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The Minister of Youth and Sports, Solomon Dalong and Chairman ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta at the National Youth Conference organized by the Commission recently
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ICPC Anti-corruption Fight not a Witch-hunt - Wada

— By Suleiman Achile (Lokoja)

The Kogi State Governor, Captain Idris Wada, has described the anti-corruption fight of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) as total and devoid of witch-hunting and frivolities.

The governor made this declaration at the unveiling of an anti-corruption billboard mounted along Lokoja-Abuja Highway to enlighten passers-by on the ills of corruption in the society.

The billboard project was a community development initiative by a member of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Miss Machema Gloria Chioma, who served at the ICPC Kogi Zonal Office, Lokoja.

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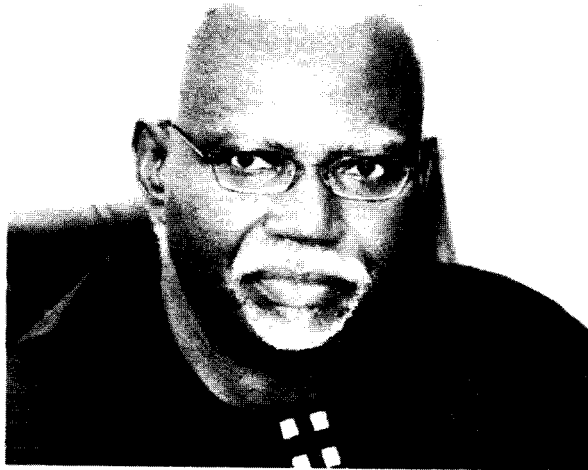


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Whether I am in the country or not I must know the condition of the person we detain. This policy for the respect of human rights is something that I inherited from the past Chairmen of this Commission. ICPC does not play with human rights. And I have done my best to continue in that direction. I am very happy to see that the bill to protect detainees abolished the extraction of information through torture. This is something the Commission abhors. We have never tortured anybody during interrogation in the history of our existence. Interrogators in different law enforcement agencies must be trained and retrained on how to do the right thing... If you tell your child not to throw out banana peels out of a car window, he will accept that. If he sees the father throwing out banana peels, that will begin to create the problem of compliance by the child".

Mr. Ekpo Nta, ICPC Chairman

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WANTED PERSONS



**Mr. Ogheneovo Peter Enajite:
Wanted for Forgery**

Mr. OGHENEOVO PETER ENAJITE, is hereby declared **WANTED** by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in connection with issues bordering on **forgery of a request for Note Verbale for the issuance of United Kingdom visa**.

Ogheneovo who is dark in complexion was born on 12th March 1982 (33 years old). He hails from Oriah, Abraka in Ethiope Local Government Area of Delta State.

He was in the service of the Delta State Government as a clerical officer attached to the Delta State Liaison Office, Plot 78 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro, Abuja.

His last known address was No. 7, Lawal Uwais Street, Off Frederick Chiluba Close, behind Lagos State Governor's Lodge, Asokoro, Abuja.



**Mr. Joseph Tony Ogah:
Wanted over N36.2m Fraud**

Mr. Joseph Tony Ogah, a staff of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is wanted for defrauding the Federal Government of N36.2 million.

Ogah, an indigene of Idah, Kogi State, was part of a crime syndicate that defrauded the Federal Ministry of Environment.

Preliminary findings by ICPC revealed that the syndicate used a company called Soft Alliance Disco Limited to pay huge salary arrears totaling N36, 194, 636.00 to

fictitious staff on the payment platform of the Ministry of Environment.

Ogah, 38 years old, allegedly, in connivance with the others perpetrated and benefited from the fraud as N9.4 million was paid into his account with the United Bank for Africa (UBA). A statement of accounts obtained from UBA revealed that the money was drawn from the Ministry of Environment and paid into the account (1006521816) belonging to Ogah.

The Commission, upon the findings, requested Mr. Ogah to appear before it and answer questions regarding the transfer of money from another Ministry into his account, but he failed to do so.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture was requested on several occasions through letters to compel him to appear before ICPC but responses to the letters show that Ogah has absconded from his duty post for over three months.

The Ministry, in response to the allegation and his failure to report to work, has stopped the payment of his salary and other entitlements since July 2015. Ogah is currently at large. This has prompted the Commission to declare him wanted for fraud. Dark-complexioned Ogah's last known address was Road 121, House 24, Gwarinpa Housing Estate, Abuja.

Anyone who has useful information on their whereabouts should report to ICPC headquarters Abuja, any of the ICPC state offices or the nearest police station, or call ICPC Toll-Free lines: 0803-123-0280, 0803-123-0281, 0803-123-0282, 0705-699-0190, 0705-699-0191 and 0800-CALL-ICPC (0800-2255-4272)



**Ebhohimen Joshua Andrew:
Wanted for Fraud**

WANTED PERSONS

The person, whose picture appears left, **Ebhohimen Joshua Andrew**, is hereby declared **WANTED** by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on issues bordering on fraud using the e-commerce platform (OLX).



**Mrs. Grace Nkoyo Nwauzor:
Wanted over N50m Employment Scam**

Mrs. Grace Nkoyo Nwauzor, a civil servant in the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) is wanted for defrauding innocent job seekers of N50 million.

Nwauzor, an indigene of Aboh, Mbaïse Local Government Area of Imo State, allegedly duped

many people that were looking for employment in the Federal Civil Service by promising to give them employment in the service.

Preliminary findings by ICPC have revealed that Nwauzor, who is on Grade Level 12 under the Career Management Section in OHCSF and a doctorate degree holder, ran an employment scam where her victims were made to pay huge sums of money for jobs which they never got.

Further findings by the Commission show that she charged her victims between N250, 000 and N500, 000 per job. The Commission also discovered that the 46-year old Nwauzor had allegedly duped over 200 people through her job scam which began in 2012.

Some of the victims having waited endlessly for the promised jobs decided to petition ICPC which triggered investigation into the scam perpetrated by Nwauzor.

Mrs. Grace Nwauzor is currently at large and the Commission hereby declares her wanted for fraud. Nwauzor who is dark in complexion was last resident in Durumi District, Apo, Abuja.



**Ojo Apete Wisdom:
Wanted for Fraud**

OJO APETE WISDOM, is hereby declared **WANTED** on issues bordering on fraud using the e-commerce platform (OLX).

Mr. Ojo, an indigene of Edo State, was born on 18th October, 1986 (28 years old). He is dark in complexion.

His last known address was No. 12 Ogbunabali Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

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N23 Billion Illegally Stashed Pension Funds Uncovered

By Femi Gold

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has uncovered N23 billion pension funds 'lost' in 40 bank accounts.

Mrs. Rasheedat Okoduwa, Spokesperson for the Commission made this disclosure recently, while delivering a paper titled, *Transparent Leadership and Effective Governance: The Role of ICPC* at the 2015 Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Capital Chapter held in Abuja.

She said the Commission consolidated the accounts into four and also recovered N496 million in accrued interests on one of the accounts.

"The Customs, Immigrations and Prisons Pension (CIPP) fund also had N11 billion scattered in ten accounts. This was consolidated into three accounts", she said.

Mrs. Okoduwa also revealed that while conducting systems review of personnel cost expenditure profile across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) over a period of four years, ICPC compelled the return of over N6 billion unspent balances into government treasury.

According to her, "The activities of the Commission in the above regard boosted the deployment of the Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS), and the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPPIS).

The former Minister of Finance Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Nweala was reported to have said that these innovations saved the nation over N100 billion in personnel costs through the elimination of ghost workers.

"ICPC discovered that the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) was not remitting deductions from employees' salaries to their respective Retirement Savings

Accounts (RSAs) owing to inaccurate information. With the intervention of ICPC the sum of N34.5 billion was remitted to 97, 842 employees' RSAs" She stated.

On the issues of transparent leadership, Mrs. Okoduwa said leaders could be more transparent if they communicated programmes and policies more effectively.

In her words, "In good times and bad times, it is important that leaders communicate honestly. Being transparent about challenges, communicating next steps and results are all crucial to building trust and loyalty"

Leadership, she said, was the key to unlocking some of the major challenges confronting Nigeria, adding that leaders "Must be transparent, provide the right information at the right time and be accountable for their decisions, actions and inactions".

Speaking on challenges facing Nigeria in her efforts to promote effective and good governance, Okoduwa said that with careful planning, concerted efforts and dedication, what seemed to be an ugly situation could be turned around for the good of all.

She urged all structures of the current administration to support the president in his drive to institute change in the country.

"...The cabinet must embrace transparent and accountable leadership towards the delivery of

good governance", She concluded.

While responding to questions from the audience on how ICPC which is located in Abuja could police the entire country, the ICPC spokesperson responded by saying that though the Act establishing the Commission stipulates the presence of ICPC in the 36 states and FCT, it had not been possible to achieve that due to paucity of funds.

In the interim however, ICPC had offices in 15 states, strategically spread across the different zones of the country to make up for the temporary inadequacy.

She expressed optimism that the Commission would in no distant future set up office in every state as stipulated in the law.

Delivering his welcome address earlier, Mr. Ohaeri Osundu, Chairman of Capital Chapter of NIPR said, "...this gathering is conceived as a platform to collectively have a re-think on our process in governance and to draw government attention to the need to re-modify our attitude to modalities in governance".

NIPR is a professional body charged with the responsibility of promoting professionalism and excellence in corporate communications and strategic public relations management among its members and corporate organisations in Nigeria. States and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja) branches are called chapters.



Mrs. Rasheedat Okoduwa (middle), Mr. Ohaeri Osundu in a group photograph with other dignitaries at the event

Photo by Femi Gold

Firm Compelled to Remit N28.3m Staff Pension Funds

By Inalegwu Shaibu

Service Trust/Prudential Guards Limited, a guard company operating in Nigeria, has been directed by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), to remit the sum of N141, 785.75 to the retirement savings account of one of its employees.

ICPC, while acting on a petition by the employee, discovered that the company had failed to remit the said sum being the petitioner's accrued pension for eight years to his Pension Fund Administrator, (PFA), Leadway Pension Ltd., in violation of Section 11 (3) (b) of the Pension Reform Act, 2014

The Commission also uncovered other irregularities in the management of staff pension funds by the firm. ICPC found out that the firm had also not remitted N28, 252,299.89 contributory pension monies to the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) for 647 members of staff in its Rivers State office to their PFA since 2005.

ICPC, at the end of the investigation, has also alerted the PENCOM to enforce Section 11 (6) (7) of its Act as it relates to the activities of Service Trust / Prudential Guards Limited so as to serve as a deterrent to other companies.

NAVC Officials Docked over N55m Fraud

By Ani Chinenye

Two officials of the National Anti-Corruption Volunteer Corps, (NAVC), have been arraigned before Justice L.B Lawal Akapo of the Ikeja High Court, by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) over a N55 million fraud.

The duo, Mr. Akinyemi Badejogbin and Mr. Olarewaju Bakare, who were the State Co-ordinator and the Treasurer of NAVC, Lagos State Chapter respectively, were accused of fraudulently transferring the money from NAVC Trustee account with Fidelity Bank to another account in the same bank with the intent to confer undue advantage on themselves.

ICPC in a 36-count charge filed before Justice Akapo, maintained that their actions contravened the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The charges read in part, "Mr. Akinyemi Badejogbin and Olanrewaju Bakare between December 2010 and September 2011, being the State Coordinator and Treasurer respectively of the NAVC, Lagos Chapter, criminally conspired to and did transfer the sum of about N55 million from NAVC Trustee Account in Fidelity Bank Plc, to NAVC Account in Fidelity Bank Plc for the purpose of conferring corrupt advantage on themselves and converted the said sum to personal use without approval from ICPC."

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to all the charges against them. Their counsel pleaded the court to vacate the bench warrant brought against their clients.

The trial judge, in his ruling vacated the bench warrant to the accused persons and granted them bail in the sum of N5 million with two sureties each in like sum.

Unpaid Salaries: Teachers Commend ICPC for Prompt Action

By Okon Isong

A group of teachers under the Federal Teacher's Scheme (FTS) of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), has commended the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), for helping them recover their unpaid salaries, and affirmed that their confidence in the ability of the Commission to give them relief was handsomely rewarded.

The teachers had been employed under the scheme, established by the government in 2006. The scheme has a 2-year contractual arrangement for recruiting batches of teachers. This particular group was recruited about two years previously. They had earlier written to ICPC concerning the seeming refusal of the authorities to pay them their outstanding salaries from February 2015 to September 2015.

In a letter of appreciation addressed to the Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, dated 16th October 2015, Mr. Waziri Dauda on behalf of the group, described the speed with which the Commission's operatives handled the matter as "unparalleled", and said UBEC, on the intervention of ICPC paid the backlog of arrears, following the government's quarterly release of UBEC's capital expenditure funds under which their salaries had been charged. The ICPC intervention led to the release of N2.16 billion of UBEC funds which had been pending with the government.

Mr. Waziri gladly noted: "...But for ICPC, our salaries would have been fretted (sic) into their deep private pockets. It is heartwarming to know that an agency of government in Nigeria like ICPC can act even better than the foreign ones we hear about".

He urged the Commission to keep up the good work.

ICPC Re-brands NAVC

By Joy Ajah

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has given its National Anti-Corruption Volunteer Corps (NAVC) a new face.

NAVC, a prime mass mobilization initiative of the Commission which enlists ordinary citizens as volunteers in the fight against corruption had been subjected to abuse and misapplication of its privileges by some of its members in several states of the federation.

The unveiling of its new operational guidelines and re-branding which took place at the

Commission's headquarters was meant to re-establish a corruption-free NAVC.

The unveiling was witnessed by representatives of different law enforcement agencies such as Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Police, Nigeria Customs; dignitaries such as traditional rulers and top government officials from various establishments; and officials of civil society organizations.

Speaking at the event, ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta disclosed that the old NAVC was suspended because some of its members had converted it into an extortionist and terror scheme.

He gave an example where a member of the old NAVC was arrested while acting as an escort to a senior military officer to help him circumvent the payment of some airport levies.

Mr. Nta also related how a state head of NAVC used to drive about in a convoy of cars which included a pilot car. He added that

some of such volunteers had been charged to court.

The ICPC Chairman further explained that the Commission was more interested in behavioural change of citizens which is why it does not "ambush people but

Commission alone which made it very important to have mass mobilization of corruption fighters. President/Founder of the popular "Berekete Family" talk show on Love FM, Abuja, Ordinary Ahmed Isah who also attended the event,



Chairman, ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, Ordinary Ahmed Isah and other dignitaries displaying the new Operational Guidelines and Training Manuals of NAVC

Photo by James Hananiah

spends time to teach them what they should avoid in order not to suffer consequences of wrong-doing."

In his welcome address, the National Coordinator, NAVC, and Head of Research and Documentation Unit, ICPC, Mr. Mike Sowe, said that the major problem which led to the suspension of the old NAVC arose due to the fact that a majority of the members were unemployed and therefore started using their position for personal gains.

This error, he said has been corrected in the operational guidelines of the re-branded NAVC which specifically states that members must be gainfully employed.

In his goodwill message, the representative of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Director of Public Affairs, Mr. Osita Nwajah, EFCC said that NAVC was a very useful tool in the fight against corruption as the mandate of ICPC could not be achieved by officers of the

expressed optimism towards the success in the fight against corruption in Nigeria by the launching and rebranding exercise.

He called on President Muhammadu Buhari to support ICPC so that the Commission could stamp out corruption completely.

The highpoint of the event was the unveiling of the new NAVC operational guidelines and manuals by Mr. Nta supported by many of the distinguished guests present.

The documents unveiled included the NAVC Operational Guidelines, Guidelines for Community Advocacy, Understanding the Nature of Corruption, Public Enlightenment/Education Strategies and Counseling Others on What To Do (Training Manual).

Mr. Nta also said that soft copies of the documents and membership application forms could be found on the Commission's website (www.icpc.gov.ng) for free download.

ICPC warns State Governments against Abuse of UBEC Funds

By Inalegwu Shaibu

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has warned state governments against the abuse of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) funds meant for the development of basic education across the country.

ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who gave the warning at the *National Workshop on Entrenching Transparency and Integrity in the Financial and Procurement Processes of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)*, organised by the Anti-corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN) for chairmen of State Universal Basic Education Boards (SUBEBs), revealed that most state governments had devised dubious ways to get funds from UBEC.

He said a common practice with state governments was to borrow monies from banks as 50 percent matching grants, which were then returned to the banks after UBEC had provided the counterpart funds.

His words, "Some states want matching grants from UBEC, but they do not have funds technically, they go to banks, take loans and present to UBEC as matching grants, when the money comes, they go back to the bank to pay the loans and are left with nothing for the projects. I want to tell you that we know what is happening and we are taking action to that effect."

Nta observed that such practices negate the mandate of UBEC and hamper development in the basic education sector. He therefore enjoined the participants to ensure the turnaround of basic education in the country.

Mr. Nta lamented that attendance in public schools has

dropped despite growth in government funding of the sector, leading to massive increment in the number of out-of-school children.

According to him, "Public funding has been increasing, but attendance in public schools has not been commensurate with the funding. We will continue to have sleepless nights caused by outlaws if we do not address issues of out-of-school children."

Nta also tasked the participants to make good use of funds for special education, stressing that failure to do so puts the country at great risk.

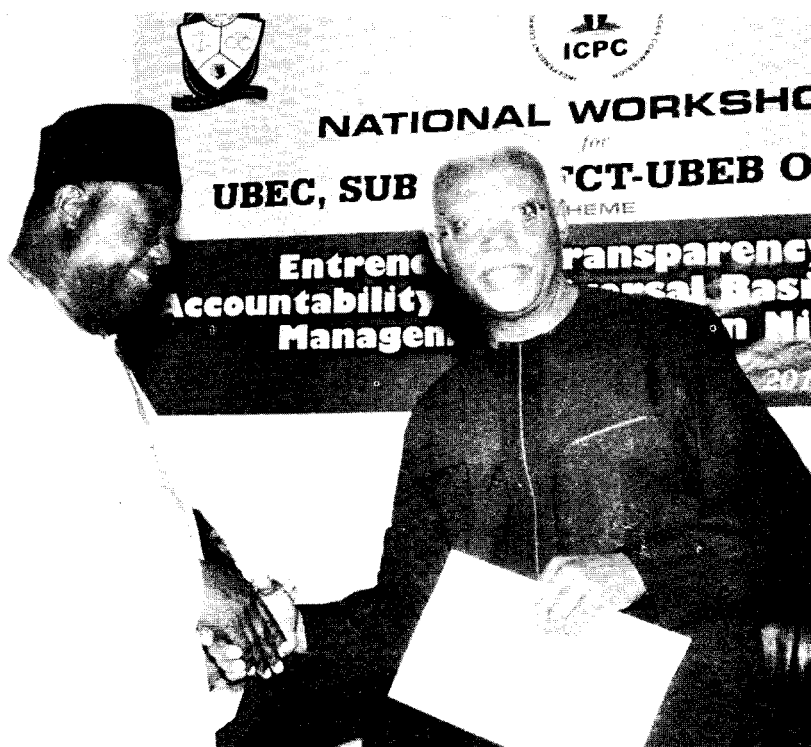
He said, "You should begin to address the specific role you have been set up to do in terms of the needs of our citizens. When we fail to address this, we have a problem in the country. Taking our children to other countries, but with recent happenings, the best option for us is to clean up our system."

He also charged them not to neglect Planning, Research and Statistics (PRS) department as such neglect had led to the churning out of fictitious statistics in the education sector resulting in wrong application of funds by the government.

"Planning, Research and Statistics is the most neglected department in all institutions. Give PRS deserved capacity they need especially now that we are talking of zero budgeting. Do not shoot yourself in the foot by generating statistics that are not true and can be used against you by international organisations," he warned.

Earlier in his remark, the Executive Secretary of UBEC, Dr. Dikko Suleiman, represented by his deputy, Dr. Yakubu Gambo, had said that government was committed to providing access to basic education to the citizenry.

He said UBEC was set up to ensure development of the education sector and would continue to monitor and supervise the implementation of the counterpart fund to ensure overall development of Nigeria's education sector.



Dr. Yakubu Gambo of UBEC in a handshake with ICPC Boss, Mr. Ekpo Nta at the workshop

Photo by Solomon Kogi

ICPC Central to Corruption Reduction in Nigeria, Says DFID

By Advent Boniface

The United Kingdom (UK) Department for International Development (DFID) has commended the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for its significant achievements in the reduction of corruption in Nigeria.

The commendation was given by Mr. Emmanuel Uche, Component Manager, Justice for All (J4A) when he led a team of DFID officials to formally present the Draft National Ethics and Integrity Policy to the Commission's Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta at the headquarters in Abuja.

According to Mr. Uche, ICPC has laid the "foundation for Nigeria to come out of the ditch of corruption."

He said that with its focus on checking institutional vulnerability, "ICPC has been central to the country's improved rating on the Transparency International (TI) corruption perception index which now places Nigeria 136th out of 174 rather than being the 2nd most corrupt nation a couple of years back."

According to him, the

presentation of the document marked another milestone in ICPC/DFID partnership, adding that "The document is significant in the work ICPC is doing to check institutional corruption in Nigeria."

Mr. Uche expressed happiness to be associated with the document which he said took a team of consultants about two years to put together with ICPC taking the lead, noting that it was an ICPC initiative.

He also pledged DFID's commitment to supporting a "National Validation Workshop" that

would bring together, stakeholders across the country to review the document before presenting it to the Federal Executive Council for assent.

He further noted that ICPC was blazing the trail in different areas, and particularly commended its work in the educational sector.

Mr. Nta, who received the document on behalf of the Board of the Commission, expressed his gratitude and praised the J4A for the assistance and collaboration that it had always given to ICPC.



Chairman, ICPC Mr. Ekpo Nta receiving a copy of the draft document from Mr. Emmanuel Uche of Justice for All (J4A)

Photo by Solomon Kogi

Demonstrate Zero Tolerance for Corruption, ICPC Tells CAC

By Advent Boniface

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has asked staff and management of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) to demonstrate a zero-tolerance for corruption in order to place the country on the path of development.

The call was made by ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, represented by Mr. Justin Kuatea of the Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED) of the Commission during the formal inauguration and induction of members of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) which took place at CAC headquarters recently.

Mr. Nta charged the inductees to serve as an "in-house check mechanism" within their organisation to monitor, identify and address lapses which could lead to corrupt practices and other unethical issues within the system.

The ICPC Chairman further called on CAC, as a regulator of companies in Nigeria, to strive to promote the culture of integrity, transparency and accountability as this would help remove all vestiges of corruption within the organisation.

"The CAC is charged with the mandate to regulate the formation and management of companies in Nigeria, and it handles sensitive information concerning individuals and corporate bodies. For this reason, it behooves the organisation to promote issues that relate to integrity, transparency and accountability in all its operations," he stated.

The ACTU members were also asked to work closely with the management to entrench a culture of discipline and accountability within the office and not to use their position to witch-hunt or victimize anybody.

Earlier, in a brief remark, the Registrar-General, Alhaji Bello Mahmud, advised the newly-inaugurated members to live above board and to ensure that their searchlight was not only beamed on the management but also on middle and lower cadre staff.

Those who were inducted during the event included, Mr. Gado Shehu, mni, Oludare Ogunleye, Mohammed Habib, Yusuf Dauda Buba, Akinwande Adesina, Dominic Inyang, John Equere, Florence Udensi, Sanusi Muazu, Abdullahi Mohammad and Hajara Umar.

Our Anti-corruption Drive will Continue to Intervene in Assisting the Voiceless – ICPC Chairman

By Hassan Salihu, Hauwa Madu

The ICPC News recently interviewed the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta. During the interview, Mr. Nta explained that recoveries of funds were made by the Commission for the voiceless which include the pensioners, oppressed etc. He stated that he was proud of the vast majority of ICPC staff for doing their job with integrity and uprightness. The ICPC boss stated that Nigerians should see ICPC as being in the position to respond to legitimate requests of the entire citizenry. Excerpts from the interview:

Question: ICPC has made a lot of recoveries for ordinary people who were swindled or had their monies stuck in government establishments due to corruption or administrative bottlenecks. Sir, what is the impact of these recoveries in the context of the overall anti-corruption crusade?

Response: The issue of corruption is being looked at as a matter that concerns the highly-placed persons only in our society, which we have addressed. The Commission takes this from human angle intervention, which is to build the fight to assist the voiceless Nigerians. I call them voiceless because for you to speak in this country particularly in fighting for your rights, you must have a platform to operate and some of these platforms require payment of huge money, like paying lawyers and having to pay for advertisement in newspapers or airtime in the electronic media. I was a bit worried about the bureaucracy of government in shutting out the common man's rights and for this reason; they have cause to write ICPC. The more we got involved, the more meritorious I see the approach we adopt, that we should fight for all persons without discrimination.

One of the very rewarding interventions was the spinal cord patient who resides in the United

Kingdom. For about 20 years he “had been writing everywhere” to get the money that he was entitled to and his duly approved N8 million was withheld. Fortunately, in December 2014, ICPC was able to make his Christmas beautiful by getting the appropriate Ministry to remit the sum of N8 million into his account and he was so excited. He wrote a very beautiful letter to ICPC. Eventually, he was interviewed by Ben Television Station in the UK and he said very good things about us. I think last month, we intervened on behalf of another spinal cord patient who paid for surgery at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital; and when the surgery did not take place, the patient requested for reimbursement and the hospital refused to give him. Last month, the Commission recovered over four hundred thousand naira for him.

We are Nigerians and our children and relatives are studying in various universities. The Commission gets complaints about harassment for one reason or the other that these children have either over-stayed in the universities or polytechnics out of unnecessary harassment from persons who are in positions of authority. Two clear examples come to my mind, in the University of Nigeria Nsukka, a student spent about 12 years without graduation and got frustrated. She sent a petition to ICPC and our intervention brought her to graduate immediately. We also intervened on behalf of a young lady from Ambrose Alli University over the issue of sexual harassment, we investigated the matter and she is now a graduate. She has written to thank the Commission.

The whole essence of mentioning these is that we do not do it as one-stop-process. ICPC goes further to know why these things happen in the first instance? And two, the outcomes led to some of the conclusions we had found out when we did University System Study and Review (USSR). We are strengthening the university system

to ensure these do not happen anymore and if they do, then sanctions are to follow. One area of intervention where everyone is clamouring for has to do with pensions. When the pensions are paid eventually, we return to status-quo and let suffering continues. ICPC has done a lot of recoveries on pensions directly for beneficiaries. One letter just came in from a pensioner of Katsina State Local Government Pensions Board and we recovered about N2.5 million for this particular gentleman who wrote to us. I am going to order the system review of that Pensions Board to avoid further similar complaint in the future.

If any Nigerian has a solid case with verifiable evidence, go ahead and submit to us through the use of our website, offices, toll free lines or send a written petition and we shall address those issues immediately. ICPC does not look at petitions in terms of its monetary value. We want people to look and if there is an infraction of our enabling law, no matter your status in life, we shall respond and we don't look at the status of the persons involved. Last year or two years ago, a case involved a house- maid whose employer denied her wages: This looks as simple as what has that got to do with ICPC, but the two people involved, the husband and the wife were public officers. We sent them a letter asking them to comment on this and the couple came to the Commission with N100, 000:00 as they were scared. The girl was just asking for N17, 000:00. We took her money N17, 000:00 out of the N100, 000:00 and we simply returned the balance to them. In getting justice, we did not charge the petitioner anything. Now, this young girl, growing up within Nigeria would believe in this country.

During my advocacy visit to the University of Benin, I spoke to the staff and students of the university, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Oshodi, was there and the late Professor Festus Iyayi was the one who invited me. I had an

interactive session with the students. What came out of that session was that Nigerian youths are very good people. All we need to do is to give them opportunities to express themselves on a level playing field. When I got back to Abuja within a period of one month, I got 312 emails. We were able to analyze all these emails. The ones that needed attention, we went back to the Vice Chancellor, who was very nice to us and he took action to address quite a number of these issues that came up. Without this intervention, this would have led to unnecessary demonstration by students. That was what probably informed the University of Nigeria, Nsukka's students who were requested to pay N12, 000:00 each for annual subscription for internet service, to disagree with this proposition. The students argued that it should be on the basis of pay- as-you- go like the way we use our phones. Most of them stay off campus why would they be charging them, they complained. So when the university was not ready to listen to them, they came to ICPC and I immediately assigned someone to go to Nsukka and the matter was resolved to everybody's satisfaction. This is the kind of impact I would say is encouraging the citizens. And we don't stop at this; we also go to NYSC orientation camps in Nigeria. We did advocacy lectures in all the 36 states and FCT, sensitizing them on the issue of ethics, integrity and inviting volunteers against corruption. We have interventions in secondary and primary schools. So I expect that this kind of intervention would continue.

Question: From the remarks of the petitioners, it seems that ICPC staff that treat such cases do their jobs with integrity and uprightness. How are you able to ensure this good attitude on the part of your staff?

Response: I must say I am very proud of the vast majority of my staff in ICPC and we have come a long way. If I look at 2012, I think that was the boom year for training in ICPC. The training came in two parts. First, for you to acquire the technical knowledge from various parts

of the world: the second part which is more important is for my staff to go to other parts of the world to learn. I remember during a roundtable discussion in Dubai with some of my staff and members of the Anti-corruption Units in Ministries, Departments and Agencies, I told them to concentrate less on the lectures we were holding and I instructed them to go round Dubai. I want them to go back to our country and discuss on how come we cannot have similar achievements in our country. That we are better placed than these people and why can we not be better and take it as a challenge. Is it



ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta

because the salary that we receive is small? No matter how big the salary we receive, if we want to be corrupt we would be. Each time I get letters from the people we have to interact with, all the letters keep on saying the same thing such as your staff are courteous, your members of staff are above board, and we are happy. If my staff are bad, the same letter will come. As an integrity organisation, I'm very proud of it. We are happy with these testimonies.

Question: Is it the policy of the Commission to continue to help ordinary people recover such monies? And should Nigerians expect the continuity of this policy?

Response: The Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000 is directed towards the eradication of corruption and other related offences. I do not want the general public to think that you need to be a big man in the society before you get justice against somebody who corruptly swindled your

money. People should be able to see ICPC and other law enforcement agencies in Nigeria as being in the position to respond to the legitimate requests of the entire citizenry. Otherwise, people will seek alternate means of redressing their grievances. The Nigerian state must protect the rights of its citizens irrespective of religion, ethnicity, gender etc. That is why I am very passionate about helping my country. Ever since this present ICPC Board came, the issue I addressed was the detention centre. I do not know a situation where when you bring someone into custody, you keep him under a dehumanizing condition; we make sure our detention centre is equal to anyone found in civilized nations. I have even gone one step further; as soon as you are arrested, we ensure that you are fit before detention. The Commission paid about N300, 000:00 for the surgery of a suspect at National Hospital. A suspect is considered not guilty until a court of law proves him guilty. All your rights are protected in ICPC. The attitude for the respect of all suspects'

rights is being upheld by every staff of the Commission. Whether I am in the country or not I must know the condition of the person we detain. This policy for the respect of human rights is something that I inherited from the past Chairmen of this Commission. ICPC does not play with human rights. And I have done my best to continue in that direction. I am very happy to see that the bill to protect detainees abolished the extraction of information through torture. This is something the Commission abhors. We have never tortured anybody during interrogation in the history of our existence. Interrogators in different law enforcement agencies must be trained and retrained on how to do the right thing. The theme of this interview is very apt. If you tell your child not to throw out banana peels out of a car window, he will accept that. If he sees the father throwing out banana peels, that will begin to create the problem of compliance by the child. Thank you.

Beware of Fake Federal Government Scholarship Scheme – ICPC warns

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) wishes to bring to the attention of the general public the existence of a new-fangled scholarship fraud scheme being employed to swindle unsuspecting citizens of their money.

The perpetrators, by the promise of a bogus scholarship purportedly offered by the Federal Government of Nigeria through prominent and former high-ranking government officials, including a former Vice President, have brought tears and anguish to many hapless citizens.

The modus operandi of the scammers is as follows: scam electronic messages with the profile of prominent Nigerians are sent at random to the email addresses of people asking interested applicants to apply for the scholarship; designated bank accounts where processing fees are to be paid are provided; while an online application form is displayed for interested persons to fill in. The snare is usually in the request for the “applicant” to pay some processing fee for the scholarship application. Once the processing fee is paid, the interaction ends.

There are also pop-ups on various legitimate internet sites bearing similar requests and information.

Currently, for example, three suspected scammers namely: James, Mark and Blessing Akwamese Enwenode, parading themselves as agents of a former Vice President have defrauded a petitioner to the tune of N262, 000. The petitioner claimed that the money was paid into a United Bank of Africa (UBA) account number 2064358743 owned by Enwenode as processing fees for the fake scholarship. In addition to this report, ICPC is in receipt of many other similar reports.

The Commission maintains that no single individual can offer any Federal Government scholarship as it is the exclusive preserve of the Federal Government of Nigeria. However, affluent and altruistic members of the society do offer scholarships which come either in their names or through a foundation.

The Commission hereby advises interested members of the public to always do a proper check on any scholarship scheme before applying for it to avoid falling prey to the scammers.

ICPC Advisory on Scam Distress Messages

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) hereby enjoins members of the general public to always carry out proper checks on the source of any distress message they receive especially through the internet or telephone before responding with financial assistance.

The Commission is aware that many people have been tricked by fraudsters into parting with huge sums of money in response to distress messages seemingly sent to them by friends or relations.

The commonly used modus operandi of the fraudsters is to send a distress message usually through the telephone or an email soliciting help from friends and acquaintances of other people claiming that they are stranded in a foreign land, hospital, or a location where they cannot access their banks.

A case of note which the Commission recently investigated was occasioned by a petition sent by one Ahmad Hamza Ahmad in which he claimed that N2, 900, 000 was fraudulently withdrawn from his bank account with First City Monument Bank (FCMB).

However, in the course of investigation, ICPC discovered that the said sum was part of N3 million corruption proceeds the petitioner had fraudulently withdrawn from the account of a company called Sharon Petroleum Nigeria Limited domiciled in Zenith Bank.

The fraud all started when the said Ahmad sent a Short Message Service (SMS) to Sharon Petroleum pretending to be a certain friend of the Chairman of the company who was stranded on a vacation in the United Kingdom (UK). He told the Chairman that he needed the N3 million to offset some bills in the UK.

The sum of N3 million was promptly forwarded to him through his FCMB account from the company's Zenith Bank account. However, luck ran out on Ahmad as the chairman of the company received a call from his friend in the UK denying sending a distress message to him.

Ahmad was later arrested when he went to withdraw the money from the account that was flagged by his bank, FCMB, after Zenith bank had notified it that the owner of the account was a suspected fraudster. The arrest came after he had withdrawn N100, 000 out of the money through an Automated Teller Machine (ATM).

The Commission therefore urges members of the general public not to give in to their altruistic nature by automatically responding to such requests before carrying out necessary checks on their genuineness or otherwise.

ICPC Advisory on Scam Winnings

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) wishes to draw the attention of the general public to the fraudulent activities of suspected individuals whose mode of operation is to hoodwink innocent people with winnings on fake betting programmes using the instrumentality of the internet.

The Commission in recent times has been inundated with petitions from innocent Nigerians that have fallen victim to

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individuals such as these and losing huge sums of money in the process.

For instance, ICPC recently investigated one of the cases perpetrated by a suspected fraudulent organisation named Pool Expert India, through a scam website (www.poolexpert.proboards.com).

The said website had been carrying messages of how people were purportedly winning in weekly draws and giving testimonies to serve as baits for defrauding others. Some Nigerians have fallen for the scam and have been duped of large sums of money prompting them to make reports to ICPC.

The Commission, through diligent investigation, has discovered that a man named David Samson has been the brain behind the scam. He had been residing in Aba, Abia State while carrying out his nefarious activities.

Some of the devious tools of trade of the scheme he was using to dupe people were scam e-mails; use of a foreign telephone number to pretend to be calling from overseas; Indian and Australian residential addresses. The contacts for his criminal activities as displayed on his website were as follows: poolexpertindia@gmail.com for emails; and telephone number +14068216007. While the addresses were No. 115 Broadway Fargo, ND58102, United States; No.100, Cumberland Street and The Rocks, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia; and Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi -110021, India.

The Commission hereby warns that there are many others like David Samson, and also reiterates its commitment to tackling all forms of corruption in Nigeria as mandated by its enabling law.

This, therefore, goes out as an advisory to Nigerians to be extremely wary of platforms that offer shortcuts to wealth. There is no alternative to hard work in order to earn legitimate money. Resorting to shortcuts such as those offered by David Samson above always leads to being defrauded by dupes like him.

25 Lecturers Demoted, 500 Students Rusticated for Corruption

By Inalegwu Shaibu

Twenty-five lecturers of the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Imo State have been demoted by the management of the school due to their involvement in corrupt activities.

The Chairman of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU), of the school, Mr. C. Chukwuma disclosed this during a working visit of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Imo State office to the Polytechnic.

Chukwuma who expressed the tough stance of the school on corruption noted that ACTU with support from the management had helped to reduce the incidence of corruption within the school.

He said, "ACTU has been very vigilant on issues of indiscipline. This has resulted in the demotion of 25 staff members of the school in the past 12 months. ACTU has been able to effectively minimize cases of illegal sales of academic literature, gratification and sexual harassment in the school".

In a related development, the management of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), has rusticated over 500 students over their involvement in various offences prohibited by the school.

FUTO ACTU Chairman, Professor N. Okeudo, stated that the school had expressed its zero tolerance for corruption by rusticating the students, banning of sale of handouts and punishing lecturers indicted for sexual harassment of students.

Professor Okeudo who spoke to ICPC staff noted that ACTU had been very functional in the school leading to investigation of plagiarism, illegal sales of textbooks and bribery allegations against staff.

He said, "ACTU has been involved in the provision of a Complaint Box and the publication of anti-corruption articles to sensitise the school community against corruption. We have shown zero tolerance for corruption by working closely with the school management to achieve it. Our actions had led to the rustication of over 500 students for various offences. We are working against illegal sales of textbooks and handouts. We are investigating cases of plagiarism and bribery amongst staff which had led to a female staff absconding".

Mr. Ishaku, in his responses to the heads of ACTU of the two institutions, maintained that the visits were prompted by the need to have a national coverage of activities of all ministries, departments and agencies by the Commission.

He added that the Commission would ensure continuous collaboration with ACTU members in various government establishments to reduce corruption in the country.

Embrace Integrity as Future Leaders-ICPC Scribe

By Ruth Awodi



Mr. Gad Nathan Bako, Head of Admin, ICPC (middle) in a group photograph with management team of ICPC, Teachers and Students of Hill Top Academy Suleja
Photo by Solomon Kogi

The Secretary to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Elvis Oglafa, has urged students across the country to join the fight against corruption by embracing integrity.

Mr. Oglafa gave this charge while welcoming the students of Hill Top Academy, Suleja, Niger State who were led by their Principal, Mr. Adebayo Adewole and a team of teachers, on an excursion to the Commission's headquarters in Abuja.

He commended the Principal and described him as a visionary leader for choosing to bring the students to ICPC.

Mr. Oglafa said that the

Principal's action was a priceless gift that would equip and make them change-agents in the fight against corruption.

He encouraged the students to spread the anti-corruption message in their school, home and everywhere they went.

Mr. Gad Nathan Bako, Head of Administration Department, advised the students to be part of the solution to Nigeria's problem by shunning examination malpractices.

He also called on them to join in the anti-corruption crusade as change-agents with a greater stake in building the image of the country.

Also speaking at the event, the Head of Corruption Monitoring

and Evaluation Department (CMED), Mr. Akeem Lawal, said that Nigeria would be greater if everybody avoided corrupt practices.

The students were further treated to a short documentary titled: "ICPC Intervention in Schools" which reflected honesty, truth and contentment aimed to instill the culture of integrity in the students.

In his vote of thanks, the Principal commended the management and staff of the Commission for their warm reception and friendliness, and prayed that the Commission's effort in the fight against corruption would not be in vain.

Adopt Preventive Method in Fighting Corruption- ICPC

By Ruth Awodi

The Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED), of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Akeem Lawal, has called on all Heads of Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) at the state level to adopt the preventive method of tackling corruption by engaging and organising sensitisation programmes to change the mind set of individuals in their respective MDAs.

Mr. Lawal at a meeting organized by ICPC and Justice for All (J4A) in Abuja recently, said that one of the main challenges in the fight against corruption was the mind set of individuals and that

he believed that sensitisation at all levels starting from the top would make remarkable attitudinal change in individuals in the anti-corruption crusade.

He added that such sensitisation programmes could take place at the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN), the training arm of ICPC.

The meeting was convened in order for ICPC and J4A to interact with the heads of MDAs located in selected zones/states on the domestication of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units (ACTU) in their organisations so as to serve as effective tools in checking corrupt

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BVN to Help Fight Corruption– ICPC Boss

By Joy Ajah

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta, has stated that the introduction of Bank Verification Number (BVN), by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) would help fight corruption in the banking sector.

He made this statement at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja recently, while receiving the Committee of Chief Compliance Officers of Banks in Nigeria (CCCOBIN) led by Pattison Boleigha.

Mr. Nta commended the CBN for introducing BVN, saying that such an initiative would help avert ninety percent of the crimes perpetrated in the banking sector when fully operational.

He said, "We have confidence in our banking sector and

we require our citizens to believe that the banks are worth where they can put their life savings in."

The Chairman also used the opportunity to share with the visitors some of the tricks employed by scammers who disguise themselves

corruption loophole in the banking sector.

He added that the group hoped to align their duties as compliance officers with the mandate of the Commission to fight corruption.



ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta (middle), Secretary to the Commission Mr. Elvis Oglafa with visiting members of CCCOBIN
Photo by Solomon Kogi

CCCOBIN came into existence in 2007 at a time the nation was fighting the hordes of criminals that were invading financial institutions.

It is committed to the enthronement of a sustainable

as operatives of ICPC to lure unsuspecting executives to part with huge sums of money in the name of "quashing" a case.

In his remarks, the leader of the group, Mr. Boleigha, stated that banks were the conduits through which proceeds of crime were transmitted, which was why they desired to work with the Commission to block every

compliance culture in the Nigerian financial services industry through the implementation of measures aimed at expanding levels of professionalism in line with best practices.

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Unveiling the board, Governor Wada described Chioma as a model among the corps members in the state, and therefore implored her colleagues to emulate her exemplary disposition and aversion for corruption.

Represented by the State Commissioner for Youths and Sport, Hon Attah Ikani Sule, the Governor said ICPC's fight against corruption was total.

While saying the corps member's initiative was commendable, Wada disclosed that the state government was not oblivious of the numerous contributions of corps members in critical sectors of the economy in the state.

He further declared that the state government was holistically committed to youth development through numerous programmes and policies.

The governor lauded ICPC for creating an enabling environment for the corps member to operate, reiterating that the Commission had positively imparted in her the anti-corruption spirit which resulted in the erection of the billboard.

The corps member, Chioma, who was visibly elated, said ICPC had really affected her positively. She said her resolve to mount the billboard along the highway was borne out of the fact that Lokoja, the Kogi State Capital, was a transit route for travellers to and from many states of the country.

**DO NOT GIVE
OR TAKE
BRIBE**

ICPC to conduct Systems Study and Review in Aviation Sector

By Ruth Awodi

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) is carrying out a Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA), which is a form of system study and review, at the Federal Ministry of Aviation (FMA) to help tackle corruption in the aviation sector.

The project is a product of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Commission and the FMA in 2014 towards eradicating corruption in the nation's aviation sector.

Ex-Board Member of ICPC and Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Anti-Corruption Intervention in the Aviation Sector, Alhaji Isa Ozi-Salami, in his opening address at the inaugural meeting of the Project Advisory Committee on the conduct of the risk assessment, said that the exercise would help block all corruption-prone loopholes in the sector.

Alhaji Salami noted that ICPC was mandated by Section 6(b) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000 to conduct corruption risk assessments in government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA).

The section reads in part, "To examine the practices, systems and procedures of public bodies and where, in the opinion of the Commission, such practices, systems or procedures aid or facilitate fraud or corruption, to direct a review of them."

He added that CRA was aimed at identifying areas that were prone to corruption, proffer recommendations, and develop integrity plans that would strengthen accountability, transparency and

enhance service delivery.

He emphasized that CRA should not be seen as a criminal investigation, but rather a study of systems with a view to recommending a review so as to reduce corruption in the sector.

He therefore urged all staff of FMA to cooperate by providing insightful information that would assist the committee in achieving its set goals and objectives.

In his welcome remarks at the meeting, Director, Internal Audit, FMA, Mr. Jibrin Muhammed commended ICPC for setting up the committee as a preventive measure against corruption in the aviation sector.

A presentation: "Corruption Risk Assessment in the Aviation Sector" by the Project Coordinator, Mrs. Rasheedat Okoduwa, mni, a Commissioner of the Public Enlightenment Department of ICPC, who was represented by Mrs. Azuka Ogugua of the Education Department, detailed the goals and objectives of the exercise.

She explained that the use of international best practice tools would be developed and modified to suit the aviation sector.

She also said that there would be the need to expand the membership of the committee to include other agencies such as the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and other operators at the airports, for effective implementation of the project.

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practices in government establishments.

While speaking at the meeting, Dr. Cephas Lerewonu, a facilitator from J4A said that there was need to restructure the ACTUs in MDAs to make the units more effective in their functions.

He also charged the participants to be ethics-based leaders that possess integrity, accountability and transparency; who should be seen as role-models in their organisations by setting the tone and influencing every other person in the organisation.

The heads of MDAs present personally made commitments to support the ACTUs to be more effective.

The highpoint of the meeting was a communiqué issued at the end of an interactive

session on the Role of Management in Making the ACTUs more effective.

The communiqué reads in part: ICPC should follow up with the Federal Government on the possibility of creating a direct budget line for ACTUs to ensure proper funding; ICPC should lay more emphasis on corruption prevention mechanisms and attitudinal change in the fight against corruption; and ICPC should undertake a special training session for heads of institutions with peculiar issues militating against the success of ACTUs in such institutions.

**SCORE A GOAL
AGAINST
CORRUPTION**

ICPC Entrenches Integrity in Tertiary Institutions Procurement Processes

By Roseline Maduako

The Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN), a training arm of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), recently organized a four-day workshop for Vice Chancellors, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Provosts, Registrars and other principal officers of tertiary institutions in the country at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja.

The main thrust of the workshop was to entrench integrity and transparency in procurement processes for institutions of higher learning across the nation.

Declaring the workshop open, the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Elvis Oglafa, who represented the Commission's Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, while defining corruption as "An abuse of entrusted power for personal gain," said that "any public officer who is entrusted with power to deliver service and decides to abuse such power for personal gain is liable for sanction."

He added that ICPC's interest was to ensure that public institutions were strengthened to reduce leakages especially in procurement processes.

The Director for Compliance and Certification, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Babatunde Kuye who represented the Bureau's Director General, Engr. Emeka Ezeh, explained that corruption risk in public procurement process was "The possibility that the underlying events in the process will facilitate corrupt tendencies which will adversely affect the achievement of the objectives of a transparent and competitively conducted procurement."

Babatunde added that failure to comply strictly with the provisions of the law, laid down regulations, guidelines and directives at every step in the procurement process was an indication of corruption.

According to him, strict adherence to provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007, BPP Regulations, use of standard bidding documents and established procedures would address corruption-prone processes in procurement.

In his remark, ACAN Provost, Professor Sola Akinrinade, called on all the participants to contribute their quota to the

process of tackling the problem of corruption in the procurement processes of tertiary institutions.

He urged them to fight corruption through creating and fostering attitudinal change, reorientation of values and through capacity-building of officials involved in procurement in their various institutions.

ICPC Charges State Heads of Federal Agencies on Accountability

By Advent Boniface

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has charged heads of federal agencies on the need to be transparent and accountable in carrying out their statutory duties.

The Secretary, Mr. Elvis Oglafa who represented the Commission's Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, made the remark at a two-day training workshop for state heads of federal institutions on the functions of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency and Monitoring Units (ACTUs) in Abuja.

The workshop was organized by ICPC in collaboration with Justice for All (J4A), a United Kingdom (UK) Department for International Development (DFID) assisted programme.

The Secretary reminded the participants that the fight against corruption was everybody's business and called on them to key into the present administration's zero tolerance for corruption posture through a change of attitude, cautioning that they would be held responsible for any infraction of due process in their establishment.

He also expressed optimism that so many positive results could be achieved through ACTUs if those at the managerial level gave the necessary support to the unit to function optimally.

The main thrust of the workshop was to provide capacity development training on fundamental principles underlying the functions of the ACTUs and how they could be restructured to expand their roles for better impact.

Participants were therefore expected at the end of the training to acquire an understanding of the fundamental value of a functional ACTU in the performance of an MDA, as well as the necessary institutional support framework for functional ACTUs within their MDAs.

Against this backdrop, the participants were taken through an overview of some of the anti-corruption legislations in Nigeria by Mr. Akeem Lawal, Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED) of ICPC.

Similarly a paper on "ACTU Standing Orders and Operational Guidelines" was delivered by Mr. Justin Kuatea, Assistant Commissioner, ICPC, in which he gave a detailed account of the functions, composition, membership, leadership and the role of organizations and chief executives towards ACTU.

Some speakers at the workshop suggested that the budget of ACTUs should be captured in ICPC's budget so that ACTUs could access such directly because of the difficulties they face trying to access funds through MDAs.

Corps Members Visit ACAN

By Sina Babashola

Batch 'C' 2014 members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), serving in Nasarawa State have said that the training arm of the ICPC, the Anti-corruption Academy of Nigeria will go a long way in bridging the knowledge gap in the fight against corruption.

The 25 Corps members of the Anti-corruption Community Development Group, Nasarawa State Chapter, led by Mr. Austin Opara made the statement at a courtesy visit to the Academy, saying that many Nigerians indulged in corrupt practices unknowingly.

Mr. Opara said that through formal and informal trainings, more Nigerians would become educated and enlightened on what corruption was, adding that thus, corruption would reduce drastically.

He disclosed that the Anti-corruption Community Development Service (CDS) Group decided to visit the Academy located within their state of jurisdiction, to see for themselves the kind of facilities available and to solicit collaboration with ICPC in organizing several sensitisation programmes planned before their passing out.

According to him, the group had produced a bill board with anti-corruption messages for placement at a strategic roundabout in Lafia; benches and chairs for donation to four secondary schools and had conducted sensitization talks and interactions in several schools within Nasarawa State.

Receiving the Corps members on behalf of the ACAN Provost, Professor Sola Akinrinade, the Deputy Director, Education, Alhaji Ashiru Baba, traced the



The Corps Members in a group photograph with management team of the Academy
Photo by James Hanania

history of partnership and collaboration between ICPC and NYSC to September 2002, saying that ever since then the relationship between the two organisations had waxed stronger, culminating in the establishment of the Anti-corruption Community Development Groups among corps-members and series of lectures at orientation camps.

Alhaji Baba said that the Anti-corruption Academy of Nigeria was established as the training arm of ICPC to provide training for both ICPC staff and external clients, adding that creating awareness through formal and informal training was a major requirement of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

He further added that establishing the Academy had placed Nigeria on the right pedestal among the comity of nations seriously fighting corruption in all ramifications.

Alhaji Baba further said that as part of the laudable initiative by the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, the Academy would soon introduce Basic Studies in Anti-Corruption and Masters

Programme in universities across the country, adding that arrangement was being made to absorb foreign candidates from other countries interested in its programmes, as some countries had already signified their intention to have their officials trained by the Academy.

He also commended the corps-members for undertaking the series of projects using their allowances, and urged them to keep the spirit and passion against corruption high.

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DO YOU WISH TO REPORT ANY ACT OF CORRUPTION?

You must consider the fight against corruption a personal cause. It is a struggle for the betterment of our lives as individuals, as a nation and for generations yet unborn. The battle must be approached collectively, tenaciously and holistically with all the seriousness and doggedness it deserves.

Report any act of corruption to ICPC Headquarters, Plot 802, Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja or the nearest ICPC State office in the following states and addresses:

Adamawa State Office:

6 Mayo Ine Street Jimeta
Yola, Adamawa State
Phone: 08037771263

Enugu State Office:

No 55 Ezeilo Street
Independence Layout Enugu
Phone: 08037044584

Lagos State Office:

10, Okotie Eboh Street
South West Ikoyi, Lagos
01-2673150, 08064187366

Akwa-Ibom State Office:

No 37G Line Ewet Housing Estate
Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State
Phone: 08023445230, 07039788913

Imo State Office:

Plot 100, Ngozi Ajaelu Street
Off Nkwere Street Works Layout
Owerri, Imo State
Phone: 08086621491

Osun State Office:

No.5 Olu Alabi Way GRA, Oke-
Fia, Osogbo Osun State
Phone: 08036442935

Bauchi State Office:

Plot 10946, Yaya Abubakar Link,
Off Federal Secretariat Road BRC
Along Gombe Road, Bauchi
08036040239

Kaduna State Office:

No. 7 Wurno Road Off Rabah
Road, Kaduna
Phone: 08037184902

Oyo State Office:

No. 19B University Crescent
Old Bodija Estate, Ibadan, Oyo
State
08032984983

Benue State Office:

Ochagwu Lawani Street
Off New Bridge Road
(New Otukpo Road)
Along J.S. Tarka, Makurdi, Benue
08065287240

Kano State Office:

No 417, Shehu Kazaure Road
Off Kwanar Hotoro GRA
Kano State
08167120128

Sokoto State Office:

No 18 Sama Road Gwiwa Layout,
Sokoto State
08035994938

Edo State Office:

81, Boundary Road
Benin City Edo State
08069550952, 07038894444

Kogi State Office:

No. 6 Shugaba Close, Off Aliyu
Attah Way Lokoja, Kogi State
Phone: 08055808900

Rivers State Office:

No 4 Chief A.K Horsfall Street
(Former Abana St.) off William
Jumbo Drive, Old GRA, Port
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08023432419

UPDATE OF CRIMINAL CASES IN VARIOUS COURTS

CHARGE NO.	PARTIES	COURT	STATE	STATUS
A/1/ICPC/2015	FRN VS JAMES IHEJIRIKA ORJI	HC ASABA	DELTA STATE	FOR PLEA
NJD/LF/300C/2015	FRN VS TIJANI ALIYU AHMED & ORS	HC LAFIA	NASARAWA STATE	FOR PLEA
HOS/9C/2009	FRN VS PRINCE SOLA OYEDEJI	HC OSHOGBO	OSUN STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
KDH/KAD/1C/ICPC/2014	FRN VS SANI HASSAN DAUDA	HC KADUNA	KADUNA STATE	FOR HEARING
HU/51C/2014	FRN VS DR. DAVID OMOESSIEN	HC UYO	AKWA IBOM STATE	FOR RULING AND HEARING
F/13C/2009	FRN VS ALH. YUSUF SADIQ & 3, ORS	HC YOLA	ADAMAWA STATE	FOR TRIAL WITHIN TRIAL
ID/2028C/2015	FRN VS GEORGE AKINFENDA AKIN	HC IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT

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BA/49C/2013	FRN VS AGBOLADE IBIKUNLE & 2, ORS	HC BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
B/ICPC/4C/2013	FRN VS MONDAY ISIORO & ANOR	HC BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
BA/43C/2010	FRN VS ABDULMUTALIAB ABBAH	HC BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR HEARING
I/2C/ICPC/2014	FRN VS ILESANMI AKINOLA & ORS	HC IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR HEARING
KDH/KAD/3C/ICPC/2010	FRN VS AUGUSTINE CHUKWUEMEKA	HC KADUNA	KADUNA STATE	FOR CONCLUSION OF DEFENCE
E/290C/2014	FRN VS HERBERT C. OJI	HC ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT
BA/49C/2013	FRN VS AGBOLADE IBIKUNLE & 2, ORS	HC BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
B/ICPC/4C/2013	FRN VS MONDAY ISIORO & ANOR	HC BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
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E/290C/2014	FRN VS HERBERT C. OJI	HC ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT
I/1C/ICPC/2007	FRN VS BASHIRU AKINOLA & 2, ORS	HC IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR ADOPTION OF WRITTEN ADDRESSES
HU/36C/2013	FRN VS EZECHIMA BOB UBIARU	HC UMUAHIA	ABIA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION
KDH/KAD/1C/ICPC/2013	FRN VS AHMED IBRAHIM MUSA & ANOR	HC KADUNA	KADUNA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
LHC/101C/2014	FRN VS JIMOH SALISU & ANOR	HC OKENE	KOGI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
I/1C/ICPC/2014	FRN VS AZEZEE NADEWALE WASIU	HC IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR COMMENCEMENT OF HEARING (DE-NOVO)
NSHC/ICPC/1C/2014	FRN VS ABDULHAKHEEM LAWAL	HC MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
BA/22C/2014	FRN VS AHMED MOHAMMED ZUBO & ANOR	HC BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
AK32C/2006	FRN VS DELE FAGORIOLA	H/C AKURE	ONDO STATE	FOR HEARING
HC/25C/2013	FRN VS DEACON MOSES AKUBUIRO	HC CALABAR	CROSS RIVER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
E/10C/2007	FRN VS OFOR NWATARALI	HC ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
I/1C/ICPC/2013	FRN VS BENJAMIN OGUNBODEDE & ORS	HC IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
NSHC/MIN/ICPC/1C/2008	FRN VS IBRAHIM SWASU SHABAFU & ORS	H/C MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HAB/ICPC/2C/2013	FRN VS DR. HENRY ALOH & ANOR	HC ABAKALIKI	EBONYI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
E/160C/2011	FRN VS NOBERT MADU ILE	HC ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
ID/413/2013	FRN VS SYLVESTER SUNDAY AGHAONU	HC IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL ADDRESSES
NSD/LF/20C/2006	FRN VS YAKUBU ISHAKU & ANOR	HC LAFIA	NASARAWA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HAB/ICPC/1C/2013	FRN VS DR. PAUL AJAH & ANOR	HC ABAKALIKI	EBONYI STATE	FOR HEARING
SS/6C/2007	FRN VS NASIRU SHAGARI	HC SOKOTO	SOKOTO STATE	FOR JUDGMENT
B/ICPC/2C/2013	FRN VS HON. ETINOSA I. IGBEWI	HC BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
ID/1418C/2015	FRN VS MRS ALICE ETUK & 2, ORS	HC IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
B/ICPC/2C/2012	FRN VS MICHAEL AIDEYAN & 2, ORS	HC BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR RULING
PHC/53C/2009	FRN VS ADOLPHUS ORUBIENIMIGHA	HC P/HARCOURT	RIVERS STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING

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