

NEWSLETTER



REGISTRAR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

Dear professional Colleagues, you are welcome to this edition of the ICAN e-newsletter. Putting the nation back on its strong economic pedestal is a task that all hands must be on deck to do, and ICAN, your Institute is not lagging at all. Recently, the President, Mallam Haruna N. Yahaya led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Ports Authority, where it engaged its Managing Director, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, on the future of Nigeria's maritime and economic landscape. In the same vein, the President paid another courtesy visit to the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of First Bank of Nigeria Limited, Mr. Olusegun Alebiosu, where he commended the bank's achievement of the ₦500 billion minimum capital threshold for an international banking licence.

Every year, the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN) hosts the incumbent President. This year is not different. SWAN held Presidential Luncheon for the ICAN President. All these and regular columns are published for your reading delight in this edition. Happy reading.



ICAN PRESIDENT VISITS NPA, COMMENDS REFORMS AND DEEPENS PARTNERSHIP DRIVE

As part of the Presidential Visit to Lagos and Mainland Districts, ICAN President, Mallam Haruna N. Yahaya, mni, FCA led a delegation to the Nigerian Ports Authority, engaging its Managing Director, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, on the future of Nigeria's maritime and economic landscape.

The Institute did not just commend the NPA, it pointed to clear results. A 24.8 per cent jump in cargo throughput. A bold 1 billion dollar infrastructure drive. Strategic projects like Snake Island Port and Badagry Deep Seaport already redefining Nigeria's maritime positioning. Beyond performance, ICAN acknowledged the growing global footprint of the NPA leadership, describing it as a reflection of credibility that now extends beyond Nigeria.

But the conversation moved forward. ICAN placed partnership on the table. From in house capacity development to stronger participation in professional programmes, the focus was clear. Build institutions that can sustain results.

With six decades of shaping financial integrity and a data driven tool like the ICAN Accountability Index gaining global recognition, the Institute made its position known. Strong systems do not happen by chance. They are built, measured, and sustained.

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ICAN PRESIDENT APPLAUDS SWAN'S ROLE AT PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO GENDER INCLUSION



The President and Chairman of Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, Mallam Haruna Nma Yahaya, mni, PhD, FCA, has commended the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria for its strong impact in advancing the accounting profession.

Speaking at the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria Presidential Luncheon held in his honour on April 4, 2026, the ICAN President expressed appreciation to the SWAN National Chairperson, Mrs Blessing Ngozi Osakwe Ogo, FCA, for her leadership and the honour.

He described SWAN as a driving force in mentoring, empowering, and elevating female accountants across generations, while reaffirming the Institute's commitment to gender inclusion. He noted that women continue to play critical roles across ICAN's leadership and structures, adding that the emergence of the President Elect from SWAN reflects the association's growing influence.

Mallam Yahaya also called on women professionals to drive sustainable development and inclusive growth, leveraging their expertise in finance, governance, and policy.

He appreciated SWAN for the honour and encouraged continued impact within the profession.

ICAN PRESIDENT ENGAGES FIRSTBANK ON STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND SME GROWTH



ICAN President, Mallam Haruna N. Yahaya, mni, FCA led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of First Bank of Nigeria Limited, Mr. Olusegun Alebiosu, as part of the Presidential Visit to Lagos and Mainland Districts.

The Institute acknowledged FirstBank's longstanding role as a pillar of Nigeria's financial system, noting its resilience amid ongoing transformation driven by regulation, digital innovation, and evolving market expectations.

ICAN commended the bank's achievement of the ₦500 billion minimum capital threshold for an international banking licence, describing it as a clear demonstration of strength, stability, and readiness for future expansion.

The Institute also recognised FirstBank's sustained support for small and medium scale enterprises, highlighting its contribution to economic growth, job creation, and national development.

ICAN reaffirmed the importance of strong professional standards in maintaining sound financial systems, while noting the continued presence of Chartered Accountants within the leadership structure of the bank.

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- Professional Practice Module
- Production Module
- Fintech Module

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MODE: VIRTUAL – ₦30,000
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APRIL 20-24, 2026
08:00 AM – 1:00 AM DAILY

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25th FELLOWSHIP CONFERMENT CEREMONY

The Fellowship status of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) is the highest designation a member can obtain in his/her professional career as a Chartered Accountant.

Venue: Bolalmon Convention Centre (Federal Palace Hotel)
Ajalero, Badagry, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026
Time: 11:00 am

REGISTRATION FEE: ₦200,000

Eligibility:

- The following categories of members are eligible for transfer to Fellowship status in 2026:
- Members in Practice: An eligible member must:
 - Have held Fellowship Certificate for a minimum of 1 year, 11 months, 29 days as of the date of the ceremony.
 - Have held Fellowship Certificate for a total duration of 10 years.
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- Members in Public Practice: An eligible member must have been a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) for a minimum of 10 years as of the date of the ceremony.
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Benefits of the Fellowship Designation:

- Enhancing the reputation of ICAN members.
- Access to exclusive benefits and opportunities.
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THE REVIEW OF 2015 ICAN SCALE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES

ICAN is reviewing the 2015 Scale of Professional Fees to ensure it reflects current professional practice and market realities.

- Share your practical experience
- Highlight what works well.
- Point out areas that need improvement.

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Your input will make a difference

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS ALERT

Scammers Are Getting Smarter. So Should You.

ICAN members are advised to stay vigilant against rising cyber fraud tactics. Scammers are now using deceptive strategies to appear legitimate.

Here is how to spot them:

- Fake Email Addresses** → Check the domain carefully. Always check that it ends with ican.org.ng.
- Deceptive Links & URLs** → Hover before clicking. e.g. mcbadisa@ican.org.com. Check links before clicking and check the URL carefully.
- Alarming Language** → Don't panic, verify.
- Personal Info** → ICAN will never ask for your personal information.

BE CYBER SMART

- Do not click on suspicious links.
- Do not respond to threatening emails.
- Do not share personal information.
- Always confirm from official ICAN channels.

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— Ryan Freitas

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— Warren Buffet

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