



**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE ONE-DAY DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS IN PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE ORGANISED BY EDUCATION, SOCIAL AND HEALTH MISSION (MESH) AT STONEHEDGE HOTEL, ABUJA ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2023.**

**PREAMBLE**

The Education, Social and Health Mission (MESH) - an NGO of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) - organised a one-day dialogue to discuss the Role of Faith-Based Institutions in Promoting Transparency, Accountability, and Good Governance in Nigeria. The overall goal of the dialogue was to leverage the influence and reach of Faith-Based Institutions in Nigeria to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance which will lead to a more just and equitable society.

During the meeting which was well attended by participants from both Christian and Muslim Faith-Based Institutions in North Central States, Nigeria, and government partners such as the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), non-governmental organisations, and both Electronic and Print Media, there were various paper presentations and discussions to provide an understanding of the key issues pointing to how faith-based institutions can contribute to enthroning good governance in Nigeria. At the end of the meeting, participants identified the critical issues and came up with some recommendations and commitments on the way forward as follows:

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

Nigeria despite being a religious country with a high concentration of Muslim and Christian devotees, religious impact is not visible in governance due to lack of Transparency and Accountability.

There is a growing concern about the practice of honouring those who make huge financial contributions/donations to religious houses without verifying their source of wealth hence, promoting financial ruse.

Whereas the holy books expressly uphold the virtues and values of transparency and accountability, most adherents who find themselves in public office often fall short of exhibiting these laudable virtues and values.

There is an apparent failure of the state to deliver good governance and democratic dividends, thus, weighing negatively on the masses.

Unfortunately, religion and tribalism have become the major issues pretentiously and in some cases, mischievously raised by politicians during campaigns instead of critical issues that would bring about good governance and development.

Despite the number of anti-corruption legislations and agencies of government as well as the plethora of religious institutions, corruption still remains a major challenge in Nigeria as the nation was ranked 150 out of 180 countries in 2022 by Transparency International.

**OUR COMMITMENTS**

Faith-Based Institutions are committed to increasing their participation in advocacy and civic engagement activities to ensure improved accountability and transparency at all levels of government.

Religious leaders are committed to mainstream anti-corruption messages in their sermons and other teaching avenues such as Sunday Schools, Quranic Schools, and other platforms of religious gathering.

Religious leaders are committed to the fight against corruption by first of all cleaning up their houses before taking the anti-corruption messages to society.

Faith leaders are committed to continuously leading the advocacy to the government officials and political office holders to promote anti-corruption tendencies. Faith-Based Institutions are committed to building the capacity of their congregants to engage in anti-corruption crusades using accountability tools.

Faith-Based Institutions are committed to participating in the budgetary process at the National, Sub-national, and Local government levels.

Religious leaders are committed to advocating good moral teachings to their members who occupy public offices rather than soliciting financial support from them which tacitly encourages them to always pretentiously play the religious card at will in their campaigns.

The Faith leaders are committed to working with relevant government agencies such as the National Orientation Agency, EFCC, ICPC, and Code of Conduct Bureau to increase the consciousness of citizens to support the anti-corruption efforts of the government.

We are committed to collectively working with Civil Society Organisations and international and local partners to seek transparency and accountability for good governance.

**CONCLUSION**

Participants at the programme commended the Education, Social and Health Mission (MESH) for convening the dialogue on transparency, accountability, and good governance for deepening the involvement of Faith-Based Institutions and faith leaders in the fight against corruption. They pledged to work together harmoniously on the above commitments to engage other segments of the Nigerian society to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance in Nigeria. This communiqué is dated and signed on Wednesday 29th November 2023.

SIGNED

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IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA  
IN THE MINNA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT MINNA

FHC/MN/PET/7/2023  
SUIT NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020  
IN THE MATTER OF BRASS MICROFINANCE BANK LIMITED  
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTER ACT, 2020

BETWEEN:  
NIGERIA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (NDIC) PETITIONER  
AND  
BRASS MICROFINANCE BANK LIMITED RESPONDENT

**ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF PETITION**

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above named company by Federal High Court Minna, was on the 2nd day of November, 2023; presented to the said Court by Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation, and that the notice of the said Petition is directed to be advertised and set down for mention, before the Federal High Court Minna on the 11th day of December, 2023; and any Depositor, Creditor or Contributory of the said company desirous to Support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge of the same.

Subject to the supervision of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation of Plot 447/448, Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja.

NOTE: any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to above named notice in writing of his intention so to do, The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or her solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 48 working hours before the date the petition is for mention in court.

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IN THE PROBATE DIVISION**

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S/N	NAME OF DECEASED PERSON	NAME(S) OF APPLICANT(S)
1.	OLADIPO DIYA LATE OF 31, ADEKUNLE FAJUYI WAY, GRA, IKEJA LAGOS. WHO DIED ON 26-03-2023 AT HOSPITAL	OYEDAMOLA OLORUNFEMI DIYA (SON), OLUWAKEMI OYETEJU OJIE (DAUGHTER), OYENIYI OMOTOPE JAMES DIYA (SON) AND OYINKANSOLA FEHINTOLA AWOSIKA (DAUGHTER)

SIGNED: HON. BINTA BABAYO  
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COURT OF APPEAL, ABUJA.