



but DC: deny laughing DWTFO: dominant minus DMK in parallel gutters DWTFOK: but what the heck do I know G&G: chuckle & grin CID: crying in disgrace CUL: see you later **YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE SAYING ONLINE.** CYO: see you online DBA: doing business as usual DL: dead link DLTBBB: don't let the bed bugs bite DIKU: do I know you? EMFBI: excuse me for butting in F2F: face to face FC: fingers crossed FISH: first in, still here FMTYEWTK: far more than you ever wanted to know FOMCI: falling off my chair laughing ETROMH: from the bottom of my heart FIID:

## ICPC Seeks Power to Clear Candidates

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GOVERNOR Isa Yuguda of Bauchi State yesterday implored the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) to endeavour to reverse what he termed 'resource curse' on the country.

The appeal came even as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission chairman, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu canvassed that NEITI be further strengthened to enable it effectively carry out its mandate.

Also, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) yesterday called on relevant authorities to enact a law that would empower the commission to vet all candidates seeking elective posts, saying the action would help strengthen the nation's democracy as well as stem corruption.

Both Gov. Yuguda and Ribadu spoke in Bauchi at a road show organized by NEITI, while the ICPC chairman, Justice Emmanuel Ayoola made the plea in Abuja.

The governor who was represented by National Association of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI) President, Alhaji Sanusi Maijama'a said there was need to expand the NEITI scope, predicting that it would help alter poverty in the land.

NEITI, he added, is designed to turn around the fortunes of the people through the nation's abundant natural resources.

According to him, transparency is an elixir for good governance, due process and competition; all factors that enhance investment, growth and development.

However, Ribadu who was represented by the commission's director, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Mr Asishana Okauru faulted the recently passed NEITI Act, saying it did not make provisions for the body to prosecute offenders in the industry.

Insisting that NEITI has no provisions to enforce penalties, the EFCC helmsman said there was needed to amend this law to enable it to discharge its duties effectively.

Meanwhile, Justice Ayoola while calling for the empowerment of the ICPC said democracy would not take root if corrupt persons were elected into positions of authority.

Speaking at the launch of the newly established National Anti-Corruption Volunteer Corps (NAVC), Justice Ayoola said it was necessary to formalize legislation concerning anti-corruption agencies, saying it would enhance the work of the commission.

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