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LIST OF ACRONYMS

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AFRODAD: African Forum and Network on Debt and Development
ARIC: Audit Report Implementation Committee
CBO: Community-based Organisation
CHRAJ: Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice
CSO: Civil Society Organisation
DA: District Assembly
IMF: International Monitory Fund
IEA: Institute of Economic Affairs
LANets: Local Accountability Networks
LOGNet: Local Governance Network
LOGODEP: Local Governance Decentralization Programme
MLGRD: Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
MP: Members of Parliament
MMDCE: Metropolitan, Municipal, District Chief Executive
MMDA: Metropolitan, Municipal and Districts Assemblies
NACAP: National Anti-Corruption Action Plan
NGND: Northern Ghana Network for Development
OSIWA: Open Society Initiative for West Africa
PPA: Public Procurement Authority
RMT: Resource Mobilisation Team
STAR-Ghana: Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness
UNCAC: United Nations Convention Against Corruption
USAID: United States Agency for International Development
WACSI: West Africa Civil Society Institute
Distinguished Shareholders, on behalf of the Board of Directors and Management of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition, I present to you the 15th Annual report of our organisation.

The year 2015 recorded quite a number of corruption cases. The popular report by ace investigative journalist, Anas Aremeyaw Anas from the undercover film, titled “Ghana in the Eyes of God” exposed deep-rooted corruption within the country’s judiciary. The film exposed dozens of judges and other staff of the judicial services receiving bribes to pervert justice. The exposé, which shocked the country, is the biggest corruption scandal to have hit the country’s judiciary. It is in light of this that the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition took up joint responsibility to raise awareness about the need for probing and accountability.

The Secretariat participated in strategic programmes in the year under review. The Secretariat took measures to ensure transparency and accountability in the governing processes in the country. We continued to focus on monitoring government to effectively enhance the quality of policies that govern the country as well as set the agenda for a corruption-free country.

I would like to end by congratulating all employees and likewise all my colleague board members for the support in the quest to fight corruption in Ghana throughout the period. Now, our common hope for 2016 is that the nation’s governance system improves to the benefit of everyone in this country: the enthusiasm of every individual will increase towards eliminating corruption in our day-to-day dealings.
During the year we undertook a number of initiatives in furtherance of driving our strategic agenda in promoting anti-corruption and good governance. As per the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) Secretariat’s work plan for 2015, programmes and activities were implemented throughout the year. This summary report covers key programmes and activities the Secretariat has implemented from January to December 2015.

Over the period, GACC has been contributing to ensuring that the governance system improves tremendously as well as empowering leaders and citizens in eliminating corruption from the system. To this end, GACC participated in a number of initiatives including supporting programmes in collaborations with other civil society organisations. Among the activities were GACC’s engagement with some Development Partners to solicit their support. Furthermore, with support of some donors, GACC has been implementing a Social Accountability Project titled “Enhancing CSOs capacity to engage MMDAs to promote transparency, accountability and efficient service delivery at the local level” under the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) project, which ended in July 2015. Likewise, the Local Governance Decentralization Programme (LOGODEP) project, which is under the same theme as that of the OSIWA, ended in July. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project implementation on GACC’s Social Accountability Project is being implemented in eight (8) districts in three regions. VOICE-Ghana, in partnership with Local Governance Network (LOGNet) and GACC, has been implementing a project under the theme “Giving Disability a centre stage in Development Plans of Local Government”. During the year, GACC partnered with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) to celebrate the 13th UN Crime Congress in Ghana.

Management is determined to continue the upward trend in ensuring positive results in all our strategic engagements and programmes. We will continue to pursue the innovations that we have introduced in the last few years in the way of new approaches, all of which we believe give ample reason for great optimism for a better Ghana.

I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Board for their relentless efforts in strategically driving GACC forward; to our stakeholders and donors for their support during the year; and finally, to my committed staff, I say ‘Ayekoo’.
2.0. REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMES AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

GACC, with support from some donors, has been implementing a Social Accountability Project aimed at promoting civil society collaboration with Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) to enhance citizens’ participation, promote transparency and accountability as well as improve service delivery at the local level. The following are summaries of programmes and research that have been implemented during the year under review.

2.1. Enhancing CSOs Capacity to Engage MMDAs to Promote Transparency, Accountability and Efficient Service Delivery at the Local Level Project

GACC, with funding support from the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), implemented a project under the theme “Enhancing CSOs Capacity to Engage MMDAs to Promote Transparency, Accountability and Efficient Service Delivery at the Local Level”. The project aimed at promoting civil society collaboration with Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) to enhance citizens’ participation, promote transparency and accountability as well as efficient service delivery at the local level. Local Accountability Networks (LANets) were formed as part of the project implementation. The project was implemented in eight (8) districts within the Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo Regions. The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) Project ended in July 2015.

During the period under review, the following activities were implemented:
* Organised peer review and learning workshops for the LANets in the Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo Regions. The workshops sought
to provide platforms for the LANets to share and learn from others in their respective regions. The Ashanti Region workshop was organised for LANets in Konongo-Odumase Municipal, Ejisu-Juabeng Municipal, Kumasi Metropolitan and Atwima Nwabiagya Districts while the Brong-Ahafo regional one was for the Sunyani Municipal, Berekum Municipal, Techiman Municipal and Kintampo Districts.

* The Secretariat organised eight (8) interface meetings between the LANets and the MMDAs. The purpose of the meetings was to provide the platform for the LANets to share findings on the implementation of their action plans, seek more clarifications on projects being monitored and make recommendations to the local authorities on how to improve upon service delivery in the communities. The engagements created more avenues for the MMDAs official to collaborate with the LANets for development.

* Two meetings with the Regional Coordinating Councils were organised by the Secretariat. The meetings sought to further provide the opportunities for the LANets to engage these higher authorities with the findings and issues emerging from the implementation of the action plans. Some of the key officials engaged included the Regional Minister and management teams of the Councils.

* Finally, there were media activities that were carried out at both the district and national level to disseminate the project implementation and findings.

* The end of project implementation report has been finalised.
2.2. Strengthening Citizens’ Participation to Enhance Quality Service Delivery and Development Project

With funding support from UNDP, GACC is implementing a project under the theme: “Strengthening Citizens’ Participation to Enhance Quality Service Delivery and Development” being implemented in eight (8) districts in three regions: Ho Municipality, Hohoe Municipality, and Jasikan and Kadjebi Districts in the Volta Region; Assin North Municipality, Agona West Municipality, and Efutu Municipality in the Central Region; and Ada West in the Greater Accra Region. The following activities were carried out during the period:

- Engaged local government authorities, targeted citizens and citizen groups to get their buy-in in two new districts (Efutu and Ada West Districts).

- Mobilised identified citizens and citizen groups to form LANets in Winneba and Sege;

- Organised orientation and review meetings for six (6) existing LANets on the current stage of the implementation.

- Organised two capacity building workshops to train the Sege and Winneba LANets on local government system and processes, ethics, confidentiality, communication and research methods. The LANets were also supported to develop their action plans for implementation.

- Supported the eight (8) LANets to establish the baseline of projects to be monitored. This was done by field trips to the communities.

- Organised monitoring visits to the eight (8) districts to ascertain the implementation status of the action plans of the respective LANets, and provided technical support and addressed identified gaps.

- Participated in the UNDP retreat in Akosombo to plan for the year 2016.

2.3. Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening (ADISS) - Project

GACC, in partnership with Ghana Integrity Initiative (as the Lead Organisation) and SEND-Ghana, implemented a four-year USAID funded project titled, “Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening” (ADISS). The purpose of the project is to renew and build upon on-going efforts and increase the capacities of anti-corruption CSOs to motivate citizens to apply pressure to policy makers and institutions through a number of targeted and focused actions with the aim to reduce corruption in Ghana. The Secretariat implemented the following activities under the project:

- Formation of six (6) LANets in four (4) regions towards the implementation of the ADISS project;

- Engagement with key national stakeholders on the project implementation;

- Inception meeting organised for the key national stakeholders;

- GACC organised regional and district level engagements within GACC’s project regions and districts (16 districts in four regions – Ashanti, Western, Central and Greater Accra Regions);

- GACC organised a Zonal Stakeholders’ Inception Meeting on 25th June, 2015 at Anita Hotel, Ejisu.
The objective of this meeting was to gain stakeholders’ buy-in of the project, explain the specific role of each stakeholder, and re-affirm the commitment of the various stakeholders at the regional and district offices of the institutions;

- GACC organised sensitisation forums for citizens in 16 districts within the Western, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Regions of Ghana from July to November 2015;

- GACC provided an anti-corruption training for members of LANets in 16 districts within the Western, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Regions of Ghana from July to November 2015;

- GACC selected 16 Anti-Corruption Champions to spearhead the fight against corruption in the district working in collaboration with the LANets. The Anti-Corruption Champions were selected from 16 districts within the Western, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Regions.

**Giving Disability a Centre Stage in Development Plans of Local Government Project**

VOICE-Ghana, in partnership with LOGNet and GACC, has been implementing a project under the theme “Giving Disability a Centre Stage in Development Plans of Local Government”. The project seeks to ensure that MMDAs mainstream key components of Article 28 of the CRPD, which is on adequate standard of living and social protection for persons with disabilities into their development programmes and budgets.

As part of the project implementation for the period, GACC in collaboration with Voice-Ghana and LOGNet, organised the following activities within the period:

- A national roundtable meeting to share research findings with key national stakeholders. A petition was also drafted to be presented to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to prompt MMDAs in the country to mainstream key components of Articles 28 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into their development plans and budgets.

- Two regional engagements with MMDAs to solicit their support in the development planning agenda for the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). The programmes were held in Ho and Koforidua.

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### 2.4. Business Integrity Forum

GACC organised the 6th Stakeholders Meeting by hosting Mrs. Mawuena Trebah, CEO of the Ghana Investment Promotion Council. The meeting was under the theme “Corruption a Barrier to Investments in Ghana – Legislations, Policies and Controls”. The meeting was chaired by Nana Osei-Bonsu, GACC’s chair and also had a presentation from Mr. Nico Van Staaldruinen of EBO Ghana.

### 2.5. Civil Society Platform on IMF Bailout

GACC has actively participated in the activities of the Civil Society Platform on IMF bailout such as the First National Forum on the Ghana-IMF Programme, CS Platform on IMF bailout; leadership meetings; press conference as well as Second National Forum on the Ghana-IMF Programme, CS Platform on IMF bailout.
2.6. The 13th UN Crime Congress

GACC partnered with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) to celebrate the 13th UN Crime Congress in Ghana. A media briefing session on 13th UN Crime Congress was carried out on 18th March 2015.

A public awareness event was planned for 2nd April 2015. The event took off at the Tema Station, Accra with the distribution of car stickers on the various UN Congress themes.

2.7. Commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) 2015

The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) and Citizens Movement against Corruption (CMaC) commemorated the IACD 2015 with the following activities:

* Essay Competition for Civic Clubs of three Accra Senior High Schools, namely Accra Girls, Accra High and Accra Academy are participating in an essay competition;

* Debate by University of Ghana Debating Club;

* Quiz (What do you know?) - Carried out live on GTV; and

* Public outreach at Mallam Atta Market, Accra New Town.

2.8. Local Partnership Building Activities

* Participated in the UN Global Compact-Ghana Network Annual General Meeting
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* Participated in the Freedom of Information Coalition’s Annual General Meeting
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* Participated in a multi-stakeholder forum on Accountability Report in the Petroleum Revenue Management Act, 815, ACEP;
* Participated in the inception meeting on the preparation of the 2014 Annual Progress Report (APR) on the GSGDA II, 2014 -2017;
* Participated in a discussion on Civil Society in Ghana with Mr. David Reimer, Director of WJA Affairs at the U.S State Department, US Embassy;
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- Participated in the Second High Level National Conference on the NACAP, organised by CHRAJ;
- Participated in the 2015 Human Rights Day Celebration organised by CHRAJ;
- Participated in a National Forum organised by GSHRDC;
- Participated in a stakeholders meeting on the economic and socio-political reform in Ghana organised by National Crusaders Alliance (NCA);
- Participated in IMANI’S 5th public sector leadership award (IPLSA); and
- Participated in the launch of the 2015 Africa Capacity Report (ACR) on capacity imperatives for domestic resource mobilisation in Africa organised by ACBF.

2.9. International Partnership Building Activities

- Sub regional meeting against corruption, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 21st to 23rd May 2015 (Executive Secretary);
- CSO African Preparatory meeting for the 3rd Financing for Development Conference, Entebe, Uganda from 7th to 8th July 2015 (Executive Secretary);
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* GACC participated in UNCAC’s multi-stakeholder training workshop organised for CSOs and State Actors on the United Nations Convention against Corruption and its Review Mechanism in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, 17-20 February 2015 (Programmes Officer);

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5.0. CONCLUSION

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