

Joint Press Statement Commending the Judicial Service Commission for Advertising Openings in the Superior Courts Issued on Monday, 24th March 2025

Chapter One Foundation, the Alliance for Community Action, and Transparency International Zambia commend the Judicial Service Commission for publicly advertising superior court vacancies. This step demonstrates a commitment to transparency—a cornerstone for building public trust in our judiciary and ensuring the credibility of judicial appointments.

Transparency is not merely procedural; it directly boosts public confidence in our judiciary's impartiality and integrity. When citizens witness a fair and open selection process, it reinforces their belief in the rule of law. We urge the Commission to uphold this openness at every stage of the process going forward through to the recommendation stage.

While transparent appointments are vital, they must be part of broader judicial reforms that include robust accountability measures and clear, transparent procedures for the removal of judges. Such mechanisms prevent arbitrary or politically motivated actions and further strengthen public trust in our institutions. We call on all stakeholders to champion these reforms, ensuring a judiciary that is both independent and accountable. We look forward to the Commission setting a benchmark for transparency and accountability, fostering trust not only within the judiciary but across all public institutions.

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**The Alliance for Community Action
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