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On 29-30 November, members of the Inter-Agency Anti-Corruption Task Team, Economic Community of West Africa and (ECOWAS), The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) convened a Roundtable on Ethical Conduct of Business labeled **“Mobilizing the Business Community against Corruption: Priorities of the private sector in the fight against corruption”**

The two day event is aimed at creating greater awareness and support for the 7 anti-corruption business principles that were developed by a group of business associations and public sector agencies with the support of UNODC, UNIDO and the government of The Netherlands. In December 2009, the principles were endorsed by the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, the United Nations Global Compact, the Institute of Directors and Business Action against Corruption.

The roundtable discussion created a forum for the business community to make inputs to the first ever national anti-corruption strategy that is being developed by the Inter – Agency Task Team (IATT) composed of 20 anti- corruption agencies in Nigeria.

The representative of UNODC's Country Representative, the Senior Project coordinator Dr. Oliver Stolpe called for the adoption and adherence of the business principles by all businesses in the country to help make Nigeria a more attractive market for all.

In his keynote address, Alhaji (Dr) Bamanga Tukur CON stated that corruption has become cancerous and needs to be dealt with decisively.

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