

Title: TOWARDS ACHIEVING MDGs IN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF THE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC ACCOUNTANTS (IFA) NIGERIA IN ERADICATING CORRUPTION.

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Abstract: African countries have adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a tool within their wider development planning framework, in order to improve the living conditions of their citizens. MDGs are measurable targets attached to a timeframe for making a difference in the lives of the people. This paper, against the background that corruption poses the greatest threat to the commitment of Governments to provide resources and policies to implement the MDG goals, looks at the invaluable role played by the Institute of Forensic Accountants, Nigeria, in wiping out the evils of corruption and bad governance. Forensic accounting is the intersection between accounting, investigations, and law. The paper asserts that the war against corruption will not be fruitful without the concerted integration of forensic accountants into the governance framework. It strongly advocates a highly sincere will of the Nigerian government to support the widespread growth of forensic accounting in its bid to wage the anti-graft war, restore deprived basic human rights, such as health, education, shelter and security as well as tackle the challenges of poverty and infrastructural/economic development.