



Integrity Week Campaign Report



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The **United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)** established “International Anti-Corruption Day” to raise awareness about corruption’s social, economic, and political impacts. Each year on December 9th, organizations worldwide unite in a collective call for the strengthening of anti-corruption measures and the promotion of integrity.

This year, The Organization for Responsible Governance (ORG) observed “Integrity Week,” reinforcing our mission to promote transparency, accountability, and ethical governance in The Bahamas. Under the theme “Shaping Tomorrow’s Integrity,” we aimed to foster an understanding of integrity as a personal responsibility; to highlight the ways individual actions can shape a more transparent future; and to inspire hope for what The Bahamas could be with more accountable institutions and citizens.

We facilitated key initiatives to raise awareness of national anti-corruption concerns; promote personal and institutional accountability; and support a cultural shift towards transparency and fairness.

Integrity Week 2025 curated national dialogue about accountability and empowered everyday Bahamians to be active participants in shaping tomorrow’s integrity.

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Investing in integrity by supporting our nonpro

Shaping tomorrow's integrity

Dear Editor,

The Bahamas, we often talk about our culture and national pride we feel a result of our creativity and resilience as a people. If we are serious about shaping a stronger future, we must confront another aspect of our culture that affects every part of national life. This is the culture of governance, and at the heart of this conversation is integrity.

Integrity is often a button word sprinkled in speeches, but it is also the operating system of a healthy democracy. It states how decisions are made, how public money is used, how institutions function, and how people feel about the country we all call home.

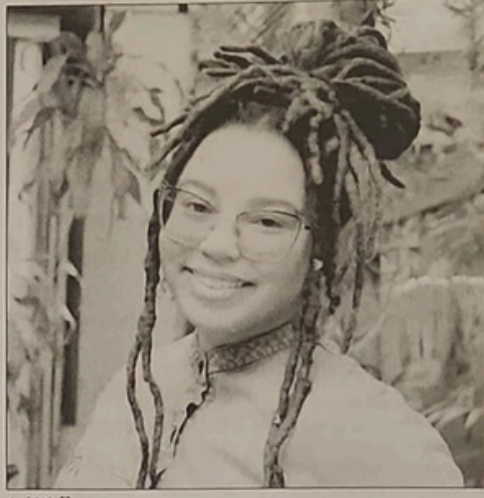
This is why the Organization for Responsible Governance (ORG) works to strengthen governance systems in The Bahamas. When we build stronger systems, we create the conditions where integrity and accountability are visible in policies and everyday life.

As ORG's senior manager for outreach, I work directly with communities. I see

LETTERS to the Editor

"It is just how things are done". But Bahamians deserve more. We deserve systems that protect and operate in the public interest. We deserve governance that is consistent and accountable, regardless of who is in charge.

This is why ORG continues to advocate for policies and reforms that strengthen transparency, participation, and accountability. A Bahamas with modern procurement legislation, publicly accessible data, fully implemented freedom of information, and strong-



Ari Wells.

Bahamas — both by advocating for the full enactment of mechanisms that promote transparency and accountability in governance; but also by upholding personal integrity in our individual lives.

Building a sustainable, fair future where honesty and public trust thrives requires action from all of us. Integrity is a national project. There are practical steps each of us can take today to help shape tomorrow's integrity:

- ▶ Stay informed by credible, fact-based sources
- ▶ Ask questions about how

embedding transparency and accountability into the machinery of governance as a matter of national principle — not just when it is politically convenient!

It means modernizing outdated systems, practicing inclusive dialogue in decision-making, and creating more opportunities for people to truly participate in our national development. Integrity is a practice, not a proclamation.

If we want a Bahamas where young people aspire to leadership, where citizens trust their institutions, and where development benefits

Dear Editor,

Integrity is often spoken about as a personal virtue, but for a nation, it is a collective responsibility. As the Organization for Responsible Governance (ORG) marks Integrity Week, it is worth recognizing the importance of a strong non-profit and faith-based sector to advancing integrity and good governance, and to building a more resilient and equitable Bahamas.

During Integrity Week, the conversation often centers on government — and for good reason. Government carries the responsibility of putting in place the laws, institutions, and systems that uphold transparency, accountability, and ultimately, integrity.

These standards are essential for public trust and the healthy functioning of our democracy — which is why ORG continues to advocate for stronger laws, systems, and frameworks to strengthen integrity and build trust across our nation.

But national integrity is also strengthened when communities themselves are strong, informed, and engaged. This is where nonprofits play an important role. Across our islands, nonprofits, including faith-based organizations, are doing the work that keeps communities afloat: feeding families, supporting youth, caring for seniors, strengthening resilience, and addressing gaps in services that government and the private sector cannot always fill. Yet many operate



Vanessa Bethel.

with limited resources, small teams, and little public visibility. Still, they continue to show up. They remain accountable to the people they serve because their communities depend on it.

They are often the first to see community needs, able to highlight gaps that require attention, and can help connect national priorities with the everyday needs of people. When the right frameworks are in place, these organizations are positioned to build trust, strengthen accountability in practical ways, and help ensure that integrity is not just a principle we talk about, but something people experience every day.

Meaningful consultation with nonprofits — those closest to community realities — is essential for informed decision-making

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Activities:

- TV Interviews
- Virtual Roundtable
- Social Media Highlights
- Press Release & Story Publications
- Partnership Participation

Social Media:



7k views

105

interactions

TV Appearances



12 Media Placements!



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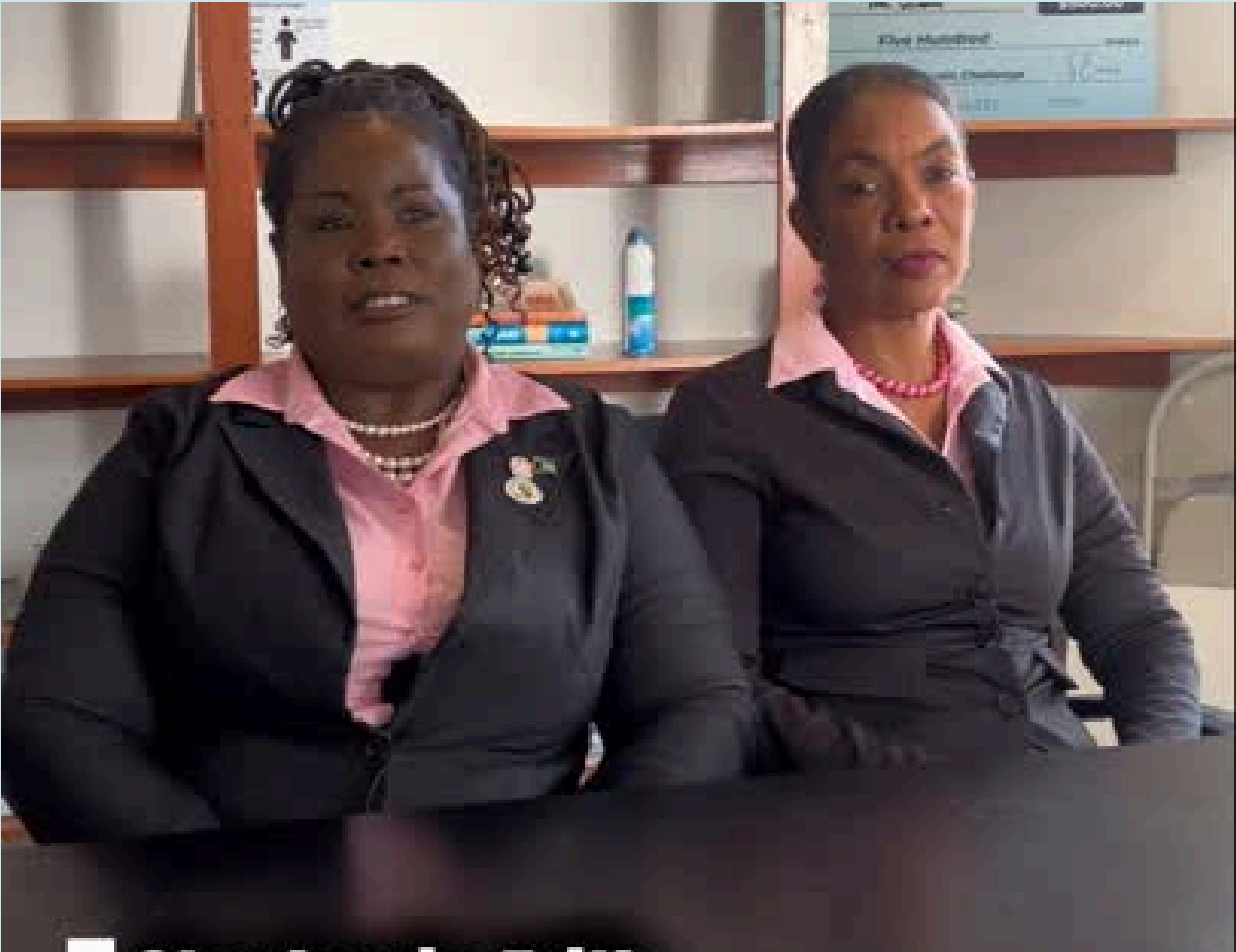
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Bringing Others into the Conversation!

We spoke with ORG partner **Princess Court Ministries** about why they think integrity is important. Princess Court Ministries is a non-profit dedicated to mentoring young women in The Bahamas. They eagerly shared some valuable insight as part of Integrity Week!

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Why is integrity important?



Hear from ORG'S partner:
Princess Court Ministries!

“Shaping a Future of Integrity
for The Bahamas”

Integrity Week  YouTube 
Virtual Roundtable

Featuring Dynamic
Panelists

Latesha
Gibson



Rachel
Scott



Matthew
Aubry



Ashleigh
Sean Rolle



Hosted by
Bodine Victoria!

“If we want [youth] to have faith in our systems, we must prove they’re worth believing in.

Young voices are integral to shifting cultural attitudes & shaping a future of integrity for The Bahamas. They must be positioned not just as inheritors of this future, but as co-authors, first & foremost.”

- Jazmyn Pickstock, ORG Project Assistant



“Strengthening integrity in The Bahamas means strengthening the frameworks that allow nonprofits to operate effectively & be seen; & ensuring they have a seat at the table when national decisions are being shaped.”

- Vanessa Bethel, ORG Senior Manager of Organizational Development & Operations



“A Bahamas with stronger anti-corruption systems is a Bahamas where public resources stretch farther; where young people trust the process; & where businesses can thrive on merit instead of connections. That is what our country could look like when integrity is the norm, not the exception.”

- Ari Wells, ORG Senior Manager of Outreach



Thank you!

**To all ORG's "Integrity Week" partners
and supporters:**

Diane Phillips Associates (DPA)

Our News

Eyewitness News

Bodine Victoria

The Nassau Guardian

The Tribune

Princess Court Ministries

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