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## **The Quest for Leadership and Integrity: Why Constitution Implementation Could Fail in Kenya and Africa”**

*“Each generation must discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it” – Frantz Fanon*



The leadership of any country must be right.

If the leadership is wrong, it will auction its own country.

Such a leadership epitomizes corruption. Such a leadership lacks accountability and transparency.

With the rise of 21<sup>st</sup> century constitutions in Africa, we are not yet out of the hoods.

Africa must fix its leadership first.

That way, new constitutions will have champions of the change Africans seek through various constitutional processes.

A challenge that requires reflection is how to establish the next generation of leaders that would truly embrace people’s aspirations.

I adopt Kenya and the constitution as theatres of understanding leadership concerns. Kenyan.

This paper discusses a couple of key issues touching on leadership.

The *First* issue is today’s search for a servant leadership since power now vests in ordinary Kenyans, and that people have a bigger say in the management of their public affairs. Hence, the paper proposes G47+1 as an alternative leadership.

*Secondly*, the paper reflects on specific provisions of Chapter 6 relating to leadership and integrity, as a clarion call to Kenyans that choice of credible leadership with specific character would accelerate realization would of their socio-economic and political dreams.

*Thirdly*, the paper proposes a formula on how resources could be mobilized so as to ensure that a credible leader is put on the road to articulate the new and desired vision for Kenya- this would be a leader that Kenyans must own.

The call is on all Kenyans to invest in the type of leadership they want.

Thus, Kenyans and elsewhere in Africa must elect leaders who are a credible in terms of the person and the content.

*Lastly*, the onus is everyone’s to create a credible leadership and steer away from a leadership that is born, grow and die in the box of their warped political belief; a political belief that has for decades, robbed its people of its full economic, political and social potential.