

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

by

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on

**His Investiture as the
61st President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria**

At

**The Institute's Council Chamber
Victoria Island, Lagos**

on

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In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

His Excellency, Farmer Governor of Niger State, Rt. Hon. Umaru Mohammed Bago,

His Royal Highnesses, Etsu Nupe and Chairman of Niger State Traditional Rulers,

Alhaji Dr. Yahaya Abubakar (BAGADOZHI)

Other Governors and Traditional Rulers present

The Immediate Past President of ICAN, Chief DCS Alabribe, FCA

Distinguished Senators and Honourable Members of the National Assembly

Representatives of the Federal, State, and Other Government Agencies

The Chairman Body of Past Presidents, Sir Herbert Agbebiyi, FCA

Revered Past Presidents present and those online

The First Deputy Vice President of ICAN, Hajia Queensley Sofuratu Seghosime, mni, FCA

The Second Deputy Vice President of ICAN, Dr Etofolam Osuji, mni, FCA

My Distinguished Colleagues in ICAN Council

Presidents/Representatives of Other Sister Professional Bodies

The Executive Secretary, Association of Accountancy Bodies in West Africa

The Registrar/Chief Executive of ICAN, Dr Lanre Olasunkanmi, FCA

Past Registrars present and those online

Chairmen & Secretaries of ICAN District Societies here present and those online

My Professional Colleagues Fellows, Associates and Registered Accountants

Distinguished Invited Guests

Members of my Immediate and Extended Families

Members of the Nigerian Press (Print and Electronic),

Our Distinguished Friends, Relations, and Well-Wishers

Members of Staff of our great Institute

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning to you all

PREAMBLE

I start with the best form greetings which is As-Salam Alaikum Wa Rahmatulahi Ta'ala Wa Barakatuhu. This is the climax of the statutory activities required to perfect my unanimous election by the Governing Council on 27th March 2025 as the 61st President of our great Institute. Words are inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude to the Almighty Allah for preserving our lives and making this moment possible.

As Nelson Mandela once said, ***"It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another."*** From a humble background in Bida, Niger State to this moment of honour, my journey is a testament to, first and foremost, the divine mercy and abundant blessings of Allah, and the transformative power of education, resilience, and discipline.. God's time is the best!

Today's investiture, set against the backdrop of the Institute's Diamond Jubilee, is not merely a personal honour. It is a clarion call to stewardship of a **global legacy**, and a commitment to the sacred task of **elevating generations** of new Chartered Accountants.

TRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATIONS

As Maya Angelou once said, ***"I come as one, but I stand as ten thousand."*** Today, I stand strengthened by the values of my parents, upheld by the love of my family, and guided by the footsteps of the founding fathers of the Institute and mentors who have walked this path before me. This moment is not for me alone, it is for all of us.

I pay solemn tribute to my late father, **Alhaji Yahaya Umaru**, of blessed memory – who taught me the essence of honour, honesty, and diligence, and to my mother, **Hajiya Rakiya Yahaya** – a pillar of discipline, devotion, and moral uprightness. They gave me a moral compass rooted in integrity, and a thirst for knowledge that no circumstance could quench. I owe everything to the values they quietly but powerfully instilled in me from a tender age. May Allah reward them abundantly.

To my beloved wives and children – your unwavering support, patience, and grace have been my anchor. You have made it possible for me to carry responsibilities beyond the ordinary. **May Almighty Allah reward you abundantly.**

Permit me also to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the Diamond President, now Immediate Past President, **Chief DCS Alaribe, FCA**, whose exemplary leadership, humility, and collegial spirit paved the way for today's smooth transition. Your comradeship has been invaluable, and your support enduring. Similarly, I'm deeply grateful to my distinguished colleagues on Council for your unwavering support especially during the past four years.

This solemn, flawless and rancour-free succession processes which culminated in my decoration with the insignia of office today as the 61st President and Chairman of Governing Council of ICAN for the next twelve months, speak volume about the civility and democratic credentials of Chartered Accountants.

I dare say that this ICAN's unique and time-tested succession model affirms that the disciplined Accountancy Profession remains the beacon of hope for the Nigerian nation even as we grapple with the challenge of leadership recruitment processes at all levels of governance in the country.

I deeply appreciate our founding fathers and our revered Past Presidents—those here with us and those joining virtually—whose steadfast vision and sacrifice laid the foundation of a legacy of transparent, hitch-free, and tested leadership transitions spanning over six decades.

PATH TO GREATNESS

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, ***“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”***

My journey into accountancy profession did not begin by design, it unfolded by decision that has defined my calling. I was first admitted to study Geography at Bayero University, Kano, in 1983, but providence had other plans. By divine orchestration, I was able to change to Accounting - a decision I have never regretted. The decision I took over four decades ago, has brought me here today.

Furthermore, I did not get here by myself. I have been led, lifted, and lovingly corrected by many mentors and colleagues - too numerous to mention - but each one etched in the fabric of my memory. Particularly, I thank Revered Past President Ismaila Muhammadu Zakari, mni, FCA, whose persistence drew me into ICAN Council in 2011. What I resisted then has now become a mantle of honour I carry today.

ACCEPTANCE

Given the historic significance of this solemn ceremony and the towering stature of the office I am privileged to assume, I stand before this distinguished audience—and indeed the entire membership of our noble Institute—with utmost humility and an abiding sense of duty, to formally accept my election as the 61st President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. I do so with a heart full of gratitude and a spirit resolute in purpose. By the infinite Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah, I pledge that I shall not fail, falter, or betray the profound trust reposed in me, regardless of the challenges that may lie ahead. I am fully committed to upholding the dignity of this office and to advancing the enduring legacy of our great Institute. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, as we bask in the joy of this proud moment, it is

imperative that we pause to reflect on a timeless truth: the road to success is rarely discovered—it is forged. It is not merely a path we find, but a trail courageously blazed by visionary minds and unwavering spirits. Our founding fathers—some of whom we are honoured to have in our midst today—did not merely dream of a professional body; they laid its enduring foundations with uncommon foresight, conviction, and sacrifice. They carved out this noble path and lit the way for generations of Chartered Accountants, including myself, to follow. It is to their eternal credit and resolute legacy that we proudly declare today: we are ICAN.

THEME REFLECTION: A DIAMOND LEGACY IN OUR HANDS

The 61st Presidential Year marks not just a transition in leadership, but a remarkable milestone in the life of our great Institute. It coincides with the celebration of ICAN's Diamond Jubilee—sixty extraordinary years of institutional excellence, ethical steadfastness, and national relevance. Over these six decades, our Institute has stood tall as a beacon of professionalism, contributing significantly to Nigeria's economic growth and development. Through the dedication and expertise of our members, we have strengthened financial systems, shaped public policy, and fostered a culture of accountability across sectors. Above all, ICAN has been a formidable engine for human capital development—moulding generations of professionals defined by integrity, skill, and courage. Truly, we are the inheritors of a legacy that is resilient in spirit, refined by time, and radiant with the enduring promise of greater impact. It is against this inspiring backdrop that we unveil the theme for the 2025/2026 Presidential Year: ICAN @ 60 — Powering a New Era of Integrity and Innovation. This theme is not merely timely; it is timeless—speaking to the enduring values that have shaped our journey and the bold vision required for the road ahead. It captures the essence of our collective responsibility: to honour and consolidate the remarkable legacy of the past, to energise and elevate the standards of the present, and to courageously chart a transformative path into the future of our noble profession.

We stand today not only as proud heirs to the dreams of our founding fathers, but also as determined architects of a brighter, more dynamic future—for ICAN, for the Accounting Profession, and for the generations of Chartered Accountants yet to come. We are the living bridge between a historic past and a promising future—a generation entrusted not merely with preserving what has been built, but with propelling it to even greater heights. Our chosen theme, ICAN @ 60 — Powering a New Era of Integrity and Innovation, is both a celebration and a call to action. It reaffirms our solemn duty to uphold ICAN's legacy of excellence across borders, while also challenging us to inspire, equip, and empower the next generation of Chartered Accountants who will carry this mantle forward. The theme signals more than a milestone; it marks a deliberate shift—a transition from heritage to horizon, from tradition to transformation. It reminds us that protecting the legacy is not enough; we must globalise it. And even that is not the final destination— For through this legacy, we are called to drive

lasting impact— elevating lives, strengthening institutions, and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2025-2026 PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

Our theme for the year is far more than a collection of words—it is a bold declaration of intent, a guiding philosophy that must echo not only in our convictions but in the tangible results we achieve. It is a standard against which our progress will be measured and a compass by which the Governing Council's actions must be steered. The strategic priorities outlined for this Presidential Year are not mere initiatives; they represent our legacy in motion—deliberate, visionary steps designed to ignite meaningful change, inspire renewed confidence, and safeguard the future of our profession. Each priority is a building block in our mission to power a new era defined by unwavering integrity and bold innovation.

1. Digital Transformation of the ICAN Examination Process

The world is racing forward on the wings of digital innovation—and we must not be left behind. In today's fast-evolving landscape, digital transformation is no longer a strategic option; it is an existential imperative. Just as commerce, education, and communication have undergone sweeping digital revolutions, so too must the certification process that moulds the Chartered Accountants of tomorrow.

During this Presidential Year, we are embarking on a bold and forward-looking journey to fully digitise the ICAN examination process. This transformation will be executed in carefully designed phases, beginning from the November 2025 Diet. It will encompass a robust conceptual design, comprehensive risk assessment and mitigation, stakeholder engagement, and a pilot phase—all culminating in the deployment of a secure, proctored online examination platform that aligns with global best practices.

Our e-examination framework will be benchmarked against the pioneering models of ACCA, ICAEW, and CPA Canada—professional bodies that have demonstrated how e-assessments can enhance flexibility, uphold examination integrity, and expand access for candidates across borders. This initiative is not simply about technological change; it is about positioning ICAN as a global leader in the delivery of professional certification.

Beyond improving operational efficiency and scalability, this transformation will elevate the candidate experience—providing them with a modern, responsive, and inclusive examination environment that mirrors the 21st-century workplace. We cannot, and must not, continue to assess future-ready professionals with tools rooted in the past. The time to act is now, and the future begins with this step.

The conceptual design, implementation strategies, risk mitigation frameworks, and comprehensive training roadmaps will be tabled for deliberation and endorsement at the forthcoming Council retreat. What lies ahead is not merely a systems upgrade—it is a transformative leap into the future, one that redefines how we shape, assess, and certify excellence.

And as we make this bold leap, we do so carrying the aspirations of thousands of current and future Chartered Accountants. This is the essence of Powering a New Era of Integrity and Innovation. As Abraham Lincoln wisely said, “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” In that spirit, I respectfully seek the unwavering support and cooperation of my esteemed colleagues on Council, as well as the broader membership of our great Institute.

Let us unite behind this visionary initiative—not as passive observers, but as active co-creators of a future-ready ICAN. We welcome your insights, your feedback, and your engagement as we work to elevate our profession, inspire the next generation, and contribute meaningfully to national development through principled financial leadership. Together, we will ensure that ICAN not only remains a beacon of excellence, innovation, and professionalism—but becomes a global standard-bearer for them.

2. Revitalising the ICAN Brand

It's time the world sees ICAN not merely as a gatekeeper of professional standards, but as a symbol of excellence, relevance, and global distinction. In an era defined by visibility, narrative, and perception, a legacy that is not seen, heard, or celebrated risks being forgotten.

This year, we are embarking on a bold brand revitalisation journey - one that will amplify ICAN's voice across digital platforms, within academic corridors, in corporate boardrooms, and on the international stage. Our goal is simple but profound: to ensure that ICAN is not only respected, but also recognised, remembered, and revered.

Young professionals often challenge us by saying that '**We know that ICAN is strong, but can the world see it?**' To address this challenge, we shall adopt a multi-pronged strategy that strengthens the Institute's identity, enhances its service culture, and inspires emotional connection with both prospective students and existing members. ICAN will no longer be a quiet achiever - it will become a visible force. A name that resonates with pride. A destination brand for aspiring professional accountants across Africa and the diaspora.

We will refresh our messaging platforms, launch integrated marketing campaigns, and engage diaspora communities with tailored outreach. From academic institutions to online learning spaces, from district societies to industry partners, we will ensure that ICAN is present, prominent, and preferred.

Our deliberate efforts will target increased student registration, diversified membership, and stronger affinity from stakeholders across sectors. The vision is clear: ICAN will not just be known for what it stands against - but celebrated for what it stands for.

3. **Engaging and Retaining Gen Z**

This generation doesn't just want to clock in—they want to change the world. They're doing so with boldness, digital fluency, and a deep sense of purpose. That's exactly the kind of fire we need in ICAN. The future belongs to the youths. Accordingly, we must reignite ICAN's brand appeal, especially among the younger generation if we are desirous of achieving the future we want. Accordingly, we will aggressively:

- **Engage Gen Z** across platforms like TikTok, YouTube, LinkedIn and Instagram, sharing career advice, success stories, and insights into the profession
- **Empower Gen Z** via volunteer opportunities, leadership roles, and youth-led panels at conferences
- **Modernize** how the profession is perceived through content creation, career talks and intensive campaign of catch them young programme.

In this presidential year, we will position ICAN as a tech-forward, purpose-driven, and inclusive institute, where professionalism meets innovation, and legacy meets lived experience. We will adopt a digital-first approach in our communication, student support, and content delivery - using platforms and styles that resonate with the rhythm of the new generation.

4. **Enhancing Member Employability**

In today's fast-changing world, having a qualification is just the starting point - what truly makes the difference is having an edge. Our members must be equipped not only to survive, but to thrive - and to lead.

To enhance employability and professional scalability, we shall adopt a member-centric approach that empowers Chartered Accountants to remain relevant, competitive, and impactful across diverse sectors - both locally and internationally.

This year, we shall revitalize the Continual Professional Development (CPD) by offering modules on emerging trends in the accounting profession such as Technology

Adoption, Changing Work Environment, Cybersecurity and Risk management, Sustainability and Climate Change, Talent Acquisition and Retention, Data Analytics etc. We are not just offering courses - we are building capacity for future-ready leadership.

We will also **forge strategic partnerships with employers** across industries - public and private - to bridge the gap between learning and earning, between certification and contribution. These alliances will provide direct pipelines to opportunity - through internships, job placements, mentorship, and project-based engagements.

Our vision is not simply to help members find work - but to help them **build meaningful careers** that reflect their full potential and values. Whether in finance, tech, policy, or entrepreneurship, the ICAN member must be seen as a symbol of excellence and an asset to any organisation.

5. Elevating Small and Medium Practitioners (SMPs)

Our Small and Medium Practitioners (SMPs) are not just the backbone of the accounting profession - they are the unsung heroes supporting businesses, communities, and economies across Nigeria. But to keep pace with a rapidly evolving profession, they need more than resilience. They need reinforcement.

This year, we will launch the **SMP Academy** - a dedicated platform designed to train, retrain, and empower both aspiring and existing practice license holders. The Academy will focus on practical skill-building, regulatory compliance, digital transformation, and strategic business development.

SMPs face distinct challenges: limited access to cutting-edge tools, stiff competition from larger firms, regulatory pressures, and fast-paced technological disruption. Through the Academy, we shall provide targeted solutions - cloud-based audit platforms, shared service models, access to legal and technical guidance, and pathways for growth and collaboration.

But this is more than professional support - it is a generational investment. By empowering SMPs, we will not only enhance audit quality and elevate standards, but also broaden access to economic participation and inclusive prosperity across the country. We are not just lifting practices - we are lifting possibilities. We are not just strengthening firms - we are strengthening futures.

6. Global Certification Pathways

The world is no longer defined by borders - it is defined by relevance. For ICAN members, the marketplace stretches from Lagos to London, from Abuja to Abu Dhabi. But to truly thrive in this global arena, our credentials must travel as confidently as our talents.

This year, we will deepen ICAN's global recognition through stronger Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) with leading Professional Accountancy Organisations (PAOs) and actively pursue Joint Certification Programmes in partnership with globally respected bodies.

Together, we shall co-develop specialised certifications in high-demand areas such as Forensic Accounting, Sustainability (ESG) Reporting and Assurance, and Digital Transformation, - ensuring that our members are not only professionally grounded, but globally competitive.

These pathways will offer ICAN members dual advantages: world-class credentials and access to international opportunities - not as job seekers, but as solution providers.

7. Thought Leadership and Policy Advocacy

We will no longer whisper from the corners of policy debates - we will speak with clarity, courage, and conviction. For in a nation seeking answers, the accounting profession must be a voice of wisdom, not a silent witness.

This year, ICAN will assert its place as a strong and trusted voice in national and international economic policy conversations. We will enhance our capacity to shape dialogue and influence decisions that affect not only the profession, but the economy, the nation, and future generations.

Our strategy includes the monthly publication of well-researched technical position papers on critical national issues - ranging from fiscal and monetary reforms and tax administration to public finance management.

We will also facilitate national roundtables, regional policy dialogues, and cross-sector debates, bringing together thought leaders, regulators, legislators, and the public to co-create solutions for Nigeria's economic advancement.

In addition, ICAN will deepen its contributions to financial inclusion efforts, partner with stakeholders on financial literacy campaigns, and advocate reforms that strengthen public trust in financial systems.

8. Institutional Capacity Building

Great organisations are not built by policies alone - they are built by people. At ICAN, we recognise that to lead externally, we must be strong internally. That is why this year,

we are turning the lens inward, making one of the most important investments of all: **our people.**

We will embark on a **comprehensive capacity-building programme** designed to strengthen the capabilities for efficient service delivery for both our **Council members and staff.** This will include a structured, continuous professional development framework that will be focused on three critical pillars: **leadership and ethics, digital proficiency, and performance tracking.**

9. **A Pillar for National Regulation and Anti-Corruption**

Trust is the most valuable currency in any economy - and ICAN must be its custodian.

To become a strong pillar for regulators, we will leverage our technical expertise, nationwide presence, and the credibility of our membership to actively support Nigeria's journey toward fight against corruption, transparency, good governance, and institutional accountability.

This year, we shall strengthen ICAN's role as a trusted ally to regulatory bodies, not merely as a watchdog, but as a collaborative partner in raising standards across both public and private sectors. Our strategy includes:

- a. **Advocating for stronger professional standards** in audit, assurance, and financial reporting.
- b. **Providing technical assistance and capacity building** to regulators and public institutions.
- c. **Promoting forensic accounting and risk management certification** as tools for anti-corruption and fraud prevention.
- d. **Participating in national dialogue on regulatory reform** to ensure robust and practical compliance frameworks.

10. **ICAN@60: POWERING A NEW ERA OF INTEGRITY AND INNOVATION.**

As **Sir Isaac Newton** once remarked, *"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."*

This Diamond Jubilee is not just a celebration of how far we've come, but it signals transition for the future. Sixty years of excellence is no small feat - it is a story of vision, courage, and enduring impact. From humble beginnings, ICAN has grown into a continental force, producing professionals who have shaped industries, governed nations, and upheld the pillars of financial integrity. As we celebrate our diamond jubilee

this year, we are not only looking back in gratitude but also looking forward in faith and foresight.

A standing Committee of Council will be constituted to prepare and deliver a befitting celebration. The activities will include legacy documentaries, innovation showcases, public impact projects, and a vision declaration for ICAN@100 - to spark dialogue and action toward the next frontier of our growth.

In this celebration we will have Legacy Award to honour our founding fathers, Innovation contest to spotlight and reward our young entrepreneurs with startup that provide accounting solutions, Free financial literacy awareness at all district societies etc. These events will not only celebrate ICAN's 60 years of excellence but also ensure that its legacy continues to inspire and transform society for decades to come.

CALL TO ACTION

There are moments in history when institutions are called not merely to reflect the times, but to redefine them. This, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, is one of those moments—not just for ICAN, but for the entire accounting profession in Nigeria and across the globe.

The task before us is monumental. It cannot be borne by one individual or even by the Council alone. It is a collective responsibility—ours to share, shape, and sustain. As an African proverb so wisely reminds us: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” In this 61st Presidential Year, we choose to go far—because we choose to go together.

This is the hour to reimagine and rebuild an ICAN that speaks to the aspirations of a new era—an Institute that is more inclusive, more innovative, and more influential. We must defend the values that brought us here, deepen the impact we are known for, and deliver a legacy that will inspire generations long after us—one that is globally relevant, nationally impactful, and generationally empowering.

To my distinguished colleagues on the Governing Council: I count on your wisdom, diversity of thought, and unity of purpose to bring this vision to life.

To the Management Team: I lean on your professionalism, and urge even greater commitment to a culture of excellence, agility, and purposeful execution.

To our revered Past Presidents: I seek your continued counsel, especially in the inevitable moments of challenge. You are the living memory of our mission and the moral compass of our progress. Your guidance remains indispensable.

To our cherished members—across Nigeria and the diaspora: We are here to serve you, and to serve you better. This journey is incomplete without your partnership. Your feedback, your insights, your constructive criticism—they are the lifeblood of a thriving professional community. Let your voices be heard—not only in moments of applause or dissent, but in the everyday pursuit of progress. Together, let us build an ICAN that the next generation will not only inherit, but celebrate.

The road ahead may not be easy. There will be sharp turns, steep climbs, and moments of uncertainty. But if we walk it together—with open minds, steady hands, and honest hearts—then I have no doubt: the brightest days of ICAN are not behind us—they are ahead of us. And they begin now.

APPRECIATIONS

I stand before you today deeply humbled and profoundly honoured by the presence of so many esteemed guests at this unforgettable occasion. Your attendance is not only a personal gesture of goodwill, but a powerful affirmation of your collective support for our noble Institute and its enduring role in shaping the future of our profession and our nation.

Permit me to express my heartfelt appreciation to the following distinguished dignitaries whose presence has added immeasurable honour and significance to this investiture:

His Excellency, the Farmer-Governor of Niger State, Rt. Hon. Umaru Mohammed Bago

His Excellency, the Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Umar Namadi, FCA

His Excellency, the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani

His Royal Highness, the Etsu Nupe, Alhaji (Dr.) Yahaya Abubakar, CFR

Your gracious presence today is a testament not just to our shared history, but to our shared destiny. It signals your abiding respect for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, and your unyielding commitment to the advancement of the accountancy profession as a cornerstone of Nigeria's economic growth and institutional development.

As the African proverb wisely says, “When honour is given, greatness grows.” Today, you have honoured us with your presence—and we are inspired to serve with even greater purpose and passion.

To our revered Past Presidents, led by the distinguished Chairman Body of Past Presidents, Sir Herbert Adewole Agbebiyi, FCA, I express my deep gratitude. Your legacy lights our path and your continued support strengthens our resolve.

To my colleagues on the Governing Council, I thank you for your partnership, your insight, and your commitment to collective progress.

A very special mention goes to my dearest, loving mother, Hajiya Rakiya Yahaya, who, due to the frailty of age, could not be physically present but is watching this ceremony virtually. Her prayers, love, and lifelong sacrifices continue to be my guiding light. May Allah bless her abundantly.

To my beloved family, whose unwavering love anchors me—especially my wives, the radiant “Triple A’s”: Asmau, Aisha, and Amina—thank you for standing with me through every step of this journey. To my children and grandchildren, watching from afar, your support gives me strength, and your future gives me purpose.

I extend my profound appreciation to my spiritual guide, Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Isa Kutigi, RTA, for his prayers and wisdom; to Hon. Mohammed Ndayako, SAN, who so graciously administered the Oath of Office; and to all my friends, professional colleagues, well-wishers, and supporters who made the time—despite your demanding schedules—to honour this day with your presence. May your journeys home be safe, and may Almighty Allah reward you abundantly.

CONCLUSION: A PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

As we set forth on this important journey, I turn to the Almighty for guidance and strength.

May Allah (SWT) grant us clarity of vision, purity of purpose, and excellence in execution as we pursue the strategic objectives of the 2025–2026 Presidential Year.

May He use each of us as instruments for the transformation of ICAN, the elevation of the accountancy profession, and the continued progress of our beloved nation.

May this Institute continue to stand tall as a symbol of accuracy, integrity, and excellence.

May God bless every noble member of ICAN.

May God bless the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria.

And may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Thank you.

Mallam Haruna Nma Yahaya, mni, PhD, FCA
61st President, ICAN (2025/2026)