

Tuesday 24 November 2009, 16:00 –17:30

Governance Reform from Below

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Chair: Carin Norberg, Director, The Nordic Africa Institute

The struggle against corruption in Africa has come to rest partly on the initiatives of individuals of great convictions. However, the struggle for a fair, just and equitable humanity risks losing direction if it relies primarily on individual initiative at the expense of collective action and on modernizing institutions at the expense of transforming their internal work cultures for better state-society relations. John Githongo's presentation will reflect on the essentials to transforming institutions and the role local level ideas and participation can play. He will illustrate this using the Zinduko and Twaweza initiatives that he currently co-ordinates.

John Githongo is a Kenyan civil society luminary best known for his role in investigating and exposing the Anglo-Leasing corruption scandal in the country. But, in fact, Mr. Githongo combines in his impressive professional work numerous attributes. These include his extended work in the field of journalism for which he took the third prize of the CNN African Journalist of the Year in 1995, several engagements as a consultant and advisor to international organizations, enormous interests in research and publishing and also serving as Trustee on many local and international organizations. Githongo has been Director, Transparency International (Berlin and Kenya) from 1999 to 2002. He is the founding Trustee of Zinduko Trust, an organization that focuses on governance reforms from below.

The lecture is open to all interested.

**Venue: The Nordic Africa Institute, Lecture room (2nd floor),
Kungsgatan 38, Uppsala**