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In the last year, Nigerian anti-corruption agencies have cumulatively recovered around USD \$3 billion. Internally, we have also carried out quite a lot of recoveries. It is principally because of the much more coordinated and focused recovery project put together by the Federal Government of Nigeria in collaboration with the partners in the Commonwealth and other regional bodies.

The Commonwealth Secretariat has been very focused and has given a lot of direction to the anti-corruption process in Nigeria. We are in a better position to understand this process because of having the shared values as being a member of the Commonwealth. This has really paid off because when we come to share experiences, we are talking with peer groups who also have the same process as we do.

Dr Roger Koranteng has been the force behind all the processes. He has brought in the kind of energy you would expect a team of persons putting together single-handedly. From 2011, when the Commonwealth Association of Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Africa came together, we have come to see him as a true coordinator. He inspires people to give beyond what they are capable of. We often think we have reached the zenith of our operations, when you speak with Koranteng, he draws new linkages and brings experts in areas you may have the need. I must say that he is an asset to the Commonwealth and, in fact, in Nigeria, we see him as a valued friend and asset who is easily accessible to us.