



TI-Z ACA MoU signing Ceremony.

Alliance for Community Action Statement

Invited guests, colleagues from cooperating partners, fellow civic actors, members of the press, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

The ACA is delighted to partner with TI-Zambia under this MoU which will guide our joint efforts to offer support to victims of corruption in corruption-related case uptake through the TI-Z Advocacy and Legal Advice for Citizens – ALAC as well as undertaking joint advocacy on whistleblowing and whistle-blower protection.

In the rapidly changing context where corruption is constantly evolving and disguising itself, it has become imperative for civic actors and citizens to work together in addressing the scourge. Strategic partnerships such as the one we are signing today are therefore a key ingredient for successful interventions in the fight against corruption. Corruption has destroyed many lives of citizens and has on most cases translated to poor and absent service delivery. We must fight tooth and nail in a systematic, routine and in a collaborative way to ensure the lives of the poor and weak among us improve are better today and tomorrow than they were yesterday.

The importance of strategic collaboration in the fight against corruption cannot be over emphasized. The time has come for civic actors to share our skills, resources, and networks to stand against the tide of corruption which has plagued our country. We are here with TI-Z because we realise that while our respective organisations have their separate mandates, there is a great opportunity for TI-Z and ACA to pull together where our strengths can be harnessed to achieve greater results. Together we can do more. If the corrupt can find each other and call that “connections” we too must find each other and create our own connections – for the greater good of fellow citizens.

We at the ACA and TIZ refuse to accept that corruption cannot be defeated. We firmly believe that through working smart and together, we can overcome corruption, at least to the extent that it stops to hurt our people and this great nation of Zambia.

I thank you.