



CHAPTER FOUR UGANDA ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

(Kampala, Uganda / February 7, 2025). The Chapter Four Board announces a leadership transition. After a four-year deliberative and extensive transition process planning, Mr. Nicholas Opiyo, our founder and long serving Executive Director, will pass the baton to the next generation of leaders at the organisation.

'Mr. Opiyo's visionary leadership has built a pre-eminent and principled human rights organization that has significantly impacted the intellectual and practice landscape in the country,' said Dr Zahara Nampewo, Board Chair, Chapter Four. 'His personal sacrifice and dedication have set us on a course of unparalleled excellence, and ensured the pre-eminence of our endeavours.'

The Board has appointed Mr. Anthony Masake, our long serving staffer as the new Executive Director. 'We have every confidence that he will take the organization to the next frontiers,' said Mr. Angelo Izama, Board Secretary, Chapter Four. Mr. Opiyo will stay on for a few months in an advisory capacity to shepherd the new team.

The Board would also like to extend its gratitude to Ms. Ashanut Okille of Akijul Consulting who led the transition planning team, for successfully concluding the process of preparing Chapter Four Uganda, its mission, and strategic focus for the coming years.

As leading attorney in public interest litigation, Mr. Opiyo has been an unapologetic defender of human rights often at great personal cost. His commitment has expanded the boundaries of jurisprudence especially in the outlawing of torture and realising the constitutional aspirations of equality for all before the law and the Constitution. During his tenure, Chapter Four Uganda has extended support to hundreds of Ugandan non-state organisations in building their own capability to provide lawful services that have vastly improved government accountability and observance of human rights processes in the country.

Mr. Opiyo is a recipient of numerous national and international awards including the Human Rights Tulip Award in 2021, Alison Des Forges Award for Extraordinary Activism in 2015, the Voices for Justice Award from the Human Rights Watch in 2015, and the German Africa Prize in 2017.

We wish him well as he journeys further on this path and extend to him the full gratitude of our partners, friends, clients, the legal fraternity and the people of Uganda for his exemplary dedication and service.

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