

The Communique

THE 16TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HEADS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES IN COMMONWEALTH AFRICA, YAOUNDE, CAMEROON

THEME:

Deploying Artificial Intelligence in the Fight Against Corruption in Commonwealth Africa

RESOLUTIONS

WE, the Heads and Representatives of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa, meeting at the 16th Commonwealth Regional Conference of Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Africa, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and organised in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, from 4th - 8th May 2026 in Yaounde, Cameroon:

NOTING with sincere appreciation the invaluable support and warm hospitality of the Government and people of Cameroon under the leadership of His Excellency President Paul Biya, and the efforts of the organising agency, the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Cameroon (CONAC) and the Inter-Ministerial Organising Committee for successfully organising and hosting the Conference;

THANKING the Commonwealth Secretariat and all partner institutions for their continued dedication and collaboration in convening this annual conference and promoting anti-corruption efforts across the Commonwealth Africa;

COMMENDING the diverse participation of stakeholders including State and Non-State Actors, Development Partners, Civil Society, the Private Sector, and International Agencies, whose contributions enriched discussions and strengthened partnerships;

RECOGNISING the relevance and need for governments to fully support the process of integrating Artificial Intelligence as a critical tool to combat corruption and financial crimes in Commonwealth Africa;

HAVING deliberated extensively on the following key topics and challenges, and reached consensus on advancing joint action and reforms to:

- a. Explore potential stakeholders for financial and technical assistance towards development and implementation of capacity building support in enhancing detection and investigation of corruption;
- b. Promote mutual cooperation in acceleration of digital transformation in public service delivery to promote transparency and accountability;
- c. Lobby governments to support strategic measures that embrace digital technologies to prevent corruption in public contracts and promote transparency in management of public finances;
- d. Enhance policy frameworks that promote effective civil means of recovery of State stolen Assets;
- e. Empower young people with meaningful tools in order for them to deploy AI and contribute towards building a culture of integrity;
- f. Promote mutual cooperation between State and Non-State actors to mitigate corruption risks in development;
- g. Devise mechanisms to improve the effectiveness, independence, and sustainability of Anti-Corruption Agencies;
- h. Enhance international cooperation to accelerate capabilities of Anti-Corruption Agencies to tackle corruption and build meaningful partnerships; and
- i. Build the capacities of anti-corruption workforce to effectively utilise the different forms of Artificial Intelligence to enhance evidence gathering in investigations and prosecution of corruption cases.

NOTING FURTHER the sharing of insightful, high-level knowledge and experiences, and welcoming the diversity of contributions that shaped the outcomes of this Conference;

The Conference confirms that the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Cameroon (CONAC) will assume the Chair of the Association of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa for the 2026 -2027 period.

The Conference confirms that The Republic of Kenya will host the 17th Commonwealth Regional Conference for Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Africa and Annual General Meeting in 2027, in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

DECLARED AND SIGNED THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 2026, IN

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON