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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the CSO Advisory Committee Meeting, Held on 24 June, 2015 at Reiz
Continental Hotel, Abuja

Agenda

Welcome Remarks by EU, UNODC & UNDP

Reading and adoption of Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising from last Minutes

Debrief on the last PMC Meeting

Update on CSOs mapping & 2014 AWP

Presentation and discussion on 2015 AWP

Review of new Government's anti-corruption programme

A.O.B. and
Next Meeting Date

Vote of Thanks

Attendance:	Organisation
1. Ms. Doyin Olawaiye	Integrity
2. Ms. Florence Ibok-Abasi	Stakeholders Democracy Network (SDN)
3. Mr. Olanrewaju Suraju	Civil Society Network Against Corruption (CSNAC)
4. Mr. Yussuf Arrigassiyu	Muslim League for Accountability Initiative (MULAC)
5. Mr. Lukman Adefolahun	Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC)
6. Ms. Nwadishi Faith	Publish What You Pay
7. Hajia Bilikisu Yusuf	Advocacy Nigeria
8. Ms. Azuka Ogugua	Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
9. Ms. Laolu Olawunmi	European Union
10. Mr. Jesse Wachanga	UNODC
11. Mr. Jimoh Sulaiman	Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)

12. Mr. Kehinde Bolaji	UNDP
13. Mr. Segun Olusola	UNDP
<p>Goodwill Remarks:</p> <p>EU: The EU expressed its gratitude for the commitment of all stakeholders over the past years which has sustained the Project as well as the CSO Advisory Committee. It expressed the hope that this 3rd Meeting of the Committee would contribute to the implementation of Outcome 3 of the Project and positively impact on the new government's anti-corruption program. The EU renewed its pledge to continue supporting the implementation of the Project, going forward.</p> <p>UNODC: It expressed its pleasure to be a part of the meeting and gratitude to the UNDP for its coordinating role. It appreciated EU for putting 4m Euros in helping Nigeria to fight corruption and expressed the need to keep the new government on its toes in living up to its commitments on fighting corruption. It recapped the essential pillars of the Anti-Corruption Strategy, namely – enforcement, prevention and public engagement, and charged the CSOs to redouble their efforts in these respects.</p> <p>UNDP: The UNDP thanked the members of the Committee for their consistent guidance, advice and support to the implementation of the Project. He also thanked the EU and UNODC for their funding and technical support to the process. It attributed the inability to convene the CSO Meeting to funding and personnel-related challenges and assured that the timing of the meeting was auspicious for contributing to on-going Agenda Setting Exercises for the new government. It stated that in this vein, the Project had been re-positioned to make significant contribution to the nascent anti-corruption drive. It assured that with the adoption of the 2015 Work plan by the PMC, the milestones for 2015 are attainable.</p>	
<p>Reading & Adoption of Minutes of last minutes:</p> <p>Name number 5 should read: Lukman Adefolahan as well as name no. 4 on the TOR.</p> <p>Thereafter, the motion for adoption was moved by Mr. Adefolahan and Ms. Ibok-Abasi seconded.</p>	
<p>Matter Arising from last Minutes:</p> <p>CSO Funding and Regulation Bill: This appears to have been overtaken by events as it was done by the last 7th Assembly. However, ZCC & CISLAC to provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>SCUML: CSOs have been complying with this. A lot of CSOs in receipt of US\$1,000 and above are registering and filing their documentation.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization of CSOs by the respective Networks on the need to update their. • Production of a one-page flyer educating members. • Chairman to follow up with ZCC and share the latest information with colleagues. Also share the website address with our network. <p>Soap Opera: After brainstorming on this subject, members agreed that it is a huge investment and the return is low and appears ineffective. The following options were explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-corruption community radio (mainly in the North) 	

- Town hall meeting in the north as TVs are not as popular with most of the people. Youth component can also be tapped into; because they are forming habits which need to be changed.
- Faith-based media can be leveraged on to prepare sermon on accountability.
- Social media influencers can be considered as well.

The Committee agreed that the above-named options would be proposed to the UNODC Media Officer and incorporated into the Project's Communication Strategy.

Mailing list

The Chairman confirmed that this has been created. However, members requested regular update from Chairman as often as possible to keep this component alive.

ACAs bills – ICPC is working with its extant Act. Further findings would be done and the Chairman would revert during the next meeting.

Discussion around CCB and assets declaration by public servants reveals that despite administrative and capacity challenges confronting the institution, public awareness is high.

Debrief on the last PMC Meeting:

Mr. Lukman Adefolahan of ZCC represented the Committee at this meeting which held on 12 February 2015 and the highlights were:

- Presentation of the 2014 Action plan which was adopted and approved
- Approval of 2015 work plan.
- Presentation and approval of 2013 narrative report.
- Approval of Terms of reference for PMC
- Approval of 2015 work plan for implementation

Delay in implementation was discussed which was as a result of late recruitment and disengagement of core staff.

Members were of the opinion that the Chairman of the Advisory Committee is the right representative on PMC.

Update on CSOs mapping & 2014 AWP:

The recommendations of the CSO Mapping Exercise conducted in 2014 were shared with the members and there was as well a presentation on the achievements of 2014 AWP.

Presentation and discussion on 2015 AWP:

A Presentation was made on the 2015 AWP, outlining five major outputs which centre around meetings, grant and training.

Members agreed that the work plan appears achievable and requested for an electronic copy of the AWP to be circulated.

Review of new Government's Anti-Corruption Programme:

Discussion on this was enriched with inputs from Buhari's covenant with Nigerians, draft National Anti-Corruption Strategy and APC Policy Dialogue Report. Advocacy Nigeria informed the meeting that it made

input into the new Government Transition Committee meeting around issues of corruption, accountability and health.

Action:

Chairman to share with other members the final draft of Anti-Corruption Strategy
UNDP to forward APC Policy dialogue Report to the Chairman for circulation

Update on the National Anti-Corruption Strategy:

UNODC confirmed that comments received are being reviewed for incorporation into the Strategy.

Council on Procurement:

In view of the importance of this council, members were of the opinion that there should be follow-up on the inauguration of this Council.

Other areas which are being monitored are:

Whistle blower – Integrity to do further investigation on the status of this bill to determine further engagement thereafter.

NEITI – PWYP has done an Agenda on this; however members may forward additional inputs.

AOB:

The Meeting was informed that the Corporate Affairs Commission has registered MUSLIM LEAGUE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY as MUSLIM LEAGUE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE.

Old members - Apology email to be sent to Effanga of ActionAid as previous communication and Invitation for the meeting was sent to a wrong email address.

On the need to expand the committee, suggestions were made to include MDAs/ACA as well as define sectoral criteria for inviting new CSO Members. It was agreed that the Secretariat should come up with suggestions on the thematic/sectoral focus of potential invitees. Given the need to limit the membership of the body to the earlier-agreed 25 members, additional MDA/ACAs may be invited as Observers and not members.

Next meeting:

It was agreed that this can be organised at the margins of the up-coming CSO Networking Training.

Closing Remarks:

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Chairman who acknowledged the proactive engagement of members.

UNDP also thanked the Partners, members and observers for their support and quality contributions during the meeting.