



**GHANA HAS JUST WON
THE AML/CFT BATTLE, BUT
THE WAR IS NOT OVER –
SAMUEL T. ESSEL**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Intelligence Centre, Ghana, Mr. Samuel T. Essel declared to all stakeholders of the Ghanaian Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) regime that the war against transnational organized crime has just begun.

The Chief Executive Officer made this declaration in response to a question posed to him by journalists soliciting his reaction to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) announcement of the exit of Ghana from the FATF Blacklist, a fall out from the FATF Plenary meeting held in Paris, France from February 20-22, 2013.

Mr. Essel added that the Financial Intelligence Centre was fully committed to seeing to the fulfillment of its mission of protecting the Ghanaian economy from the scourge of money laundering and terrorist financing for the enhancement of national and global economic stability and growth.

The Chief Executive Officer of the FIC made this declaration during an interaction with the media soon after delivering a public lecture on 'Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing in Ghana – Achievements and the Way Forward.'

The lecture, a collaborative programme of the Department of Finance of the University of Ghana Business School and the Financial Intelligence Centre formed part of the activities marking the 50th anniversary of the School.