



PRESENTATION OF THE NETWORK OF ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTITUTIONS IN WEST AFRICA (NACIWA)

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BACKGROUND

- ▶ NACIWA is a regional network created by national anti-corruption institutions at the initiative of ECOWAS in 2010.
- ▶ The NACIWA serves as a forum for exchanges and consultation between national anti-corruption institutions in ECOWAS member countries. The network is made up of fourteen (14) member countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.
- ▶ As part of its mandate as official guardian of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, UNODC provides regular support to governments and anti-corruption organizations, particularly in West and Central Africa.

MEETINGS

- ▶ On June 8 and 9, 2015, a General Assembly of the Network of National Institutions for the Fight against Corruption in West Africa (NACIWA) was held in Bamako, Mali, with the technical and financial support of UNODC and from the Government of Denmark. The meeting aimed to amend the NACIWA statutes and explore the links between drug trafficking, organized crime and corruption in West Africa. At the end of the meeting, NACIWA members adopted an amended constitution and pledged to strengthen anti-corruption institutions in West Africa, in particular to promote social and economic development
- ▶ Cotonou GA from 13 to 15 July 2016. the General Assembly of the Network of National Anti-Corruption Institutions in West Africa (NACIWA) was held in Cotonou, Benin, at the invitation of the National Authority of Anti-Corruption (ANLC) of Benin and under the auspices of His Excellency the President of Benin,

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE & VISION

The organizational structure of NACIWA comprises three organs:

1. The General Assembly;
2. The Executive Committee;
3. The Permanent Secretariat.

4. Vision

NACIWA aims to mobilize political support and resources needed to strengthen an anti-corruption culture and fight in the West African region for sustainable economic, social and cultural development.

OBJECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION

- i. Promote inter-agency cooperation in the fight against corruption;
- ii. Strengthen the capacity and independence of existing national anti-corruption institutions and encourage those West African states that do not have one to create one;
- iii. Develop and harmonize the legal, regulatory and administrative provisions between national institutions for the proper functioning of the Network;
- iv. Promote thought, research and strategic thinking on the fight against corruption in West Africa and exchange experiences, good practices, standardized tools, techniques and approaches in the field of fight against corruption;

OBJECTIVES CONTD.

v. Engage member institutions, civil society, as well as ECOWAS and other relevant international organizations in the operationalization of the fight against corruption;

vi. Work to implement the provisions of the UN Convention, the African Union and the ECOWAS Protocol on the fight against corruption;

vii. Develop standards and principles governing professional practice within the network and consider defining an index to measure the level and evolution of standards;

viii. Identify and implement any other goals determined by the members.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

NACIWA is governed by the following principles:

1. The autonomy of each national institution in the exercise of their respective mandates;
2. Equality and independence of national anti-corruption institutions in the functioning of the Network;
3. Transparency and accountability in the management of the Network;
4. The democratic functioning of the Network;
5. The search for consensus and respect for regional diversity.

3rd AGM

NACIWA held its third Annual General Meeting on 14 and 15 April 2018 in Conakry.

During this meeting, a number of items were on the agenda, including:

- ▶ - the presentation of the activity and financial reports of the NACIWA
- ▶ - the examination of the statutes and proposal of modification
- ▶ - the presentation of the research project on the links between corruption and extreme violence in the Sahel region
- ▶ the renewal of the mandate of the executive committee .

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ III. OTHER NACIWA ACTIVITIES:
- ▶ 1. STRATEGIC MEASURES DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 2018 TO NOVEMBER 2019 During the reporting period, a number of recommendations had been discussed to enable the Network to be more effective in its functions and operations. This includes providing the Network with:
 - ▶ staff for functional and operational secretariat;
 - ▶ the finalization of an online platform for NACIWA members to facilitate the sharing of information;
 - ▶ continuation of the NACIWA sessions in Abuja;
 - ▶ reflection on the mechanism for evaluating the implementation of the ECOWAS protocol;
 - ▶ resource mobilization through a new donor meeting;
 - ▶ Creation of a bank account for the Network in Bamako.

The implementation of these actions is to strengthen the Permanent Secretariat in its coordination and facilitation of the mission of the organization.

ACTIVITIES CONTD

COOPERATION BETWEEN NACIWA AND INPPLC OF MOROCCO,

- ▶ The member institutions of the Network of National Institutions for Combating Corruption in West Africa (NACIWA) made a friendly and working visit to Morocco at the invitation of the National Institution for Probity, Prevention and Combating Corruption (INPPLC) from December 17 to 21, 2018
- ▶ At all levels, the delegation had fruitful and enriching exchanges. These exchanges enabled the parties to highlight the strengths, advantages and good practices of the Kingdom of Morocco's strategy and legal and institutional system in the fight against corruption

RECIPROCAL VISIT

- ▶ NACIWA welcomed the presence of a representative of the National Institution for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption at the Annual General Meeting held in Lomé (Togo).

LOME MEETING

The Last meeting in Togo was remarkable for the adoption of all Constitutional and Articles of Association by the members and laying a roadmap for the future.

Plans are underway to engage ECOWAS for more support and for collaboration between member states in supporting one another's efforts in the fights against corruption and to overcome challenges with meeting planned in Mali.

Next Meeting will be hosted in Freetown, Siera Leone.