



*African Parliamentarians' Network Against Corruption
Réseau des Parlementaires Africains contre la Corruption*

APNAC 2018 BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING (BGM)

“The role of the Parliamentarians in the fight against Corruption, in achieving the SDGs in Africa”

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COMMUNIQUE

The African Parliamentarians’ Network Against Corruption, at its Biennial General Meeting of March 17-18, 2018 in Accra, Ghana; hosted by APNAC-Ghana and financed by Ghana, under the theme: *“The role of the Parliamentarians in the fight against Corruption, in achieving the SDGs in Africa, and paving the way for the sustainability and the future of APNAC;”*

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report (April 2015 - March 2018) and the Financial Statements (July 2014 – March 2018) of the APNAC Secretariat, **COMMENDS** its efforts, and **RECOGNISES** the challenge of resourcing the activities of the Network.
2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the report of the APNAC Board Meeting of September 2016 in Nairobi and **ENDORSES** its recommendation to raise the APNAC subscription fee to USD 1,000 per national chapter per year to support the work of the Secretariat.
3. **AGREES** to reenergize the Network and re-strategize to effectively combat corruption.
4. **STRONGLY URGES** that each National Chapter engages the Speaker of that parliament on the proposal for budgetary allocation from Parliament to support APNAC national level activities.

5. **STRESSES** that a parliament is as strong as its committees and **CALLS UPON** all Parliaments in Africa to strengthen their parliamentary committees to enhance the execution of Parliament oversight.
6. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** about reports and perceptions of increasing corruption in Africa including parliaments and **CALLS UPON** all relevant institutions and stakeholders to work towards reducing the cost of getting elected into African Parliaments, in order to reduce the risk of corruption in African Parliaments.
7. **WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the decision of the African Union of adopting the theme for 2018 as “**Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation,**” and urges the Secretariat to continue and deepen its collaboration with the work of the AU 2018 project.
8. **RECOGNISES** the urgent need to work in partnership in the fight against corruption and **URGES** the Secretariat to network further and formalise all relevant partnerships.
9. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the support that APNAC-Ghana has offered to sustain the Secretariat since 2014.
10. **EXPRESSES PROFOUND GRATITUDE** to the Speaker of the Ghanaian Parliament and the Government and the People of Ghana for the warm reception accorded the delegates and the resource persons.

The Participants at the 2018 BGM

Accra, 18 March 2018

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