

CG Abubakar Ahmed Audi; an Officer with the Midas Touch

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While it remains a fact that the workplace is a dynamic environment where professionalism plays a crucial role in ensuring success and productivity, it is also important to remind us that a professional attitude encompasses various aspects, including maintaining a positive demeanour, adhering to ethical standards, and displaying a sense of responsibility and accountability- a professional attitude which Dr. Abubakar Ahmed Audi, the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps possesses. Thus, contributing to his agency's success. Like we all know, positive attitude fosters a sense of teamwork, collaboration, and mutual respect among colleagues, which promotes a harmonious and productive work culture. When helmsmen maintain a positive attitude, it creates a ripple effect, inspiring others to follow suit and creating a conducive environment for creativity, innovation, and problem-solving. When it comes to living the above ideology, Dr Audi Ahmed is second to none. However, let's not forget that maintaining a professional attitude does not mean suppressing emotions or disregarding individuality. It's simply about finding a balance between expressing oneself authentically while adhering to professional norms and standards, in this regard, the NSCDC boss is a hard nut to crack.

The appointment of Dr. Abubakar Ahmed Audi, in February 2021, has stood as a historic moment as his two years journey as the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), so far, serves as a testament to his resilience and unwavering commitment to excellence. Little wonder his remarkable leadership skills is being acknowledged with several prestigious recognitions and commendations from both local and international bodies- reflecting his giant strides in the nation's security sector. As a matter of fact, Dr. Audi's leadership style serves as an inspiration to all, especially the women folk in the Corps as he has shattered both the glass ceiling and broken barriers on the path to their career growth. His tireless efforts in bridging the gap between the senior and junior cadre in the NSCDC, have no doubt, created a more inclusive and engaged agency. Often cheered as an achiever who exhibits extraordinary composure by his admirers and mentees, Dr. Audi has continued to demonstrate his ability to handle sensitive situations with grace and efficiency. Today, in the Civil Defence family, he is hailed as a pillar of hope and a beacon of support to countless families who lost their bread winners in the line of duty. Even the injured/



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incapacitated officers, as well as retirees can attest to this. This is why concerned individuals and groups often make bold to challenge Dr Audi's critics, (call them sponsored distracters?) to back all their frivolous and cheap image denting allegations sponsored by position hunters against him with facts and figures instead of just engaging in campaigns of calumny for some faceless apparatus. The propaganda displayed recently by some faceless lobbyists – both within the service and a few so-called retired military personnel sponsoring cheap campaigns against the person of Dr. Audi, popularly known as "Mr. Result combatant CG, is considered the worst job of the season. The point is, how reasonable does it sound to call for the replacement of a no-nonsense security genius, whose presence sends panic to lazy officers, vandals, oil thieves and other criminals devouring our national cake? Who will understand better the tracks and ambushes to getting these nations saboteurs, if not Dr. Audi who started from the scratch? Story for another day! The bitter truth is that in spite of the enormity of the security challenges the country is faced with, left in the hand of Dr. Abubakar Ahmed Audi, the NSCDC, surely has a date with destiny. This is sequel to the brave efforts he's been displaying in rescuing the nation's oil sector from decadence and despair that has been its lot in the past several decades.

Evidences abound indicating that the NSCDC under his watch has been restored to the status of a work-in-

progress. This is even as concern efforts still needs to strike out in new direction and only him can complete this task. For the outspoken personalities, Nigerians and sincere Civil Defence officers who can attest to his giant strides, no amount of character assassination sponsored against the person of Dr. Ahmed Audi will change the fact that he has placed the Corps on an enviable height. Hence, a clarion calls on them to wake up from their slumber.

Dr Abubakar Ahmed Audi, no doubt, is an exceptional leader and trailblazer whose brilliant headship and unwavering dedication to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) is nothing short of remarkable. A man, with the Midas touch.

For the man Audi, maintaining a professional attitude in the workplace is crucial in boosting organisational success. To him, it involves maintaining a positive demeanor, adhering to ethical standards, and displaying responsibility and accountability. A professional attitude promotes harmonious work environment, builds trust\credibility, and contributes to effective communication, teamwork that fosters productivity and success in the workplace. This ideology, Dr. Ahmed Audi will never trade. He belongs to several professional bodies; a few include Fellow, African Business School; Member, Institute of Fraud Examiners; Member, Society for Peace Studies and Practice; and Member, Institute of Industrialists and Corporate Administrators (IICA).

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence (NSCDC) has as we can all attest to, has metamorphosed from providing skeletal roles to an indispensable force in the provision of peace and security in Nigeria under the able leadership of Dr. Abubakar Ahmed Audi to a rugged security force to reckon with. As a matter of fact, it would take some recourse to history books for those who were born after the Nigerian civil war to grasp when the activities of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence (NSCDC) started in Nigeria. The Civil Defence which was formed in Nigeria on May 16, 1967, was an offshoot of the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO). The corps played a crucial role in bringing succour to the Nigerian civilian population during the Nigerian civil war.

Prior to 2021, its activities have been skeletal, unpronounced and without a strong force. Then in 2003, Since Audi's appointment, the NSCDC have been blazing some trails and shinning like a million stars. They have been a veritable tool in the fight against economic sabotage by putting up spirited fights against both water and oil pipeline vandals. They are almost at the verge of flushing out vandals from the system, made several arrests across the nation and still sanitising private security companies. Audi's two years in office has undoubtedly witnessed robust welfare package for the ranks and file of NSCDC. Promotion, proper placement clearing of backlog of promotion arrears has since been impartially cleared.

In addition to its role of keeping round-the-clock surveillance on government's critical national assets and infrastructure, the NSCDC is providing intelligence to

government, as well as monitoring, training and controlling the activities of private security companies.

The Dr. Audi -led NSCDC chose not to fold it hands and watch some furtive ragtag forces of injustice persecute and oppress Nigeria through their clear evil agenda to weaken national security. For us, this progressive reformer and outstanding security professional- Audi should be allowed a breathing space to continue his good works, among which are; "Safe School Initiative which includes the establishment, training and commissioning of a formidable, well-kitted Female Squad to checkmate kidnapping of school children and enhance security in the nation's educational institutions.

Just within few years, he has balanced the promotion of all junior officers; level 03, 04, 05 and 06, continue with the payment of disengagement allowances to retirees who were abandoned and had lost hope of survival, the payment of burial benefits to over next of kin of deceased personnel long forgotten, the issuance of Group Personal Accident cheque to over officers and men who suffered varying degrees of accidents in the cause of discharging their duties within the last five years. Others are the provision of housing units for junior and intermediate officers, capacity building which includes the roll-out of operational vehicles and To all sincere officers of the corps and the society at large, only a critic with bad blood will not be satisfied with the various reforms put in place to reposition the corps for greater professionalism and better security service delivery to the country. This progressive reformer and outstanding security professional- Audi has commended feats in just few out of his 5-year tenure.

The NSCDC under his watch have shown competence and capability in instilling peace and security of lives and properties in both private and national events. In this regard, accolades have gone to the corps for the devotion, resolve and efficiency its members. It is interesting to note also that one of the major responsibilities apportioned to the Nigeria Civil Defence Corps by the Federal Government is to manage disaster. It is their duty to assist in the maintenance of peace and order and also in the protection and the rescuing of the civil populace during the period of emergency; to warn the civilian population ahead of danger; to evacuate civilian population from danger areas; carry out rescue operations and control blatant occasions; assist in the provision of emergency medical services; among other roles. Though no natural disasters yet, the NSCDC, it has been observed, has not failed in terms of quick response to accident victims, victims of fire outbreaks and collapsed buildings, casualties in riots and even victims of the several ethno-religious crises in the country. Also worthy of mention is his zeal for the job. From the state to the local government commands of the corps, Dr. Audi's joy in the efficiency of the performance of his officers and men is demonstrated by his drive for adequate logistical provision for their job. For tracking of vandals

The medical unit has also been equipped sufficiently to provide first aid to people that need it at any time. Today,

both national and international bodies have continuously lauded the efforts made by the Commandant General NSCDC to curtail the activities of criminal elements, especially those bordering on examination malpractice and corruption in the conduct of the NECO examination across Nigeria.

In his campaign of zero tolerance for corruption, the corps Commandant-General, ensured that his officers receive first class training from reputable anti-graft bodies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) among others. Hence, his unwavering support to the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the Corps established to checkmate acts that are not in line with government's stand on integrity, accountability and probity. This is not surprising knowing how ebullient, diligent and resourceful the amiable Commandant-General is. This further explains why right from the beginning of his administration, he had a vision of pursuing set goals as the center piece of his organization's

imagination, breath and great vision and only Dr. Abubakar Ahmed Audi can provide it.

Since his assumption of office in 2021, Dr. Audi's voice roared, in fact, he has etched his name on marble. Within few years into his administration, he swam against the tidal waves and left his critics floundering. He has remained turbo-charged to re-direct the NSCDC this, placing it on an enviable height- because he set his priorities right- moving from aspiration to action, from design to implementation and from vision to actualization. Indisputably, the man Audi is gradually and painstakingly laying the foundation for further growth of the once stagnated NSCDC. A suave, assuming and intelligent personage – with an unparalleled sense of professionalism, Dr. Audi has permeated a large spectrum of intelligentsia and diplomacy and many more, all of which he is utilizing with his proverbial energy and sapience to Market the untapped potentials of the NSCDC. Conclusively, it's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the



mandate, whose seed seems to have germinated with the prospect of bearing good fruits. Should detractors forget in a hurry, history will forever have it that this same baby agency has successfully stemmed the wave of pipeline destruction by bringing to book criminals, whose illegal activities has plunged the nation's foreign exchange earnings. I needn't remind the government and the country at large that where others see problems, he sees great possibilities and opportunities. Where some see daunting task, Audi sees great challenges to be overcome. Today, the Corps demand leadership, true and selfless, one with

doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust, sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds with great enthusiasm, devotion seeing his move as a worthy cause and in the end, knows his triumphs of high achievement. Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi is that man.

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