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UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee Elections

Candidate Nomination and Self-Nomination Form 2024

**** Nominations must be received by
Wednesday, 22 May 2024, end of the day ****

Please send applications and any questions regarding the elections or the role and responsibilities of CCC members to the Coalition's Vienna Hub: info@uncaccoalition.org

The list of members is available at <https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/members-list/>.
The current list of CCC members is available at: <https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/coordination-committee/>

Part I: To be completed by those self-nominating and those nominating another member

Nominated organization's name: HEDA Resource Centre
Name of nominated organization's representative: Mr Olanrewaju Suraju
Nominated organization's e-mail: info@hedang.org
Nominated organization's website: www.hedang.org
Nominated organization's country: Nigeria
Name and organization of individual nominating (if this is not a self-nomination):
Which seat are you nominating for? Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Seat
The seats up for election are: (a) Americas Regional Seat; (b) Europe Regional Seat 1; (c) South Asia Regional Seat; (d) Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Seat 1; (e) International Member Organization Seat 1.

Part II: To be completed by those self-nominating; if this is not a self-nomination, the UNCAC Coalition will follow up with the nominee to obtain the below information

Organization profile (200 words)

Please provide a **200-word profile of the nominated organization, including link to its website**, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

<https://hedang.org/>

Human and Environmental Development Agenda (**HEDA Resource Centre**) is a non-governmental and non-partisan human rights and development league. It has mandate to defend, protect and promote universally recognised human rights and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with international standards. These objectives are pursued through research and publications, campaigns, human rights education and empowerment projects and programmes.

At HEDA we recognize that there can be no sustainable economic development outside the democratic context and in an environment that is constantly pervaded with corruption and bribery. Thus the organization also focuses on programs to sustain democracy based on accountability and participatory governance in the country.

Vision

HEDA envisions a continent where every citizen, irrespective of their locations and situations are entitled to their fundamental human rights as recognised by local, regional and international treaties, norms and instruments.

Mission

The Human and Environmental Development Agenda purport to serve as a centre for environment and human rights studies. It is to conduct and promote research and education, and collect relevant materials on all human rights issues with an aim to enhance and distribute the knowledge on environment and human rights to all Hard-to-reach.

Organization experience (200 words)

Please provide **an overview of the nominated organization's experience in the UNCAC Coalition and its UNCAC-related activities**, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

HEDA's membership of the coalition dates to 2017. HEDA collaborated with the coalition to organise side event at the Conference State Parties and has remained active member of the coalition till date. The nominee was appointed the Chair of the Steering Committee of the Coalition on illicit Financial Flows and remains in that capacity as at the time of this

application. HEDA has consistently created platforms at the national and international levels to promote UNCAC and its principles on compensating victims of corruption, recovery of illicit assets and finances, and promotion of civil society engagement of State Actors in the fight against corruption. Last year 2023, HEDA began a National Anti-Corruption Conference which brings together government officials, Anti-Corruption Agencies, CSOs and other stakeholders to discuss and profer recommendations on advancing the fight against corruption in Nigeria. This conference preceded HEDA's Anti-Corruption Situation Room (ACSR) which began in 2017 and currently is in its 35th edition. The ACSR is a platform of bringing together stakeholders to promote the schematic areas of UNCAC domestically. HEDA also publish annually a compendium of 100 high profile corruption cases in Nigeria to shame public office holders who had stolen from public coffer.

Please list your **top 3 priorities** for the Coalition what you would like to achieve as a CCC Member:

1. Illicit assets prevention by countries of destination.
2. Involving and empowering sub-national institutions in fight against corruption.
3. Increasing north-south collaboration of NGOs in the fight against corruption and illicit assets recovery.

Profile of candidate (200 words)

Please provide a **200-word profile of the person who will represent the nominated organization and a photograph (submitted attached)** for circulation to Ordinary Members. In addition, you may also include a link to a video profiling the candidate and organization:

Suraju Olanrewaju is the Chairman of HEDA Resource Centre and Civil Society Network against Corruption (CISNAC), leading over 150 anti-corruption organizations in Nigeria. He's a pivotal figure in fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships and networks across Africa on issues of good governance, human rights, and sustainable development. Suraju holds postgraduate diplomas and certificates in development studies and resource management from esteemed institutions worldwide. With extensive knowledge of Nigeria's human rights and governance landscape, he consults on transparency and accountability in government.

Suraju has authored nearly 500 petitions exposing corruption and advocating for transparency at all levels of government. His relentless efforts led to the removal of corrupt judges and prosecution in high-profile cases like the Malabu deal. Despite facing victimization, notably an attack on his family by PEPs in 2022, Suraju remains undeterred

in his pursuit for justice. He has represented Nigeria internationally, speaking at seminars and conferences on stolen asset recovery and anti-corruption initiatives. He also conveyed a side-event at CoSP 10 to the UNCAC in Atlanta, USA in collaboration with Club de Madrid. Suraju's dedication to combating corruption and promoting accountability has earned recognition from local agencies and international partners, cementing his reputation as a formidable anti-corruption advocate.

Contributions you will make to the work of the Coalition (max 100 words)

Please provide a brief description of how you are planning to contribute to the work of the UNCAC Coalition, e.g. detailing specific issue expertise, experiences and perspectives you would like to bring to contribute, and how the work at your organization links to a role on the board of the Coalition.

HEDA under the leadership of the nominee has pioneered collaboration between the organisation and its northern partners in the tracing and petitioning for the recovery of over \$500 million worth of illicit assets from Nigeria PEPs in US and UK. The organisation was the only southern NGO in collaboration with over 10 investigation and advocacy for the recovery of \$1.3b oil licence obtained by major oil companies under a suspicious and corrupt circumstances. These experiences and others involving capacity enhancement of State and Non-state Actors, networking for maximum impacts, and Illicit Assets tracing will be share with the board.

Part III: Declaration of Interests

Each candidate to the CCC shall fill out and submit this Declaration of Interest form no later than one week prior to the CCC election and submit it jointly with their candidacy. Once elected, CCC members commit to keep such declarations updated. To that effect, they will be required to explicitly confirm that their respective register is still current or to update it ahead of every in-person CCC meeting and any CCC meeting with agenda items where a conflict of interest may arise (i.e. decisions on contracts, consultancies, etc.).

The completed declarations will be published on the UNCAC Coalition website following explicit consent from the respective individual, in conformity with applicable GDPR provisions.

Name	Olanrewaju Suraju
Date of election/ of appointment	
Submitted/ last updated	15 th May 2024

Name of your primary employer¹	HEDA Resource Centre
Name of any other employers or major clients² over the past two years	Nil
Name of organisations on which Board or Board committees you currently serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member, HEDA Resource Centre • Member, National Judicial Council Committee on Monitoring of Corruption and Financial Crimes Trials 2017 to date • Board Member, Global Witness, United Kingdom 2021 to date • Board Member, Protection International Africa, Kenya 2022 to date • Co-chairman, Africa regional sub-committee for campaign for the creation of IACC 2024 - date • Committee member, Nigeria Coalition on International Criminal Court, 2003 to date • Chairman, Civil Society Network Against Corruption (CSNAC), Jan 2013 to date
Name of any business(es), organization(s) or entities in which you have a significant	Nil

¹ Wherever appropriate, please provide an adequate level of detail (such as the jurisdiction companies or organisations are registered in, possibly also the employer's website) so that the information provided here is sufficient to help document relevant interests.

² Major clients are individuals or organisations that provided for 10% or more of the declaring individual's income over the past two years.

financial investment or other vested financial interest³	
Any interests of close relatives⁴ that may be relevant to the Coalition's work	Nil
Any other interest you believe necessary to declare: relevant (non-) remunerated roles and positions, memberships, etc.	Nil

Please note: if in a discussion of the Coalition Coordination Committee (whether in person, teleconference, or otherwise), an unanticipated and undeclared interest arises, you must notify the Chair and comply with CCC's decision concerning your (non-)participation in the relevant CCC agenda item.

By submitting this form, you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, the information in the form is current, complete and accurate. By submitting the form, you also acknowledge and pledge to comply with the Coalition's Ethical Guidelines and Policy on Conflicts of Interests, Gifts and Anti-Corruption and also consent to the publication of this document on the UNCAC Coalition website.

Nigeria, 15th May 2024



Place, date

Signature

³ More than 10% ownership or controlling position, or investment of more than 5% of his/her total assets.

⁴ *Close relatives* includes mother, father, siblings, children, spouse, first degree cousins.