

## AN EVALUATION OF THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTI CORRUPTION STRATEGY<sup>1</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

One of the most under-stated, but most important elements of governance of any nation should be unequivocal commitment to tackling corruption. In Nigeria, corruption as elsewhere is a complex and multifaceted problem that cannot be solved in isolation. It suppresses economic growth and undermines the sustainable management of natural resources. It breaches fundamental human rights, undermines national security, exacerbates poverty and promotes instability by diverting funds from health care, education and other basic services. The cruel effect of corruption is felt by millions of Nigerians. In recognition of this insurmountable task, one of the campaign promises of this administration during the 2015 elections was to aggressively clamp down on corruption by presenting a National Anti-corruption Strategy (NACS). Indeed, on July 5, 2017, the Federal Executive Council approved the NACS for the first time in the history of Nigeria as a Nation. The Strategy is an insight into the government's fight against corruption and a guide to all sectors and stakeholders' in the fight against corruption. This article shall give an overview of the NAC; it will give an analysis as to whether the NACS meets international best practice; and the role of relevant stakeholders in its implementation.

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