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A Worthy Ambassador

Pioneer chairman of the EFCC receives international recognition for landmark achievements overseeing early stages of the anti-graft agency's anti-corruption crusade

The ripples of the historic event, which took place in faraway Malaysia were soon felt on the shores of the African continent, indeed, Nigeria. Nuhu Ribadu, pioneer chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, shone like the star that he is, as the world stood still for him, as he received the coveted Global Lifetime Award for Anti-Corruption. Ribadu, joint winner with Leonardo McCarthy, former South African corruption crusader and a former Vice President of the World Bank, was on December 7, honoured at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Malaysia for his invaluable role in inspiring a new era of the anti-corruption crusade in Nigeria. "This award is a tribute to persons around the world working to curb

corruption," he said. Ribadu, who was beside himself with joy and satisfaction, served as chairman of the EFCC, 2003 to 2007, overseeing the "teething" stages of the agency. He paid tribute to EFCC staff, "some of whom, paid the supreme price in the line of duty". "This award will no doubt boost the morale of corruption fighters who would come to realize that their job is not thankless, after all," he added. The award, administered by Doha, Qatar-based think tank, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Centre, ROLACC, celebrates corruption fighters, academics and campaigners across the world. It was instituted by the Sheikh Al Thani in support of the United Nation's anti-corruption drive. ■



Ribadu

Profile in Excellence

The EFCC gets a new secretary as the Senate confirms the president's nominee for the post



Olukoyede

Three months after President Muhammadu Buhari, nominated Olanipekun Olukoyede as Secretary for the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in a letter dated September 10, 2018, the Senate on November 28, 2018 finally confirmed the appointment. Olukoyede who until the time was the Chief of Staff to the EFCC Chair, Ibrahim Magu, replaced Emmanuel Aremo, whose five-year tenure expired in July 2018. The confirmation is in accordance with Section 2(3) of the EFCC Establishment Act 2004. A seasoned lawyer with several years of experience, Olukoyede is a regulatory compliance consultant, who specializes in corporate intelligence and fraud management. He is a certified fraud examiner who has led and managed investigation and civil litigation of fraud and financial crimes in international development projects.

He is a widely traveled scholar who has attended a number of training programmes within and outside of Nigeria, focusing on fraud and corruption investigation. He also specializes in Anti-Corruption Research and Analysis, Corporate and Business Intelligence Gathering and Process. He studied at the Lagos State University, University of Lagos, Institute of Arbitration ICC – Paris, France and Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (Executive Education). A member of the Fraud Advisory Panel (UK) and also a member, Federal Government Technical Committee on the Repositioning of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, he was born in Ikere-Ekiti, Ekiti State, on October 14, 1969. ■



Photos by Kutse Nanpan

Rallying Youths Against Corruption in Africa

The 2018 Anti-Corruption Day may well be the most significant in history of celebrating the United Nations designated event, as it witnessed a unique selection of events to rally youths and Nigerians in general to collectively own the anti-corruption fight

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

Sunday, December 9, 2018 will remain a historic day in the annals of the anti-corruption crusade in Nigeria, and indeed, Africa. The day, which the world over has been designated by the United Nations as the Anti-Corruption Day, witnessed a history convergence of youths from across the African continent, on Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The day witnessed the first-ever African Youths Congress Against Corruption, AYCAC, hosted by President Muhammadu Buhari, at the State House Conference Hall, Abuja. Buhari, who had in July 2017 being endorsed as the first African Union Anti-Corruption Champion, had expressed his desire to bring

“This fight against corruption is for the young people of Africa to lead and to win.”
- Buhari

together youths from across Africa, in order for them to form a united and energetic front in championing the corruption fight in their respective countries. Declared the “Year of Combating Corruption - a Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation”, the 2018 African Youths Congress, which was

part of activities marking this year's Anti-Corruption Day, had in attendance young anti-corruption crusaders and participants from the five African regions and provided the youths the opportunity to deliberate on how to advance the corruption fight in their various countries. Buhari charged African youths to own the fight against corruption and effectively ensure that they hold their governments accountable.

This fight against corruption is for the young people of Africa to lead and to win. You must effectively ensure that our natural and mineral resources remain on the continent for job and welfare issues as well as affordable healthcare and quality education for our people,” he said.



President Muhammadu Buhari



Geoffrey Onyeama

He expressed optimism that African youths will rise to the great task of ridding the continent of corrupt practices, stressing that: "African youths must remain at the front and centre of restoring traditional African values of probity, integrity, diligence and hard work."

He urged them to "drive the change" in order to effectively eliminate corruption.

He thereafter shared with them what he described as "the ABC of fighting corruption."

He said: "'A' stands for 'Action'. Let us all move from talk to action."

"'B' stands for 'Building Bridges'. The youths have a unique opportunity to spearhead the building of inter-generational and cross-sectional bridges in our various communities. Fighting corruption requires partnerships,

"Let us all move from talk to action."

- Buhari

we are allies.

"'C' stands for 'Culture'. Let us cultivate in ourselves the African culture, the right attitude and mindset against corruption."

Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, who spoke on "The Africa We Want", urged the youths to see themselves as the leaders of tomorrow and to ensure that Africa becomes a role model continent for the fight against corruption.

Geoffery Onyeama, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said the convening of the Congress was essential to the anti-corruption

crusade.

"Let us create synergies by all working together and all fighting collectively as a unit, in order to win this fight," he said.

He charged them to "endeavor to demonstrate passion, to demonstrate zeal and fearlessness if this war is to be won".

"I urge you to reposition Africa, through grassroots sensitizations and education programmes especially among teenagers and young children," he added.

Abubakar Malami, the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, said that corruption had robbed Africa of sustainable development and transformation, stating that it was a breach of the human rights of Africans, which must be resisted.

"We must support the system to crack down on safe havens for corrupt assets, restrict



Cross-section of dignitaries at the Youth Congress

“Let us create synergies by all working together and all fighting collectively as a unit, in order to win this fight.”
- Onyeama

movement of looters or our commonwealth and advocate sanctions by professional bodies against transactional middlemen including lawyers, bankers, brokers and public officials, who facilitate illicit flows”, Malami said.

Ibrahim Magu, the Acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, who spoke on behalf of anti-corruption agencies in Nigeria, said that the demonstration of the political will to fight

corruption by the President, should serve as an impetus for all and sundry to join the collective action.

“It has therefore, become imperative for all of us to come together and fight corruption to rescue our nation and the continent so we may secure the future of our teeming youth,” he said.

While assuring the African youths that the EFCC will not betray the anti-corruption mandate given to it by the people, Magu said, “We will remain firm and resolute as we confront corruption boldly and courageously until all corrupt elements and their destructive practices are defeated. We must uphold Accountability above everything else in every aspect of our lives and particularly, when we are called to serve”.

Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Oliver Stolpe, noted that anti-corruption was critical to countering organized crime,

“We will remain firm and resolute as we confront corruption boldly.”
- Magu

human trafficking, the trafficking of illicit drugs, weapons, and natural resources.

“The UNODC is working with governments, the private sectors, civil societies, sports organizations, educators, citizens, and most importantly the youths to reject corruption, promote integrity and achieve the sustainable development goals. United against corruption, we can foster our culture of lawfulness, we can help build accountable and transparent institutions,” he said.



Photos by Anna Awe-Akuson

Ibrahim Magu, Acting EFCC Chairman, with Staff of the Commission at the Novelty match event

Novelty Anti-Corruption Match

The EFCC also on Sunday, December 9, 2018 as part of activities celebrating the Anti-Corruption Day, held a novelty match at the Mediterranean Recreation Centre. The match played between the EFCC FC and a team that was made up of Magu, legendary football stars including John Fashanu, Tijjani Babangida, Garba Lawal and management staff of the Commission, had in attendance spectators from all walks of life who cheered and hailed at the display of skills on the field of play. The legendary star match, ended 3-0 will the EFCC acting Chairman, scoring a goal for the management staff/legendary stars against officers of the EFCC, another game saw the EFCC FC defeat FC International 6-2. MC Tagwaye, fondly

referred to as Mr. President, expressed his unwavering support to the war against corruption stressing that, “we are here to support what EFCC is doing; Nigerians are in support of EFCC because the EFCC is regaining the glory of Nigeria”. Style-Plus, the R&B group popular for its Olufunmi croon, also thrilled participants. The activities marking the Anti-Corruption Day, also featured the inaugural National Anti-Corruption Marathon organized by the EFCC in partnership with the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, ICPC, Athletics Federation of Nigeria, AFN and Fair Play International, on December 10, 2018.



Magu kicks off the novelty match



Deborah Pam, Winner of the female category of the marathon

Deborah Pam, a staff of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, came first in female category, and won cash prize of N1

million. Cash prizes of N500,000 and N200,000 went to Elizabeth Nuhu and Olude Fadekemi, who came second and third respectively.



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Magu leads the anti-corruption walk



Walking against corruption



Youth declare war against corruption

Walking Against Corruption

It was a time to walk the talk against corruption as staff of the EFCC across the various regions in the country, trooped out in their numbers to take the anti-corruption crusade to the streets.

Gombe

Members of the Civil Society Organization, National Youth Service Corps/EFCC Integrity Club, media practitioners, traditional institutions and anti-corruption activists in Gombe, joined staff of the EFCC led by Friday Ebelo, Head, EFCC Gombe office, in the anti-corruption walk/marathon, to say “no to corruption”. Ebelo urged participants to vote

credible people into office to strengthen the fight against corruption in the country.

Maiduguri

Adamu Dan-Musa, Head EFCC Maiduguri Office, rallied stakeholders to join in the anti-corruption walk. He used the opportunity to enjoin the public to embrace the whistle-blower policy.

“The fight against corruption is not for the President and the EFCC alone, but rather for all of us, especially those in Borno and Yobe states,” he said.

Kaduna

In Kaduna, Chidi Ahuochogwu, led

staff of the Commission along with officers of the Nigeria Police Force, Kaduna State Traffic and Environmental Law Enforcement Agency, and members of the NYSC Community Development/EFCC Integrity Club on the anti-corruption walk.

Ahuochogwu urged participants to walk the talk by and say “no to corruption”.

Kano

Garba Dugum, Head, EFCC Kano Office, led the walk against corruption in Kano. He called on participants to “speak with one voice against corruption”.

“Corruption has remained the bane of



Participants at the walk



Friday Ebelo leads officers in Gombe

our development, and so it is high time we spoke with one voice and unite against corruption for a better Nigeria,” he said.

Lagos

Muhammed Abba, Director of Operations, EFCC Lagos Office, led staff on the walk against corruption, in company with Joe Okei-Odumakin, President, Women Arise for Change Initiative, and other anti-corruption activists.

“If we don’t kill corruption, it will kill us; talk is very cheap, so let us agonize less and organise more,” Okei-Odumakin said. “Anyone who refuses to say ‘no’ to corruption is a corrupt person.” Abba added that: “We must resolve like never before to expose any unpatriotic deed that can further drag the country into disrepute in the comity of nations.”



Participants walking against corruption



Dan-Musa addresses participants



Staff of the EFCC in Kaduna



Walking against corruption

Ibadan

Abdulasheed Bawa, Head, EFCC Ibadan Office, led staff and members of the Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Trade Unions, Collaborating Agencies, Youth Corp members and the Press, for the anti-corruption walk. Bawa urged participants to take ownership of the fight against corruption and become “ambassadors of change” across all ages and vocations to foster public support for the fight against economic and financial crimes.

Enugu

“Your ‘no’ must not only be heard, but must be seen and felt through a conscious determination to resist attempts by individuals, organisations and systems to do that which negates integrity, transparency, honesty and equality,” said Usman Imam, Head, EFCC Enugu Office, as he led officers of the Commission to commemorate the Anti-Corruption Day.



Dagum addresses participants in Kano



Breaking the corruption chain



Okei-Odumakin with megaphone joins the EFCC to mark anti-corruption day



On the streets of Ibadan



Communities stand still to mark anti-corruption day

Usman used the opportunity to charge traditional leaders not to give chieftaincy titles to corrupt persons, but to “consciously alienate them in order to deter others”.

Benin

The anti-corruption walk witnessed a colourful display of banners, which called on citizens to “say no to corruption”.

Speaking to journalists during the walk, Mailafia Yakubu, Head of Operations, called on all Nigerians to “take ownership of the fight against corruption in Nigeria as corruption was at the intersection of our development”.

Port Harcourt

Nnaghe Obono Itam, Head, EFCC Port Harcourt Office, led staff of the Commission on the anti-corruption walk, urging them to “rise up decisively to the task of fighting corruption, in order to save Nigerians from its harmful effects”. Participants included members of the National Youth Service Corps, along with anti-corruption crusaders in the state.

Uyo

The anti-corruption walk in Uyo was organised in partnership with the Akwa Ibom's Anti-Corruption Network, under the Umbrella of the MacArthur Foundation. The walk commenced after a press briefing by Abdulkarim Chukkol, Head, EFCC Uyo Office.

Chukkol urged those present to take the fight against corruption seriously and use the media to create more awareness on the ills of corruption, and to expose corrupt practices so they can be dealt with and corrected. The walk, which lasted about two hours, covered major streets in Uyo and terminated at the Water Fountain on four-lanes. ■

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Enugu agog for anti-corruption walk



Resolute against corruption



"Corruption is evil"



United against corruption



Corruption must be killed



Corps members stand with EFCC



Chukkol addresses participants after the walk



Chukkol addresses the press

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