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One-day International Conference on Corruption in Sport, Whistleblowing and Transparency

Contributing to the idea of an anti-corruption agency in world sport

Abuja, 06 July 2023

Purpose: explore links between corruption and underdevelopment in African sports and wider society; specify role of sports community, civil society, media, whistleblowers, and other stakeholders in curbing the menace by contributing to the 'ClearingSport' idea

Organisers: PLAY!YA Nigeria Youth Development Initiative in partnership with the African Centre for Media Information & Literacy (AFRICMIL), the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID), and HEDA Resource Centre

Programme (West African Time, UTC+1)

09.30 am – Opening remarks

- ⊗ Conference Chairman: Mr Olanrewaju Suraju, Chairman, HEDA
- ⊗ Mr Eze Alloysius, Executive Director, PLAY!YA Nigeria

09.50 am – Declaration of conference open

- ⊗ Federal Minister of Youth and Sports Development (or other government official)

10.10 am – Photo session / tea break

10.30 am – Keynote

United against corruption in sports – A clearing house in the making

- ⊗ Mrs Grit Hartmann, investigative journalist, author 'ClearingSport' study, Germany

10.45 am – Panel 1 --- chaired by Mr Oluwashina Okeleji, sports journalist

Identifying and prosecuting corruption in sports and beyond

- ⊗ Mrs Beverly Agbakoba-Onyeijanya, lawyer/partner at Olisa Agbakoba Legal (OAL) and head of 'Sports, Entertainment & Technology' department, Nigeria
 - ⊗ Mrs Grit Hartmann, investigative journalist, author 'ClearingSport' study, Germany
 - ⊗ Mr Usman Kaltungu, Economic and Financial Crimes Commissions (EFCC), Nigeria
- _ followed by Q&A

12.00 pm – Lunch break

12.45 pm – Panel 2 --- chaired by Mr Olanrewaju Suraju, Chairman, HEDA
Measuring and managing the multiple sports governance crises

- ⊗ Mr Alhaji Ismaila Abubakar, Permanent Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development (FMYSO), Nigeria
 - ⊗ Stanis Elsborg, Senior Analyst, Play the Game, Denmark
 - ⊗ Mr Francis Orbih, President, Badminton Federation of Nigeria (BFN)
 - ⊗ Prof Joshua Umeifekwe, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria
- _ followed by Q&A

2.00 pm – Panel 3 --- chaired by Dr Chido Onumah, Coordinator, AFRICMIL
How can journalists and whistleblowers expose corruption in sport?

- ⊗ Mr Joseph Akeju, retired civil servant and whistleblower, Nigeria
 - ⊗ Mr Robert Kempe, investigative journalist for ARD i.a., Germany
 - ⊗ Mr Oluwashina Okeleji, sports journalist for BBC Sport i.a., Nigeria
 - ⊗ Mr Godwin Onyeanchole, Program Manager, AFRICMIL, Nigeria
- _ followed by Q&A

3.00 pm – Tea break

3.15 pm – Outlook and closing remarks

- way forward for ‘ClearingSport’ and anti-corruption efforts in Nigerian/African sport
- conference of UN Convention against Corruption (Atlanta, 11-15 December 2023)
- next Play the Game conference (Trondheim, Norway, 4-7 February 2024)
- final communique of the one-day Abuja conference

4.00 pm – Closing

Online participation (access only through Zoom platform)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88015214176?pwd=eEY2djF6M1JnSTV3WEEdWaeV3Vmtodz09>

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About the organisers:

African Centre for Media Information & Literacy (AFRICMIL) is a pan-African centre that focuses on media, information, research, advocacy and training. Its objective is to deploy the opportunity that new media and information technologies offer in tackling socio-economic issues. It aims to promote media and information literacy as a key component in the enhancement of democracy and good governance and the promotion of accountability and orderly society.

Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) is a non-governmental organisation that aims to promote a truly independent media landscape that advances fundamental human rights, good governance and accountability in West Africa through investigative journalism, open data and civic technology.

HEDA Resource Centre is a non-governmental organisation and non-partisan human rights and development league. HEDA conducts research, policy advocacy, training, as well as citizens’ awareness and mobilisation on core human development issues, including agriculture, food security, climate change, human rights, public sector accountability and electoral reform process.

PLAY!YA Nigeria supports social development through sport. Focusing on young people, the non-governmental organisation works on a wide range of topics like education and capacity building for youth; inclusion and social integration; violence prevention and peacebuilding; environmental protection and sustainability; and good governance and anti-corruption.