

TO THE AFRICAN UNION

ON THE OCCASION OF THE NINTH AFRICA ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

“Promoting Human Dignity in the Fight Against Corruption”

Transparency International's open letter

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To African Union Leaders,

On the occasion of the ninth African Anti-Corruption Day, under the theme of *“Promoting Human Dignity in the Fight Against Corruption,”* Transparency International – through its Secretariat and 28 National Chapters across all of Africa's Regional Economic Communities – take this opportunity to:

1. **Commend** the African Union (AU) for upholding the centrality of service to Africa's people through both the AU theme for 2025,
 - *“Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations”*And the AU anticorruption theme for 2025,
 - *“Promoting Human Dignity in the Fight Against Corruption,”*
2. **Remind** Africa's leaders that while corruption offends human dignity in every form, its impact hits hardest at the most vulnerable and marginalised communities, and most often, women and girls. This is most frequently evidenced in undermining basic and essential services, education, health and justice systems, across Africa.
3. **Urgently call on** the African Union Commission through the African Union Advisory Board against Corruption (AUABC) with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) to advance efforts that ensure that no group is left behind due to corruption, especially vulnerable and marginalized groups, and accelerate measures to prioritize inclusivity, social justice, and equitable access to public resources as well as ensure systematic state accountability.
4. **Reaffirm** our commitment to work with the AU through the distinguished AUABC, the ACHPR, the African Governance Architecture, other related Organs and most notably national anti-corruption agencies and national human rights institutions in our various Member States to make every effort to eliminate corruption from the daily lives of citizens across the continent.
5. **Convey** the assurances of our highest consideration.