

UNITED YOUTH FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

participation

at

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

(Intersessional Meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on the Preparations for the Special Session of the General Assembly against Corruption UNGASS)

Date: 2 to 4th September, 2020

Venue: M-Plenary, M Building, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria.

BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE

In line with activities of United Youth for Growth and Development to monitor budgetary performance as it relates to constituency intervention projects (ZIPs) and special intervention projects (SIPs), the organization consider it important to equip itself with necessary tools and exposure that will makes the task easy for our field officers in one hand and makes our report in line with global practices on the other hand.

Therefore, the organisation applied for participation at the annual United National Office on Drugs and Crime Intersessional Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNGASS) and Briefing for Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on the Outcomes of the Review Process. The application was accepted and the organisation Executive Director, Mr. Adebiyi Wasiu Adebisi was penciled down to represent the organization at the conference.

Originally, the conference was planned to be in open and physical format at the Vienna International Conference Centre, Vienna, Austria but due to the advent of CoronaVirus (Covid-19) and closure of major airports that followed it, the conference was later changed to online format.

Mr. Adebiyi Wasiu Adebisi participated in this virtual format between 2nd to 4th September, 2020.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

More than 28 non governmental organisations across the globe participated in the conference and different sections were held on; technical assistance to fight corruption, information exchange, preventive measures, international cooperations, assets recovery and inter-agency collaboration to fight corruption among others.

Speakers from the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Government of Austria through the Department of Justice gave different insights on the best way to tackle corruption especially in third world countries. The roles of civil societies and non governmental organisations in combating crime and corruption vices in their various localities were critically examined, laid bare and highlighted as contained in the United Nations statutes.

SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE

- 1. Each State parties, actors and non governmental organisations shall take the necessary measures, including legislative and administrative measures in accordance with fundamental principles of its domestic laws, to ensure the implementation of its obligations under this Convention. This should be done in collaboration with each States anti corruption fight agencies in their respective countries.
- 2. Each State parties, actors and non governmental organisations should adopt more strict or soft measures in accordance to their various localities for preventing and combating corruption.
- 3. Periodic engagement, collaboration and information sharing among States, anti corruption agencies and non governmental organizations in order to achieve the needed result especially at the local level.

CONCLUSION

The conference is both revealing and expository in nature because it gives the needed information, peer review platform among various actors and rich online materials to be used to fight corruption at the grassroots level.

This conference will no doubt help our organisation to have an efficient constituency and special intervention projects tracking in this 2020 fiscal year. The result of this will be made public by the second week of January, 2021.