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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear LIP Alumni,

It gives me great joy and honour to welcome you back!

When we instituted the Legislative Internship Programme in 2013, our goal was to expand youth engagement with the Legislature in line with PLAC's mission to promote citizens' participation and access. This came from our conviction that young people must be involved in decision making and equipped with useful knowledge to do so.

It is a privilege to see that so far, our goal is on track and being achieved with the success of each internship cohort. This is also evident from the feedback and testimonies of our past interns, as well as the career trajectory of our Alumni who have gone on to do many great things. A good number have built promising careers in the civil society and development sector, as well as in the political field. In fact, we have interns who have thrown their hats in the ring by deciding to run for political office.

We also have many interns who are successful in other fields – health, finance, academics, business, etc. Others have dedicated themselves to service to their community and have taken on the task of spreading awareness about the importance of civic participation. We are happy to see many interns reporting that they walked away with a better understanding of the Legislature and governance in Nigeria and with a stronger sense of working together towards nation building.

Our plan is for this Alumni Magazine and Convening to be annual activities that would provide an opportunity to welcome back our interns and introduce them to the Alumni network. It is also expected to facilitate valuable connections among fellow Alumni who could provide guidance and support towards achieving individual and collective personal, professional and development goals.

We understand that due to life transitions, family, work, and other demands of life, it is not always easy to look back and return to places or institutions where we spent time. However, it is often important to reflect on the past and take the lessons learned forward. Therefore, we are very grateful to our Alumni who have taken time out of their various commitments to respond to our request for updates for this magazine and to participate in the Inaugural Alumni Convening.

We at PLAC are proud of your achievements and successes so far, and how you are working hard in shaping our society into a more inclusive and better one. I welcome you all once again and wish you all a joyful Alumni reunion!

Clement Nwankwo
Executive Director

ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (LIP)

PLAC's Legislative Internship Programme is an annual programme aimed at improving youth participation and engagement with the governance and legislative process, particularly by seeking to create a better understanding of democratic institutions such as the National Assembly.

The internship programme was instituted in 2013 with support from the Department for International Development (DFID) now known as Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). It ran for 3 years, until 2015.

It was reinstated in 2018 with support from the European Union (EU) and has continued annually since then. Over 200 young Nigerians have benefitted from this programme since its inception in 2013.

The programme has been made possible not only with the support of our funders, but also, by the longstanding collaboration and support of the Nigerian National Assembly who has provided support for its implementation over the years as a way of opening the institution to youth participation and civic engagement.

While PLAC has been responsible for the recruitment, training and remuneration of the interns, the National Assembly management has assisted in the deployment of the interns to legislative committees and in providing interns with a workspace under the supervision of a Committee Clerk, to facilitate their learning and make their stay at the National Assembly worthwhile.

PLAC is scaling up the programme by organising this maiden Alumni network convening to bring together, past and current interns with the aim of fostering a strong networking platform, following up on interns' progress and tracking the long-term impact of the internship programme.

Feedback from the interns since its inception in 2013 has been largely positive, with many reporting a better understanding of the legislature and appreciation of how governance works. This feedback is captured in the alumni reflections in this first edition.

With many interns reporting a subsequent career trajectory in the civil society, policy and development sector, the Internship has also been useful in growing a new cadre of development sector professionals, as well as potential political leaders, legislators and policymakers.

Going forward, PLAC will continue to seek to provide the LIP alumni with a medium to stay connected and would welcome more contributions from its alumni in subsequent editions. The Alumni magazine is expected to be a forum to exchange ideas, new developments, share reflections about the internship, monitor its impact and feature the professional and career trajectory of our brilliant alumni.

ALUMNI REFLECTIONS



We asked interns to share personal updates on their memories from the internship, career transitions, professional or leadership achievements, publications, volunteer work, as well as advice for prospective legislative interns. Here is what they had to say.



CORNELIUS 2013 AYUBA

Memories/Reflection

"I had just finished from NYSC and was admitted into the first edition of the Internship in 2013. I was posted to the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO) for the six weeks program. Based on my performance, I worked in the office from then until April of 2022, when I left Abuja.

I had just finished from NYSC and was admitted into the first edition of the Internship in 2013. I was posted to the National Assembly Budget and Research Office for the six weeks program. Based on my 1 year experience at the Chartered Accounting firm where I served, it was a little easy for me to follow the activities that were been done at the Office, which was basically analysis of the National Budget.

Based on my performance, I worked in the office from then until April of 2022, when I left Abuja. Before joining NABRO, I had never had any engagement with the National Budget, and so it was an eye opener for me to carry out research and analysis on the budget and even write reports regarding provisions in the budget. Also, I was able to follow the implementation of the budget and see

areas of lapses in the budgetary system. At some point, I had teamed up with another colleague of mine and we helped in the formation of a Civil Society organisation called BREDPAC (Budget Research and Development Policy Advocacy Centre), which we felt could be an avenue for robust engagement with Government at both State and Federal on reforms that would be required in order to achieve a more inclusive budget system in Nigeria.

My experience at NABRO also gave me the opportunity to consult for a CSO coalition that aimed to empower women with disability on disability rights. Although my current Job is not in the Civil Society sector, I still nurse the ambition of volunteering with a Civil Society Organisation keen on advocating for inclusive budget systems in Nigeria.



AISHA IBRAHIM JA'E

2019

Career Transition; Memories/Reflections; Education; Leadership

"The internship gave me a new sense of direction... we were taught to be a united Nigeria and to become leaders, and our confidence was built as well. Before I left the PLAC internship, I had already gotten mentors, who are resourceful high-level people that we were exposed to by PLAC. I am currently working as part of the consultants with the Presidential Committee for the implementation of Petroleum Industry Act (2021) that has historically changed the Petroleum Industry in Nigeria"

PLAC legislative internship was a major milestone for me. Nine years after graduation with no direction on what next, I applied for the Internship and was lucky to emerge as the representative for Kaduna State. This gave me hope and a new sense of direction. In this program, we were taught to be a United Nigeria and to become Leaders. Our confidence was built as well, but, most importantly the 38 of us were happy and enjoyed every part of the process.

Before I left the PLAC internship, I had already gotten mentors, who are resourceful high-level people that we were exposed to by PLAC. My mentor guided me and gave me opportunities through the world of NGOs. From 2019 to 2022, I worked as an activist and advocate

for the rights of women and girls and a Peace Advocate for Global Peace. Being a peace advocate made me grow my interest in conflict management and resolution and led me to pursue further education with the Institute of chartered mediators and conciliators. I am now a member of the Institute and licensed to practice mediation in any field. I am currently working as part of the consultants with the Presidential Committee for the implementation of Petroleum Industry Act (2021) that has historically changed the Petroleum Industry in Nigeria. My advice to prospective Interns is to see it as an opportunity to connect and grow, I am very sure PLAC will provide all the necessary tools. It is just for one to use it well.



BOYO OGHORITSEWARAMI

2014

Career Transition: Memories/Reflections: Leadership: Recognition: Volunteer work

"My experience during the internship laid a critical foundation for my understanding of our political ecosystem. If you are reading this, and/or you are already in the programme, I can assure you of one thing: your future will be unstoppable! Be the best you can be, be daring, creative and serve. Our day will come; therefore, we need to be ready. PLAC's NASS Internship is the pathway to readiness."

The internship was an eye opener into the politics and service of the honorable and distinguished members of the National Assembly. My inspiration for participating for the programme was birthed out of my passion for public good, leadership potential, and service.

PLAC/DFID sponsored the Internship at the time and it gave me the opportunity to experience the rudiments of leadership and the burden of service on a higher platform.

I remember one key moment during our simulation of House proceedings, as the House president, I forgot my lines which were perfectly rehearsed with my colleagues. My colleagues came to my rescue, whispering responses to aid my speeches. This made me realise the power of a team, a united house and

open-minded leadership as key qualities of great leadership.

In the course of the past few years, I have had the opportunity to interact with local and global leadership; from State Governors, Ministers, Legislators, Business & Economic gladiators, Professors, Political Strategists, etc.

My experience during the internship laid a critical foundation for my subsequent understanding of our political ecosystem, helping me improve my communication, leadership style and innovative spirit among other key values I hold dear. During our internship, we usually spent time thinking of innovative ways things could be done in the chambers, and even sent recommendations to management. After the internship, I was recognized by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for

my advocacy to improve child nutrition, health and safety.

I played a critical role in hosting and ensuring members of the National Assembly attended the Africa Youth Leadership Summit' 14 to discuss and propose solutions to youth involvement in National Polity. In 2015, I joined the Forbes Under 30, as a recognition for my effort to improve education outcomes among African children, their health, safety & nutrition. These roles would never have been possible without references to my time at NASS, the discipline, mentorship and critical leadership excellence impacted by PLAC's management and staff, UK-DFID, guest speakers and resource persons, NASS staff and my fellow colleagues.

Advice to Current & Prospective Interns
If you are reading this, and/or you are

already in the programme, I can assure you of one thing: your future will be unstoppable! Be the best you can be, be daring, creative and serve. I know you may say "but young people are not even given the opportunity to lead in this country." To that I will respond, our day will come, therefore we need to be ready and PLAC's NASS Internship is the pathway to readiness. Today, I am still learning from politicians who mentor me. I am learning the ropes. I know one day I will be become the President of something, and my colleagues, and you will also be presidents, distinguished and honourables of other things. Together we can do great things!



DANIEL STEPHEN

2020

Career Transition; Memories/Reflections

I am building political capital and growing myself for 2039, and the PLAC Legislative Internship made it easier for me by creating a platform to make learning and networking possible.

When I applied to join the internship, the goal was to serve and, while gaining skills, learn about the politics of Nigeria. Little did I know that my life was about to take a new trajectory. I had in mind that I would really like to be posted to the Senate, but I am sure God was looking down from heaven and smiling at me, saying, 'if only you know my plans for you. I was one of the last persons to be posted, and I remember walking into the office of the Clerk, Committee on NDDC at the House of Representatives with Madam Omolara and Brenda.

My new boss was about to close but was so kind that she sat back in her seat, welcomed us and asked that we meet the following week. The internship started really slowly as I was not assigned roles. I kept coming to work even when I was told not to go daily and would intentionally

find a task to give myself. When there was no more task to be done, I would go sit in the library and do some research. It continued like that for about three weeks. I was not even aware that my boss was monitoring and observing the initiative I was taking, and one day she assigned me the task of researching the committee budget. I did my research and submitted it in 48hrs when the result was expected after a week. That was the beginning of so many assignments for me, and after the internship, I was retained to continue working with the committee.

To date, I am still serving on the committee with different responsibilities given to me. I am building political capital and growing myself for 2039, and the PLAC Legislative Internship made it easier for me by creating a platform to make learning and networking possible.

Advice to Current & Prospective Interns
It pays to be consistent and do every task as though everything depends on it. You may feel your boss does not want to engage you but make yourself available. You have committed to the ten weeks; serve diligently because you don't know who is watching and observing you. When I started, I did not know other staff members were observing me and

reporting to my boss. They put in their recommendation when the time came. Build bridges with your fellows, and some will become family for life. Enjoy the weekly learning modules and network as much as possible, stay humble and always ask questions where you don't understand anything rather than messing up in the name of being 'woke'.



ANTHONY NEGEDU

2015

Career Transition; Memories/Reflections; Education

"Since 2015, I have gone on to further my education to obtain a Masters degree, which I couldn't have done without the constant encouragement and support from my fellow past interns. We have since developed a unique relationship between us. We have a social media group we have maintained since 2015 where we share information, jobs adverts, and also support one another."

I must say it's been one experience I would never forget in a hurry. Prior to 2015, I had little or no interest in politics and law making. Because I have a science background from my secondary school to the university, I never really had interest in anything involving politics, lawmaking, and government.

However, all that changed in 2015 when I got selected to be a part of the 2015 Internship. It was an eye opener for me

seeing that what I initially saw as being none of my business has a great impact on every aspect of my life.

After my internship I developed keen interest in lawmaking and the whole processes involved in passing a bill from the first stage till the ascent of such a bill by the President and consequently into an Act. As a matter of interest, I have gone further to participate in a number of public hearings in the senate and has

also volunteered on a project with YIAGA Africa.

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My first job after completing my Internship in 2015 was with a private firm where I was recommended by a contact I acquired at the National Assembly during my internship. I therefore encourage the prospective Intern to be open to learning, and networking as this is an opportunity a lot of people can only wish for.

I Wish everyone all the best and a safe journey as we prepare to meet at this year's inaugural intern convention.



JOSEPH JOHN

2013

Career Transition: Memories/Reflections

"On a personal note, I learnt teamwork and respect for individuals... We all brought our different thought processes and life experiences in deciding what was the most pressing issue in our part of the country at that point in time.."

There are three (3) important lessons I learnt throughout my brief experience in the National Assembly as a legislative intern. First, as a citizen I learnt that I could submit a petition to the either Chambers (Senate and House) through a legislator to be deliberated on the floor during plenary with resolutions reached towards finding

solution. Second, the quality of Motions on matters of urgent importance greatly demonstrated the commitment of a good number of legislators to improving the welfare and quality of living for citizens. The third lesson is the fact law making is indeed a serious business. Considering

all the debates, consultations, inter/intra-party alliances, public hearings, the stages (the three stages of law making) and the critical roles the bureaucrats play in producing a clean copy of every bill passed and forwarding same to the President for assent in order to become a law.

On a personal note, I learnt teamwork and respect for individuals. Having been tasked with the responsibility of drafting a bill together with my colleagues from the Northeast, my greatest fear then was how I was going to rub minds with other young people whom I barely knew, and from different academic backgrounds to produce a bill with little or no experience at all. However, as the saying goes "where there is a will, there will always be a way", I faced the challenge, willing to listen to diverse opinions at the same time sharing mine. We all brought our different thought processes and life experiences in deciding what was the most pressing issue in our part of the country at that point in time. At the end of all the deliberations, we all agreed and went to work on drafting the bill which I can modestly claim came out fine, considering most of us were novices in that terrain.

In terms of my career, I am now a Human Resources (HR) practitioner with 2 years' experience and counting. Being a HR person has opened my eyes to the fact that people (workforce) are the greatest asset of any thriving

organisation. Research has shown that every organisation is only as healthy, excellent and effective as the people that run it on a day-to-day basis. As regards career development, I have attended a number of training programmes which I must say have helped in moulding me into a sound young HR professional. As part of my career development trajectory, I have enrolled to be licensed as an HR professional by the apex body regulating the practice of the profession in Nigeria; the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM). I am currently preparing for the final stage of the examination (Professional II) which I'm going to write in the September 2022 Diet.

Similarly, my significant career goal for the near future and strategy for achieving global competitiveness is to be admitted into the membership of the two most prestigious international HR Bodies; Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), UK and the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM), USA. Globalisation and technology have redefined the workplace today. So also, are the opportunities for those who position themselves to play in the HR field across the globe. Remote working is increasing at an unprecedented level, it therefore behoves on one to make the best of the available platforms to attain global relevance.



OLAOGUN MICHEAL SUNKANMI

2020

Career Transition

"My journey through the PLAC Legislative Internship in 2020 became a turning point in my personal and career life... the internship availed me with the opportunity to back my classroom knowledge with practical experience. I resolved to be a person to be reckoned with in the Global policy space in years to come of which the journey has already begun. I am a work in progress!"

My journey through the PLAC Legislative Internship in 2020 became a turning point in my personal and career life. I had the opportunity to serve in the House of Representatives Committee on Electoral Matters. In the committee, I actively participated in all activities which exposed me to the workings of the National Assembly and policy issues. Prior to my participation, I had a strong interest in pursuing a career in Policy Development, which led to my Master's in Public Administration with a specialization in Public Policy.

My selection into the PLAC internship availed me with the opportunity to back my classroom knowledge with practicals. Shortly after my internship, I was employed as a Program Associate, Legislative Accountability Projects by the OrderPaper Nigeria, a legislative-focused

media and think-tank organization where I had the opportunity to actively participate in the performance evaluation of NASS members for the third legislative year. Here, my passion and capacity for policy-related matters were further enhanced.

Currently, I am a Program Officer at the Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy, and Development where I am deeply involved in the implementation of the policy component of the Community Initiative to Promote Peace (CIPP), a five-year project by Mercy Corps/USAID. I have participated in different consultancy jobs on legislative and democracy-related projects. As a passionate writer, I have written research articles in different international journals and opinion articles addressing global, regional, and national issues.

Conclusively, the internship gave me the opportunity to build a network of friends from across Nigeria. Following the 2020 PLAC internship, I resolved to be a person to be reckoned with in the Global policy space in years to come of which the journey has already begun. I am a work in progress!

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AKPOSE ISAAC

2019

Career Transition; Memories/Reflections; Volunteer work

“The internship program bridged the information lacunae (about NASS) and displaced political ignorance... I have been campaigning to bring about political or social change in my own little way by sharing information about what’s going on in the legislature with my contacts”

I currently work as a Researcher in the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research. As someone who is interested in political transformation, after partaking in the 2019 PLAC internship program, I have been campaigning to bring about political or social change in my own little way by sharing information about what’s going on in the legislature with my contacts using PLAC website as my source.

The legislative internship program increased my confidence in public speaking and also gave me a better insight into the workings of the National Assembly (NASS) showing me ways I can contribute to fostering good governance. After the internship I began to speak as someone who is informed. The internship program bridged the information lacunae (about NASS) and displaced obvious political ignorance.

There were lots of memorable experiences for me during my internship. A few remarkable ones include: (1). witnessing the political plays that take place during the process of passing a bill to law. (2). Participating in compiling, sponsoring a bill and also actively debating in the model legislative plenary. (3). Participating in the radio talk-show at HOT FM which was my first time on air. This was an awesome experience for me. The favourite part of my internship experience was the opportunity to meet with and learn from legislative veterans such as Senator Shehu Sani during the training sessions.

It was an unforgettable experience that has left an indelible mark on my life and my purpose which of course has significant bearing on my career trajectory as an activist.

Advice to Current & Prospective Interns
I urge prospective interns to always have open mind to learn and also never shy away from any opportunity or responsibility presented, as this is one

sure way to develop yourself and gain real experience. In summary, always be involved.



MAYOWA MOGBOJURI

2019

Memories/Reflections

"The internship gave me exposure to the world of public policy...I have always been a bit too reserved, so during the internship I knew I had to step out of my comfort zone and this enabled me to meet new people, and develop strong friendships."

My main focus while interning at PLAC was to understand better the what, why and how of a nation's laws and regulations and this was fully achieved especially during the lectures the interns had with several Nigerian legislators.

I had never been in a space where I could fully learn about legislative practices and processes, so I was extremely grateful to get the opportunity to do this. An internship is all about learning and growing and I feel that I received that full experience at PLAC.

The internship gave me exposure to the world of public policy especially being posted to a committee in the National Assembly. Apart from the intellectual knowledge I gained from the program, I also had a positive social growth. I have always been a bit too reserved, so during the internship I knew I had to step out of my comfort zone and this enabled me to meet new people, and develop strong friendships. I believe that sharing knowledge is important and in a small way, I've shared the knowledge I gained from the internship program.



AKINPELUMI 2019 TIMOTHY TENIOLA

Career Transition; Leadership; Volunteer work

"I have advocated for disability inclusion and mentoring deaf youths to participate in political activities and be part of agents of positive change. My advice to prospective interns is to make use of the opportunities presented or made available to you. You need to make hay while the sun is shining and to also strike while the iron is hot"

Looking back four years ago, before I joined NDLEA as senior officer, I had advocated for disability inclusion and mentoring deaf youths to participate in political activities and be part of agents of positive change.

Not only have my internship experiences opened doors for possible future employment, it has also helped me determine if I am a good fit for certain positions and if a company would be a good fit for me. Working as an intern has allowed me to understand more about myself and where I would like to work, as well as the type of work that I would enjoy doing in my future career.

During my time as an intern, I improved my network by interacting with all interns, and like-minded people representing each State in Nigeria. I have also been opportuned to learn from them in order to expand my knowledge and capacity to enable me to use what I learnt to train others.

Advice to prospective interns

My advice is to make use of the opportunities presented or made available to you. You need to make hay while the sun is shining and to also strike while the iron is hot.



EMMANUEL BABA ADUKU

2018

Education

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I am currently a Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Helmut Schmidt Program Scholar and Master of Public Policy candidate at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy. My specialization areas at the Willy Brandt School are in International and Global Public Policy and Development and Socio-Economic Policy.

My research interests are in the areas of strengthening democratic institutions, building state capability, and public sector reforms. After my studies, I look forward to continuing my professional growth in the field of public policy.

I look back with nostalgia to the 2018 Policy and Legal Advocacy Center (PLAC) Legislative Internship Program when we were introduced in practical terms to the legislature as a democratic institution. The period was one where learning took

place on different levels and in various dimensions. From understanding the role(s) of the legislature in a democracy, to the technical aspects of understanding how legislative committees functioned, and the legislature as a political and social system. It was also a time to build professional and personal networks that continue to be mutually beneficial even today.

The PLAC internship reinforced the desire to further my studies in public policy and continue on a personal and organizational level to contribute to Nigeria's development.

Advice to prospective interns

To the Incoming interns I would say take every aspect of the internship seriously and be creative. The internship is a unique experience that gives them a

front-row seat to learn about democratic institutions, policy making, and national and international development. They should think about, develop, and propose

ideas and solutions that can add value to the legislature.



MUHAMMAD 2020 MUHAMMAD

Career Transition; Education; Leadership; Volunteer work

"I met several individuals with excellent background in public service. I was able to network with them and it helped in shaping my character towards building strong relationships."

During my PLAC internship, I met several individuals with excellent background in public service. I was able to network with them and it helped in shaping my character towards building strong relationships. As an alumnus of PLAC internship, I have been able to attend several capacity building programs. I was selected to participate in the inaugural

cohort of the Legislative Mentorship Initiative which is an initiative of Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila, the Speaker of the 9th House Representatives in order to boost the capacity of young Nigerians towards leadership and the Legislature in particular.



BADMUS ISWAT TAIWO

2020

Career/Transition: Memories/Reflections: Leadership: Volunteer work

"Serving as a cohort leader, leading other 37 interns (in the 2020 cohort) was an experience I won't forget in a hurry. Sitting down to physically watch the plenary sessions was the icing on the cake. To prospective interns, this program will launch you into greatness!"

I am currently a member of the European Union Youth Sounding Board in Nigeria where I serve as a Youth Advisor who advises the EU Delegation on Youth Inclusion in its Programmes and Policies, influence and monitor the impact of EU Youth Inclined Programmes. I work in the higher education sector and my other engagement revolves around designing and managing projects for youth development and advocacy.

I was part of the 2020 cohort, which was about two years ago. About one year after my internship, I got selected from the pool of over 2000 applicants as one of the 25 members of the European Union Youth Sounding Board in Nigeria, and about 2 years after, I got selected to join the prestigious YALI RLC program, which is a fully funded program by the United States. I was selected for the Public Policy

and Management Track out of thousands of Africans who applied from all over West Africa.

The Legislative Internship Program launched me into the Public Policy space and it has shaped my career progression towards involving in decision making process that will birth effective policies for Youth Development. Additionally, the internship helped me hone my leadership and Interpersonal skills. Serving as a cohort leader, leading other 37 interns was an experience I won't forget in a hurry.

Also, my time at the National Assembly was a beautiful one. Sitting down to physically watch the plenary sessions was the icing on the cake. I have been watching these people on the television all my life and having the opportunity to watch them deliberate, move motions

and all was moments I can't forget in a hurry. Another great thing was getting involved in the some of the processes that led to the passage of the 2021 Appropriations Bill.

I have always spread the gospel of the program to my fellow youths since I had a taste of the experience, both on my social media and offline and I'm grateful I'm being given another opportunity here.

Advice to prospective interns

I want to let you know this internship is a once in a lifetime experience. Please, make good use of it. Learn, hone your skills and enlarge your network. This internship is really worth it and it's highly recommended if you have interest in learning the processes involved in legislation and what's really going on in our legislature. This program will launch you into greatness!



ELOKA ODUAH

2021

Career Transition; Education; Recognition

"I'm passionate about disability rights because as a PWD myself, I know how difficult it is to survive in a country like Nigeria with the low level of awareness and high level of discrimination we experience daily. [A statement by one of the resource persons' during one of the internship bi-weekly meetings] is one which has set me on the path I currently find myself, taking every opportunity to advocate for the social inclusion of PWDs. I have carried out several media engagements, reaching thousands to sensitise the public on disability rights and social inclusion."

For a person with a disability, achieving recognition and social inclusion in a country like Nigeria is a seemingly insurmountable challenge, one that only few of us can testify to have enjoyed and/or still enjoying. It is important to note that in most cases, it is factors such as attitudinal, environmental and institutional that disables a person with

disability and not necessarily the disability itself.

My moment of epiphany came on Friday, 30th July 2021 during the fourth bi-weekly meeting organised by PLAC. During this meeting, Mr. Jake Epelle who is the Executive Director, Albino Foundation facilitated the topic "The Disability Act as

a Catalyst for Promoting Social Inclusion". He had just talked about social inclusion and the level of discrimination faced by Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and how the Disability Act is meant to foster social inclusion and protect the rights of PWDs. Intrigued by all he had said, I wanted to know where to draw the line between discrimination and fact because all too often, we hear various incidents of discrimination.

It is easy to say I have been discriminated against even when you are not qualified for the role. So, I asked myself as a person with visual impairment, if I had interest in joining the Nigerian Army, can I really say I have been discriminated against if I am denied employment by the Army on account of my disability, knowing that I have a visual impairment and will not be able to effectively participate during military operations? Would it not be considered a fact that I cannot see and as such, I cannot serve in the prestigious outfit that is our military?

His response is one which has set me on the path I currently find myself, taking every opportunity to advocate for the social inclusion of PWDs. I'm passionate about disability rights because as a PWD myself, I know how difficult it is to survive in a country like Nigeria with the low level of awareness and high level of discrimination we experience daily.

Mr. Epelle said... "Do not let anybody tell

you what you can and cannot do. The Army is an organisation that is not made up of combatants alone, there are various departments within that organisation that enables it function. Find where you fit in and excel in that position. And if it so happens that the Army does not have a role for you, it should be a conversation between both parties having explored every available option, collectively agree that you cannot contribute to that particular organisation and not someone deciding your fate".

These words acted as a catalyst and strengthened my resolve to be a disability rights advocate. My new-found resolve was tested that same day. Shortly after the close of the meeting, it was announced that as part of activities to round off the internship, PLAC was embarking on a radio tour and interested parties who wished to participate should indicate. Social inclusion of PWDs was one of the topics to be discussed on one of those tours and I took advantage of the opportunity which opened up further opportunities.

I have since served as a resource person at the National Universities Commission (NUC)/National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)/Commonwealth of Learning (COL) High Level Sensitisation Workshop on Tuesday, 14th June 2022 that impacted over 100 people where I facilitated on mainstreaming Open Educational Resources (OERs) for persons

with Disabilities: Issues of Accessibility and Inclusivity.

In line with my work, I have carried out several media engagements, reaching thousands to sensitise the public on disability rights and social inclusion. Also, as part of my advocacy, I was a guest speaker at the TEDx Kids@Mborra 2021

where I addressed the lack of social inclusion experienced by PWDs in Nigeria, an event that had over 200 participants in attendance and hundreds of Youtube views. Currently, I work with the Basileia Vulnerable Persons Rights Initiative (BVPRI) where I continue to consolidate and push for inclusion of PWDs.



GEORGINA HALLIDAY

2015

Career Transition: Memories/Reflections

"My experience as an intern is unforgettable. It gave me the required skills to work with other organizations on promoting good governance and citizen engagement. I have advocated for an increase in the health budget for better access to the health care system and the education system, especially for the girl child. I champion issues that affect the Nigerian people in a bid to end extreme poverty."

My experience as a PLAC intern is unforgettable, since then I had the opportunity to do research work in the National Assembly for PLAC and this gave me the required skills to work with other organizations on promoting good governance and citizen engagement. I have worked with Paradigm Initiatives Nigeria (PIN) advocating for digital rights and inclusion and access to information, Also I have advocated for an increase in the health budget for better access to the

health care system and the education system, especially for the girl child. I am an ambassador of the ONE campaign where I champion issues that affect the Nigerian people in a bid to end extreme poverty.

Furthermore, because of the platform the PLAC internship gave me, I worked with other donor-funded organizations like PERL, EUSIGN, and EUNCCRP, advocating for open governance partnership,

monitoring effective operations of primary health care centers across Nigeria, and efficient immunization governance creating visibility for the project working with relevant stakeholders before my relocation.

I am now a fellow of the Nigerian School of Internet Governance, a YALI member and have bagged an MBA and MA in Peace and Development Studies.

I say the PLAC experience is an unforgettable one especially because of the people I met. Years later, I have a

genuine family I met during my internship who have supported me in my career and personal journey, and we are happy doing life together despite being scattered across the world.

I'd always be thankful I got the experience, the useful information, and the skills.

To prospective interns: make the most of the opportunity, learn as much as possible, network with people, and develop yourself to make a positive impact in your sphere and community. Best Wishes.



2019

OLURUNNISOLA OMONIYI

Career Transition: Memories/Reflections

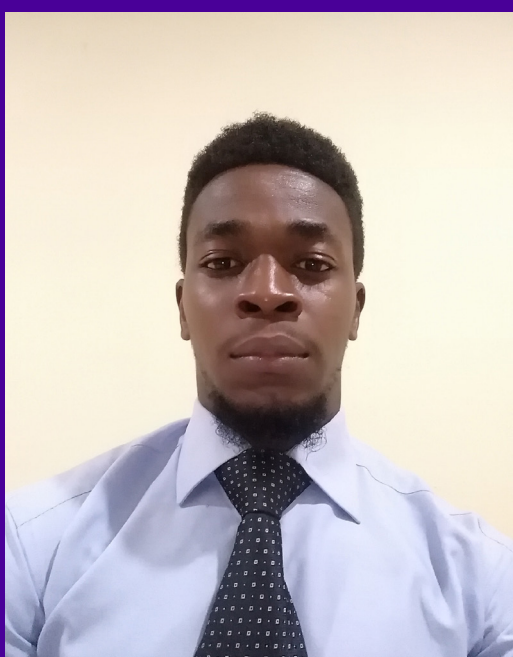
“The internship allowed me to have, first-hand experience in legislative matters. I also met amazing and intelligent people during my internship, and we have formed meaningful friendships since then.”

The Legislative Internship opportunity organized by PLAC allowed me to have, first-hand experience in legislative matters. I observed Plenary Sessions at both chambers. Also, I was posted to the

Committee on Justice in the House of Representatives. I was able to help with the budget report on the Appropriation Bill. I also met amazing and intelligent people during my internship, and we

have formed meaningful friendships since then. After my Internship, I worked as a volunteer at Alex and Grace Izinyon Foundation Abuja for a year and I also worked as a content writer and developer with Marbene Educare Ltd. I presently work as an associate at Goldwire Solicitors and Legal Practice where I

specialize in Corporate and Commercial Law, and Regulatory Compliance, business advisory among others. In 2021, I established a Legal apparel company called Noble Imperio Ltd. and we presently deal with sales of Legal Outfits with a flair of excellence.



MICHAEL BABFOLARIN AYENI

Career Transition

2021

[The internship] has been fundamental to my career in the Legislature. The opportunity to liaise and network with other interns from different Geo-political zones has been beneficial. Personally, it has been a life-changing, enlightening, and fulfilling experience, and I am deeply honored to be regarded as an alumnus.

My internship with the Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) has been an encapsulating experience, full of in-depth knowledge and expertise of the Legislature. The opportunity to participate as an intern has given me more daily engagements in the National Assembly. Currently, I operate as an Administrative Assistant in the Department of Nigerian Legislatures, Directorate of Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Protocol, National Assembly.

The Department of Nigerian Legislatures studies other international Parliaments and makes recommendations on laws, practices, and concepts that can be incorporated into the Nigerian Legislature. It also helps to maintain parliamentary ties between the National Assembly and various State Houses of Assembly. Some of the workings of the Department include the Conference of Presiding Officers of Nigeria (COPON), Forum of Clerks of Nigeria (FOCON),

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars, as well as Parliamentary Attachment and Citizen Engagement.

I get the opportunity to work on and submit legislative proposals to Senior Legislative Aides and Legislative Aides for consideration by members of the National Assembly in the form of a Bill or Motion. The Legislative Internship Program with PLAC played a significant role in my involvement in this opportunity. Due to the nature of my current work, I have become familiar with other bicameral legislative branches and their responsibilities, including those of the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO), National Institute of

Legislative and Developmental Studies (NILDS), and National Assembly Service Commission (NASC).

In conclusion, my internship with the Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre with support from the European Union (EU), has been fundamental to my career in the Legislature. The opportunity to liaise and network with other interns from different Geo-political zones has been beneficial. Personally, it has been a life-changing, enlightening, and fulfilling experience, and I am deeply honored to be regarded as an alumnus of this exceptional organization.



NANCY SHIN'AME AGATI

2018

Career Transition: Memories/Reflections

"I had just finished from NYSC and was admitted into the first edition of the Internship in 2013. I was posted to the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO) for the six weeks program. Based on my performance, I worked in the office from then until April of 2022, when I left Abuja.

My experience in 2018 as a Legislative Intern with Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) shaped my life and influenced my career path positively.

At a time I was at a cross road and contemplating on how to advance and practice my newly acquired knowledge after my master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy. Then came this exhilarating opportunity organized by PLAC with the support of the European Union (EU) to help expose young Nigerians on legislative processes.

My joy knew no bound after I received the metamorphic email as one of those selected applicants to participate in the 2018 Legislative Internship Program (LIP). The program which lasted for 10 weeks exposed me to the dealings and workings of the National Assembly. My posting to the Senate committee on

Foreign Affairs didn't come to me as a surprise considering my background as a French Language graduate with a Masters' degree in International Law and Diplomacy.

Though I am still hoping to find my path as a Civil Society activist on good governance and subsequently on the international plane, I am currently working as a Language Laboratory Technologist with the University of Jos. My experience as an intern has really impacted in me certain qualities that has made me stand apart from my peers. My communication skills improved, and I am now using it to interact well with my students. Most of the youth out there are ignorant of their civic space, including what and how to take charge of it and also demand for good governance. My interaction with students is geared towards creating awareness on how to demand for good

governance and how they can own and utilize their civic space. I am using the knowledge I acquired during the LIP to create awareness and educate whoever I come in contact with.

My confidence level increased after I emerged as the Deputy Speaker of the Model Legislative Assembly (MLA). I now believe that I can do anything I put my mind to do and to always bring out the best in myself, considering the fact that at that time I was already a married woman with three children, I didn't allow anything

to obstruct my full participation in the LIP. I now believe that there is space out there for any woman as long as you are willing to pursue your dreams and aspirations.

My life's history can never be complete without giving due and full credit to PLAC and EU for a wonderful job and impactful trainings on leadership I received during the program, it was truly an experience that was worth my while. It is said that experience is the best teacher and mine shaped me positively and intellectually.



JEREMIAH HASSAN DAUDA

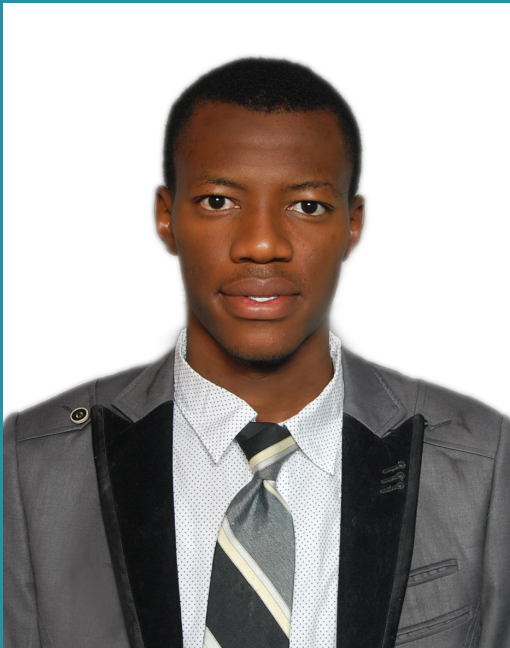
2020

Career Transition; Memories/Reflections

"The network of colleagues I met during the internship remain among the best gifts I got from PLAC"

It was a privilege to be part of PLAC LIP 2020. This opportunity has positively changed my view of the National Assembly and has also drawn me closer to politics. The network of colleagues I met during the internship remain among the best gifts I got from PLAC. After the LIP I was able to secure a job as Office

Clerk with CARE International a reputable organization where I believe in their mission to save lives, defeat poverty and achieve social justice. CARE also focuses on equal rights and opportunities for women and girls.



MUHAMMAD 2020 MUBASHIR ISMAIL

*Career Transition: Memories/Reflections, Education: Leadership,
Volunteer work*

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I'm presently in Abuja working as Office Manager with Standard Bearer Logistics Ltd. I'm also an active volunteer and Gombe State Coordinator with Yvote Naija – a non-profit organization concerned with improving the quality of electoral process in Nigeria by making information about the voting process accessible to everyone, anywhere. [See: <https://yvotenaija.org>]

Since the completion of my internship in December 2020, I continued to explore more scholarship/fellowship opportunities until my recent shortlist to be part of the first cohort of the Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila Legislative Mentorship Initiative. However, I have also started my masters degree in History and Diplomacy at Federal University Kashere. Furthermore, during the North-East Senate Public hearing on the 1999 Constitutional Review, I was opportuned

to present some arguments and recommendations on proposed electoral reforms on behalf of Brain Builders Initiative.

All the moments from the LIP were memorable and exciting. I was posted to Senate Committee on Culture and Tourism and due to my computer skills, I was opportuned to work extensively on the proposed 2021 Annual National Budget on Culture and Tourism which was a great privilege and unforgettable. Also, watching a live plenary from the gallery is yet another experience worth to share. This enabled me to have a better understanding of the primary function of legislators and also clear my earlier perception on them prior to the internship.

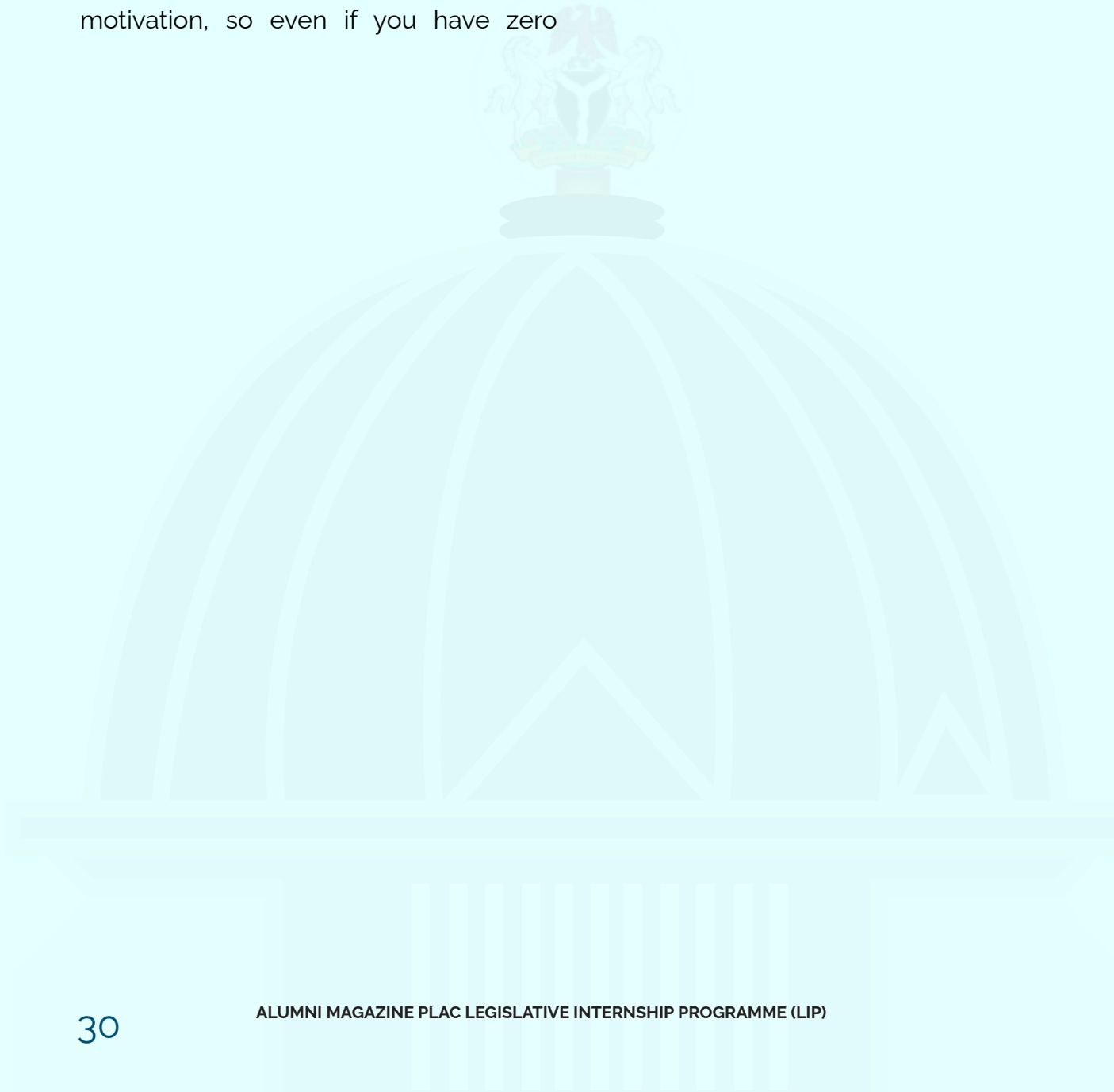
There was no dull moment during any part of the internship. For me, the most favorite part of it was the Model

Legislative Assembly (MLA), which given me a practical knowledge of the legislative processes and the roles of principal officers in their respective chambers. Moreover, the bi-weekly meetings were also enriched with some favorite moments as the invited resource persons were politically grounded, administratively groomed and academically sound.

To all prospective interns:

Note that this internship has political motivation, so even if you have zero

interest in politics, you will develop political feelings either in the course of the program or at the end. So take advantage of it and become familiar about the working/operations of the National Assembly and also learn about the practice and process of the legislative arm of government as this is what some of our legislators are still lacking. Just imagine an Assembly mostly dominated by PLAC/EU Alumni members, wouldn't it be marvelous?



SMART OSAHENOGAE EGBERANMWEN

Memories/Reflections



“Model Legislative Assembly (MLA) has to be the best initiative of PLAC! I loved the feel of being in the chamber with all proceedings done according to how it is being done in the House of Representatives. MLA revealed to me that legislation goes beyond occupying office spaces. I definitely cannot get over the warm reception received from PLAC and how the wellbeing of all interns was greatly prioritized.”

Legislative practices and procedures have always been an item of marvel to me. I approached PLAC with so much curiosity. Not only was my curiosity satisfied, veil of misconception and wrong belief warded-off. I can confidently affirm that I now know the scope of jurisdiction of legislators and legislature in government and governance, and a sound knowledge of the relationship that exists between the executive, legislature, and citizens in governance.

PLAC exposed me to National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO), a department I never knew existed. NABRO is saddled with the responsibility of providing independent, unbiased and nonpartisan analysis of the executive arm of government's annual budget estimates.

A major highlight of my PLAC experience was being nominated to attend a three-days Investigative Public hearing in the House of Representatives through

its Committee on Capital Markets and Institutions. This experience was highly educative.

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Not only was PLAC highly educative, I networked and identified my strengths and weaknesses in relating with others. I definitely cannot get over the warm reception received from PLAC and how the wellbeing of all interns was greatly prioritized.

I highly recommend the PLAC Internship Program. I wish every Nigerian could participate. Things were vague until I experienced them through PLAC.



FRANK A. ABAH

2014

Memories/Reflections

"I had the privilege of participating in the Mass Open Online Course (MOOC) put together by the World Bank and the UN, which was based on SDGs. The theme was Financing for Development. My internship placement at the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO) within that period made it possible for me to participate successfully in the programme – and by the way, I came out with a distinction at the professional level. All thanks to NABRO for providing me with the basic resources I needed for the programme."

The PLAC Internship Programme was, indeed, an awesome experience for me. I had just finished my NYSC then I moved to Abuja, and the Job search started – a normal experience for many Nigerian graduates. However, in the process, I stumbled upon this Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) Internship Programme with the National Assembly and quickly applied. After the interviews I was selected for the programme and – trust me - I was practically beside myself with excitement.

A few weeks after, I would be meeting with a couple of highly intelligent and warm set of individuals equally selected for the program from different backgrounds and regions of the country, and it set the mood for a journey that promises not only to be educative and eye-opening but also amazing by every stretch of the

imagination! In our 2014 batch, we were 41 of us selected for the programme which lasted for a space of 3 months.

The Journey

After a week of orientation and briefing, we were officially ushered into the programme, having been grouped into different departments in the National Assembly. I joined a team of 3 persons who would be interning with the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO); two of us were graduates of Economics and the third person studied Statistics. Of course, this should give anyone an inkling of why we were selected to work at the NABRO.

Before my team and I were sent to our place of assignment, which happened to be outside the National Assembly Complex, we had a familiarisation tour

in the NASS Complex. It was my very first time setting foot in that hallowed chamber where the laws governing the Federal Republic of Nigeria are made. And believe me, each of the moments took my breath away.

Before now, I had only seen the NASS complex on the TV screen or from a taxi that hardly slowed down, except for traffic jams –and that rarely happened. So you see my ordeal? I only peeped through my cab windows and just imagined what could be going on in there, but hey, this is me live, right there in the chambers having a tour of life. Our guide took us to virtually all parts of the complex, except the sensitive places which he only pointed to from a distance, and with a rather hush voice told us what they represented – and folks that was it. Immediately after the tour ended, my team and I were sent to NABRO and we were told that they were already expecting us, and when we arrived we were hosted to a warm welcome.

My Awesome Experience

As an Economist, I have always taken interest in political economics, especially when holding discussions with colleagues or friends bordering on topics like national revenue, budget, macroeconomic indicators - inflation rate, interest rate, unemployment rate and the likes. In fact, I had always followed issues on the National Budget from proposal to approval and implementation (and I still

do), but I never imagined that I would one day get to see and work on these documents myself. That was exactly what happened when I was sent to intern at the National Assembly Budget and Research Office; my team was practically absorbed into the scheme of things at NABRO, and needless to say, even at our level, our opinions counted.

My team and I were assigned to carry out what was known as Budget Mapping where we, retrospectively, worked on States' budgetary allocations to MDAs over the years. We did for all 36 States and the FCT for the years under review. We were also assigned to a couple of research-based gigs. But the one I enjoyed most was a mini debating on the budget proponents and working on the budget materials themselves.

During the budget cycle, there's a stage where the President presents the budget estimates to the National Assembly, however, before their official debates, NASS sends this document to its budget office for analysis and all the technical stuff; so that's where the National Assembly Budget Office (NABRO) comes in.

It was at this point when the budget estimates were sent to NABRO, that we had a lifetime opportunity to not only see, but work on it, and against this backdrop, I would boldly say that I had the luxury of contributing to the success of the 2015 National Budget – I'm sure by now you

could feel my excitement, the type that came with taking the first position in your Primary School class of over 50 pupils... lol.

For me, this experience further substantiates the fact that the internship programme under the auspices of PLAC is quite commendable and impactful, to say the least.

Interestingly, during our sojourn in the NASS as interns, we had a timetable that provided us with the rare opportunity to visit and watch the plenary sessions in the National Assembly chambers. In fact, I had the privilege to sit and watch the legislators debate in both the Red and Green chambers alike – it was simply awesome.

Also, I had the privilege of participating in the Mass Open Online Course (MOOC) put together by the World Bank and the UN, which was based on SDGs. The theme was Financing For Development. My internship at NABRO within that period made it possible for me to participate

successfully in the programme – and by the way, I came out with a distinction at the professional level. All thanks to NABRO for providing me with the basic resources I needed for the programme.

Currently, I'm a Trade Finance Consultant and a digital entrepreneur, and sincerely, I don't see myself delving into politics or anything within that approximation in the foreseeable future, but if it eventually happens – like they say 'you never say never'- then some healthy amount of inspiration could be traced to my experience with the NASS as an intern if someone took time to dig deep enough. In all, I'm eternally grateful to PLAC for such a memorable internship opportunity and experience.

Gratias!

PHOTOS OF PAST LEGISLATIVE INTERNS PER YEAR

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2013



STEPHANIE ADANU



AISHATU ADAJI



SUNDAY JAMES



JOHN AMEH OCHEFU



APOLMIDA HARUNA



DEBORAH ISHAKU



**JASHILAGARI JOHN
MAMZA**



NUHU MOHAMMED



**JOSEPHINE ALLI
USMAN**



MAIMUNAH ISAH



DAUDA WAYNET



CORNELIUS AYUBA



CHINENYE ORIZU



CHINWE CHIGBOH



ALBERT IWUCHUKWU



THERESA JOHN OPA



KOYEN LOIS AHIKWO



YEMI OSUNDINAKIN



YUSUF ADEOLA



OLUFEMI SOMOTUN

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LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2013



TUNDE OLUWASIMIRIN



JAMES OKODUWA



OLUWASEUN AWEDA



**GERTRUDE ENE
SHUAIBU**



**JOSEPHINE NGOZI
UDENSI**



RABI UMAR



CHINWE NWAEGERUE



LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2014



IEMBER AMAH



BLESSING ATURETA



AJIDE OLUWASEYI



TONIA OCHEFU



WALE RILWAN AJIBADE



ANDREW IBRAHIM



JOSEPH ATOKAA



**AMANDA MUSTAPHA
LARABA**



YOHANNA KURUTSI



SAMEER AHMED SOYE



**MOHAMMED
ABDULHAMID HASSAN**



DAVID DOGO



**IBRAHIM HANNATU
TSAFE**



HAJARA MOHAMMED



RAHAMA BALONI



ABBIYE SUKU ABBIBA



OMOLOLA ZAKARI



ABACHI UNGBO



ORUKOME BENEDICT



OGODOGU ABUNDANCE

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2014



**OKENYI IFEOMA
PHILLIPA**



EMMA AGIOUNIM



**OZOKOLIE SAMSON
NONSO**



**BOYO
OGHORITSEWARAMI**



CHIDINMA IGWEGBE



CHIJIJOKE UKANWA



**CHUKWUNONSO
IGBOELI**



**SOPHIA KANENE
OBIAGWU**



IJEOMA DAN-NZELU



ISHAKU ILLIYA



LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2015



ABDULHALEEM AMIN



**GBADAMOSI
ABDULQUDDUS**



ADAEZE AJEGWU



ADEWUNMI ADEBAYO



AISHA HASSAN LAI



ALLEN SHAMAKI



**ANTHONY OJOMAJE
NEGEDU**



AKPOGUMA BLESSING



CHINENYE J. OBIDINMA



**ALADEOKIN
OLUWABUNMI DAYO**



**NKANGA UBONG
DENNIS**



EZE EMMANUEL



EUGENIA ANUFORO



**FOLORUNSHO
FOLASADE**



FRANK A. ABAH



**FRANKLYN ONYEMA
OKUKPONOR**



GLORIA YISA MANA



**GWAFAN PETER
DANLADI**



HADIZA BABA-SHEHU



IFEOMA NZEWIGBO

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LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2015



**JERRY BENARD
MATAIMAKI**



KHADIJAT BOBBO



**MADU CHINEDU
KINGSLEY**



LILIAN EZENDU



NANA YUNUSA YUSUF



NAOMI DEMIDE



**NENGI SAMUEL-
HORSFALL**



NTA I. NTA



NUHU ADZE



**GLORIA OLUCHI
ANAMEMENA**



**ABODUNRIN
OLUWAFIKEWA OMOWUMI**



OSEGIE ENABOIFO



**FAGBENLE OYINDAMO-
LA**



PATRICK EKAH



SANI AMINU ABBA



**OMOJOLA BABAJIDE
OLUSOLA**



**SYLVIA
AGAMAH**



TAYIWA KOJI



**WAHEEDAH YUNUSA
MOHAMMED**



**GEORGINA
HALLIDAY**



**UGOCHINYERE
OGBONNA**



**ONEHIZENA
ADEBISI**



LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2018



**ABDULKADIR
ABDULLAHI ADAMU**



**NANCY SHIN'AME
AGATI**



JANE ADINDU



**JOSEPH UWADIALE
EDOSE**



IBRAHIM MUHAMMED



OLAYINKA OLOWU



FUNMILAYO AREH



ISMAIL BELLO



BELIEVE OHIONA



FELIX OKIEMUTE



ABUBAKAR JIBRIN



ZAINAB YAHAYA TANKO



**AMARACHI C. S
ONYEABOR**



**AYOKUNLE OLUDARE
OLUWAWEHINMI**



CHINENYE NZEWIGBO



DAMILOLA OGUNDALE



DANIEL C. NWAGBOSO



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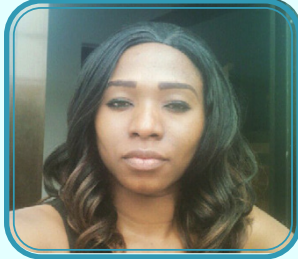


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LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2018



FAITH GAZA DUZA



ALEXANDER ASERO-GUN



FIDEL OKPEDE



HAUWA MOHAMMED DILLI



IFEOLUWA FAWOYE



KONAGHAI NELSON OKRI



MARYAM DAVID WEST



MISHAEL BEM AFA



NIIMATULLAH UMAR



OLATUNJI ABDULMAJID



OROH ITSEMA RO-HEEMAT



PETER SAM-TWOKWA



REBECCA BAREYEI



SUSAM ODEMWINGIE



TAJUDEEN HABEEB



TIMOTHY LOFTY



TUBOTEIN IBOROMA



LEGISLATIVE INTERNS 2019



**YUSUF ABDULLAHI
AHMAD**



**OLORUNNISOLA
OMONI**



ZAYYAN BELLO USMAN



**LILIAN CHINONSO UD-
ONU**



**IVEREN EMMANUELA
KEGHKU**



FEHINTOLA OMOTESHO



**ESTHER OMOLOLA
ADEYEMI**



**MUKTAR ABDULRAH-
MAN**



UMAR SAFANA



**KALTIMI GALADIMA
MUHAMMAD**



**HADIZA ADAM SHEIKH
ABDULLAHI**



**JOHNSON OSAZE AN-
THONY**



KHADIJAH EL-USMAN



**WAFAR AFARTINDA
ELAM**



IFEOMA AKPOTUE



JA'E AISHA IBRAHIM



**EDIDIONG UDOFIA ENE-
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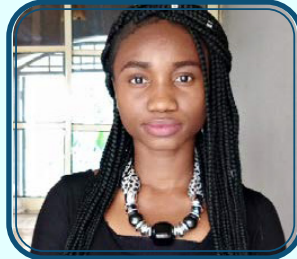
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**JONATHAN OMONOGUN
IYANUOLUWA**



WINNER ADEBAYO



ALLEN IBINABO



**INYANG VICTOR MAR-
TINS**



**OGBONNAYA MARK
OKORO**



GONDO KATOR ALUTA



**ONWUCHEKWA SAM-
SON CHIJOKE**



MUSA OLATUNJI



**OGBONNAYA MARK
OKORO**



MUSA OLATUNJI



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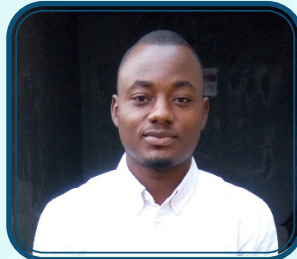
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**SUMAYYA ABDULKADIR
MARAFI**



**MOHAMMED HAFIZ
SULAIMAN**



**NUHU DOGARA
TAGYIANGBE**



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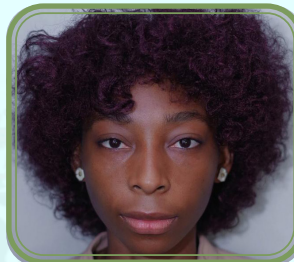
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EGWU N. FAVOUR



DANIEL STEPHEN



HARUNA IBRAHIM



SAIDU BASHIR AMINU



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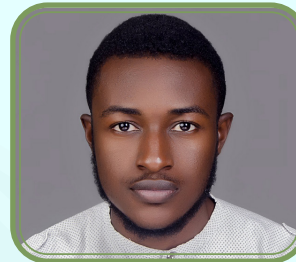
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MIDAH YOHANNA



**OLADOJA, SIMBIAT
BOLAJOKO**



**MUHAMMAD BASHAR
MUSA**



**MUHAMMAD
MUHAMMAD**



**RAFIU ADENIRAN
LAWAL**



**SMART OSAHENOGAE
EGBERANMWEN**



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IBIFUBARA**



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ADEWALE SHOKOYA



**AJAYI OLUWATOSIN
ADEMOLA**



**AJIKE PRECIOUS
OLUWADAMILOLA**



AMINA ABDULAZEEZ



**CHUKWUKA EMMANU-
EL AGBO**



ENE MARY AUDU



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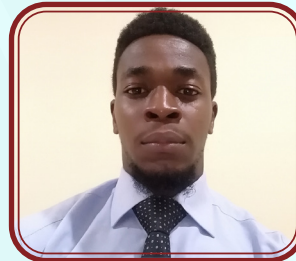
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ABDULLAHI**



**MUHAMMED ABUBA-
KAR MUSA**



**MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM
TUNAU**



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MAMDANI**

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BABA**



**NNOROM-DIKE OBINNA
VICTOR**



**ODU CHRISTOPHER
ENOB**



OGBOI REX BUBARAYE



**OLUWADARA ONYEBU-
CHI ALARAPE**



**OPOOLA DORCAS
OLUWASEUN**



**OZEMHOJA DONATUS
IKHANE**



RAHILA DAUDA



**RONKE SUZAN
OMOLE'S**



**SAM-TSOKWA NARI-
MAM ALBERT**



SHEHU HUSSAINA



**GOODNESS OLUCHI
OBIJURU**



ELOKA FELIX ODUAH



**SULEIMAN SAIDU US-
MAN**



UGWUALA S. PRINCE



UMARU ZAYYANU BILYA



**UNACHUKWU,
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