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FG, UN Sign Cooperation Framework 2023-2027, In Support Of Nigeria's Sustainable Development



L-R: Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire; UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale; and Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, display copies of the Framework.

The Federal Government of Nigeria and the United Nations system in the country, on Thursday 1 December 2022, signed the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023-2027, to achieve developmental objectives of ensuring inclusiveness, sustainability and accountability in Nigeria.

The Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba signed on behalf of the Federal Government while UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, signed for the UN.

"The Cooperation Framework is a five-year blueprint towards meeting the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. But more fundamentally, it is a commitment by the Government and UN to deliver for the people of Nigeria." Schmale explained, "For all of us, the Cooperation Framework details what we shall work together on and how we shall work together. It can be seen as the UN's response to the Government's plea to support it in addressing Nigeria's greatest challenges which have been laid out in the current National Development Plan." ...continue on page 2.

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Left photo: Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, signs the UNSDCF 2023-2027. Right photo: UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, signs the UNSDCF 2023-2027.



A group photograph of dignitaries and participants at the signing ceremony



L-R: UNFPA Country Representative, Ms Ulla Mueller; Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire; UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale; and Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba; and Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen.



A cross-section of members of the Steering Committee at their inauguration and signing of the UNSDCF 2023-2027 in Abuja

development and humanitarian challenges, leveraging UN leadership, comparative advantages and capacity assessment."

He cited the government's aim to, by 2025, create 21 million full-time jobs, lift 35 million people out of poverty, and get 5.5 million out-of-school children back into education.

The Minister acknowledged that the Cooperation Framework "is a strategic framework that will assist Nigeria in addressing

Prince Agba emphasised that the Framework was guided by the overarching principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the African Charter 2063 and aligns with Nigeria's National Development Plan (NDP) 2021-2025, which aims to accelerate economic growth.

The highlight of the event was the inauguration of a Steering Committee for the five year strategic plan.

NHRC, UN Observe Human Rights Day, Unveils UDHR@75 Logo And Call-Centre Short Code



Executive Secretary of NHRC, Chief Tony Ojukwu (Left) and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, jointly unveil the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) 75th Anniversary Logo.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the United Nations in Nigeria have organised impactful week-long of activities to commemorate the 2022 International Human Rights Day, observed every 10 December. The activities included a Presidential Candidates Townhall on Human Rights; Press Conference; the launch of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) 75th Year Anniversary logo; and Unveiling of a Call Centre Short Code for public complaints.

Others were Quiz competition for Junior Secondary Schools in FCT; Educational outreach to schools in FCT and Lagos; UN, Government and Partners Dialogue on Human Rights; Youth Dialogue on Human Rights; and Human Rights March.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all of us are entitled. It guarantees the rights of every individual everywhere, without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language, or any other status.

Media Roundtable and Launch of UDHR@75

NHRC and the UN, on Friday 2 December 2022, launched the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) with a Media Roundtable and officially unveiled the Anniversary Logo.

UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, reaffirmed the commitment of the UN in working with the NHRC and other partners to deliver on the promises made in 1948 to achieve Human Rights for all.

"We can only rescue the Sustainable Development Goals #SDGs if human rights are at the centre of planning and implementation; and if we neglect human rights issues, we are all at risk." He said and called on everyone to stand up for their rights and those of others.

Executive Secretary of NHRC, Chief Tony Ojukwu (SAN) solicited for greater commitment of the media to getting this year's message of the UDHR to the people.



Executive Secretary of NHRC, Chief Tony Ojukwu (Left) and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, and other Senior officials of NHRC and the UN at the media roundtable event.

At the same event, the UN and the NHRC launched a call center short code 6472 for the public to file complaints on human rights violations to the NHRC.



A cross-section of participants at the media roundtable on Human Rights,

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Human Rights Quiz Competition for Schools

The UN and the NHRC organized a quiz competition for Junior Secondary Schools in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) at the UN Building in Abuja. The Government Secondary school, Apo won the trophy for the first position with a score of 27 points. The second and third positions went to Capital Science School, Kado which scored 26 points and Intelligent Quotient School which scored 24 points respectively. A total of seven Junior Secondary schools in the FCT were part of the competition namely Government Secondary School , Apo, Prime Gate Academy, Glowing Ages, Intelligent Quotient, Community Secondary School, Asokoro, Capital Science School, Kado and Government Secondary School, Wuse.

Educational Outreaches

On 6 and 8 December 2022, NHRC and UN organised educational outreaches to Premiere Academy Lugbe Abuja, and Dolphin Senior High School Ikoyi Lagos.

Addressing over 400 students at Premiere Academy, the National Information Officer of the UN Information Centre (UNIC), Oluseyi Soremekun, explained that "Human rights are rights we have simply because we exist as human beings - they are not granted by any state. They are not given by any State."



UNIC National Information Officer, Oluseyi Soremekun, and two students of Premiere Academy Lugbe display placards of the UDHR during an outreach to the school

"They are rights and freedoms that belong to every person, from birth until death." He added.

He introduced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) to the students and noted that the UDHR was the most translated document in the world having been translated into more than 500 languages, including Pidgin English, Fulfude, Hausa, Ibo Yoruba, Efik, Ibibio, Tiv, Idoma, among others in Nigeria.

The students watched a short video on the UDHR history and its 30 Articles.

Ms Rita Uwasan of OHCHR, had an interactive engagement with the students on on Articles 1- 10. She discussed Article 1 of the UDHR, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and

rights..." and made the students to explain what it meant to them.

The School Principal, Mr John Ogungbenro, commended the UN for the educational outreach. He called for more engagement with the students.

At Dolphin Senior High School Ikoyi Lagos, UNIC Digital Media Assistant, Bolanle Olumekor, addressed over 250 students from 10 schools in the Lagos Education District 3, and disseminated the UDHR highlighting the 30 Articles as the indivisible and inalienable rights of all humanity.



A group of students of Premiere Academy Lugbe reads copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Students were advised to always #StandUp4HumanRights in their schools, communities for a more equal and inclusive world of benefit that promote Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all.

2nd UN-FG & partners dialogue on human rights priorities



R-L: Executive Secretary of NHRC, Chief Tony Ojukwu ; Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen; Chairman of NHRC, Dr. Salamatu Sulieman and UN Resident Coordinator Matthias Schmale.

The second United Nations - Federal Government of Nigeria and Partners Dialogue on Human Rights Priorities was held on Friday 9 December 2022 at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Auditorium in Abuja.

Executive Secretary of NHRC, Chief Tony Ojukwu acknowledged the support of the United Nations and urged the UN and other partners to support only CSOs interventions that align with the National Action Plan on Human Rights.

He decried the use of torture in law enforcement. "There is no situation that can justify the use of torture in policing and law enforcement." He said.

UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Matthias Schmale, decried the increase in hate speech, which he described as worrisome especially at a period Nigeria is preparing for the general elections.

He noted that there had been an improvement in human rights promotion and protection from the period of last UN-Government dialogue and now, citing the End-SARS report, the Violence Against Person (Prohibition) Act (VAPP) Act among others.

"We renew our commitment to Human Rights for everyone everywhere." He added.

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A cross-section of dignitaries at the 2nd UN-Government and Partners dialogue on human rights priorities

Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen, emphasised that women issues were Human Rights issues, and therefore called on all Nigerians to sustain their advocacy against gender-based violence beyond the December 10 end date of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. "Let your voice be heard everyday of the 365 days." She charged.

Presidential Townhall

On 10 December, the UN and the NHRC held a Town Hall for the 18 Presidential Candidates of political parties running for the 2023 General Elections. All 18 presidential candidates were invited, 6 participated in the debate with 2 arriving after the event. These were Omoyele Sowore (African Action Congress), Adewole Adebayo (Social Democratic Party), Retd General Hamza Almustapha (Action Alliance), Prof. Christopher Imomulen (Accord Party), Sani Yusuf (Action Democratic Party), while Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso of the New Nigeria Peoples Party was represented by J.C. Ifemere.

Candidates were given 10 minutes each to share their perception on human rights including how they would put the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into concrete action. Each of the candidates was given 10 minutes to speak on their manifestoes in relation to human rights.

Chris Imomulen of the Accord Party said that the recent statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics that revealed 133 million Nigerians were poor is proof that human rights violation in Nigeria is germane. He promised to replicate his educational exploits as a private citizen in government if given the opportunity to lead the country.

Hamza Almustapha (Action Alliance) complained he has been persecuted, tortured, and detained for 15 years and that he would create different prisons for convicts and those awaiting trial. Omoyele Sowore, candidate for the African Action Congress said "regimes of impunity" was destroying Nigeria and that he would discard the 1999 constitution and create a new document that will reflect the will of Nigerians.

Prof Peter Umeadi of APGA said his manifesto captures the protection of human rights while Adewole Adebayo (Social Democratic Party) maintained that human rights is largely a cultural issue.

Youth Dialogue

On Monday 12 December, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the United Nations in Nigeria have organized a Youth Dialogue on Human Rights and emphasised that young people must

be heard on issues affecting them and their future, including issues on human rights.

Giving young people the opportunity and platform to speak their minds without inhibitions was practically demonstrated on Monday 12 December as 80% of the 3-hour dialogue was devoted to hearing from the young people as they talked about various human rights issues that affect them.

Attended by 90 people, and anchored by the Senior Human Rights Advisor to the UN in Nigeria, Ms Adwoa Kuffour-Owusu; and the Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the NHRC, Barrister Hilary Ogbona; the dialogue provided an unfettered opportunity for the young people working in different sectors (Climate change, Small Arms, Media, Gender equality, Education, among others.) to express their challenges in the context of human rights protection and promotion; as well as proffering solutions.

The young people spoke about sensitising youth about human rights to enable them to know and stand up for their rights; they decried the violation of their right to protest using 'national security' as excuses. Issues on freedom of speech and right to infor-



A young participant makes an intervention during the youth dialogue on human rights

mation; profiling of young people based on their fashion sense; making human rights institutions accessible and approachable; and having a clear reporting platform for human rights violations.

Earlier, Director of UN Information Centre (UNIC) Ronald Kayanja, informed the young people of the new human right declared by the UN General Assembly in July 2022, the right to clean and sustainable environment, that is.

UN Bolsters Maiduguri Polio Laboratory



WHO officials and partners

Borno, one of the 36 States in Nigeria, has been experiencing incessant power outages since 2020, leaving some locations in the state in total darkness, due to the disruption of the power grid caused by insecurity. This has hampered operations at the polio laboratory situated at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH).

As part of efforts to provide succor and ensure effective sustenance of a Polio-free Nigeria, the World Health Organization (WHO), with assistance from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), has donated a 100kva generator to the accredited polio laboratory, in addition to the earlier donated 48 solar panels of 330 watts each, 21 KVA inverters, and 24 tabular batteries. This is to ensure uninterrupted services in the laboratory.

Handing over the generator to the laboratory, the WHO north-east emergency manager, Dr Beatrice Muraguri said, this donation will strategically complement the overall effort of the laboratory especially, increasing both the efficiency and effectiveness of the lab.

“This will effectively serve the other states that are extremely dependent on this accredited laboratory, especially in analyzing Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) stool samples and environmental samples,” said Dr Muraguri.

In Nigeria, as of the 10th of December, 2022 (week 48) a total of 9,366 AFP and 153 cVDPV2 cases have been reported across 55 LGAs in 17 states. In view of that, it remains imperative to continue the AFP surveillance and sample collection to sustain the gains against wild poliovirus. Also, there is a need to keep up testing to support the fight against the circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus 2 (cVDPV2).

Appreciating the WHO for its unrelenting support to the polio laboratory, Dr Soji Oderinde, Assistant Director of Technical at the Polio laboratory said, this support is just on time because we

continue committed to playing our part in ensuring Nigeria remains a polio-free country. “This machine will be handled carefully,” he added.

As one of the two national laboratories in Nigeria, and among the 16 in the African Region, the Polio laboratory was first established in the year 1999 but was subsequently accredited by WHO Regional Office for Africa. The laboratory has continued to play a key role in ensuring the sustenance of a polio-free Nigeria, especially by guaranteeing timely and effective analysis of collected stools, as well as both detection and isolation of environmental samples.

Due to the pivotal role the laboratory plays, it currently serves 10 northern states in Nigeria, including Katsina, Bauchi, Kano, Jos, and Taraba. And from January 2022 – November 2022, there have been 14,775 AFP stool samples and 621 environmental samples analyzed in the laboratory.

Reiterating WHO’s support to the laboratory, the country representative Dr Walter Kazadi Mulombo said, “WHO will continue to provide additional support to strengthen the capacity of the laboratory in the fight against poliovirus in Nigeria. We remain committed to supporting the state technically and ensuring essential health services are adequately accessed by all.”



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Equal Access To Treatment And Prevention Services On Focus As UN, Partners Mark World AIDS Day



Unveiling of strategic National Documents on HIV/AIDS (L-R: Country Representative of UN Women, Ms Beatrice Eyong; National coordinator NEPWHAN, Abdulkadir Ibrahim; Chairman Senate committee on primary health care & communicable disease, Sen. Ishaku Abbo-Sia; Head of National AIDS and STIs Control Programme, FMOH, Dr Akudo Ikpeazu; UNAIDS Country Director, Dr. Leopold Zekeng, Rep UN Resident Coordinator Matthias Schmale; Per. Sec Office of the Secretary General of the Federation, Dr. Maurice Mbaeri, Rep SGF; DG NACA, Dr. Gambo Aliyu.

The UN system in Nigeria, alongside US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, Global Fund, Federal Ministry of Health, and implementing partners converged at the International Conference center, Abuja to join the rest of the world to mark the 2022 World AIDS Day.

The event honoured over 40 million lives lost to AIDS, took stock of the AIDS response in Nigeria, united in solidarity with the people living with and affected by HIV and further renewed commitments to ending AIDS by 2030.

UNAIDS Country Director Dr Leopold Zekeng who represented the UN Resident Coordinator Matthias Schmale, emphasized that the world and indeed Nigeria, risk millions more new infections and millions more deaths if it did not end the economic, social and structural barriers that are blocking progress.

“So, on this World AIDS Day, we are calling out in one voice: Equalize! It means more availability, quality, and suitability of services for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention especially for those left behind especially – Adolescent Girls and Young Women – Children living with HIV – Migrant populations – People with disabilities – Refugees and Internally Displaced populations - Key Populations.” He emphasized.

Earlier, UNAIDS launched a powerful new report, “Dangerous Inequalities” The report unpacks the impact of inequalities on the AIDS response to be of gender inequalities, of inequalities faced by key populations, and of inequalities between children and adults. It emphasized how worsening financial constraints are making it more difficult to address those inequalities and how gender inequalities and harmful gender norms are holding back the end of the AIDS pandemic.

Nigeria’s Minister for Health, Dr Osagie Ehanire expressed satisfaction with landmark achievements Nigeria has made in the response to the epidemic in the past few years which have taken the country to the UN target of 95-95-95. He explained that this means Nigeria has reached the stage where 90% of those who are HIV-positive know their status, 90% of those who know their status are on treatment and 95% of those who are on treatment have attained viral suppression. This is important because this target will make the transmission of HIV within the community most minimal. We are also remembering to mention the fact that what was 3% prevalence rate is now 1.3%.

Dr, Osagie thanked the partnerships that have made this possible- PEPFAR, Global fund, UNAIDS, along with the joint UN team in Nigeria and many other developing partners.

“Nigeria thanks its partners for their consistent support to our shared agenda to end HIV and AIDS by 2030 It is important to keep up the current momentum, so we must continue to work together to address barriers arising from various circumstances that still impede progress in this regard. We must strengthen HIV/AIDS services to reach, to test and to treat HIV-positive pregnant women, children, key populations and their friends, as well as those in enclosed settings”

In line with alignment 2.0, HIV prevention and treatment is shifting ownership to States and today we shall witness the signing of the sustainability agreement for Taraba and Abia States. DG NACA, Dr. Gambo Aliyu.

In another event, UNODC partnered with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS in launching two national training manuals and information, education and communication (IEC) materials on



Stakeholders pose with UNODC Country Representative during the launch of the national training manuals Addressing the Specific Needs of Women Who Inject Drugs

gender-based violence, drug overdose, medication assisted treatment (MAT) as well as stigma.

The Training Manual Addressing the Specific Needs of Women Who Inject Drugs aims to building the capacity of healthcare workers and community service providers to effectively address access gaps for female injecting drug users in line with national guidelines, while the Training Manual for Law Enforcement Officials on HIV Service Provision for Key Populations aims to integrate a public health approach into policing in a way that enables the police and other law enforcement officials proactively engage with key populations for improved HIV outcomes.

Country Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Mr Oliver Stolpe congratulated the Government of Nigeria for integrating law enforcement officials into the national HIV/AIDS response and expressed confidence that the two training manuals would contribute to improved HIV outcomes for key populations.

Director General, NACA represented by the Director, Community Prevention, Care Services department, Mr. Alex Ogundipe said the development of capacity building manuals and messages addressing identified structural issues was apt. He added that there was no better way to ensure equality at supply and demand levels of the HIV response in Nigeria.

Country Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) represented by Gabriel Undelikwo congratulated NACA for ensuring that an enabling environment was created for implementers and beneficiaries to interact meaningfully.

Smiles of hope for the women of Sabara



L-R: Jummai Idris, Halima Ibrahim, and Amina Usman

Jummai Idris, Halima Ibrahim, and Amina Usman are leaders of a 10-woman Sabara Cooperative Union who now own four grinding machines thanks to the training and empowerment they received from UNHCR and partner AUN.

Confusion reigned in the village of Sabara, Yobe State's Damaturu Local Government Area (LGA), after members of a Non-State Armed Group ran through town, randomly shooting anything that moved. Villagers, particularly the women, dispersed in all directions during the panic. Among the escapees, Jummai, Halima, and Amina escaped to the safety of Gadaka village in Potiskum LGA, leaving everything they owned behind.

Living in a strange land with her eight children for five years was a traumatic experience for Jummai, 40. Her husband died of a heart attack while fleeing Sabara, leaving her as the sole breadwinner. It was tough for her to provide her children with food, shelter, medication, or school fees. Her family's survival was frequently dependent on the generosity of their hosts, who would share their food and spare their verandas or open spaces for them to sleep.

Halima's story was not much different, as she fled with her family, trekking for hours to escape violence. They were fortunate, however, because a truck transporting other people fleeing Damaturu picked them up along the way to Gadaka village in Potiskum LGA.

"My children were so scared and asked me where we were running to, but I could not answer them because I was as confused as they were," says Halima.

That day was terrifying for Amina as they ran frantically for safety. She recalls bullets flying everywhere and how none of the shots struck her children is a miracle. Her younger sister, however, was not so lucky.

"My sister was hit in the head and died immediately at Dikumari village before we could escape danger. The rest of us hid in the bushes for two days. When the shooters had left, the Diku-

mari villagers helped to bury my sister before we proceeded to Gadaka village in Potiskum LGA," Amina recounts.

After five years of living a destitute life in exile, many of the women of the Sabara community returned home but found themselves destitute after losing all their livestock, crops, and household possessions.

Hope, however, was not all lost because UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, was present in their community supporting vulnerable people like them. In collaboration with the American University of Nigeria, UNHCR trained the women in different vocational skills. Amina, Halima, Jummai, and their 10-woman cooperative group, also received four multipurpose grinding machines as their start-up kits.

"When we received the grinding mills from UNHCR and AUN, we were overwhelmed with joy. As a cooperative, we take the project seriously and work relentlessly to realise a turnover and serve the whole community," says Amina.

Every month, they make an interest of ten thousand Naira, and as a cooperative, they save money for servicing and fueling the grinding machines and share an agreed sum among members. They have also invested in other businesses, such as selling condiments and grains to community members. These sales help boost their business and maximise income, enabling them to meet their family needs.

"Most importantly, we save money in a local bank which helps the cooperative to support members with serious challenges. With such savings, we have been able to rescue serious situations in the community that could have degenerated," Amina says. She adds that many whose houses collapsed in the recent flooding were assisted through the savings to either rebuild or relocate to other places where they built new homes.

Amina, Halima, Jummai, and their fellow women are now committed more than ever to a bright future for the successful education of their children. While several challenges remain, the smile with hope for a brighter future.

Nigeria Commemorates International Anti-Corruption Day



Participants during the commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day in Nigeria

On the 9 December 2022, Nigeria commemorated International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD), a day that seeks to highlight the crucial link between anti-corruption and peace, security, and development. Under the auspices of the Inter-Agency Task Team, the coordinating forum of 21 agencies with anti-corruption and accountability mandates, over 200 representatives of anti-corruption agencies, the judiciary, CSOs, media organizations and youth came together to mark the occasion.

At the core of IACD is the notion that tackling this crime is the right and responsibility of everyone, and that only through cooperation and the involvement of each and every person and institution can we overcome the negative impact of this crime. States, government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public and youth alike all have a role to play in this.

The 2022 IACD also marks the start of efforts to mark the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). This is reflected by the theme of this year's international day, "UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption". Over the next year, culminating with IACD 2023, UNODC, together with partners worldwide, we will be reflecting on a world made better thanks to the collective push afforded by the Convention and, crucially, what gaps remain to ensure this is a truly strong mechanism for the years ahead.

Corruption is a major impediment to peace, security and development. From education to the environment, from business to sports, from gender equality to access to justice, and more – corruption undermines all areas of society's development.

In 2003, the world came together to adopt a landmark agreement – the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(UNCAC). Since then, 188 parties have committed to the Convention's anti-corruption obligations, showing near-universal recognition of the importance of good governance, accountability, and political commitment.

As one of the earliest adopters of UNCAC, Nigeria ratified the Convention in 2004. In addition to the global theme, Nigeria has adopted two local themes to mark this year's IACD, which were the focus of panel discussions during the commemoration: Tackling Corruption in the elections process: the 2023 General Elections and Beyond; and the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2022-2026: What do we need to do differently?

Since the Conference of State Parties to the Convention established the Implementation Review Mechanism in 2009, Nigeria has undergone two review cycles. The UNODC Country Office in Nigeria, in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, has prepared a report which takes stock of Nigeria's follow up to the 2014 and 2019 UNCAC implementation reviews. The full report will be presented on 14 December at an event at the UN house in Abuja.

The world today faces some of its greatest challenges in many generations – challenges which threaten prosperity and stability for people across the globe, including in Nigeria. As we move towards the twentieth anniversary of UNCAC in October 2023, this Convention and the values it promotes are more important than ever.

As a State Party to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), Nigeria has benefited from UNODC support to the Government, civil society and the private sector to prevent corruption, strengthen integrity, accountability and transparency, enhance the legal framework against corruption, improve the capacity of and coordination amongst various anti-corruption bodies, enhance the recovery and return of the proceeds of corruption, as well as international cooperation. This is a key priority area for UNODC, as laid out in the Strategic Vision for Nigeria, which seeks to 'safeguard people, institutions and the economy from corruption and illicit financial flows'.

UN, Owa-Alero Community Launch Campaign To Promote Safe Migration



Some members of Owa-Alero community, Ika North-East, Delta State

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in collaboration with members of the Owa-Alero community, Ika North-East, Delta launched, on 8th December 2022, a communication campaign on the risks of irregular migration and trafficking in persons, while ensuring the protection and assistance for people on the move.

The campaign was developed through a community centred approach, bringing together the collective inputs of returning migrants, local community representatives, relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) working on migration issues.

Through this campaign, people in the community obtain access to accurate information on safe migration pathways, as well as on available local opportunities.

"A lot of migrants are deceived into travelling irregularly due to misinformation. At the end of the day, they discover that the picture painted before migrating is different from the reality abroad. Through this campaign, potential migrants will be properly informed on the required travel document, and alternatives to irregular migration", said Cyprine Chepterkeny IOM Nigeria, Awareness Raising Officer.

The project aims to work closely with local structures to ensure community ownership and sustainability of the program; thereby enabling lasting behaviour change.

"The Ika North- East LGA is delighted to be part of the development of this campaign. To us, having our inputs in the communication

material development shows that, the project is strives to have a collective action to change behaviour on irregular migration and trafficking in persons", Chief P.I Jegbefumwen

This campaign is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands as part of "Cooperation on Migration and Partnership for a Sustainable Solutions (COMPASS)"; a global initiative that seeks to assist individuals while working across all levels: households, communities, and the wider communities through a whole-of-society approach.

UN Hands Over Mud Brick Shelters to 100 Households in Gofta Community, Decongests Camps in Pulka

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has relocated 100 households displaced by conflicts to modern mud brick shelters built in Gofta Community in Pulka, Gwoza Local Government Area, as part of efforts to decongest camps in Borno State, Nigeria.

The intervention is in response to the recent closure of camps and camp-like settlements in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC) and Jere in mid and late 2022 and the resettlement of some of the affected population in Pulka, which has resulted in congestion in existing camps in the area. As many of those relocated from the state capital chose to move and settle in local government areas that are close to their pre-displacement locations, the burden on existing infrastructure in camps continues to increase, with humanitarian agencies working to scale up operations to address the new challenge.

"The decision to move the families from the Reception Center in Pulka to the Gofta Community Settlement is essential to improving the quality of life of the conflict-affected population and signifies the first steps towards transitioning to a normal life," said Laurent De Boeck, Chief of Mission, IOM Nigeria. "Through this intervention, each family now owns a mud brick shelter equipped with a latrine and a shower space and is less susceptible to climate-induced hazards like floods and stormy winds," he added.

Aside from shelters, the resettled population also received livelihood support and non-food items to help them kickstart a new life, in addition to the over 3,000 direct and indirect jobs created as the mud brick shelters were constructed by the local community, who are mostly from the displaced communities.



A cross-section of the modern mud brick shelters built in Gofta Community in Pulka, Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State

The durable mud brick shelters initiative was adopted by IOM as a long-term solution to resettling all internally displaced persons to their pre-displacement communities in line with the state government's reconstruction, rehabilitation, and rehabilitation drive amid camp closures in the state capital.

Since kick-starting the project in late 2021 with funding from USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), OCHA's Central Emergency Response Fund, the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), and the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF), IOM has constructed 1006 new mud brick shelters and upgraded 295 in different locations including Gwoza, Gombi, Ngala, Yola South, and Jere LGAs of northeast Nigeria.

UN Fully Committed To Supporting Nigeria To Address Climate Change '



A cross-section of participants

'UN System in Nigeria remains fully committed to supporting the Government of Nigeria in its efforts to address climate change' this was stated by the Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Nigeria, Mr Matthias Schmale at the hybrid event on Post COP27 Dialogue: Race to Net Zero via Social, Environmental and economic sustainability organized by Solution 17 Green. Mr Matthias who was the keynote speaker at the event highlighted the various climate crisis and its impact across the country especially the recent catastrophic flooding across many Nigerian states which displaced an estimated 1.3 million people. He called for a sense of urgency on climate change, and the need for all hands-on deck and a whole-of-society approach to make climate progress for the people of Nigeria.



He urged everyone to work together, including the government, the private sector, the civil society, the academia and the UN System in Nigeria which he mentioned remains fully committed to supporting the Government of Nigeria in its efforts to address climate change including the implementation of Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement, Nigeria's Energy Transition Plan which outlines the country's pathway to achieving net-zero emissions by 2060.

Other speakers at the event include Mr. Joe Kuzrich, the Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate Lagos and his Royal Highness Oba Adeniyi Ajakaiye the Oluyin of Iyin -Ekiti

OSSAP-SDGs, UNIC Host Live TV Youth Dialogue on SDGs, Underscore Role Of Youths In Achieving the SDGs



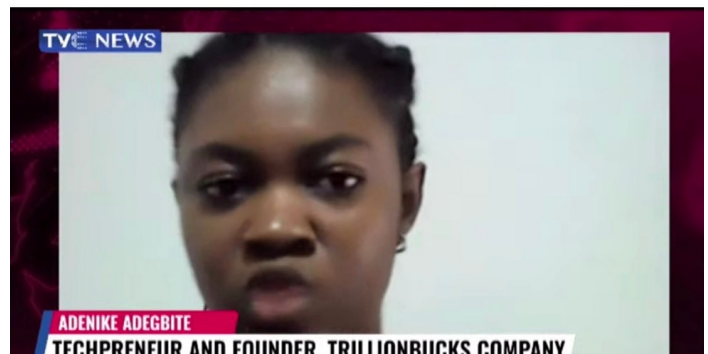
L-R: Ms Oluwaseyi Moejoh, Co-Founder of U-recycle Initiative; Moderator of the dialogue, and Victor Okechuckwu Chimezie of Peacebuilder Mind Reformers Network

The Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (OSSAP-SDGs) and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Nigeria have organized a live television Youth Dialogue on SDGs to underscore the important role of young people in achieving the SDGs in Nigeria.

The one-hour dialogue broadcast live on TVC on Thursday, 22 December 2022, was also streamed live for online audiences. The discussion emphasized young people as key agents for social change and highlighted the importance of youth engagement for the acceleration of the #SDGs and how they could be better supported to deliver for the #SDGs to end poverty, inequality, promote peace and protect the planet.

Victor Okechuckwu Chimezie of Peacebuilder Mind Reformers Network while speaking on Peacebuilding and the role of youths in building peace and contributions to the SDGs, highlighted the importance of engaging and building the capacity of young people to build and promote peace.

He stated that 'though Conflict is natural, peace is necessary for sustainable development, and supporting young people to



Ms Adenike Adegbite, Founder Trillion Bucks Company



Dr. Bala Yusuf Yunusa Senior Technical Advisor, (OSSAP-SDGs)

be interested in peace building is a responsibility of all.'

A Tech Entrepreneur, Ms Adenike Adegbite, Founder Trillion Bucks Company, emphasised Technology and Innovation as effective enablers of the implementation of the 17 #GlobalGoals.

Dr. Bala Yusuf Yunusa, Senior Technical Advisor, (OSSAP-SDGs) provided an overview of SDG's implementation and the support structure for young people in Nigeria.

Ms Fatima Usman emphasised digital literacy and youth empowerment through leadership training.

UN Launches New Project To Manage Migration Through Development



Deputy Governor of Edo State, IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission and the Ambassador of Italy to Nigeria at the Project Launch event in Benin City - Edo State. Photo: IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the Edo State Government launched a new project to improve migration management through development on December 5, 2022. The 24-month project entitled “Managing Migration Through Development (MMDP) 2.0 with a focus on Edo State.” is funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The new project builds on the foundation laid by Migration Management Development program (MMDP 1.0) which enacted the anti-human trafficking law and established the Edo state taskforce against human trafficking (ETAHT) in 2018. Specifically, the project will provide comprehensive reintegration, complementary assistance, and livelihood support to 225 returning migrants, vulnerable and unemployed youth in the State. This will include protection and shelter assistance to vulnerable migrants including victims of trafficking. Additionally, the project will strengthen strategies and digital campaigns that aim at preventing human trafficking and irregular migration in Edo state.

“Our goal, through this project, is to reinforce existing community development initiatives by placing migrants and potential migrants at the centre of the project thus curbing irregular migration in the state,” said Laurent De Boeck, IOM Nigeria Chief of Mission.

Across West and Central Africa, IOM's return, and reintegration focus on a ‘whole government approach’, aimed at encouraging strong partnership and relationship among the international community, the government, the civil society organization, and the media in addressing irregular migration and providing sustainable reintegration to returned migrants and their communities. Since April 2017, IOM has facilitated returns of over 29,000 stranded Nigerian migrants from differ-

ent transit and destination countries out of which 46% of those returned voluntarily accounts for Edo state.

“The objective of this 2-year project is to support and cooperate with Edo State government in strengthening its socio-economic capacity, to provide skills and education to returned migrants, vulnerable categories and to prevent human trafficking by supporting economic, social growth and development. These partnerships are increasingly important tools to tackle challenges in the long term”, said Stefano De Leo, Ambassador of Italy to Nigeria.

“When I returned in 2017, things were very difficult but thanks to IOM that organized business skills training and assisted me to set up a building materials shop. The shop has really helped me, with this new project, I will further expand the business and employ youths from the community to work with me, I am glad that I am going to contribute in my own way by employing and training others to be self-sufficient”, said Abieyuwa, a returned migrant.

The project builds on the previous and current IOM implemented projects funded by the European Union (EUTF-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration), Strengthening Direct Assistance through a Victim Centred Approach by United Kingdom Home office (UKHO) and (Cooperation On Migration And Partnerships To Achieve Sustainable Solutions (COMPASS) by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



Fathers Leading The Way To Adequate Nutrition

In Nguru Local Government Area, Yobe State, fathers are taking the lead in ensuring that their children grow and thrive by receiving a nutritious diet.

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It was a great sight to see a different scene play out in Bombori and Kalidafi, two settlements in Nguru, a Local Government Area in Yobe State, Northeastern Nigeria. Here, men like Muhammed Alhassan, Muhammad Audu and Lukman Ngibrima have taken the wheel, reducing the burden of care on their wives, providing for proper nutrition and ultimately driving their families into leading a healthy life.

Muhammed Alhassan



Muhammed Alhassan with his daughter, Fatima II. © UNICEF/UN0755312/Apochi Owoicho

Growing up, Muhammed had 13 siblings, yet he remembers his father taking care of them, by not only providing shelter and food, but by playing with them, assisting his wives to feed the children or showing them how to do house chores. Now 42 years old, Muhammed believes that the quickest way to show that he is taking care of his family is to support his wife and to have healthy children who do not fall ill.

When he is not working as an officer at the Nguru Local Government Area office, he spends his time rearing chickens and nurturing his backyard vegetable garden. He believes that setting the right example for his children will help them to maintain good eating practices when they grow up.

“When I heard from the nutrition officers that if my children are breastfed and eat the right food that includes vegetables, fruits and proteins when they are older, they will not fall sick, I decided to pay attention. This backyard farming has even helped me to save money because the chickens lay eggs too, so I don’t have to buy eggs or vegetables”



Muhammed showing his daughter, fondly called Fatima 1, how to tend their vegetable garden, igniting in her, an early interest in small-scale farming for home food and sharing knowledge on the classes of food she needs in her diet. © UNICEF/UN0755286/Apochi Owoicho



Muhammed at his backyard poultry. The poultry provides his family with eggs and chicken which improves the dietary diversity of the meals he provides for his children. © UNICEF/UN0755280/Apochi Owoicho

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Muhammad Audu



Muhammed supporting his wife to achieve exclusive breastfeeding. By taking responsibility for house chores like laundry, sweeping and cooking, his wife can get enough rest, leading to better milk production for their 6-month-old baby, Fatima II. © UNICEF/UN0755295/Apochi Owoicho

40 year old Muhammad Audu lives in Bombori, Nguru LGA, Yobe State, Nigeria and loves bonding with his two children, an activity that led to him knowing more about his children. "I know all the food they enjoy like rice, kunun (a liquid meal made from maize, millet or sorghum), macaroni. I make sure they eat all the food they like, and I also make sure it has all the nutrients as explained to us by the nutrition officers that visit us.

They teach us about vitamins and nutrients that our children need. I help my wife to cook sometimes when she is tired, so I am happy that I know all the type of food the children should be eating. It's not only for their mother to know."

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The Audu family at Bombori, Nguru LGA, Yobe State. © UNICEF/UN0755346/Apochi Owoicho



Since attending information sessions and receiving packets of micronutrient powder at the Health Centre, Muhammad has seen the effect on his children. He only takes them for routine immunization and screening. His children are health and don't fall sick. © UNICEF/UN0755316/Apochi Owoicho



Muhammad never misses an appointment at the Primary Healthcare Centre in Nguru where he takes his children for routine checks that confirm they are not malnourished. © UNICEF/UN0755331/Apochi Owoicho

Lukman Ngibrima

In Kalifadi settlement, Nguru, Lukman, a 45-year-old health worker practices what he preaches.

"I have 11 children and they all enjoyed exclusive breastfeeding. It was not easy for my wives, but my job is to encourage them in any way possible. Sometimes it is by doing small things like making sure your breastfeeding wife is eating well, has good hydration and gets adequate rest. She does not have to carry the baby all the time. Encourage her to rest even when she is not tired. Even up till today, my children are strong. That's the secret I have used for all my children"



At the Bombori Primary Healthcare Centre, Nguru, Nutrition Officers teach parents like Muhammad how to combine food items to guarantee dietary diversity using ingredients readily available in their community. © UNICEF/UN0755322/Apochi Owoicho



Doing anything he can to support his wife with breastfeeding, Lukman uses a handfan to provide cool air on a hot day. © UNICEF/UN0755277/Apochi Owoicho

With support from UNICEF through partners like Action Against Hunger (AAH) and Jireh Doo Foundation (JDF), families in Yobe State are provided with Micronutrient powder and knowledge on breastfeeding and home-based farming to help prevent and reduce cases of malnutrition in northeast Nigeria.



Beyond receiving training on combining food items, Muhammad also receives packets of micronutrient powder for his two children to address any nutrient deficiency they may have. © UNICEF/UN0755321/Apochi Owoicho



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Elections and Freedom of Expression in the Digital Era



A cross-section of facilitators and participants at the workshop

As the 2023 Nigeria general election approaches, protecting freedom of expression and access to information is critical. UNESCO has a global mandate to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image. Freedom of expression, access to information and the right of political participation are deeply interlaced with democratic institutions, as when information is accurate, extensive and available, elections remain free and fair, and democracy thrives.

With support from a Multi Donor Programme (MDP) on freedom of expression and the Safety of Journalists, the UNESCO Abuja Regional office and Agate Multimedia Concepts organized on the 5, 7 and 9 of December a series of three workshops for editors and electoral officials in three locations in Nigeria (Federal Capital Territory, Kano and Lagos state). The initiative had a total of one hundred and two (102) participants from all the locations.

In her opening remark at the official opening ceremony of the workshop in Abuja, the State capital of Nigeria on December 5, 2022, Ms. Yachat Nuhu who represented the UNESCO Regional Director in delivering his speech, said “the media should serve as Mediators and not Instigators of violence before, during, and after the election”. She reminded the participants that the media should not only aid in the dissemination of information but also the suppression of hate speech, the promotion of balanced views, and the establishment of information equilibrium.

Chief Technical Adviser for Elections UNDP, Mr. Deryck Fritz explained the need for Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as the electoral management body, to work closely with stakeholders to build the trust of the public in its activities. He also mentioned the need to engage regularly with the media, election observers, and political actors to clarify all critical aspects of the process, such as the amendments to the electoral act, the role of technology, and other key aspects of electoral operations. Also in attendance in the event were representatives of president of the Nigeria Guild of Editors and Nigeria Union of Journalist.

The one-day intense workshop started with the lead facilitator in person of Professor Oso Olayiwola of Lagos State

University who spoke on The New Information Paradigm elections saying: “media has the opportunity now, to write a good history about the mainstream media – and not record ourselves among the institutions that undermined internal security, hampered free and fair elections and stoked the embers of ethno-religious conflict” as they had the power to influence.

Second facilitator, Albertina Piterbarg an Electoral Expert at UNESCO with 20 years of experience working in electoral support in the UN in Latin America, Africa and Asia spoke on the impact of online harmful practices on journalism and elections and responses to tackle them. She spoke on the international standards on freedom of expression and its limits, and the Rabat Plan of Action.

Participants had the opportunity to hear and interact on practical issues as it relates to electoral issues from Pamella Makotsi Sittoni, an editor in Kenya who was heavily invested in the just concluded general elections in Kenya. Pamella Makotsi Sittoni is a senior editor with more than 20 years’ experience in media in East Africa spoke on Covering elections in the digital era and gave participants steps to step actions that helped the media record great success in Kenya.

In Lagos state, INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner for Lagos State represented by Mrs. Tadese, emphasized that the media, as the fourth estate of the realm, has a vital role to play in the maintenance and consolidation of democracy and good governance in Nigeria, particularly in this digital age. Mrs. Tadese explained that this became necessary towards the achievement of free, fair, credible, and transparent elections. She also stated that INEC would continue to engage with key partners and stakeholders, particularly the media, in the lead up and after the polls on all related issues.

The workshop was interactive, and participants were given opportunity for experience sharing which was quite enlighten and educative. They were impressed as how pertinent and timely the initiative was, as it was implemented at the appropriate time to prepare key stakeholders for the general election in Nigeria. Ms. Yemisi Dada, who works at the Radio Nigeria while commending UNESCO for organizing the workshop, noted that the workshop had given her and other participants the opportunity to interact, connect and discuss possibilities to engage with the government on the coming elections.

When A Strong Resolve To Live Becomes The Beacon To Brave Life's Challenges



Yagana Bukar attends to her growing herd in the make-shift stable she prepared within her compound in Bama.

“Life challenges can complicate our existence and hurdle our progress, but if you are still breathing there is hope for you and you must strive to live,” says Yagana Alhaji Bukar (45) describing her ordeal after losing both her husband and son in law to the prolonged insurgency in northeast Nigeria way back in 2014.

“This is what keeps me going even after that loss which has turned our lives upside down,” she explains as she was attending to her animals in the backyard of her house.

Ms. Yagana, who hails from Bama local area council in Borno state, is a mother of fourteen children with seven grandchildren.

She was among the residents who were dislodged from their homes at the peak of the protracted crisis that has engulfed a great part of the northeast region of Nigeria which goes for more than a decade now.

For four (4) years they lived in tents of the camp of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Maiduguri, the headquarters of Borno state.

“After our homes were demolished following recurrent attacks, we fled for safety and our town was taken over by the insurgents,” she painfully recalls.

Following the reconstruction of some shelters by the Borno State Government, they returned to their Bama Hausari ‘C’ ward and have settled since 2019. However, this were not that easy as many challenges cropped up.

Recovering their livelihoods and sustaining their living was quite daunting as she no long had a husband and son in law to depend on. The only undertaking that she could do was caps’ weaving and the proceeds she got in return was mere peanut.

“There seemed to be nothing else to hold onto but we still had the hope that a day would come when things would change for the better,” she says.

With funding support from the Government of Canada, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) began a special programme for helping the IDPs, returnees and host communities to restore their livelihoods through animal restocking intervention in the last quarter of 2019. Ms. Yagana was one of the beneficiaries that received four (4) goats (three female and one male). Within a year of receiving this intervention, they took good care of them and in return, they multiplied to ten (10).

“I sold two and I got Naira 53 000 - an amount of money that I had not seen or touched for some years. I and my family struggled even to feed. But now I am able to take care of some of my children, grandchildren and three orphans that are living here with me,” she notes adding: “With the money, I bought a sheep and added it in my flock and I used the remaining money to buy food for the family and animal feeds.”

With the remaining goats and anticipation that the added sheep will reproduce soon, together with a few bucks that she is making from weaving caps, Yagana’s sustained hold unto hope that she would one day be able to care for her family has now become a reality.



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

UN Convenes Member States Meeting, Calls For More Int'l support for Nigeria



United Nations Nigeria Resident Coordinator Mr. Matthias Schmale held at the meeting

The United Nations Nigeria Resident Coordinator Mr. Matthias Schmale held a meeting on 7 December with UN Member states in Nigeria and briefed on current development in the country and called for international support for the country to deal with the issue of food security, nutrition & drug abuse.

The RC at the briefing mentioned the signing of the Cooperation Framework for the period between 2023 – 2027 with focus on economic growth, strengthening governance, increasing resilience to climate change, supporting human capital development through support to education & health.

He stated as encouraging the increased numbers of youths that have registered for voting, the peace accord signed by political parties, in view of the 2023 General Elections, but expressed concern about the prevalence of #hatespeech in the politically charged atmosphere.

The diplomats were also briefed on the launch of the year long campaign in commemoration of the 75 years of the Universal Declaration Human Rights.

The Ambassadors welcomed the briefing & emphasized the importance of supporting Nigeria to deal with urgent humanitarian needs, security & development.



A cross-section of UN Country Team representatives at the meeting



A cross-section of member states representatives at the meeting

UN Celebrates International Day Of Persons With Disabilities with Cameroonian refugees.



A Cameroonian refugee receives a wheelchair during the commemoration of the International day of Persons with Disabilities in the Adagom refugee settlement, Cross River State. © UNHCR/Lucy Agiende.

On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities – marked every 3 December – UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, refugees, security personnel, locals, and partners came together to celebrate the resilience of refugees with disabilities and to mobilize support for their dignity, rights, and well-being in Nigeria.

The 2022 theme was “Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world”.

During the commemoration, UNHCR provided assistive devices/aids to 104 refugees, including medicated lenses, hearing aids, wheelchairs, axillary crutches, Zimmer’s frame, quadripod walking sticks, lumber corsets, and knee braces in Benue and Cross River States. Also, 223 refugees with specific needs received sanitation/hygiene items and/or mattresses in Benue State.

UNHCR and its partners had already assessed the specific assistive aid needs of individuals with disabilities and further sensitized the beneficiaries on the effective use and maintenance of their aid.

“Walking around with a stick was uncomfortable for me before now. I never believed I would get a wheelchair today, said Imbus Felix, one of the refugees who received a wheel-

chair and pair of crutches in the Adagom refugee settlement, Cross River State.

Of the over 86,000 registered Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria, more than 1,000 are living with various forms of disabilities. Through its Age, Gender, and Diversity approach, UNHCR promotes greater accessibility and inclusion for all refugees, including persons with disabilities.



refugee

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noun

1. A person who has fled war, violence, conflict or persecution and has crossed an international border to find safety in another country.
2. A person outside their country of origin who is in need of international protection because of feared persecution, or a serious threat to their life, physical integrity or freedom in their country of origin as a result of persecution, armed conflict, violence or serious public disorder.

UN, Youth Group Organise COP27 Youth Leadership Workshop In Kwara State



A group photograph of the resource persons and participants at the workshop in Ilorin.

The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in collaboration with #NGYouthSDGs held a #COP27 Youth Leadership Workshop in Kwara State to meaningfully engage youth on how to advocate for environmental issues and lead the transformational change to meet the challenges of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss so as to upscale effective change.

One of the objectives of implementing the #COP27 Youth Leadership Workshop is to provide training and capacity building to youths from Nigeria's six geopolitical zones in order for them to develop the skills and means to engage in dialogue and express their ideas on climate issues; contribute to Nigeria's NDCs and a release of a youth manifesto on Climate Change.



A cross-section of participants and a speaker



A resource person addresses participants at the workshop

The Kwara State commissioner for the Environment, Mrs Remilekun Banigbe in her address at the COP27 Youth Leadership Workshop held in Ilorin, Kwara State highlighted the need to identify how climate change impacted communities; conceptualise sustainable solution, identify plan of action, adopt a self-help approach, identify resources constraint for sustainable implementation and seek funding.

She urged everyone, especially the youth to be involved in tackling climate change in their communities because their quality of life is being undermined.

Other speakers at the workshop tasked everyone to come together to take tangible steps in response to the greatest threat to humanity - #ClimateChange.

The workshop is scheduled to take place in Adamawa, Kaduna, Ondo, Anambra and Rivers states.

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Captions, from left to right in a clockwise direction

1. Minister of Finance, Mrs Hajiya Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed (4th from the right) receives in audience, a UN delegation led by the UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed (3rd from the right). The delegation includes UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria Matthias Schmale (Right); and the UNDP Country Representative, Mohammed Yahya (3rd from the left).
2. UNIC Director Ronald Kayanja addresses the participants at the media roundtable on human rights while the Senior Human Rights Adviser, UN Nigeria, Adwoa Kufuor-Owusu, looks on.
3. UN Women Country Representative Beatrice Eyong (Left) compares notes with H.E. the German Ambassador to Nigeria, Amb. Annett Gunther (Right) during her courtesy visit to the German Embassy.

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