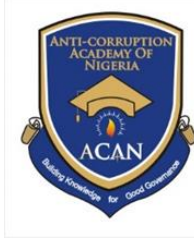




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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMEMORATING THE AFRICAN UNION (AU) ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY
9-11 JULY 2024**

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: POLITICS, PROBITY, POVERTY, PRAYERS AND CORRUPT BEHAVIOUR IN NIGERIA

Background

Public media and commentators criticize politicians, entrepreneurs, clerics and the State itself for the lack of public probity and accountability, exemplified by corruption and impunity in governance. The campaign for ethical behaviour in public sector governance can only be sustained with active collaboration among different sectors of the society, such as the private, public and religious sectors. Therefore, there is the need to explore how religious and business sectors interact with politicians to uphold behaviours of transparency, accountability and probity in the quest for equitable economic and social-political transformation to eliminate poverty on our continent.

All the sectors grapple with behavioural issues regarding leadership, good governance, probity and integrity. Ethical leadership to enhance prosperity for the citizenry, peaceful co-existence, moral regeneration and accountability is needed in public, private and religious sectors. This is the background against which this conference was conceived. And more importantly, this conference is planned to commemorate the 6th Anti-Corruption Day celebration of the African Union (AU) by interrogating how probity of all stakeholders can build mechanisms to eliminate inequity and poverty in Africa.

Key Questions

The conference seeks to address the following questions:

- a. How do various hierarchical/decentralized political, business, social and religious entities (i.e. structures of governance) deal with issues of probity, equity and poverty alleviation?
- b. What values do religions/different spiritualities evince to improve public and corporate governance and ensure improved ethics and probity in systems of governance in the public, private and religious sectors?
- c. How should these entities respond to critique, and identify with national/international policies aimed at disciplined management and equitable distribution of public resources, and the establishment of a viable culture of financial probity?
- d. Which models condition leadership and followership, and how have these been influenced by political probity within national political economy supported by western electoral financing (campaign and management) systems and technology?

- e. What unique role can the Judiciary play in the reduction of the ever-growing corrupt social and political behaviour?
- f. Are liberal or conservative forms of politics and religiosity compatible with developing democracy, governance and ethical culture of Probity?
- g. How and to what extent should religious values and insights be the moral guide in the public and private spheres?
- h. How do we engage prayers and rituals to impact on national polities to maximize probity and integrity at personal, institutional and national levels?
- i. Does the faith of women and the youth in particular provide hope for the present and future?

Sub Themes

The conference suggests (but not limited to) the following sub-themes:

- i. Political Economy of Corruption in the public, private and religious sectors
- ii. Clerics (including women), ethics, corruption and transparency
- iii. Religious values, behaviour, probity and accountability
- iv. Public service-ethics, socio-cultural values, and social action
- v. Traditional (indigenous) religious systems' perspective on governance, probity, poverty and inequality
- vi. Impact of Liberation Theology on political behaviour as well as on socio-economic empowerment of the poor
- vii. Judiciary, Political behavior and sustenance of Corruption
- viii. Security agencies, ethics, corruption and communities
- ix. Religion, spirituality and sustainable development in African communities
- x. Probity, religious sects/spiritualities, and the agenda for personal and institutional integrity for poverty reduction
- xi. Women, spirituality, probity, integrity, and poverty reduction
- xii. The youth, religiosity, spirituality, probity as foundation for poverty reduction (18-24 years only)
- xiii. Faith-based institutions, leadership probity, poverty and inequality
- xiv. Entrenching intolerance for impunity.

Submission Guidelines

Prospective participants are to indicate their interest by submitting an abstract of not more than 300 words on any of the themes noted above and related issues. Submissions must be original and not previously published. Interested scholars may also propose panels on themes that address the focus of the conference with a view to informing policymaking in anti-corruption matters. Abstracts and Proposals for Panels should be sent by email to info@icpcacademy.gov.ng and provost@icpcacademy.gov.ng by 15 April, 2024. Authors of accepted papers would be informed by 30 April and full papers are due by 31 May, 2024.

Target Participants

This conference will bring together national and international Anti-Corruption policy makers, scholars/researchers, the private sector, clerics and practitioners of diverse religious traditions, spiritualities and Activists.

Conference Venue

Reiz Continental Hotel, Plot 779, Cadastral Zone A0, Central Area, Abuja.

Sponsorship

While ACAN is seeking financial support to facilitate the participation of scholars who may not be able to attend due to funding limitation, there is no guarantee of sponsorship. Thus, interested participants are expected to raise their own funds in the event of failure to secure financial support.

Enquiries

For enquiries and/or further information, please send email to: info@icpcacademy.gov.ng and provost@icpcacademy.gov.ng alternatively, you may call 08060963585 or 08037149250

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