



## REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE GHANA ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION (GACC) ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 2026 AFRICAN ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

Today, we join millions of people across Africa in commemorating **African Anti-Corruption Day 2026**. This year's theme, "**Scaling Up the Promotion of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Actions Across Africa**," reminds us that promoting integrity and combating corruption are shared responsibilities. Building societies founded on honesty, transparency, and accountability requires the collective commitment of governments, institutions, communities, and citizens—especially young people.

This year's commemoration is particularly significant for the **Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)** as we celebrate **25 years of advancing transparency, accountability, and integrity in Ghana**. Over the past years, we have partnered with relevant actors to strengthen efforts to combat corruption in Ghana. At the heart of this work has been our commitment to empowering young people. Through sustained engagement, we continue to invest in the next generation as critical partners in building a more transparent and corruption-free Ghana.

This commitment is reflected in the impact of our youth-focused programmes. Last year, through our **Local Accountability Networks (LANets)**, GACC reached more than **23,000 students** through school sensitisation activities across **40 districts in all 16 regions of Ghana**. Building on this success, we are expanding our outreach this year to **85 districts nationwide**, creating opportunities for even more young people to learn, engage, and become champions of integrity.

A key feature of this year's commemoration is the **Capture Youth Voices Open Forum**, which seeks to amplify the perspectives and experiences of young people on corruption and integrity. Through this platform, we are committed to listening directly to the youth, understanding how corruption affects their daily lives and aspirations, and engaging them in meaningful conversations on practical actions they can take to promote accountability and integrity. By giving young people a voice, we empower them to become active contributors to the fight against corruption and champions of integrity within their communities.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all our partners for their continued collaboration and support, particularly the **William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**, whose generous support has made this year's activities possible.

As we commemorate African Anti-Corruption Day 2026, let us renew our commitment to building a Ghana and an Africa where integrity thrives and corruption has no place. The fight against corruption is a shared responsibility that demands the active participation of all. Every act of honesty, every decision to do what is right, and every effort to promote accountability brings us closer to the transparent, just, and prosperous society we aspire to build.

To the young people of Ghana, our message remains simple: **Resist, Reject, and Report corruption**. Your voice matters, your actions matter, and your choices matter. You are not only the leaders of tomorrow; you are the champions of integrity today and the driving force behind a more transparent and accountable future.

**Thank you.**

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