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THE NIA TEAM

Standing left-right:
Omar Lewis, Mark Morgan, Lisanne Hamilton, Marlon Moore, Loy Taylor-Bloomfield, Lenworth Burke, Tressa West, Richard Pasley, Gavin Myers

Seated left-right:
Sheila McDowell, Jamie-Ann Chevannes, Trevor Munroe, Patrece Charles, Macrena Bennett

Absent
Latoya Thomas, Keesha Raymond and Toni-Ann Doyley
**MESSAGES**

**SIR PATRICK ALLEN ON, GCMG, CD**

**GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

Integrity is one of the core qualities that undergird the true success of a people. I am therefore pleased to share in the 5th anniversary celebration of the National Integrity Action (NIA) as you continue to promote the importance of sound moral character in the pursuit of personal and collective achievements.

It is commendable that throughout the NIA’s relatively short existence, you have been making tangible strides to “Strengthen Integrity in Jamaica”. The various public awareness initiatives, relentless advocacy for more vigorous law enforcement and stringent anti-corruption legislation have undoubtedly been making an impact in the society. Your commitment to inculcating values of honesty and transparency in our nation’s youth especially at the I Believe Initiative Youth Consultative Conferences clearly demonstrates your resolve to strengthen the necessity of integrity in future leaders.

The widespread unwelcome social malaise that continues to permeate our society is indicative of the increasing relevance of your mandate to “Combat Corruption”. It is no secret that corruption or even the perception thereof, carries with it dire consequences for our country’s development, investments and relations with the international community. I therefore encourage you to remain steadfast in forging sustainable partnerships with community organizations, the diaspora and international partners with a view to build a more cohesive and productive society.

May your organization remain focused as you continue your unabated efforts to build a responsible and internationally respected Jamaica, of which we can all be proud.

**THE MOST HON. ANDREW MICHAEL HOLNESS, ON, MP PRIME MINISTER**

We are heartened by the work of the National Integrity Action in combating corruption over the last five years.

As the lead anti-corruption organization, the NIA has spearheaded numerous activities and initiatives including education campaigns aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of transparency and integrity to economic advancement and social development. These are important pillars on which great democracies and economies are built. Jamaica’s score on the Corruption Perception Index has basically remained the same over the last four years and my administration is committed to working with the NIA to improve this rating. This will be instrumental in helping government create a more attractive environment for local investments as well as multinational corporations seeking to expand.

We thank the NIA for its unwavering commitment to Jamaica’s development and unreservedly endorse their work, which we believe strengthen and preserve our democracy as well as advance the government’s efforts for shared prosperity.

This administration has not only accepted the mandate to be more accountable and transparent, but have also embraced the responsibility to create an environment which discourages corrupt practices at all levels.

In that regard, we have included in our economic growth strategy plans to reduce inadequacies of public bureaucracy and devise policies to expedite the reform of the justice system. We know that these are two critical areas that presently support corruption and serves as a deterrent to maximizing investment outputs.

We extend best wishes on your 5th anniversary, as you continue to combat corruption and build integrity.

**MOST HON. PORTIA SIMPSON MILLER ON, MP, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

I extend sincere congratulations to National Integrity Action on achieving the important milestone of your 5th anniversary as your organization aims to combat corruption and strengthen integrity in Jamaica.

Initiatives to fight corruption and improve integrity at all levels of the society are critical to achieving national development and to raising in an equitable way, the standard of living for all the people.

National Integrity Action has been at the forefront of this effort, increasing public awareness and sensitizing persons at every level about the importance of these issues. Accountability and transparency in public and private organizations are fundamental factors in the fight against corruption and ensuring integrity.

In terms of the public sector, the ability of the people to hold their Government accountable goes to the heart of any democracy. Indeed, democracy thrives when there are systems that allow citizens to see and participate in the activities of their Government.

In and out of Government, I have remained steadfastly committed to the abhorrence of corruption and to transparency, accountability and integrity. I know that governments and the political movement in which I have been involved have shared this commitment. The creation and support of national institutions committed to truth, honesty and integrity in public life, have been hallmarks of every government in which I have participated since 1974.

I commend the leadership and members of National Integrity Action for being fearless in spearheading worthwhile initiative in support of anti-corruption and integrity. Happy anniversary and best wishes for your continued success.
DELROY CHUCK
MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Corruption is a major obstacle and the most powerful enemy of development progress and prosperity.

The state has an indispensable role to play in building accountable institutions, enact anti-corruption legislation and implement effective anti-corruption programmes. Civil society must be regarded as an important partner in advocacy, raising public awareness and helping to strengthen the capacity of key institutions through training.

The work of the National Integrity Action has kept the issue of corruption at the forefront of national discourse. It has achieved greatly in raising awareness about the detrimental effect of corruption on the economy and the lives and livelihoods of the Jamaican people.

DIRK HARRISON, CONTRACTOR
GENERAL OF JAMAICA

The National Integrity Action: An Essential Anti-corruption Stakeholder in Jamaica

The role which civil society plays within the public governance apparatus is well documented and observed globally and more so in our beloved country Jamaica. Consequently, the Mission which the National Integrity Action has committed to should be embraced by all Jamaicans. The role of NIA has positioned its mandate as a critical anti-corruption tool to enjoin all stakeholders in Jamaica. The bold stance taken bearing the names of accountability and transparency is one in the face of a political culture in some quarters opposing this very stance is an arduous task for which the impact and contribution is in fact commendable. Despite the challenge, the NIA has over the years committed itself to being among the beacons of hope as they highlight aspects of governance affairs.

A vigorous civil society is necessary for enhancing inclusiveness, effectiveness, and legitimacy of a nation state. It is arguable that the NIA spearheaded five years ago a renaissance of Anti-corruption efforts engaging other Non-Government Organizations (NGO), the Government, prosecution services, the Judiciary, law enforcement, the ordinary man on the streets and all stakeholders in the fight against corruption. This has led to meaningful collaboration and dialogue, anti-corruption legislation and literature and institutional arrangement in the name of eradicating corruption, participation and contribution of all stakeholders. Therefore, it is against this background that the Office of the Contractor General (OCG) congratulates National Integrity Action for the contribution made and continues to make in promoting probity and advocating for accountability and transparency in our nation’s private and public governance affairs.

As an anti-corruption partner, the OCG is truly grateful for this opportunity to share in the NIA’s 5th Anniversary Supplement publication and would like to wish that the NIA and its partners God’s continued guidance in the years to come.

One of the mandates of the Electoral Commission of Jamaica is to strengthen the foundations of democracy. This is identical to the NIA’s vision to build integrity, which is the substance for good governance and a stronger democratic society. The NIA has played a role in helping the ECJ to stay true to its purpose and we are pleased to have had the opportunity to collaborate on several occasions in a very meaningful way.

I wish to commend Professor Trevor Munroe and the entire staff of the NIA for their commitment and dedication to serving our nation and applaud your tremendous effort to promote a corruption-free Jamaica. As we look ahead, we will continue to support your drive to educate, engage and empower Jamaicans as together we build integrity.

I wish you many years of great achievements!

HON. MRS. DOROTHY PINE-MCLARTY, OJ
CHAIRMAN, ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF JAMAICA (ECJ)

Heartiest congratulations to the National Integrity Action on your 5th anniversary. I wish for you continued success in your mission to build integrity and combat corruption in Jamaica.

Over the past 5 years, the work you have done has contributed significantly in the fight against dishonesty, impartiality and injustice within the wider society. This has no doubt played a role in Jamaica’s major achievement of moving up on the Corruption Perception Index in 2016. You have answered, with fervency and vigour, the call from citizens for accountability, integrity and transparency. You have demonstrated a commitment to going above the call of duty to improve and maintain good governance in Jamaica. Over the years, we have witnessed the NIA’s dedication to ensuring the effective functioning of anti-corruption agencies, forging partnerships in an effort to combat corruption and building public awareness of the principles of integrity, equality and justice.
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Evidence is demonstrating that for Jamaica to progress and to prosper, more Jamaicans, from all walks of life and of all ages, need to speak out against corruption and stand up for integrity: in our own personal conduct, in our relations with one another, in our communities, in our businesses, in our police force, among our prosecutors, judges, and public officials, in our professional associations, youth clubs, student associations and among our Parliamentarians and Councillors.

To advance this national objective, and to forestall further slippage NIA in 2017 shall:

* increase its membership drive
* enhance its training programs
* strengthen its media messaging
* provide more legal advice and assistance to victims of corruption
* build its connections with the Jamaican diaspora

Broaden and deepen partnerships with civil society organizations such as the Council of Voluntary Social Services, the Parish Minister’s Fraternals, the Lay Magistrates Associations, Service Clubs like the Optimists; the music and entertainment fraternity through organizations such as the Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA); public agencies such as the social development commission, the Ministries of Education and Justice; private businesses such as the National Baking Company and Grace Kennedy Ltd; student associations like the JUTS and the NSSC and the Integrity Action Movement; youth organizations such as the police youth clubs; media organizations like the Press Association of Jamaica.

In these diverse ways and through these collaborations, NIA aims to help strengthen integrity amongst our people as the essential foundation for sustained combat of corruption as well as crime and more exemplary punishment of the corrupt.
BONDING WITH COMMUNITIES

NATIONAL INTEGRITY ACTION (NIA) knew that in order to become the social movement for integrity the organization had to go where the citizens are gathered; in the schools, work places, church and communities. Under the 2016-2019 United States Agency for International Development (USAID) agreement titled “Strengthening integrity and combating corruption in Jamaica”; NIA has tasked itself to utilize grassroots medium such as; sports and culture to engage citizens in order to build their awareness and capacity around integrity and corruption related issues.

In sports, NIA partnered with the Social Development Commission (SDC) for their annual T/20 Community Cricket Competition as well as their Community Netball Competition. Additionally, NIA partnered with the Southern Basketball Conference and sponsored the Southern Basketball Conference Community League. Representatives from the teams that made it to the basketball and netball finals were also trained by NIA in Social Auditing and have subsequently become members of the organization.

NIA has also utilized the medium of popular music through the sponsorship of the Sounds and Pressure One World Ska and Rocksteady Music Festival along with the Portmore Music Fest to gain entry in this sector to spread the message of integrity, accountability and transparency.

The year also saw NIA involved in a lot more health and social services fairs of various modalities across the island through our partnership with the SDC. We have had health and social services fairs in Harbour View, Lawrence Tavern, GC Foster College, Harkers Hall, Old Harbour, Hampton Green, Lauriston and Thompson Pen.

Additionally, NIA started the process of increasing the capacity of fifty (50) community based Integrity Champions through training workshops done in collaboration with the USAID/Community Empowerment and Transformation Project Phase 2, while training a total of fifty-eight (58) individuals in social auditing, including those mentioned above.

Way Forward:

For 2017, NIA’s Community Outreach portfolio will focus on five (5) targeted communities: Rockfort, Gregory Park, Kintrye, Four Paths and Cambridge. The communities selected are a part of both the USAID/COMET II project and the Community Renewal Programme (CRP) currently being implemented by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).

To further build the awareness and capacity of citizens across Jamaica to be able to sustainably combat corruption, NIA will: organize a social services fair and town hall meeting in each targeted community; show the three documentaries they have produced to residents in each community; sponsor and facilitate an integrity/anti-corruption debate, an integrity/anti-corruption street art competition and an integrity/anti-corruption sports day in each community.
NIA supporting community netball teams at the Social Development Commission (SDC) annual Community netball Competition.

(left) Cricketers in field at the Social Development Commission (SDC) annual v20 Community cricket Competition.

(middle-right) NIA member engaging patrons at SDC community health fair

NIA members, players and spectators at the 2016 southern basketball conference community league

Representatives from the teams that made it to the basketball and netball finals in NIA Social Auditing training
Students and teachers from St. Georges High gather for assembly as the Integrity Ambassadors are introduced to the wider school population.
NIA becomes Full Chapter of Transparency International
March 15, 2015

NIA/Office of the Governor General Youth County Consultative Conference
Oct 2015

Membership Induction
June 11-12, 2016

Public Sector Officials Roundtable
June 30, 2016

NIA/SDC Health Fair
Nov 5, 2015

Youth/Student Training
01 July, 2016

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Mr. Jose Upat, Chairman of Transparency International signs the accreditation agreement making NIA an official chapter of Transparency International
THE YEAR, 2016, FACED INCREASED CHALLENGES TO INTEGRITY IN ALMOST EVERY SECTOR OF OUR SOCIETY. As such, NIA’s training of public officials had to accommodate increased engagement with churches and faith-based communities, sporting bodies, the music and entertainment communities, with our young people, from basic school to the tertiary level, in a broad endeavour to combat corruption in all its forms, and at all levels, as well as to build values, attitudes and behaviours, aligned with our core principles: accountability, transparency and integrity.

In this context, NIA has continued to collaborate with its partners in the public sector: the Office of the Chief Justice, the Justice Training Institute, the Court Management Service, The Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Office of the Contractor General, Tax Administration Jamaica, Jamaica Customs, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutor among others, to improve the professional will, capacity, administration and delivery with integrity of public services within Jamaica.

The sensitisation training programmes and training seminars sustained important steps in advancing NIA’s overall objective of strengthening integrity in Jamaica.

NIA was honored to have among our presenters: the Hon. Justice Dennis Morrison, President of the Court of Appeal; Hon. Justice Stephane Jackson-Haisley; Hon. Chief Justice Zalla McCalla; the Director of Public Prosecutor, Ms. Paula Llewellyn, QC; the Commissioner General of Income Tax, Mr. Ainsley Powell and Mr. Francis Burak, Criminal Justice Advisor from the British High Commission.

Subject areas covered at the 2016 seminars included an update on the implementation of the Committal Proceedings Act, 2013; the Criminal Justice (Suppression of Criminal Organisations) Act 2014 more commonly known as the ‘Anti-Gang Law’ as well as a presentation on the Amendments to the Criminal Justice Administration Act (2015). There were approximately seventy government officials who participated in the anti-corruption related training programmes in 2016.

The 2016 Training Programmes demonstrates NIA’s support to improving good governance and the delivery of justice in Jamaica, especially with the recent passage of significant legislation intended to disrupt corrupt activity.

NIA sees the training programmes as another important event in continuing its efforts to raise the professional capacity and will of the nation’s judicial personnel.
NATIONAL INTEGRITY ACTION (NIA) has been actively supporting Jamaican citizens’ capacity to deal with corruption victimization through its Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC).

NIA officially began its ALAC in April last year and since then has provided assistance and support to almost one hundred (100) witnesses and victims of corruption as well as persons who have suffered some form of injustice.

Through the work of ALAC, NIA has sought to provide advice and assistance to citizens in such a way as to simultaneously equip them with the information and support necessary to provide solutions to their corruption related issues while educating them as to what they can do, steps they can take, and the entities and other resources which exist, and have responsibility for addressing their grievances.

An example of ALAC’s assistance and support is that provided in the last year and to present, to the Dunrobin Park Citizens’ Association and Neighbourhood Watch. The citizens of Dunrobin Park, through their Citizens’ Association, approached NIA in March 2016, reporting that in February, the Kingston and Saint Andrew Corporation (KSAC) had granted to a commercial entity, a five (5) year lease of the recreational park in their area, for the purpose of parking for vehicles of patrons of the establishment. The lease was granted without any consultation with, and or agreement of, the vast majority of citizens of the community. The park which was over the years maintained by the citizens through the Citizens’ Association, had parameter fencing, housed a children’s play set with swings, a number of trees and a lush lawn on which even wedding photographs were once taken. In February 2016, the Dunrobin Park citizens were denied access to the park by the new lessees, with padlocks being placed on the gate to the park. Sections of the park were asphalted, trees were cut down and much of the grass was trampled and died as a result of the passage of motor vehicles.

NIA, through their ALAC Attorneys-at-Law and the oversight of Executive Director, Professor Trevor Munroe, worked assiduously to have the matter resolved and the park returned to the citizens. Numerous communications, consultations and meetings took place between the KSAC and the citizens at the initiative and with the help of NIA. Nonetheless, it became clear that the matter was not being resolved through these initiatives and legal action was commenced. NIA has provided legal representation for them as their matter is now being pursued through the Supreme Court. It is hoped that the outcome will be one favourable to the citizens.

NIA has also referred a number of cases on behalf of citizens to the relevant authorities, including but not limited to, the Office of the Contractor General, the Office of the Auditor General and the Office of the Public Defender.

It is NIA’s belief that the reduction in corruption and strengthening of integrity in Jamaica, can only be achieved by sustained action, with the help of citizens through their denouncing and reporting incidences of corruption. NIA encourages all Jamaicans to let their voices be heard by speaking out against corruption.
WORKING AMONG STUDENTS AND YOUTH

In 2015 National Integrity Action (NIA) took the decision to broaden and deepen engagement with the nation’s youth. It was clear that NIA needed to undertake a programme which would build the capacity of the youth at the same time creating a space for them to engage in discussions among themselves with the aim of formulating their opinions and positions on policies. NIA also supported their initiatives within organisations they served, finding ways for them to utilise their talents to lend a voice to the issues that affect them the most, so that they could “stand up and speak out” in the best way they knew.

The “energy and creativity” of the youth had to be tapped if the organisation wanted to see an increase in their involvement. A priority was increasing their knowledge of the organisation and ensuring that youth across the island knew NIA was there to support them. Therefore, this was a major focus in 2016. The NIA youth programme was ramped up with the continuing of our support to existing partners:

- Burger King for the National Secondary School Debating Competition and
- National Prep and Primary School Debating Competition
- UWI’s Guild of Students
- UWI Leads – several discourse on leadership and ethics
- Northern Caribbean University National Debates
- The Governor General’s Youth Consultative County Conferences

New partnerships were formed with both organisations which serve the youth and those led by them including:

- Caribbean Youth Council (CYC) Regional Youth Conference
- University of Technology Orientation
- Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN)
- Encounter Ministries “I Pledge” Youth Rally
- Edna Manley School for the Visual and Performing Arts Orientation
- University College of the Caribbean Orientation
- The Ministry of Education and Jamaica Union of Tertiary Schools Executive being trained in strategic planning and advocacy
- Jamaica Link Ministries’ Global Leadership Summit

NIA’s youth affiliate on the University of the West Indies campus, Integrity Action Movement (IAM), was also established. Grounded in building greater awareness of integrity, transparency, and accountability, the club seeks to reignite student activism on the campus, to provide a space for discussions to be held among students and also to bring them in contact with some of Jamaica’s most noted leaders from varying sectors. Last year these students staged the “Conversation Series” and were visited by noted leaders such as Senator Matthew Samuda, Mr. Richard Byles – President & CEO of Sagicor - and our very own Executive Director, Professor Trevor Munroe. These individuals spoke one and one with students; taking unfiltered, unscripted questions about their journey, Jamaica’s governance and economy, future prospects and how they can assist in changing their country for the better.

In 2017, NIA will intensify its youth focus and continue to explore expanding the IAM club to the other tertiary institutions across the island.
“Any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and creativity of its youth will be left behind”

– Kofi Annan, Former UN General Secretary

Mr. Demoye Whitely, IAM Chairperson, making his presentation at Youth Parliament as Opposition Member

Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN)

Mr. Richard Byles, CEO of Sagicor Group, responds to question posed to him by student participant

Mr. Richard Byles (center) with IAM Steering Committee and NIA’s Youth Outreach Officer, Ms. Jamie-Ann Chevannes

Prof. Trevor Munroe, E.D. NIA and Portland High School students at the National Secondary Schools Council (NSSC) Inauguration of New Leaders

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BUILDING ‘PARTNERSHIPS FOR INTEGRITY’

Building a social movement for integrity requires NIA not only to strengthen its own membership but also to forge partnerships with the most diverse groups in society. As such we work side by side with:

- Public officials through the Justice Training Institute, the Office of the DPP, The Electoral Commission of Jamaica
- Community groups through the Social Development Commission
- Students at all levels through the Jamaica Union of Tertiary Students, the National Secondary Schools Associations
- Citizens’ Associations and the Neighbourhood Watch movement
- Church groups through the Parish Ministers’ Fraternal
- Young people in the police youth clubs; in debate competitions sponsored jointly with Burger King and in consultative conferences initiated by the Governor General’s ‘I Believe’ movement
- Journalists and media professionals in the Press Association and elsewhere
- Justices of the Peace through the Lay Magistrates Associations
- Service Clubs like the Optimists
- Politicians, MPs, Senators and Municipal Councillors from both major parties who share NIA’s mission of combatting corruption more effectively
- Business leaders and corporate bodies who support a Jamaica of integrity
- ‘The man in the street’ who is a victim of corrupt practices and has a complaint or seeks redress
- Entertainers through organisations like the Jamaica Reggae Industry Association

In moving forward NIA is maintaining these relationships but particularly strengthening partnerships with groups in the Jamaican diaspora, among Justice of the Peace volunteers in the parishes, among 4h Clubs and other bodies attached to the Council of Voluntary Social Services, and among women’s organizations, youth and students. In these collaborations to build a social movement for integrity, NIA accepts and values diversity.
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHURCHES

NIA has a very rewarding relationship with faith-based organizations as we move forward in consolidating our work in building a social movement for integrity. To this end, we have supported activities with the church, from promoting leadership to community outreach.

Signalling the importance of the reach of the church, NIA has partnered with the parish Ministers’ Fraternal of St. Catherine, Clarendon and St James to support their 10,000 Men and their Families March in the respective parishes. This ongoing partnership also supports their work against violence in communities and stands as a call to action for faith leaders across the parishes to show the importance of integrity in public life.

As a part of our anniversary celebrations, we have worshipped and shared fellow-ship with our members and the wider community at St. Andrew Parish Church (2012), Sts. Peter and Paul (2013), Boulevard Baptist Church (2014), Andrews Memorial SDA Church (2015) and Websters Memorial Church (2016). NIA partnered with the Global Leadership Jamaica Steering Committee to bring a simulcast of the highly acclaimed Global Leadership Summit to Jamaica. Our work has also involved engagement with the respective umbrella organizations and the Jamaica Council of Churches on issues of mutual interest.

Going forward, NIA intends to strengthen its partnership with the Ministers’ Fraternal in all parishes, beginning with the 2017 10,000 Men and their Families March for Peace in Spanish Town and West Kingston.
REACHING OUT
THE DIASTHORA

NIA BELIEVES THAT THE MEMBERS OF JAMAICA’S DIASTHORA ARE PERHAPS THE COUNTRY’S MOST

UNUSED DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE and that through their own experiences and expertise acquired abroad they can play a crucial role in the shaping of policy, in holding our leaders to account and in helping to improve Jamaica’s overall system of governing.

In the previous four years NIA has been invited to visit the major cities of London, Toronto, Florida and New York to engage with members of the diaspora and encourage their participation in efforts to combat corruption and build integrity in Jamaica. In 2016 these efforts continued with our Deputy Executive Director visiting and addressing the Annual Caribbean Independence Celebration Service hosted by the Caribbean American Cultural Group in Port Saint Lucie, Florida. Also in November the Executive director was invited to deliver the

12th Annual CIN Lecture at the Schomburg Center in New York City. Coming from these engagements have been many interest in joining NIA and helping to strengthen the movement towards integrity.

In the months ahead NIA will make stronger and more sustained efforts to include even further our friends living in the Diaspora. We urge all Jamaicans living at home and the many living abroad to get involve and join NIA in speaking out.

NIA AND TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Since becoming the Jamaican Chapter of Transparency International (TI) in early 2015 NIA’s relationship with TI has continued to grow. NIA draws on the advice and expertise of its partners within the TI movement to help to strengthen its efforts locally. The organisation also continues to benefit from its participation in trainings, and international conferences facilitated by TI in which hundreds of people from within the TI movement and persons involved in pursuing good governance initiatives gather to arrive at meaningful solutions to addressing varying issues relating to corruption and the building of integrity. NIA has participated in such meetings in Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Malaysia and in Panama in December 2016; and along with its counterpart in Trinidad and Tobago, the Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI) in meetings held in Florida, USA, hosted by Transparency International’s Secretariat, and in Port of Spain, Trinidad, hosted by the TTTI, who are committed to spearheading efforts to extend the Transparency International movement throughout the Caribbean. Executive Director Dr. Trevor Munroe also attended and delivered the keynote address to the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies in Trinidad. It is intended that such a move will have the effect of raising the level of awareness on corruption issues across the Caribbean region and lead to greater focus towards its combat.
MILESTONES
ALONG A JOURNEY
FOR INTEGRITY

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.

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NIA delegation at parliament for the tabling of Campaign Finance Reform Bill.

Delegation to Parliament
March 27, 2012

NIA’s Research Coordinator Omar Lewis and Executive Director Trevor Munroe with members of the Transparency International team from North Africa at the 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Brazil

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Nov 1, 2012

First Training Seminar for Justice Officials
Feb 2, 2012

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Town hall Runaway Bay
June 1, 2012

Launch “Cost of Corruption” Documentary
Jan 17, 2013

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

A section of the audience at the launch
LIVING INTEGRITY...BUILDING INTEGRITY

LASHANIA WILLIAMS

“As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself... Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty, but humility.” – Nelson Mandela

Twenty-one-year-old, Civil Engineering Student from the University of the West Indies, Lashania Williams first came in contact with NIA through its Integrity Ambassador’s Programme at her alma mater, St. Hugh’s High School. She noted that the programme in teaching her the rudimentary elements of integrity such as honesty and fair play made her see that these qualities should be the hallmark of people’s everyday existence. But this was not being reflected on the news where widespread corruption was rampant. She decided to become a full member of NIA as they were willing to fight against the corrupt.

Lashania Williams now serves as one of the Vice-Chairman for Integrity Action Movement Steering Committee. You can always find her at activities, encouraging others to become a part of the movement or making small presentations on behalf of NIA. She was instrumental last year in the planning of the successful “Conversation Series”, which brought prominent leaders to have unscripted discussions with students on the campus.

Lashania states: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a simple step and one that is ever resilient”, without a doubt I chose, National Integrity Action (NIA) stated Lashania.

DEMOYE WHITELEY

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible…” – Dwight Eisenhower

Demoye Whiteley an aspiring leader and young political activist, first became aware of NIA while attending a town hall meeting which was being supported by NIA. He always heard the effect of corruption but never really paid attention as he did not see how it impacted himself and his peers. The discussions at the town hall made it very clear just how much it affected the youths of the nation. He saw this as a call to action, especially after he witnessed the police accepting bribes from taxi men who were obstructing the flow of traffic by parking illegally in the Half Way Tree vicinity.

Demoye is currently the Chairman of Integrity Action Movement, the youth club affiliated with NIA on the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. He stated that it was imperative for him to get involved in the movement to promote integrity and Accountability among our youth and by extension the wider society. I do believe that as young people, we all are affecting this country, whether we mean to or not so why not impact this great nation in a meaningful and productive way.

Since joining Demoye has participated in NIA’s trainings and can always be seen at NIA’s youth events with his Steering Committee on the campus. He has also led in the planning and execution of the “Conversation Series”, marched in the “I Pledge” Youth Rally, supporting Encounter Ministries in their protest, bringing attention to crimes against Jamaica’s youths and encouraging other youth/students at various NIA activities to get involved. He also represents Integrity Action Movement in Jamaica’s Youth Parliament which reconvened this year.

DEIDRE DIXON

“We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don’t take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn’t count unless you earn it fair and square.” (Michelle Obama)

Meet twenty-five (25) year old Deidre Dixon; she is a member of National Integrity Action (NIA) as well as the President of the Rae Town United Youth Club and Rae Town United Community Development Committee (CDC). Her vision for her community is “to see the residents living as one without political bias, more socio-economic development programmes to reach unattached youths, better relations between the police and the residents and for her community to support NIA”.

Portfolio of work:
• Operation Clean Sweep (Plastic bottle collection drive)
• Rae Town Sport Extravaganza and capacity building programme (Sponsored by NIA)
• Red Cross Safer Community capacity building training
• Community Gully Cleaning Labour Day Project

RICARDO BURKE

“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively” (Robert Nesta Marley).

NIA member Ricardo Burke is the Managing Director of Yutes4Change Foundation in Gregory Park, St. Catherine. He is an unemployed youth who refer to himself as Mr. Volunteer and rightfully so, his selfless work and commitment of his committee have propelled the status of the Yutes4Change Foundation in the community.

Portfolio of Work:
• Launch of the Yutes4Change Homework and Integrity Centre (November 12, 2016)
• Yutes4Change Foundation Students Breakfast Programme (feeding over 18 students every morning since November 3, 2016).
• Donated cash to the Duckenfield (St. Thomas) Youth Club 2017 G-SAT Quiz
• Collaborating with Forward Step Foundation to organize the “Story time pon di corner” series in the Gregory Park community.
• Feeding the homeless in Downtown Kingston
• Leading a group of volunteers to participate in International Coastal Clean-Up Day.
• He personally volunteered to paint the exterior of the entire Gregory Park Basic School.
• Volunteered to clean gullies and drains in the Gregory Park Community.