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Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition is a cross-sectoral grouping of public, private and civil society organizations with the sole aim of building a national effort to confront the problem of corruption and devising effective control measures. GACC seeks to facilitate anti-corruption activities in Ghana through the concerted efforts of its membership and in collaboration with other stakeholders.

**Mission**

GACC seeks to reduce poverty by coordinating anti-corruption activities in Ghana through collaboration with its members and other key stakeholders.

**Vision**

A Ghana free from corruption where honesty, transparency, accountability and integrity are upheld.

**Members of GACC**

- Private Enterprise Foundation (PEF)
- Forum of Religious Bodies (FORB)
- Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII)
- Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ)
- Ghana Journalists Association (GJA)
- Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO)
- Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA)
- Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana (CDD)
The fight against corruption continues to be an important developmental issue that as Ghanaians we should work hard to improve. Although Ghana seems to pride itself having made some gains in some international indices on the perception of corruption, we are far from winning the fight.

Petty and Quiet corruption continues to eat into the fabric of our society inhibiting our growth from poverty, achieving the Millennium Development Goals and giving the citizens a better livelihood. To work through, this needs the concerted efforts of each and every Ghanaian. Having served as the Chairman of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition for the past five years gives me a great pleasure at how the Coalition has forged ahead with a common front with all stakeholders keeping the issues of corruption on the agenda of all developmental engagement.

I am extremely delighted that the Coalition over the last few years has been able to overcome the challenges of sustaining this effort and is focused on the path of ensuring that the work is sustained and given the best attention it deserves.
I wish to thank all the Council members who have supported the Coalition in diverse ways to keep it running and their commitment to keeping faith with this work. I also wish to acknowledge the enormous contributions both financially and technically that the international donor communities, corporate and individuals have provided in sustaining this effort. Our work would not have reached this stage without the buy in of all these stakeholders. I also wish to affirm our faith in the dedicated staff who have fought through all the odds in keeping faith with the work.

GACC will in the coming years implement its new Strategic Plan broadening the membership and building more partnerships in the fight against corruption. We will continue to persist and pursue our course in research, advocacy and training influencing and working with partners not only in Ghana but also on regional basis to broaden the impact of the fight against corruption.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

Every year brings with it new ideas, new challenges as well as new strategies. The Coalition continues to be an important force to reckon with in our democratic development. The active participation of Civil Society Organisation in the development process has ensured that our governance system is becoming more open, transparent and accountable.

GACC is very pleased that 2010 presented a lot of opportunities, focusing on implementing programs and activities that have very sustained impact on the fight against corruption. Our 2009 Annual Corruption Assessment provided a very good foundation to keep the research and advocacy issues on corruption very important in the policy dialogue during 2010. Our Media Monitoring Project gained momentum and for the first time GACC sponsored an award during the Ghana Journalists Association Awards Ceremony.

During the State of the Nation Address the President of Ghana, H.E. John Evans Atta Mills commended the role of GACC in the fight against corruption and called for better collaboration to enhance public education and awareness. The year also witnessed the first time international Workshop organized by GACC during the African Business Forum in February 2010. This cemented GACC’s relationship with the sector and laid a foundation for a concerted effort to build a project with the private sector.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

Our engagements during the year also expanded into the West African Sub-region with GACC being selected to manage a West African Regional Contract Monitoring Project in 4 countries (Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria). Our role in the Governance Sector Working Group and the Working Group of the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan enabled us to push for anti-corruption issues to be placed on the national dialogue and for anti-corruption institutions to be well resourced to improve the regulatory environment. Our work with Civil Society Organisations and Community Based Organisations also helped to keep issues on corruption very alive at the local level, further empowering citizens to hold public officers accountable.

I wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the Commonwealth Business Council, British High Commission, Ghana Research and Advocacy Program for the support both financial and technical that has kept our programs and activities running to pursue our mission and vision alive. I lastly would like to thank the Executive Council Members who have sacrificially guided the Secretariat and kept faith with us and guiding us in development of our activities. I would also like to appreciate my dedicated staff who have always defied all odds and worked hard to keep our programs and activities running throughout the year.

Florence Dennis (Mrs.)
Building Partnerships in the fight against corruption

Our main objective of building and sustaining strong partnerships in the fight against corruption was intensified during the year. GACC through its programs collaborated with institutions in the Private, Public and the donor community. Twenty-One (21) NGO networks in the 10 regions of Ghana collaborated with the Coalition to set up some principles and benchmarks for assessment. The collaboration provided a platform for learning and sharing on NGO networks in terms of transparency and accountability. Out of the 20 organizations, 18 went through the assessment process.
The Secretariat in collaboration with the Christian Council and the Aid Effective Forum organized a National Forum for CSO development Effectiveness, a Global Project organized by the Open Forum Secretariat in Brussels as part of the implementation of the AAA Agenda on Aid Effectiveness. GACC has since been actively involved in developing global principles for CSO effectiveness through the Aid Effectiveness Forum in Ghana.
Most of the programmes during the year had better representation of development partners such as CIDA, British High Commission, European Union, UNDP, and DANIDA. Other groups such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Chamber of Mines and Chamber of Commerce and Industry forged stronger relationships through its programmes.

Further, GACC collaborated with Les Aspin Center, GIMPA, and University of Cape Coast who hosted 47 visiting scholars to build their knowledge on anti-corruption issues in Ghana.

Mrs. Florence Dennis in an informal interaction with students from University of Cape Coast
Delegations were also received from a number of anti-corruption institutions in Africa including the Kenyan Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC). The visits also created opportunities for networking and learning for the Secretariat.
The Secretariat in 2010 participated in 5 international conferences/workshops in Liberia, Brussels, Bangkok, Nairobi and Turkey. The Liberia Workshop which focused on Contract Monitoring in West Africa provided a very good network for the Secretariat to link up with other CSOs, public and private sector organizations in the sub-region. After the workshop, GACC was selected to co-ordinate Coalition building in four countries (Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia and Sierra Leone) and the subsequent implementation of contract monitoring projects in the four countries. The World Bank is expected to provide some initial funding for this.
The Coalition continued to use various forms of communication to create awareness and advocate for policy change. Members of the Coalition participated in various media encounters to highlight the need to collectively work together in the fight against corruption. The Secretariat further embarked on a structured awareness program on community radio stations in Western, Northern and Ashanti Regions. These radio stations continue to engage the Secretariat when issues of corruption are raised in the print media. In 2010, the anti-corruption week was further extended to the Volta and the Upper West Regions.

Two public forums were held with the chiefs and people of Sogakope in collaboration with NCCE and in Tumu where there was a procession in the principals streets of the town with anti-corruption placards, posters and stickers were distributed to people in the municipality. During the celebration, GACC printed and distributed a total of 15,000 anti-corruption posters and stickers for distribution to individuals and institutions.
Anti-Corruption Week in Pictures

PUBLIC FORUM
UN ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY CELEBRATION
THEME: FIGHT CORRUPTION, SAVE LIVES
DATE: 9th DECEMBER, 2010 @ DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HALL, SOGAKOFE

Building partnerships to fight corruption
Implementation of the Whistle Blower Project

GACC with funding from the British High Commission implemented a project titled: *Promoting Effective Implementation of the Whistleblower Act 2006’*. The project was officially launched on the 25th of November 2009 at the Alisa hotel in Accra.

Subsequently, the guide to whistle blowing was also launched on the 1st of June, 2010 at the Coconut Grove Regency Hotel in Accra by the British High Commissioner to Ghana, H. E. Dr. Westcott the with the support of Ms. Anna Bossman Vice Chair of GACC Executive Council, General Secretary of the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) Mr. Bright Blewu and Prof. Kenneth Agyemang Attafuah the Consultant who developed the Guide.
ACC’s participation in the Governance Sector Group meetings were very useful in influencing some of the policy decisions that were taken on anti-corruption in the national development agenda.

The Secretariat also came out with a 2009 Corruption Assessment Report during the reporting period. The dissemination of the Report findings compelled government to issue press statement on the number of public appointees who have declared their assets.
During the year under review GACC undertook training programmes for the media and Civil Society Organizations and Community Based Organizations in Western, Northern, Eastern, Volta and Greater Accra Regions. In all, Eighty Journalist including thirty-five females and 105 Civil Society Organizations were trained in some of the anti-corruption laws including conflict of interest.

All the CSOs/CBOs who went through the training programs were given certificates of participation by GACC. The media training was conducted in collaboration with Anas Aremeyaw a renowned investigative journalist and the Sulemana Braimah of the School of Communication, University of Ghana and Media Foundation of West Africa.
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

As part of implementing our Strategic Plan, the number of staff of the Secretariat was increased during the year 2010. A Communications Officer was recruited on a part time basis to strengthen and develop a Communication Strategy for the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

GACC further engaged the services of two national service Staff to assist in our media monitoring project. The Staff strength at the Secretariat is as follows; Six Permanent Staff, two part-time staff and two National Service Personnel. Staff at the Secretariat have undergone training programs at GIMPA and the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) to widen their scope of knowledge.
GAPS, LESSONS & WAY FORWARD

The Coalition is still in a growing stage and there are a number of lessons to be learnt on the way forward:

- The limited funding based on projects tends to limit the amount of contribution the Coalition can make on the anti-corruption agenda. Strategies need to be developed for a sustainable funding base to enhance the anti-corruption work.

- Staff at the Secretariat continue to be stretched in terms of their output against work plans. There are a lot of demands in networking activities which tends to divert attention from our core projects although some of these interactions have enhanced our work.
This is because information access from anti-corruption institutions even from members of the Coalition is time consuming. Since the Secretariat has to thrive on very good and extensive research base, a more innovative way to access information will have to be adopted to improve the quality of research.

- Access to information from anti-corruption institutions has been very challenging. The Secretariat sought an innovative way of accessing information.
- A further challenge is the anonymity of the sources of some of these information which is a challenge in credible research.
- Due to the load of work that had to be implemented there was very little focus on staff training during the year.
- The funding base of the Coalition is still limited although a number of proposals were developed during the year.
In spite of the challenges there were a number of successes:

- Publishing reports on media coverage and the assessment of the anti-corruption process during the year.
- Enhanced network stretching across West Africa.
- Enhanced media coverage of GACC activities.
- Improved profile of GACC as a key anti-corruption institution.
- Increased collaboration with institutions such as Parliament, Development Partners etc.
- Representation of the Executive Secretary on key committees such as the working Group on National Action Anti-Corruption Action Plan, Grievance Committee of Millennium Development Authority, Governance Sector Group Meeting, Open Forum on CSO Effectiveness.
CONCLUSION

GACC continues to be an important and relevant coalition in the fight against corruption in Ghana. However the organization needs to review its 9 years of existence and strategize on the best way to focus its efforts and resources to enhance the anti-corruption agenda in the next five years.

The Oil find in Ghana brings with it a lot of challenges in the area of fighting corruption. GACC will have to reposition itself to lead this agenda.

Some of the GACC Staff sharing a joke after a programme
## 2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Total income for the year 2010 amounted to GH¢ 375,734. Expenditure for the period amounted to GH¢ 375,354. The table below gives the summary of income and expenditure for 2010.

### Income

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<td>UNDP</td>
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<td>World Bank</td>
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