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AFRICAN UNION ADVISORY BOARD ON CORRUPTION

Presents

Anti-Corruption Youth Essay Competition:

“How to make corruption unattractive in Africa”.

Are you an African youth concerned about corruption on the continent?
Have you or anyone close to you been a victim of corruption?
Do you believe your future is in any way threatened by corrupt practices?
Would you want your voice to be heard on the issue of corruption?
And do you have a passion for writing?

Then you should seriously consider participating in this year's '**Anti-Corruption Youth Essay Competition**,' organized by the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUABC). This is within the framework of festivities to mark the tenth anniversary of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC) which include the annual International Anti-corruption week, which is a major item in the Regional Anticorruption Programme for Africa, developed by the UNECA, in collaboration with the AUABC.

The Regional Anti-corruption Program for Africa aims at up scaling the fight against corruption on the continent with a view to ensuring a corruption free, better governed and economically prosperous African continent.

As you are well aware, corruption negatively affects all segments and groups in society, particularly the youth, who constitute the majority in many African countries. This essay



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competition is therefore intended to serve two main purposes: to establish the level of awareness, among African youths of the manifestations and impact of corruption; and to provide a platform for African youths to present their perspectives on the causes, manifestations and impact of corruption and corrupt practices.

This year's theme is ***"How to make corruption unattractive in Africa"*** if you have a story or an experience to share relating to this theme, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to make your submission and let your voice count.

The authors of the best three essays will be flown to Arusha the AUABC host city for festivities to mark the tenth anniversary of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC) which include the 2013 annual International Anti-corruption week, to directly take part in the festivities. More significantly, the five leading authors will participate in a final competition, during which they will make oral presentations (of their essays) to a panel of judges, who will select the three top winners who will then receive special awards from African dignitaries and officials in attendance.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must reside in an African country
- Applicants must be currently attending in Bachelor or equivalent level
- Essays must be between 4-7 pages long (single line spacing)
- Submissions must be the unaided work of applicants
- Submissions should be either in English or French
- Applicants must be willing and fit to travel

To submit an entry:

Email your essay with your name, age, university or training school, country of origin, and contact information (email address, telephone number) to: **Emmanuel ATENGA** (e-mail: atengae@auanticorruption.org).

The deadline for submission is: 15th October 2013 _____