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Dear Friends of JCTR,

RE: CALL FOR ARTICLES TO THE THIRD QUARTER JCTR BULLETIN

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) is a research, education and advocacy organization that promotes study and action on issues linking Christian faith and social justice in Zambia. Through a faith-based perspective, JCTR strives to critically understand current issues, which emphasize human dignity at individual, household and national levels and generate activities to promote social justice. With the vision to educate, inform, advocate and lobby, JCTR publishes the JCTR quarterly bulletin, monthly Basic Needs Basket (Food Basket) reports, study reports, policy briefs and other materials etc.

Linkage institutions play a critical role in promoting good governance. Linkage institutions include political parties, the media, and interest groups. These institutions connect ordinary citizens to the Government and vice-versa. This entails that they ought to pressure the Government to ensure that social services are adequately provided. In addition, they should educate, inform, and sensitise citizens on Government plans, programmes, policies, laws, activities, and projects. This engagement from linkage institutions can take the form of a host of advocacy activities, which may involve advocacy directed at numerous important issues, including: adequate budgetary allocation; policy and legal frameworks; citizenry participation; the struggle to combat social vices like corruption, poverty, and unemployment. How can these linkage institutions effectively hold the Government accountable? How can they efficiently ensure the Government seriously considers the needs and desires of ordinary citizens, especially the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised?

In the light of this background, JCTR is calling for articles analysing the various roles of linkage institutions and how they can play a cardinal role in promoting good governance, transparency, and accountability. **For the forthcoming JCTR Bulletin, JCTR is specifically calling for articles on the following:**

1. Legal and policy frameworks relevant to combat corruption
2. The voice of ordinary citizens in policy and legislative formulation
3. Effective management of public resources by the Government
4. Critical reflection and investigative journalism as the necessary tools for accountability
5. Promoting a child-centred accountability and advancing the needs of children
6. The efficacy of political parties, especially opposition parties, in providing credible checks and balances

7. The role of the media in setting the agenda, raising awareness levels and promoting good governance
8. The relevancy of the interest groups especially in the digital space like social media
9. Social accountability as a necessary concern for every citizen
10. The role of the Civil Society Organisations in raising awareness on national issues
11. The monitoring and evaluation culture in the political and economic space
12. The Church and the State, and the Church's role in the political sphere
13. Alleviating the plight of women and children
14. The adequacy of the provision for the needs of women and children in the National Budget
15. Extensive analysis of other key regional and international issues

The dateline for article submission for the third Quarter JCTR Bulletin is 1st July 2022. The articles should be in Times New Roman, Font 12 and NOT exceeding 1,500 words and must be sent to bulletin@jctr.org.zm and copy jctrbulletin@gmail.com

Thank you and we will greatly appreciate your positive response.

Faithfully yours,



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