

REPORT / UPDATES ON THE COMMISSION'S ZONAL / STATE ADVISORY / CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

A. Introduction

The Commission is vested with the mandate to fight and eradicate corruption and other related offences, pursuant to its enabling Act. In line with the above-stated mission, and for a more result oriented anti-corruption fight, the Commission is required to enlist and foster public support against corruption (see section 6(f) of Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000); hence the Commission approved in June, 2014 the establishment of Zonal / States' Advisory Committees in the Zones / States of the Federation.

B. Objectives

The Commission's Zonal/State Advisory/Consultative Committees were established / charged with the task of assisting and liaising with relevant Board Members and Commission's staff / officials on issues that border on corruption and related offences in the Zone/State; particularly, rendering advisory / consultative assistance on intelligence gathering and anti-corruption strategy, among others.

C. Meetings, Resolutions and Recommendations

The Commission's Zonal Advisory/Consultative Committees were composed as approved , and inaugural meetings had been held in the various zones of the Federation, chaired by the Board Members representing the zones; and the South-south meeting was chaired by the Secretary to the Commission (State Chapters are yet to hold meetings).

Chairmen of the Committees used the occasion to brief the Advisory /Consultative Committee members of the activities, programmes, efforts and achievements of the Commission.

The Committees noted that the country was infected with corruption scourge in virtually all sectors: ranging from public sector to private sector; civil service to non-governmental organizations, traditional rulers, faith-based organizations, youth, home and family, union leaders, media, banks, traders, artisans, among others.

In the meetings of the various zonal Advisory /Consultative Committees, relevant issues were discussed and recommendations made as follows, amongst others:

- I. Mechanisms should be put in place to ensure total transparency in the conduct of government / official businesses;
- II. Appointments, recruitments, admissions, promotions and management of personnel should be based on merit and rules of law;
- III. Strong anti-corruption enforcement and preventive mechanism should be put in place;
- IV. Salaries of workers should be attractive and paid regularly;
- V. Government should adequately address the problem of unemployment / underemployment;
- VI. Government should provide an improved / enabling environment for private sector to thrive;
- VII. ICPC should identify specific areas / sectors where anti-corruption activities / messages would make most impacts, and deliver, with adequate publicity.
- VIII. The Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000 should be amended to make the Commission more functional;
- IX. Intensified public enlightenment programmes and education on the evil effects of corruption and the need to curb it, should be ensured;

- X. The anti-corruption programmes targeted at youth mobilization should be devised;
- XI. Measures should be put in place to ensure ethical and moral rebirth, resuscitation and rehabilitation in the society;
- XII. Government should clearly define / delineate the roles of traditional rulers in modern day politics / government arrangements;
- XIII. Zonal offices should formulate ideas / programmes which would help to enlist and foster public support in the fight against corruption, with the involvement of the Zonal / States' Advisory / Consultative Committees;
- XIV. Suitable accommodation and other supporting / enabling environment and facilities should be provided for the Zonal / States' offices to make them efficient and effective;
- XV. Meeting of the Committee should hold quarterly.

Conclusion

The Advisory / Consultative Committee members expressed gratitude to the Commission for their nomination to the Committee, commended the Commission for its efforts, lauded the initiative and pledged loyalty and dedication to the objectives of the Commission.

Based on the resolutions of the Committee, the next quarterly meeting of the Committee should hold in July, 2015.

Signed

Secretary to the Commission

