



**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**REJOINDER:**

**“EOCO HAS FAILED IN CORRUPTION FIGHT – OSAFO MARFO”**

The attention of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) has been drawn to a news item on Star FM that says the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) has failed in its efforts to fight corruption; attributing this assertion to the Senior Minister, Mr. Yaw Osafo-Maafa.

Mr. Yaw Osafo-Maafa reportedly made this statement at the launch of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition’s (GACC) Strategic Plan on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the offices of EOCO. As the organizers of the programme, it is our duty to clarify statements made on our platform, where necessary.

The Senior Minister was pointing to the significance of the choice of venue – GACC’s Strategic Plan to fight corruption being launched at the premises of EOCO, an anti-corruption institution. He went further to state that EOCO was set up specifically to fight corruption, and then offered the assessment that we collectively as a country have not succeeded in the fight against corruption. Mr. Osafo-Maafa then reminded EOCO that as part of the collective efforts by various players including state organizations, civil society and the citizenry, they had a role to play in the anti-corruption fight.

It should be explicitly pointed out from the above that the Senior Minister’s assessment that **we** have not succeeded in the fight against corruption puts the responsibility of the fight against corruption on the collective, not a single institution. He only reminded EOCO that they are part of that collective action. This collective burden of responsibility in the anti-corruption fight is consistent with the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP). The NACAP prescribes roles for all institutions in the country, including citizens.

At the GACC, we cherish the role played by our media partners in the fight against corruption and expect that information from our events are disseminated to the general public accurately.

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**About GACC**

**GACC** is a unique cross-sectoral grouping of public, private and civil society organizations with a focus on promoting good governance and fighting corruption in Ghana. Its members comprise Private Enterprises Federation (PEF), Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CRAJ), Economic Organized Crime Office (EOCO), Ghana Conference of Religions for Peace (GCRP), Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII), Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Ghana Audit Service (GAS), Public Procurement Authority (PPA), Good Governance Africa (GGA) and Commonwealth Human Right Initiative (CHRI).