

## Visionary, moral and transformational leaders needed for a Namibian Integrity Assessment

If we want to be at the level of developed countries by 2030 (as indicated in Vision 2030) we need to reduce corruption significantly and very fast, because our time is running out to meet our development goals.

To be the fourth and/or fifth least corrupt country in Africa, as annually being rated by Transparency International (and proudly referred to by our politicians) is just not good enough to fast track our development in order to catch up with developed countries.

The second most critical control measure needed for a Namibian Integrity Assessment (as outlined in Part 103 published on 16 June 2017) is visionary, moral and transformational leaders in order to inspire and transform the corrupt Namibian society to one that is just and fair as well as able to address development issues such as poverty, housing and unemployment.

### FRY THE BIG FISH

Based on best practise cases to reduce corruption, such as Hong Kong and



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Singapore, which have reduced corruption significantly over a period of forty years, the big fish in Namibia need to be "fried".

In these countries, ministers, lawyers and Chief Executive Officers of offices/ministries/agencies found guilty of corruption have been fired, prosecuted and jailed. "Frying the big fish" will set the example for deterring citizens from engaging in corruption.

Compared to moral and transformational leaders such as Ghandi of India, Mujica of Uruguay and Mandela of South Africa, we do not have leaders of such calibre that are committed to lead by example, inspiring the rich and the poor to reduce corruption.

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