

DRAFT COMMUNIQUÉ

COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NETWORK OF NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTITUTIONS IN WEST AFRICA (NACIWA)

Theme: *"A United ECOWAS against Corruption: Strengthening Regional Collaboration for Asset Recovery and Exchange of Information"*

Date: 14th–15th October 2025

Venue: ECOWAS Commission Auditorium, Abuja, Nigeria

Format: Hybrid

The **Network of Anti-Corruption Institutions in West Africa (NACIWA)** held its **7th Annual General Assembly (AGA)** from the **14th to 15th of October 2025** at the **ECOWAS Commission Auditorium** in Abuja, Nigeria.

Recalling the establishment of NACIWA by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) as a regional mechanism to promote synergy, coordination, and cooperation among national anti-corruption institutions in West Africa;

Reaffirming its commitment to the **2001 ECOWAS Protocol on the Fight against Corruption**, the **United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)**, and the **African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC)**;

Acknowledging that the 7th AGA coincides with the commemoration of **50 years of ECOWAS**, symbolizing renewed regional unity and collaboration;

Recognizing the remarkable progress achieved since the 6th AGA held in August 2024, particularly the operationalization of the permanent

NACIWA Headquarters, consolidation of the Secretariat, and enhanced collaboration with ECOWAS, development partners, and civil society;

Appreciating the continued support of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ECOWAS Commission, and partners such as International IDEA, UNODC, and the European Union in facilitating the effective organization of this Assembly;

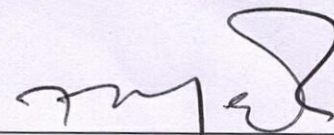
The **7th Annual General Assembly of NACIWA**, after extensive deliberations on the theme and other matters, hereby:

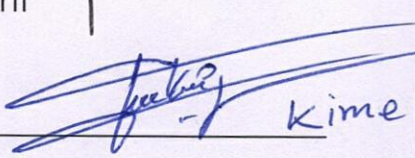
1. **Expresses** deep appreciation to His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for his steadfast support and for declaring the Assembly open through his representative, His Excellency George Akume, Secretary to the Government of the Federation.
2. **Acknowledges** the commitment of the ECOWAS Commission, under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, for its technical and logistical support to the organization of the AGA and its leadership in advancing the regional anti-corruption agenda.
3. **Commends** the contributions of NACIWA member institutions for their active participation, collaboration, and commitment to advancing the shared vision of a corruption-free ECOWAS region.
4. **Notes** with satisfaction the efforts made to finalize on the adoption of the ECOWAS Guidelines on Borderless Investigations, Asset Tracing, Recovery, and Management, and calls on the NACIWA Secretariat to ensure that the process of adoption of the final Guidelines is completed before the end of the first quarter of 2026.

5. **Reaffirms** the importance of regional cooperation in asset recovery, mutual legal assistance, and information exchange, urging Member Institutions to strengthen coordination with national financial intelligence units and law enforcement agencies.
6. **Mandates** the NACIWA Executive Committee to come up with a comprehensive proposal to institutionalize NACIWA as a specialized Technical Commission under Article 22 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty.
7. **Calls** upon Member Institutions to take necessary steps to domesticate and operationalize the ECOWAS Protocol within their national systems to ensure alignment with regional commitments.
8. **Approves** the admission of new member institutions, including the Code of Conduct Bureau (Nigeria) and welcomes the participation of CPC Cabo Verde as a new member, acknowledging their commitment to prevention-based anti-corruption reforms.
9. **Commends** the progress on the renovation and setup of the permanent NACIWA Headquarters donated by the Government of Nigeria, and calls on ECOWAS and partners to continue supporting its full operationalization.
10. **Expresses** appreciation to the outgoing Executive Committee for their dedication and achievements during the 2022–2025 term, particularly in strengthening NACIWA's governance, visibility, and partnerships.
11. **Notes** the consensus renewal of the mandates of the current Executive Committee members for another three-year term (2025–2028), while welcoming CPC Cabo Verde as the new Treasurer.

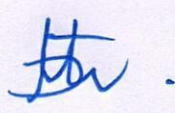
12. **Urges** Member Institutions to fulfill their financial obligations by promptly remitting annual dues to ensure the sustainability of NACIWA's operations.
13. **Requests** the Secretariat to circulate the updated NACIWA Membership Register reflecting new and active members and to initiate follow-up with non-active members.
14. **Encourages** continued collaboration with civil society organizations (CSOs), youth, and media networks to enhance advocacy and public participation in the fight against corruption.
15. **Adopts** these resolutions and outcomes as the working framework for 2025–2026 to deepen coordination, institutional integrity, and effective implementation of the ECOWAS Protocol on the Fight against Corruption.

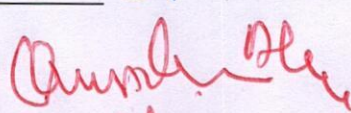
Adopted in **Abuja, Nigeria**, this **15th day of October 2025**.

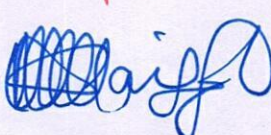
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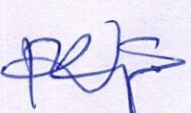
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