

SOLUDOMETER

A Report on Soludo's
first year in office



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INTRODUCTION

AdvoKC is an organization dedicated to tracking and advocating for promises made by political leaders in Nigeria.

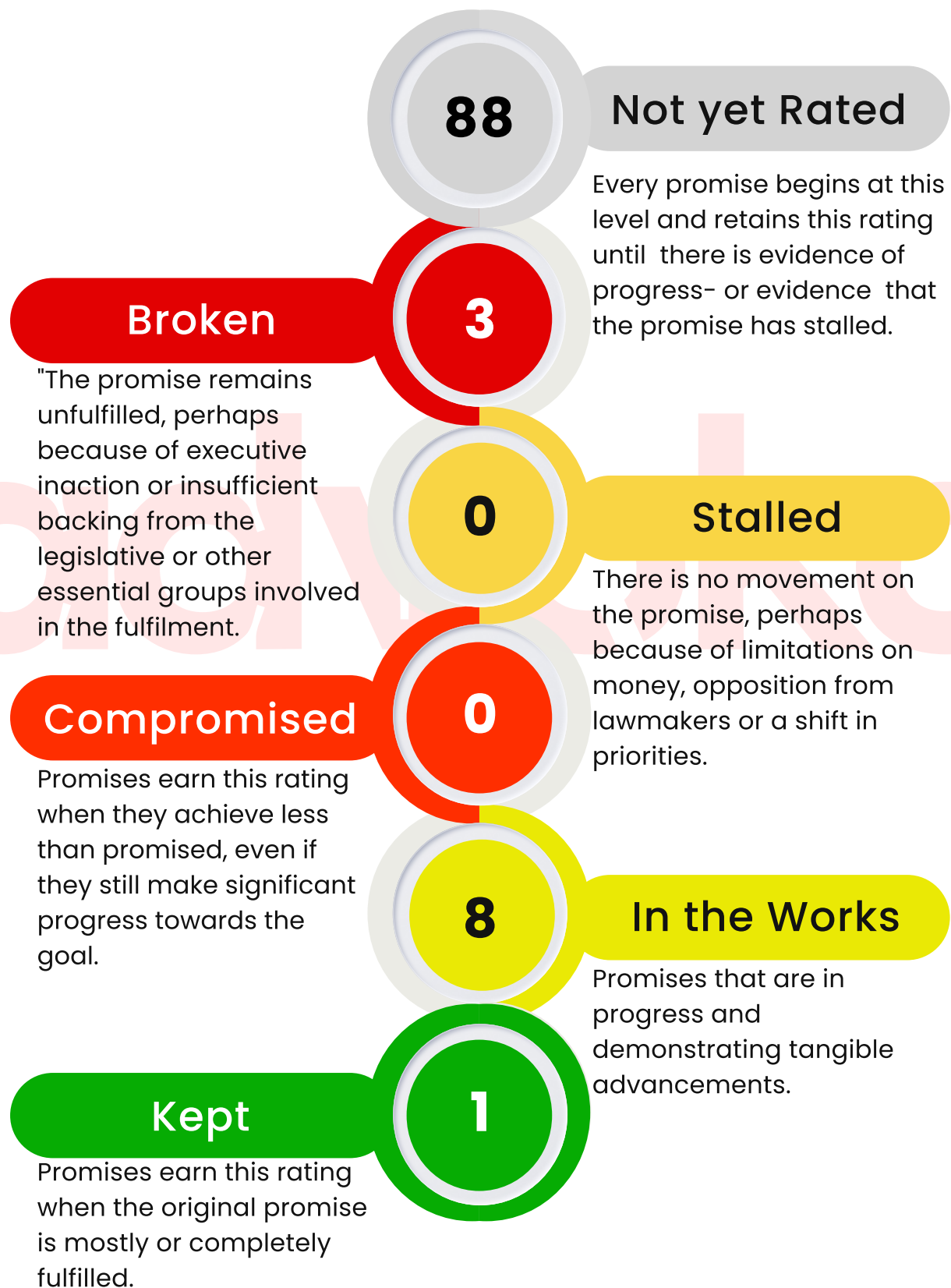
This report provides an overview of the progress made by the administration of Prof Charles Soludo of Anambra state in fulfilling his 100 most important promises as tracked by AdvoKC's Soludometer in his first year in office. The Soludometer uses Not Yet Started, In the works, Stalled, Compromised, Broken, and Kept as remarks for the promises and the meter is 100%.

The report also prioritizes ten promises that AdvoKC believes the Governor should have made substantial progress on within the one-year timeframe.

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OVERALL PROGRESS

As of the end of the first year in office, Charles Soludo's administration has made progress on 9 **promises** of the **100 promises** being tracked by AdvokC. The promise breakdown is as follows.



TEN PRIORITISED PROMISES

“What we present is a synopsis, designed to give Ndi Anambra a feel for the future we envision. The Full agenda, costed with timelines and delivery mechanisms will be published within the first 30 days on assumption of office if you give me the mandate’

‘There’ll be the citizens’ hotlines (phone numbers, Email Addresses, and Facebook Account) to interact with me.’

“Create a peaceful, livable and prosperous homeland by having dialogues with Pro-Biafra agitators in the state”

‘Ban the illegal collection of taxes and levies in the markets’

‘Prioritize Nigerian history, and ethics in the curriculum’

‘Establish an Anambra State Hall of Fame and annual celebration of great achievers in all fields of endeavor, including teachers, entrepreneurs/job, creators, community workers public servants with demonstrable integrity and efficiency.’

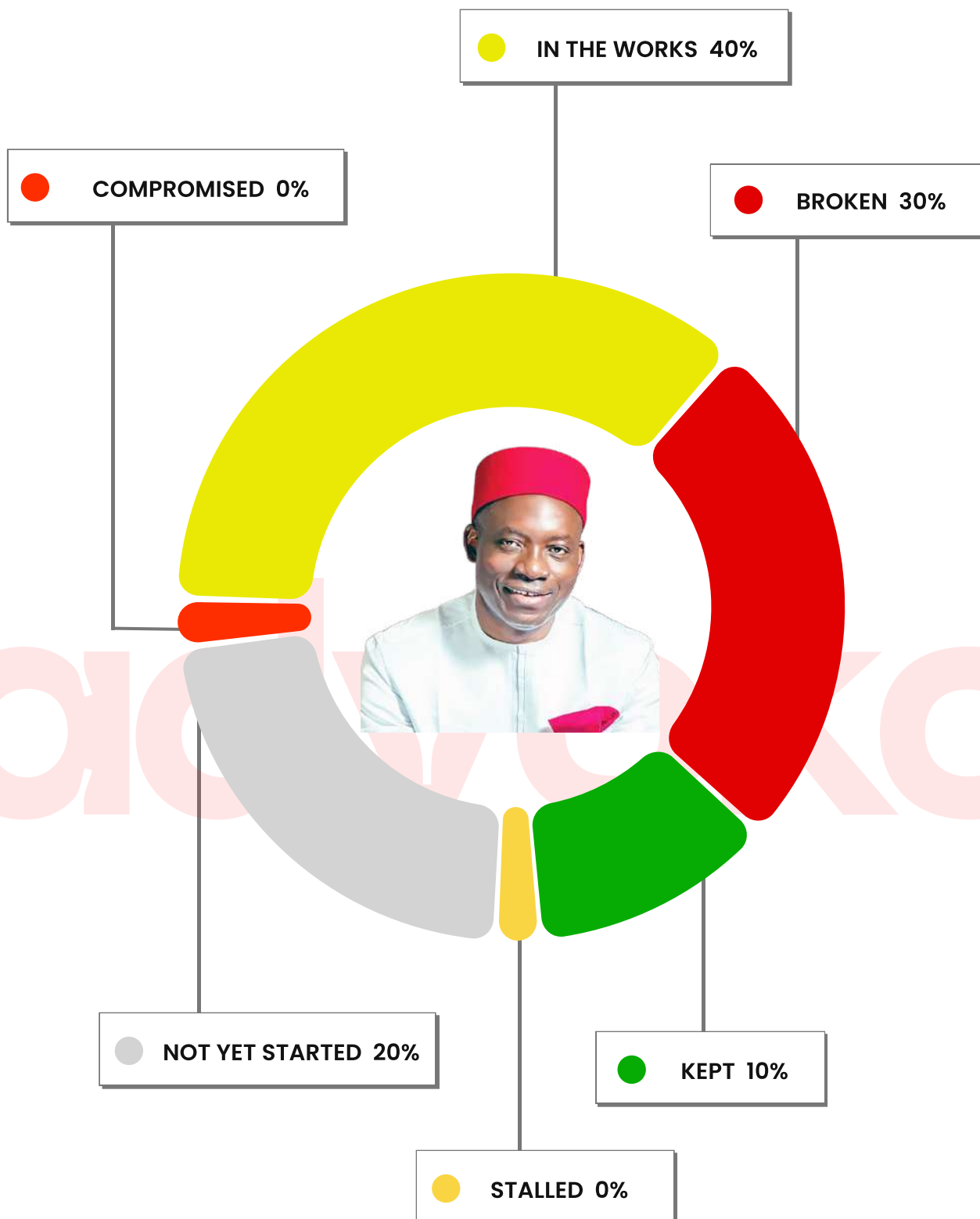
‘Mainstream the Igbo language as an official language along with the English language’

‘Special attention will be given to Okpoko in Ogbaru LGA which is home to the largest urban slum in Anambra, as it will provided with modern basic amenities’

‘Complete the Onitsha, Otuocha water schemes in 12 months in office.’

‘We’ll declare a state of emergency on roads.’

SOLUDO'S FIRST YEAR SCORE CARD



It is important to note that only **10 promises** were taken into account while creating this score card. Find these promises on the page before this.

CONCLUSION

1st Year Soludometer Score

Charles Soludo's Soludometer score as of March 17th, 2023, is **170** which falls within the range of **150–299**. The score is based on his performance in keeping his promises since assuming office.

The Soludometer score for Charles Soludo indicates his level of commitment and progress in fulfilling his promises. While the score falls within a certain range, the breakdown of remarks provides more details on the status of each promise. It is important for political leaders to keep their promises to the people they serve, and AdvoKC will continue to monitor and advocate for accountability and transparency in Nigeria's political landscape.

The Soludo administration has made progress on some of its promises during its first year in office. However, significant progress still needs to be made on a number of promises. The administration should focus on addressing these issues and accelerating the implementation of its promises in order to meet the expectations of the people of the state. AdvoKC will continue to track the Soludometer and provide regular updates on the administration's progress in fulfilling its promises.

RECOMMENDATIONS

'Ban the illegal collection of taxes and levies in the markets.'

Soludo made a promise to ban illegal tax collection, but despite his pronouncement of a ban on touting and illegal revenue collection, enforcement remains lacking, and many people still experience it, particularly in Onitsha. Some government tax collectors have also been accused of being extortionists.

It is clear that there is a disconnect between Soludo's pronouncements and the actual enforcement on the ground. This is concerning, as illegal tax collection can have negative effects on individuals and businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises.

To address this issue, it is crucial that the government takes concrete steps to enforce the ban on illegal tax collection. This can involve measures such as increasing the number of tax officials on the ground to monitor and report any instances of illegal tax collection, as well as setting up a system to facilitate the reporting of such activities by members of the public.

In addition, there needs to be a thorough investigation into the allegations of extortion by government tax collectors. Those found guilty should be held accountable, and measures should be put in place to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Overall, the government must take swift and decisive action to ensure that the ban on illegal tax collection is enforced, and that those responsible for illegal activities are held accountable. This will not only benefit individuals and businesses, but also help to build trust in the government and its institutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS(contd)

‘There’ll be the citizens’ hotlines (phone numbers, Email Addresses, and Facebook Account) to interact with me.’

Anambra State Governor, Charles Soludo, made a campaign promise to the people of the state that he would set up citizen hotlines for direct interaction with them. However, since assuming office, the governor is yet to fulfil this promise.

In his manifesto, Soludo stated that he would make himself available to citizens by providing phone numbers, email addresses, and a Facebook account for direct interaction. He promised to use these channels to receive feedback, complaints, and suggestions from the people of Anambra State.

However, several months after assuming office, the promised citizen hotlines are yet to be set up. This has left many residents of the state disappointed, as they had hoped for a more accessible and responsive government.

Setting up phone lines, email addresses, and social media accounts is a relatively simple process that can be completed within a few hours. Thus, it is unclear why the governor has not fulfilled this promise, and his silence on the matter is causing concern among the people of Anambra State.

RECOMMENDATIONS(contd)

‘Complete the Onitsha, Otuocha water schemes in 12 months in office.’

Charles Soludo made a promise to complete the Onitsha Water Scheme and the Otuocha Water Scheme in 12 months, which is a commendable initiative to ensure that the people of Onitsha and Anambra East Local Government Area have access to clean, safe water. However, it is concerning that 12 months have passed and nothing has been started.

The completion of these water schemes is crucial for the health and well-being of the people in the affected areas, as well as for the economic development and sustainability of the region. Access to clean and safe drinking water is a basic human right, and it is unacceptable that the people of Onitsha and Anambra East Local Government Area have been without it for so long.

We recommend that Charles Soludo take urgent action to fulfill his promise and prioritize the completion of the Onitsha and Otuocha Water Schemes. This can be achieved by allocating sufficient funds to the projects, ensuring efficient project management, and engaging with the relevant stakeholders to overcome any challenges that may arise.

We also recommend that Charles Soludo provides regular updates to the people of Onitsha and Anambra East Local Government Area on the progress of the projects, as this will help to build trust and confidence in his leadership. It is crucial that Charles Soludo keeps his promise to complete the water schemes, and we urge him to take the necessary steps to make this a reality.

RECOMMENDATIONS(contd)

‘What we present is a synopsis, designed to give Ndi Anambra a feel for the future we envision. The Full agenda, costed with timelines and delivery mechanisms will be published within the first 30 days on assumption of office if you give me the mandate.’

It is disappointing to hear that the promise made by the Soludo administration to present a detailed agenda with timelines and delivery mechanisms to the people of Anambra state has not been fulfilled, even after one year in office. It is important for governments to keep their promises and be transparent with their plans and progress.

In order to regain the trust of the people of Anambra state, it is recommended that the Soludo administration takes immediate steps to fulfill their promise and present a comprehensive agenda with timelines and delivery mechanisms. The government should also provide regular updates on the progress made towards achieving the goals outlined in the agenda.

Additionally, the government should prioritize transparency and accountability in all their actions and decisions, and work towards building a culture of trust and engagement with the people of Anambra state. This can be achieved through regular town hall meetings, consultations with stakeholders, and the establishment of clear channels for feedback and complaints.

RECOMMENDATIONS(contd)

Establish an Anambra State Hall of Fame and annual celebration of great achievers in all fields of endeavour, including teachers, entrepreneurs/job, creators, community workers public servants with demonstrable integrity and efficiency.'

It is unfortunate that Professor Charles Soludo was unable to fulfil his promise of establishing an Anambra State Hall of Fame and organizing an annual celebration of great achievers in all fields of endeavour. Such an initiative would have been a significant step towards recognizing and celebrating the contributions of outstanding individuals in the state, encouraging excellence and promoting a culture of meritocracy.

While the reasons for the failure to hold the event last year are unclear, it is essential that the government takes urgent steps to ensure that this initiative is implemented as soon as possible. The establishment of an Anambra State Hall of Fame and annual celebration of great achievers would not only celebrate the achievements of exceptional individuals but also inspire others to strive for excellence in their chosen fields.

In order to ensure the success of this initiative, it is recommended that the government should engage with key stakeholders in the state, including community leaders, entrepreneurs, and public servants, to develop a comprehensive plan for the establishment of the Anambra State Hall of Fame and the annual celebration of great achievers. This plan should include the criteria for the selection of inductees, the organization of the induction ceremony, and the promotion of the initiative to the wider public.

It is also important that the government provides the necessary resources to ensure the success of this initiative.

RECOMMENDATIONS(contd)

This may include funding for the establishment of the Hall of Fame and the organization of the annual celebration, as well as the provision of logistical support to ensure that the events run smoothly.

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METHODOLOGY

450 & Above Excellent(A+)

This is an exceptional score and shows that the political leader has kept their promises to a high degree.

This score indicates that the political leader has kept most of their promises and has shown a good level of commitment.

400–499 Very Good(A)

350–399 Good(B+)

This score shows that the political leader has kept some of their promises, but there is room for improvement.

This score indicates that the political leader has kept only a few promises and needs to do better.

300–349 Fairly Good(B)

150–299 Fairly Poor (D)

This score shows that the political leader has failed to keep a lot of promises and needs to put in lots of effort to meet up.

This score indicates that the political leader has not kept most of their promises and needs to be held accountable.

149 & Below Poor(F)

METHODOLOGY(contd)

AdvoKC ratings is a way of measuring how well an elected official has kept their promises. This rating system follows a scale principle where a promise that has been “kept” is given a score of 50, while a promise that is still “in the works” is given a score of 30. If a promise has been “compromised”, the score is 20, if it has “stalled”, the score is 10, and if it has “not yet started” or has been “broken”, the score is 0.

For example, if there are 10 promises that have been prioritized and all of them have been “kept”, the total score would be 500 (50 x 10). However, if all the promises are still “in the works”, the total score would be 300 (30 x 10). On the other hand, if all promises have been “broken” or “not yet started”, the score would be 0.

In short, AdvoKC ratings provide a simple way of measuring the effectiveness of promise-keeping by assigning scores based on the progress made towards fulfilling them.

RATINGS

