Agenda

08:30 – 09:00  Registration

09:00 – 09:30  Opening keynote address
Abdulrasheed Bawa, Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)
Chair: Dr Alex Vines OBE, Managing Director, Ethics, Risk and Resilience; Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House

09:30 – 11:00  Session 1: Implementing holistic anti-corruption efforts
• How can a multi-disciplinary approach aid the fight against corruption?
• How is the government mobilizing against corruption?
• What is the impact of trendsetters and integrity leaders on anti-corruption efforts?
• How can anti-corruption education be targeted for young people?
• How can multimedia and edutainment be used in anti-corruption efforts?
Professor Olatunde Babawale, Provost, Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN)
Jane Onwumere, Head, Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR)
Odeh Friday, Country Director, Accountability Lab Nigeria
Zainab Haruna, Programme Director, Step Up Nigeria
Ummi Yakubu, Creative Director, Griot Studios
Chair: Dr Leena Koni Hoffmann, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00  Session 2: Understanding multifaceted contextual factors of corruption
• What is the socio-economic context of corruption and what are the policy innovations to address it?
• What is the impact of corruption on issues of gender?
• How does religion shape beliefs and expectations of corruption?
• What is the impact of corruption in the education sector and how can this be addressed?
Dr Osasuyi Dirisu, Deputy Director, Policy Innovation Centre
Chioma Agwuegbo, Executive Director, TechHer Nigeria
Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah, Roman Catholic Diocese of Sokoto
Imam Bashir Mundi, Instructor, Department of Religion, University of Georgia
Azuka Ogugua, Deputy Director of Public Enlightenment and Education, Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
Chair: Oladayo Olaide, Deputy Director, Nigeria Office, MacArthur Foundation

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch
14:00 – 14:20  **Keynote address: Preparation, Process and Challenges for Nigeria’s 2023 Elections**

**Barrister Festus Okoye**, National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Managing Director, Ethics, Risk and Resilience; Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House

14:20 – 16:00  **Session 3: Report launch – Citizens’ participation in elections and vote-selling behaviour in Nigeria**

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**Dr Raj Navanit Patel**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Pennsylvania

**Discussants**

**Samson Itodo**, Founder, Yiaga Africa

**Ndi Kato**, Executive Director, Dinidari Africa

Chair: **Dr Freedom Onuoha**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

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**Biographies**

**Abdulrasheed Bawa, CFE, CAMS**, is the Executive Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). In this role, he has established a Department of Intelligence and introduced a financial crime reporting application, Eagle Eye, which was formally launched in July 2021 and is the first of its kind in Nigeria’s law enforcement history. In October 2021, under Mr Bawa’s leadership, EFCC hosted its first Pension Fraud Eradication Summit in Abuja, where stakeholders recommitted to taking measures to address all forms of fraud in the sector. Mr Bawa has held various positions at the EFCC since 2004, including Head of the Ibadan, Port Harcourt and Lagos Zonal Commands. He is a certified fraud examiner and between 2012–15, he led the investigation of a multi-billion-naira oil subsidy fraud. In June 2021, Mr Bawa represented Nigeria at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Corruption, UNGASS, where he presented the Nigerian Statement, calling on the international community to simplify the process of stolen assets tracing and return. Mr Bawa holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and a Master’s degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy, both from the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

**Dr Alex Vines** has led the Africa Programme at Chatham House since 2002 and became Managing Director for risk, ethics and resilience in 2019. He was a member of the Commonwealth Observer Group to Mozambique in 2019, and to Ghana in 2016, and a UN election officer in Mozambique in 1994 and Angola in 1992. He chaired the UN Panel of Experts on Côte d’Ivoire from 2005 to 2007 and was a member of the UN Panel of Experts on Liberia from 2001 to 2003. He has also worked at Human Rights Watch as a Senior Researcher on its Africa, Arms and Business and Human Rights programmes. Dr Vines is an Assistant Professor at Coventry University and sits on the editorial and advisory Boards for the South African Journal of International Affairs, Africa Review and the Journal of Southern African Studies. He is also a member of the board of EG Justice – an NGO focused on Equatorial Guinea and is on the advisory board of the John & Elnora Ferguson Centre for African Studies (JEFCAS) at the University of Bradford. Alex was awarded an OBE in 2008 in recognition of his work including founding and developing Chatham House’s Africa Programme and holds a PhD from Coventry University.

**Professor Gabriel Olatunde Babawale** is currently the Provost of the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria. He previously served as a member of the board of Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC), and as the Director/CEO of the Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization (CBAAC). He has held positions at the University of Lagos, including as Dean of
Students’ Affairs, Chairman of the Ford Foundation Grant Committee and General Secretary of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). Professor Babawale’s areas of specialization include political economy and international relations.

Jane Onwumere is the Head of the Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR), a leading agency in empirical based policy making and implementation of anti-corruption and governance initiatives.

Odeh Friday is Country Director of Accountability Lab in Nigeria where he is building a movement for active citizens and responsible leaders with a focus on behaviour change and making governance work. Odeh is a development expert with over 10 years of professional expertise working in Nigeria on transparency and accountability issues in government. Odeh holds a B.Sc. in Mathematics with a postgraduate diploma in Information Technology.

Zainab Haruna is the Programme Director at Step Up Nigeria where she supervises country-level operations and program implementation in different Nigerian states. For her work, Zainab interfaces with education stakeholders at the state and national level, leading advocacy and building consensus around anti-corruption education program and policy.

Ummi Yakubu is a multimedia developer by training and the Creative Director at Griot Studios. Ummi has worked on non-fictional narratives including ‘Gender & Urban Poverty’, a video series advocating for the rights of women and girls in the settlements surrounding the FCT, ‘Silent Tears’, a documentary on gender -based-violence in the FCT and ‘Uprooted’, a documentary that sheds light on changing gender norms and cultural practices as a result of the Boko Haram conflict. She is also the Executive Producer of ‘4th Republic’ a political thriller that addresses the importance of a strong and fair judiciary in a democracy, which is on both Netflix & Amazon Prime. Ummi holds a first degree in Interactive Multimedia & Design from Carleton University and a Master’s in Social Psychology from the University of Surrey.

Dr Leena Koni Hoffmann is an Associate Fellow of the Africa Programme and the lead researcher for the Social Norms and Accountable Governance (SNAG) project at Chatham House. She is also an honorary senior fellow of the Global EverGreening Alliance. From 2016 to 2020, she was a technical adviser to the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel and a Marie Curie research fellow at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) in 2013–15. Her research focuses on Nigeria’s political and social history; democracy, corruption and governance; cross-border cooperation and regional integration; and food security, trade and gender in West Africa.

Osasuyi Dirisu is currently Deputy Director at the Policy Innovation Centre and Senior Fellow at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group. Osasuyi leads a portfolio of work on the use of behavioral insights to improve accountability and transparency and to implement anticorruption interventions in Nigeria, funded by the MacArthur Foundation. She was formerly Research Director at the Population Council where she co-led the evaluation of Breakthrough ACTION’s Advocacy Core Group Model for Integrated Social Behavior Change (SBC) Programming in Nigeria. She also led the development of the National Gender Based Violence (GBV) Dashboard, an innovative platform for collation of validated, real-time GBV data in Nigeria for the EU-Spotlight Initiative.

Chioma Agwuegbu is Executive Director at TechHerNG, a community that demystifies technology for women and solves societal problems, especially those concerning women, through the application of technology. She is the convener of the State of Emergency GBV Movement, a coalition of 11 organizations igniting citizens to advocate for an urgent, comprehensive, and sustainable response to sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria. Chioma also serves on the boards of both Oxfam International and Plan International in Nigeria.

Matthew Hassan Kukah is the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto. He is currently the African Representative at the Advisory Council of the King Abduazeez International Centre for Interreligious & Intercultural Dialogue (KAIICID). He is the founder of the Abuja based, Kukah Centre for Faith and Public Policy and the convener of the National Peace Committee. Bishop Kukah is active in civil society, having served as a Member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue under three Popes and currently serving as a Member of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, Vatican City. He is the author of several books, including a 2022 publication: Broken Truths: Nigeria’s Elusive Quest for National Cohesion. He holds a PhD from the School of Oriental & African Studies, UK.

Bashir Mundi is a founding Board Member and former Chairman of the Development Initiative for West Africa (DIWA). He currently serves the West Cobb Islamic Center in the greater Atlanta area as Resident Imam. He is an Instructor at the University of Georgia, where he teaches an Introduction to the Western religious traditions. He is the Director of Administration at Inspire Academy, Abuja, and former Assistant Director of the Da’wah Institute of Nigeria, Islamic Education Trust, Minna, Nigeria. Bashir is a Fellow and Member, Board of Directors, of the Africa Leadership Initiative, West Africa (ALIWA), part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN). Bashir holds a bachelor’s degree in Physics with Computer Science from the Federal University of Technology, Minna, a Master’s degree in Religion from the University of Georgia, and is currently a PhD candidate in the same department.
Azuka C. Ogugua is the Deputy Director of Public Enlightenment & Education and Spokesperson to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). As Spokesperson, she is responsible for cultivating a positive image for ICPC through strategic media relations, managing publicity for the Commission’s activities, developing anti-corruption enlightenment programmes, website and social media management, and the implementation of other communication functions. Azuka is a certified Corruption Risk Assessor and a certified Management Trainer, with a Master's degree in Public Relations/Marketing from the University of Nigeria.

Oladayo Olaide is Deputy Director of the MacArthur Foundation’s Nigeria office. He is a non-profit expert and international development professional with vast experience designing and managing projects across diverse topics and issues, including accountability, anti-corruption, elections, democracy, natural resource governance, education, maternal health provision, and media support. He has vast experience working with government, media, civil society, academics, and professional associations. He holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands.

Barr. Festus Okoye Esq. is a Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and was appointed a National Commissioner of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in July 2018. He is currently the Chairman of Information and Voter Education Committee, supervising Anambra, Benue and Enugu states and serves as a Human Rights Ambassador of the National Human Rights Commission. Between 2016–18, he served as Alternate Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Election Working Group, as well as Chair of the NBA Election Working Group. During this time, he also worked as a Consultant to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the National Orientation Agency (NOA). Mr Okoye is a recipient of many awards, including Distinguished Leadership Award from the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) Nigeria, the Excellence Award from the Nigerian Bar Association, and the Human Rights Watch Award in the United States for courageous work in researching, monitoring and documenting human rights violations in Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) from the University of Jos and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1985, and undertook a Graduate Program in International Human Rights Law at the University of Minnesota as a Hubert Humphrey Fellow (HHF).

Dr Raj Navanit Patel is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and a core member of the Penn Center for Social Norms and Behavioural Dynamics. He is also a Social Norms Adviser for the Chatham House Africa Programme’s SNAG project. His research focuses on normative issues surrounding the provision of public goods in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. He previously worked at the US Department of Homeland Security. He holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge.

Samson Itodo is the Executive Director of Yiaga Africa, a civic organization whose mission is to promote democracy in Africa. Over the last decade, Samson has worked to promote electoral integrity, constitutional and electoral reforms and facilitate the inclusion of young people in politics. One of his most significant achievements has been the successful campaign #NotTooYoungToRun to lower the minimum age for elective office in Nigeria. He serves on the boards of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and the Kofi Annan Foundation. Currently, he also serves as the lead researcher on women and candidate recruitment in political parties in Africa for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD). He is currently engaged in the preparation of Nigeria’s medium-term development plan (2021–2025) and Nigeria’s Agenda 2050. Samson holds graduate and postgraduate degrees in Law, and he recently completed a Master of Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford.

Ndi Kato is an activist, politician and the Executive Director of Dinidari Foundation, an organization focused on women’s rights, human rights and the inclusion of women and youth in politics and governance.

Dr Freedom C. Onuoha is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, as well as Coordinator of the Security, Violence and Conflict (SVC) Research Group, at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Prior to joining the University in 2016, Dr Onuoha was the Head of the Department of Conflict, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Studies at the Centre for Strategic Research and Studies (CSRS), National Defence College, Abuja. His current teaching and research interests focus on diverse aspects of national and transnational security challenges, with emphasis on maritime security, violent extremism, terrorism, insurgency, violent conflict, organised crime, security sector reform, electoral violence, and state fragility. Dr Onuoha has over 100 publications to his credit, and he consults for several international, national and civil society organisations.

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