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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Monthly Transparency Watch, where we highlight ongoing efforts to promote accountability, transparency and good governance through out Nigeria. Enhanced transparency boosts public trust, contributes to economic growth and development, and empowers citizens to engage in decision making processes and hold their leaders accountable.

As we remain committed to promoting transparency and accountability in governance, here's something you should know: your unwavering support is our driving force. Thank you for your continued support. We invite you to explore the stories, insights and observations we've shared and remember to stay the course.

CEFTPI AT COSP11: CLOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION GAP IN SUB-NATIONAL INTEGRITY

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The Center for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity (CeFTPI) recently hosted a high-impact side event at the 11th Conference of the States Parties (COSP11) in Doha, Qatar. The session focused on the critical challenge of translating ambitious national anti-corruption policies into concrete local action.

Corruption is felt most acutely at the sub-national level—in local infrastructure contracts, municipal licensing, and the delivery of essential health and education services. Our session brought together global experts to discuss how to bridge this “implementation gap.”

Key Highlights & Takeaways:

1. The Power of Partnerships: Multi-stakeholder collaboration between governments, civil society, and international partners is essential to prioritize sub-national integrity.
2. Risk Mitigation: Experts from Nigeria's ICPC shared insights on identifying and categorizing corruption risks to implement targeted prevention measures.
3. Digital Tools for Accountability: Panelists explored the necessity of digital fiscal transparency and the use of technology to monitor public service delivery at the local level.
4. Measuring Success: Beyond arrest numbers, the discussion highlighted the need for specific KPIs at the sub-national level to measure the actual reduction of corruption risks.

Featured Panelists:

We were honored to be joined by representatives from:

- Transparency International, Sri Lanka (TI-SL)
- Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria (CSD-BG)
- Strength in Diversity Development Centre, Nigeria (SiDDC-NG)
- UNODC, Nigeria (UNODC-NG)
- Independent Corrupt and Other Related Offences Commission, Nigeria (ICPC-NG)

A Call to Action: Integrity at the national level is only as strong as its weakest local link. We call on all State Parties and civil society partners to prioritize the development of robust sub-national integrity frameworks.

THE CENTER STANDS UNITED WITH YOUTH AGAINST CORRUPTION ON INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2025.

Today, the Center for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity (CeFTPI) stands united with young people in the fight against corruption. In commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day 2025, CeFTPI convened a high-impact programme under the theme "Uniting with Youth against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity."

In the welcome address, Oluchi Eze, Programme Manager of the Center reaffirmed CeFTPI's commitment to empowering young people as critical stakeholders in Nigeria's anti-corruption ecosystem. She emphasized that integrity must be nurtured early and sustained through civic education, youth inclusion, and institutional transparency. She further encouraged the young people in attendance were encouraged to see themselves not only as beneficiaries of reform, but as active drivers of accountability, innovation, and ethical leadership within their communities and institutions.

The programme brought together young people; the change agents and leaders of tomorrow, alongside civil society organizations committed to shaping a future anchored on transparency, accountability, and good governance.

The Executive Director of the Center delivered the keynote address, highlighting the pivotal role of the youths in dismantling entrenched corruption systems. It underscored that corruption is not inevitable, but a consequence of weak values, poor accountability, and silence. The keynote challenged young people to reject complacency, leverage technology and data, demand openness from public institutions, and lead by example in both public and private spaces. Strong emphasis was placed on collective action, ethical courage, and the power of youth-led movements to transform governance and rebuild public trust.

Corruption thrives in silence and is sustained by choices. Today, we choose to speak out, to organize, and to stand firmly against corruption in all its forms. The message from today's engagement is clear: when young people lead and unite, corruption has nowhere to hide.

Together, CeFTPI, young people, and civil society partners will continue to build a resilient culture of transparency, accountability and integrity, shaping a future where ethical leadership defines tomorrow.

THE CENTER PARTICIPATES IN CRITICAL DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCING AT THE 11TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO UNCAC (COSP11) IN DOHA, QATAR.



At the 11th Session of the Conference of States Parties to UNCAC (COSP11) in Doha, Qatar, The Center participated in critical discussions on political party financing, one of the most persistent threats to good governance in Nigeria.

In Nigeria, undisclosed political financing fuels a cycle where financial sponsors are repaid with contracts and influence, harming both governance and development.

To break this cycle, we've urged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to implement these actionable pillars:

- 1. Digital Transparency and Real-time Disclosure**
- 2. Bolstering Regulatory Enforcement and Auditing Capacity:** A Special Electoral Finance Monitoring Unit (SEFMU) and active collaboration with EFCC, ICPC, and FIRS
- 3. Legislative and Policy Advocacy:** Harmonizing donation limits to curb undue influence.

Transparent political financing is the bedrock of public integrity. At the Center, we are committed to ensuring these global standards are enforced at home, so governance serves citizens and not personal interests.

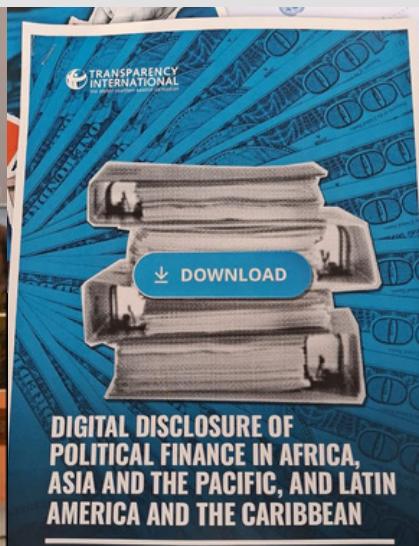
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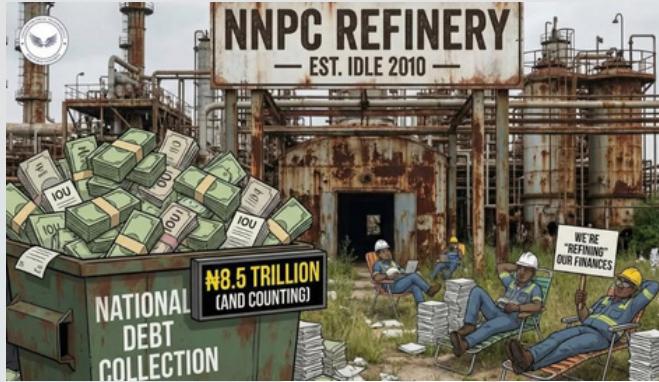
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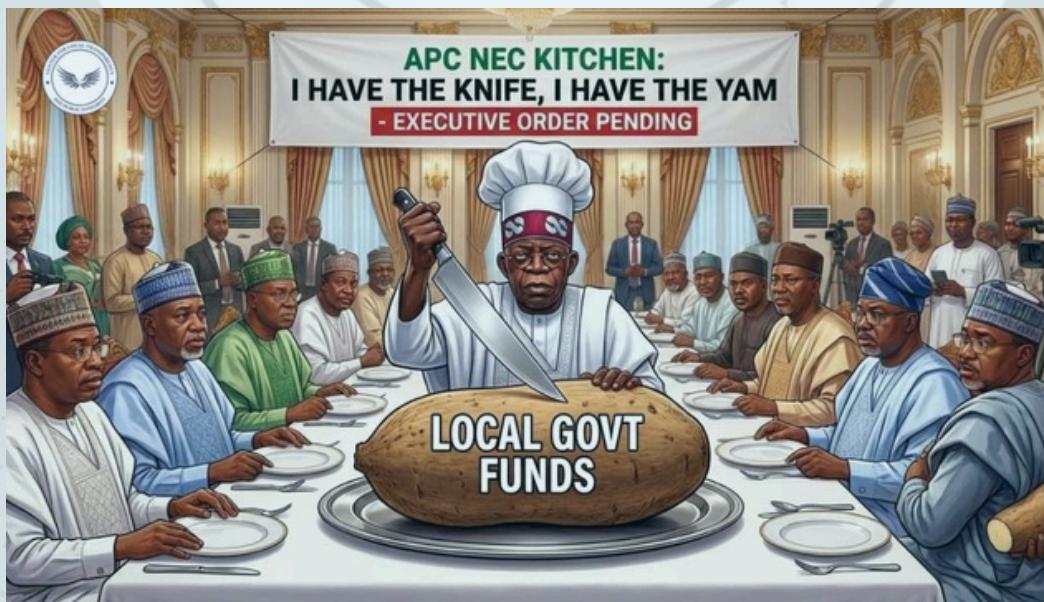




The pipes are dry, the tanks are rust,
 A towering monument to broken trust.
 While billions flow for "upkeep" fees,
 Eight trillion spent to keep them still—
 The world's most expensive empty bill.



The Real Estate Vibe
 They spent sixty million with greatest
 of ease, On a lovely estate made totally
 of breeze. "You can't see the land!" the
 Commandant cried, "It's a conceptual
 plot where the Naira hide!"

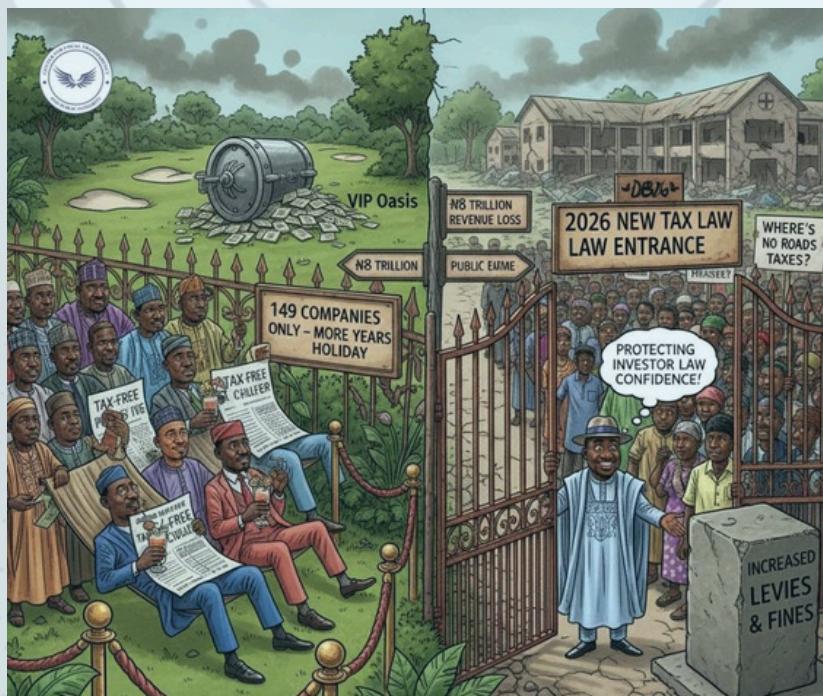




In the land where the "Naira-rain" never stops, The laundry is done without detergent or mops. Just a golden machine and a mountain of notes, And a handful of "brothers" in very fine coats. GIABA is shouting, "The cash is a trail!" But the Frat is too busy setting the sail. Why use a bank with a digital trace, When you can dive in a pool of bills with such grace?

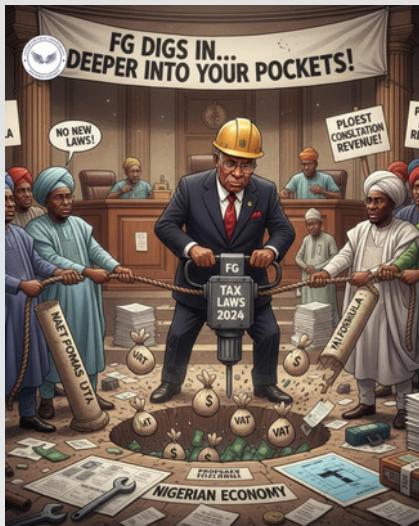
It's "Cash is the King" and the King is a blur, In a robe made of twenties and fine-polished fur. They're cleaning the stains of a suspicious deal, With a spin cycle made of a big golden wheel.

The taxman knocks on every door, but for some, he brings an N 8 trillion of tax free bliss.

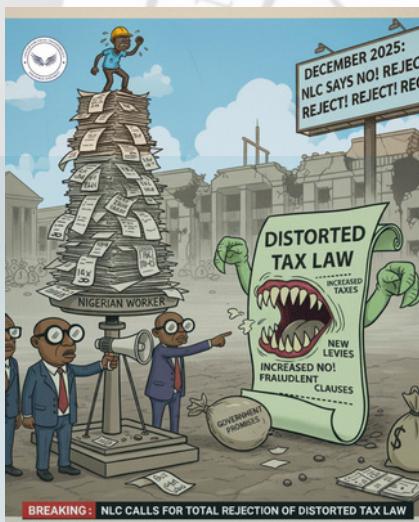


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"The government is digging for gold in your pockets, but all they'll find is a hole and a lint-covered socket."



When the government says the new tax law is "balanced," but the balance sheet is literally trying to eat you alive.



When the House realizes the tax bill has more 'errors' than a student who didn't study, all because the citizens turned up the volume.

THE CENTER ATTENDS A SESSION ON DIGITAL TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENCY IN PROCUREMENT AT COSP11.



The Center for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity (CeFTPI) participated in a session on Digital Tools for Transparency in Public Procurement at COSP11. The session explored the role of technology and data-driven solutions in strengthening procurement oversight, reducing corruption risks, and enhancing accountability in public spending.

The Center has been at the forefront of developing innovative transparency tools, including the Deep Scan Procurement Integrity Platform, designed to monitor and assess transparency in public procurement processes, and the Transparency and Integrity Index (TII), which evaluates institutional integrity and governance standards. These tools exemplify our commitment to leveraging technology to promote openness, strengthen accountability mechanisms, and support evidence-based reforms.

Through engagements such as COSP11, CeFTPI continues to advance its mission of building a transparent, accountable, and integrity-driven governance framework in Nigeria.

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