



## **ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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#### **RTSA COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION**

LUSAKA, 21st May, 2019- THE Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA), will not relent in devising strategies aimed at eradicating unethical conduct that leads to corruption.

The Agency aims to achieve its goal of transforming into a world class institution and supplementing government efforts in fighting corruption.

RTSA Director and Chief Executive Officer Zindaba Soko, elaborates that his office has set the tone against corruption high on the agenda and will make every effort to confront the scourge in accordance with the law by severely dealing with any member of staff engaging in corrupt activities.

In his keynote address during the official opening of the Integrity Committee Training Workshop facilitated by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), Mr Soko lauds the initiative to equip committee members with knowledge and tools for prevention of corruption in the Agency.

He further highlights that the Agency is already implementing the whistleblower protection policy and the gift policy, interventions that uphold transparency hence exterminating corrupt activities.

He adds that the institution has revised the code of ethics, developed the conflict of interest guidelines and drafted the fraud policy, as well as the asset declaration policy.

Mr. Soko warns that corruption if left unchecked, cannot only make it difficult for the public to access services from the Agency but compromise the road safety profile of the country stating that such acts may result in flouting of road safety regulations particularly use of vehicles that are not road worthy and incompetent drivers amongst other offences.

In this regard, he implores trainees to apply the knowledge acquired through the training programme to eradicate corrupt activities.

The Director also reveals that the Client Service Charter has been concluded and will enable clients know beforehand what they require and associated fees for them to obtain various services from RTSA.

He also adds that implementing interventions such as the online payment system is also key in eradicating corruption through minimal human contact.

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