



# HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

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Professor Bolaji Owasanoye SAN  
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and  
Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)  
Plot 802, Constitution Avenue  
Zone A9, Central Business District  
Federal Capital Territory  
Abuja



Dear Sir,

## RE: ALLEGATION AGAINST THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA ON CORRUPTION BY HIS BROTHER JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

We write on the above subject matter as a leading Anti-Corruption Organization in Nigeria and Non-partisan Human Rights and Development league with the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, public accountability, transparency and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with International best standards.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2022, it was widely reported that the Chief Justice of Nigeria; Hon. Justice Ibrahim Tanko responded to some allegations of corruption, maladministration and incompetence levelled against him by his brother Justices of the Supreme Court.<sup>1</sup>

It is unarguable that the Judiciary is the last hope of the helpless and its Judges are only meant to be heard and not seen. However, these allegations made by fellow Justices of the apex Court against the Chief Justice of Nigeria cannot be overlooked as it is weighty and must be diligently investigated by the Commission in order protect that vital institution.

According to the allegations and public knowledge before now, the budget of the Judiciary is allegedly operated between the CJN and Registrar of the Court with little knowledge or involvement of the justices of the Court promoting opacity, discrimination, favouritism and corruption in the management of the judiciary and more importantly its resources. Coming from the recent revelations of abuse of office with respect to funds of the judiciary by the penultimate CJN and

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.newsexpressngr.com/news/157215-Chief-Justice-of-Nigeria-breaks-silence-on-Justices-petition-him-accusing-him-of-corruption-maladministration-and-incompetence>

allegation of the current CJN traveling abroad with wives and children while on official assignments, it is only necessary for your Commission to commence investigation into the budgetary allocation, utilization and process of the judiciary with a view to sanitization of that critical arm of government

We thank you while looking forward to a diligent investigation and action on this petition as you are assured of our usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olanrewaju Suraju', written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a large flourish that loops back to the left.

**Mr Olanrewaju Suraju**  
**Chairman**