

GOODWILL MESSAGE BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION (ICPC), DR MUSA ADAMU ALIYU, SAN AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 9TH DECEMBER, AT SHEHU MUSA YAR'ADUA CENTRE, CBD, ABUJA.

Protocol:

It is a great honour to join you today as we commemorate the 2025 International Anti-Corruption Day—an occasion that brings the world together in reflection, vigilance, and renewed commitment to the fight against corruption. This year's theme, *“Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity,”* is both timely and inspiring. It reminds us that the future of our nation—and indeed the world—rests in the hands of our young people.

As we strive to build a society rooted in transparency, accountability, and justice, the ICPC fully recognizes the essential role of young Nigerians in shaping a corruption-free future. Their energy, creativity, and courage offer a powerful foundation for long-lasting integrity systems. When we equip our youth with the right values, tools, and opportunities, we are empowering a generation capable of confronting corruption at its very roots.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), in carrying out its tripartite mandate of **enforcement, prevention, and public education**, continues to prioritize youth-focused initiatives. Today, I reaffirm our commitment to strengthening anti-corruption education, enhancing digital reporting mechanisms, expanding campus integrity clubs, and deepening community partnerships that nurture ethical leadership. Our goal is to create platforms where young voices do not only participate—but lead.

It is important to highlight that the Commission has already made significant strides in engaging the youth. Through **NYSC anti-corruption lectures in all NYSC camps, NYSC/ICPC community development activities, anti-corruption clubs in schools**, and our **Integrity Lecture Series for secondary schools**, we are shaping young minds with integrity values. We have also created opportunities for young people to express themselves through **debates, poetry, and art competitions**, and

in previous years, we have convened the **Anglophone Youth Forum** to foster a culture of integrity across the region. In addition, our partnership with **NELFUND** is helping to ensure that the student loan programme is transparent, inclusive, and resistant to fraud.

Beyond youth engagement, the Commission has undertaken extensive efforts to promote transparency at the grassroots. We have educated Local Government Councils and the public on the meaning and implications of the recent Supreme Court decision, using targeted enlightenment programmes such as the **Joint National Local Government Accountability Framework Workshops** and the **Accountability and Corruption Prevention Programme for Local Governments (ACPP-LG)**. These initiatives have been made possible through the support of our dedicated partners—the **Centre for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity Network**, the **European Union**, **ROLAC/International IDEA**, and in collaboration with the **Federal Ministry of Justice**, **Code of Conduct Bureau**, **Fiscal Responsibility Commission**, and the **Bureau for Public Procurement**.

Today, I call upon our youth: **stand bold, stand firm, and stand united**. Corruption threatens our dreams, but integrity strengthens them. Together, let us build a future where honesty is honoured, accountability is the norm, and corruption has no safe place to hide.

To our partners in government, civil society, the private sector, and the international community, we deeply appreciate your continued collaboration. The fight against corruption is a shared responsibility, and together, we will prevail.

As we mark this important day, let us renew our resolve, amplify our advocacy, and champion a culture of integrity that endures across generations.

Thank you, and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.