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Professor Trevor Munroe is currently the Executive Director of National Integrity Action – the Jamaican Chapter of Transparency International, the leading global coalition against corruption.

Dr. Munroe is one of the Caribbean’s most distinguished public scholars, with an outstanding career in academia, civil society advocacy and public service.

As an academic, he has authored or co-authored 9 books on Caribbean Democratic governance and published numerous scholarly papers on the subject. Among his many academic awards are the University of the West Indies’ Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence, the Mona Principal’s Award for Research, 2 Fulbright Fellowships to Harvard University in the United States and research appointments at Queens University, Canada, Birmingham University, United Kingdom and the Institute of Social Studies, Hague, Netherlands among others. In his tenure at the UWI he served as Head of the Department of Government on the Mona Campus. He is the first person from the English speaking Caribbean to receive an Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences from Florida International University,

A distinguished graduate of St. George’s College, Dr. Munroe earned a First Class Honours Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and a Master’s of Science in Government, under the supervision of the late Professor Rex Nettleford, from the University of the West Indies. A Jamaican Rhodes Scholar, he completed his Doctoral Studies in Political Science at Oxford University and was the only person from the Caribbean invited to address the 110th Anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarships, celebrated at Oxford University in September, 2013.

As a civil society advocate, Professor Munroe served as a Director of United Way of Jamaica, was co-founder and subsequently President of the University and Allied Workers Union (UAWU), a founding Board Member and Vice-Chairman of Citizens Action for Free and Fair Elections (CAFFE), Jamaica’s election observer group. He was also a founding member of the Breakfast Club and Jamaica Speaks award winning current affairs radio programmes. In 2015, Dr. Munroe served as a member of Transparency International’s Board Task Force on Strategy 20/20 and is the only person from the English

speaking Caribbean to be appointed an Individual Member (IM) of Transparency International, one of thirty IMs from across the globe.

In the sphere of public service, he served as a Senator, nominated by former Prime Minister PJ Patterson, in the Parliament of Jamaica (1998-2007), championing measures for good governance and proposing the historic resolution in the Senate calling for closer relations with the Jamaican diaspora. On the invitation of then Prime Minister Bruce Golding, he accepted membership in Jamaica's National Security Council (2008-2011) and is currently a member of the Council of the Partnership for Jamaica chaired by Former Prime Minister Simpson – Miller. He was a member of the Executives of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions and the Think Tank established by the private sector of Jamaica in the 1990s.

Dr. Munroe has served as consultant to USAID, to the World Bank, to UNDP, to UNESCO, to the Organisation of American States among other international organisations. As sought after keynote speaker, he has made recent invited presentations on governance not only in Jamaica but across the Caribbean, in Trinidad, Guyana, the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands and Sint Maarten in the Dutch Antilles.

In Jamaica's 2015 National Honours, Professor Munroe was awarded the Order of Distinction, Commander Class (CD).