

**AUDIT SECTION WORKPLAN
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ABBREVIATIONS

AuGF	Auditor General of the Federation
BOF	Budget Office of the Federation
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
FOI	Freedom of Information
FRA	Fiscal Responsibility Act
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government
MOFBNP	Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning
NASS	National Assembly
NSCIA	Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs
PFM	Public Finance Management

Target	Issues	Action Point	Timeline and Responsibility
CWP AUDIT SECTION	Defining the membership of the Section Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up and inaugurate a defined section on the Citizens Wealth Platform (CWP) (including CSOs, the media, professional groups, etc) focusing on audit issues with a view to mainstreaming the agenda of enacting the Federal Audit Reform Bill into law; advocacy for audit reforms and holding duty bearers to account. • Draft a comprehensive workplan and validate at the first meeting of CWP 	Immediately, within the first month of commencing activities; to be done by programme manager and programme officer
	Audit Reform Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up an electronic mail listserv to discuss audit reform issues as they arise on a daily basis. • Start the preparation of monthly newsletters through generating articles, empowerment materials from programme staff and members of CWP Audit Section. 	Immediately, within the first month of commencing activities. From month 3; both activities to be coordinated/done by programme manager and programme officer
	Advocacy Strategy Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a Consultant to produce a draft comprehensive Advocacy Strategy. • Circulate the Strategy for inputs and finally validate at a Stakeholder Workshop. • Disseminate the validated Strategy to all Stakeholders for implementation. 	Programme Personnel and consultant working together before the end of the second month.
	Media Engagement in the Print and Electronic Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare opinion articles and reviews of audit reform issues using fit and hood practices to promote audit reforms. 	Articles and reviews to be prepared by programme staff, other CSJ personnel and members of the audit

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare key highlights of workshop and other programme activities for dissemination to the print and electronic media. • Arrange for appearances on radio and television to discuss audit reform issues. 	<p>section of the CWP from CSOs, the media and professional groups on an ongoing basis generating at least 4 articles per month.</p> <p>CSJ staff to prepare key highlights of workshop and other activities for dissemination within one week after the event.</p> <p>Appearances in print and electronic media to be arranged by programme staff at least 4 times a month.</p>
	Engagement in Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify issues for Bursts in Twitter, Facebook and other social media; discuss and circulate with members of CWP and fix dates for sessions. • Follow up with analytics to determine the reach of the engagements. 	Programme staff of CSJ, influencers and members of CWP. This is to be done not less than twice every month provided that urgent issues are dealt with as they arise. This may lead to more than two Bursts sessions every month.
	Capacity building for Audit Section of CWP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare curriculum for workshops and TORs for resource persons. • Organise workshop and prepare relevant reports 	Programme staff in collaboration with members of Audit section of CWP.
	Freedom of Information and Enforcement Proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate the 2016 Federal Audit Report to all CWP Audit Section members. • Identify violations and infractions that can be remedied through FOI and 	Programme staff and CWP members and not less than 4 cases every month.

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		<p>enforcement proceedings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send out FOI requests and other commencement activities for enforcement proceedings. 	
	Getting Audit Findings 2014 - 2016 in the Public Domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare infographic and simplified versions of Audit Reports 2014-2016. Analysis of key issues arising from the 2014-2016 Audit Report. Disseminate the infographics and simplified versions using print, electronic and social media. 	Programme personnel, consultants and CWP members starting from Month 6.
	Audit Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise audit roundtable involving CSOs, media, MDAs, PAC and AuGF to discuss analysis and issues arising from AuGF's 2014-2016 Audit Report. 	Programme personnel, consultants and CWP members at Month 7.
ANTI CORRUPTION COALITIONS	Enlarge Support base for Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share work programme, establish linkages and involve other anti-corruption and Public Finance Management (PFM) coalitions and networks in audit reforms to increase the numbers and pressure for acceleration of reforms. 	Programme personnel, CWP members at Month 4.
AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION	Advocacy Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Advocacy Visits to Auditor General of the Federation (AuGF). Prepare briefs and talking points for each advocacy visit and share with the team for the visit. 	<p>Programme staff in collaboration with selected members of CWP based on the indication of interest done at the Work Plan meeting.</p> <p>AuGF visit to be done within the first two months of project commencement.</p>

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	Funding of the AuGF's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for improved funding of the office of the AuGF through the preparation of a Policy Brief and follow up activities. 	Programme staff, CWP members based on indication of interest.
	Compliance and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Compliance Assessment Reporting Template and Guidelines. • Validate the Template at a Stakeholders Meeting. • Distribute Template to MDAs and follow up to collect filled Templates on a bi-monthly basis. • Assess and evaluate the responses from the templates for scoring and reporting 	Programme personnel, Consultant CWP members and the AuGF starting from Month 3.
	Audit Performance Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise Audit Performance Award Night for MDAs. • Ensure heavy media coverage. 	Programme personnel, Consultant CWP members and the AuGF starting from Month 3. The Media will be heavily involved.
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	Advocacy Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Advocacy Visits to Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Key officials of the National Assembly (NASS), etc. 	NASS members will be visited as soon as the Committees are constituted and NASS members come back from 2019 mid-year
	Meetings of PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend meetings of PAC to monitor proceedings and where feasible, make contributions for remedial action to the Committee. 	Programme personnel and CWP members who have indicated interest in attending. This should start from the end of month 4 considering that the new PAC needs to start work before the visits.
	Federal Audit Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare the Audit Reform Bill based on 	Programme personnel and CWP

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	Commission Bill/Audit Reform Bill	<p>the bill passed by the Eight NASS which did not receive presidential assent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy/Lobby for the gazetting of the bill. • Follow up advocacy for the enactment of the bill by NASS including a memorandum to be sent to all members of NASS. • Engage legislative advisers, chief of staff, etc. to get greater insights on how to approach their principals. 	members starting from Month 4.
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND NATIONAL PLANNING/ BUDGET OFFICE OF THE FEDERATION (BOF)	Increased funding of the office of the AuGF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with Policy Brief and advocacy on the need for increased funding of the AuGF to ensure that the AuGF enjoys priority in the funding matrix. • Ensure the inclusion of critical audit reforms in the successor plan to the Economic Reform and Growth Plan (ERGP). 	Programme personnel and members of the CWP including the media starting from Month 6.
BODY OF AUDITOR GENERALS	Increased support, visibility and replicability of reforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage the Body of Auditor-Generals consisting of the Federal and State AuGFs. Use policy briefs, literature generated by the programme, etc 	Programme personnel and CWP members starting from Month 4.
NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE	Increasing support, visibility and replicability of reforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage the National Working Committee of the All Peoples Congress (APC) and 	Programme personnel and CWP members starting from Month 4.

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OF LEADING POLITICAL PARTIES		the Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) using policy briefs, literature generated by the programme, etc	
MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDAS) OF GOVERNMENT	Poor compliance with audit recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagements through policy briefs, letters, advocacy visits and FOI. 	Programme personnel and CWP members starting from Month 4 until the end of the programme
	Poor response to audit queries and late submission of financial reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagements through policy briefs, letters, advocacy visits and FOI. 	Programme personnel and CWP members starting from Month 4 until the end of the programme.
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	Increased support, visibility and replicability of reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage Professional Associations with policy briefs, literature generated by the programme, etc. Advocacy visits, review of literature before publication, support to the Bill, etc Ensure that they become part of the CWP Audit Section. 	Programme staff and CWP members starting from month 3 and throughout the duration of the programme.
CAN AND NSCIA	Increased support, visibility and replicability of reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) through advocacy visit, etc to support audit reforms. 	On an ongoing and continuous basis by programme personnel and CWP members.
THE MEDIA INCLUDING THE NON-MEMBERS OF CWP	Reportage of Audit Infractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and unrelenting reporting on audit infractions focussing attention on 2014-2017. Media not to allow these issues to be 	Programme personnel, CWP members especially members from the media and other media personnel to be engaged for the reform agenda.

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AUDIT SECTIONS		swept under the carpet	
	Focussing on the Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the sections of the bill throwing up its benefits for the economy and the fight against corruption. • Keeping the Bill in the front burner of national discourse and setting agenda for change on a continuous basis. 	
	Agenda Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive and unrelenting reporting 	Media not to allow audit issues to be swept under the carpet and to set agenda for change - on a continuous basis.
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION	Support to the Bill during public hearings and at the stage of Assent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy visit to the Attorney General of the Federation to get his support and buy-in. • Ensure he gets all policy briefs and literature generated by the project 	Programme personnel and CWP members who have indicated interest in attending. This should start from the end of month 4.