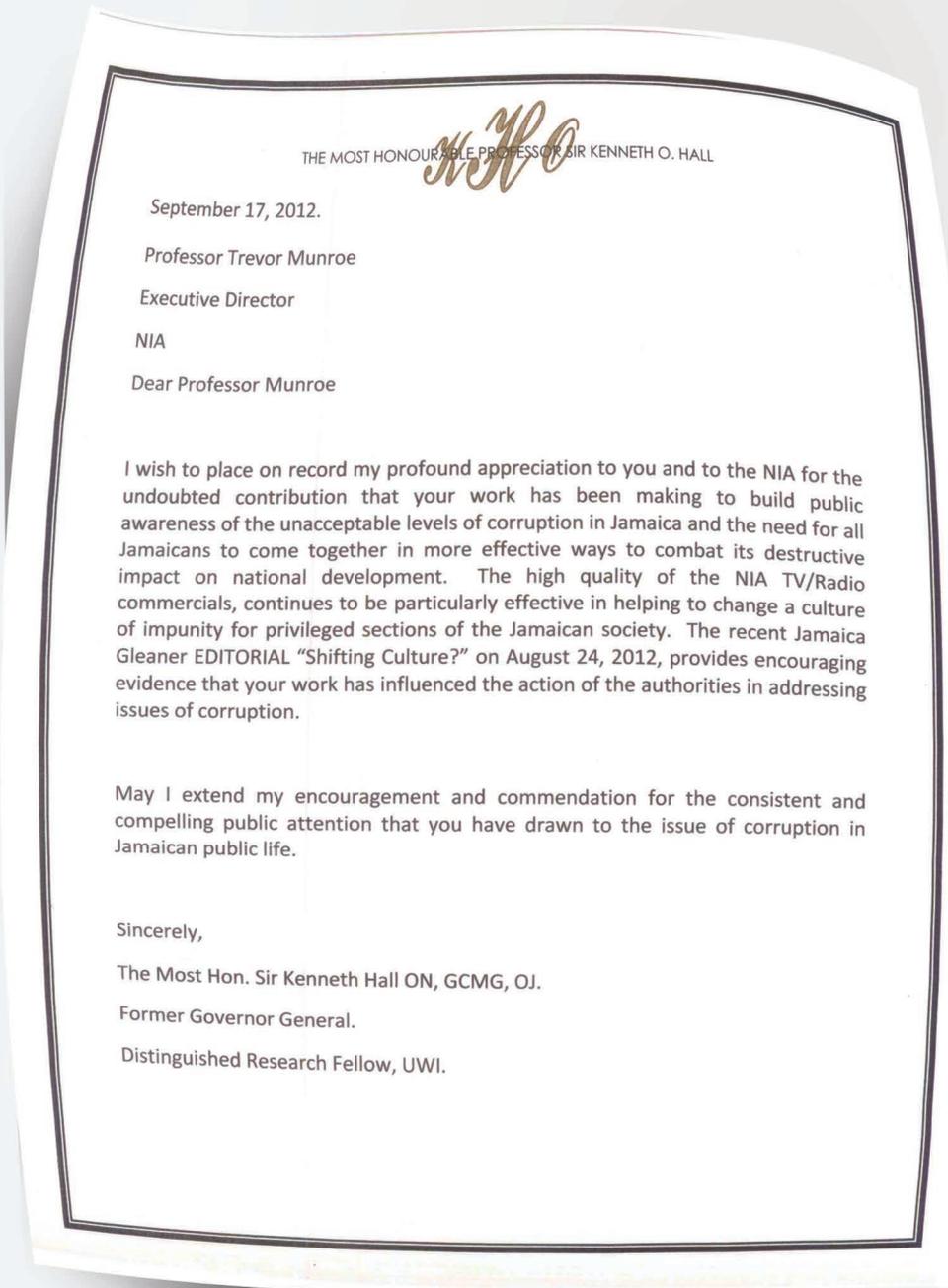
# NIA ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS ... BUILD INTEGRITY

National Integrity Action released a series of advocacy campaigns to build awareness on:

- 1. The major corruption related issues**
- 2. The need for effective legislation and better governance by the state.**

The television and radio commercials illustrated the nature of the corruption, its consequences and the necessary solutions for Jamaica to transform to a corruption free society. Amongst these were dismantling garrisons, ending secret campaign financing, ending tax evasion and the need for legal equality for all Jamaicans. The call to action for all campaigns has been the rallying cry to build integrity.

The campaigns have been well received, attracting many commendations.



THE MOST HONOURABLE PROFESSOR SIR KENNETH O. HALL

September 17, 2012.

Professor Trevor Munroe

Executive Director

NIA

Dear Professor Munroe

I wish to place on record my profound appreciation to you and to the NIA for the undoubted contribution that your work has been making to build public awareness of the unacceptable levels of corruption in Jamaica and the need for all Jamaicans to come together in more effective ways to combat its destructive impact on national development. The high quality of the NIA TV/Radio commercials, continues to be particularly effective in helping to change a culture of impunity for privileged sections of the Jamaican society. The recent Jamaica Gleaner EDITORIAL "Shifting Culture?" on August 24, 2012, provides encouraging evidence that your work has influenced the action of the authorities in addressing issues of corruption.

May I extend my encouragement and commendation for the consistent and compelling public attention that you have drawn to the issue of corruption in Jamaican public life.

Sincerely,

The Most Hon. Sir Kenneth Hall ON, GCMG, OJ.

Former Governor General.

Distinguished Research Fellow, UWI.



## About Us

National Integrity Action was registered as a not-for-profit company in March, 2011 with the objective of combatting corruption in Jamaica on a non-partisan basis and with the goal of becoming the Jamaica Chapter of Transparency International. The members of the Board of Directors are:

Professor Anthony Harriott (Chairman)  
Professor Trevor Munroe (Executive Director)  
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The establishment of NIA grew out of the necessity to raise levels of national integrity and to combat corruption more effectively in Jamaica. The perception of Jamaicans and of the international community is that corruption is unacceptably high in our country and that the corrupt must be deterred, detected and punished. Towards this end, NIA has

been established to enhance public probity on an all-round basis and build public engagement as well as demand:

- for new legislation to strengthen transparency and accountability in governance;
- for enforcement of the law against the corrupt;
- for ensuring that anti-corruption agencies function effectively;
- for forging strong ties with national and international partners to achieve more meaningful results in building a corruption-free Jamaica.

In pursuing these purposes NIA shall complement the work of its predecessor, the National Integrity Action Forum - a non-partisan public sector network of heads of anti-corruption agencies established in January 2009. Support for the NIAF and for NIA's founding and work-programme has come primarily from the RJR-TV Group, the Gleaner Company Ltd, FLOW, private sector entities and International Development Partners.

## Get Involved

Do you believe that people deserve fair treatment no matter how much money they earn or the colour of their skin? Are you tired of not being able to trust those who hold positions of power? Do you dream of a country in which justice, prosperity and peace reigns for all?

Do you believe in a better now and a better future?

Movements of oppressed and unhappy people across the world have shown us that there is great strength in numbers. Join us in the fight against corruption by donating, volunteering, reporting acts of corruption, or signing our petition. Take action now before it is too late.