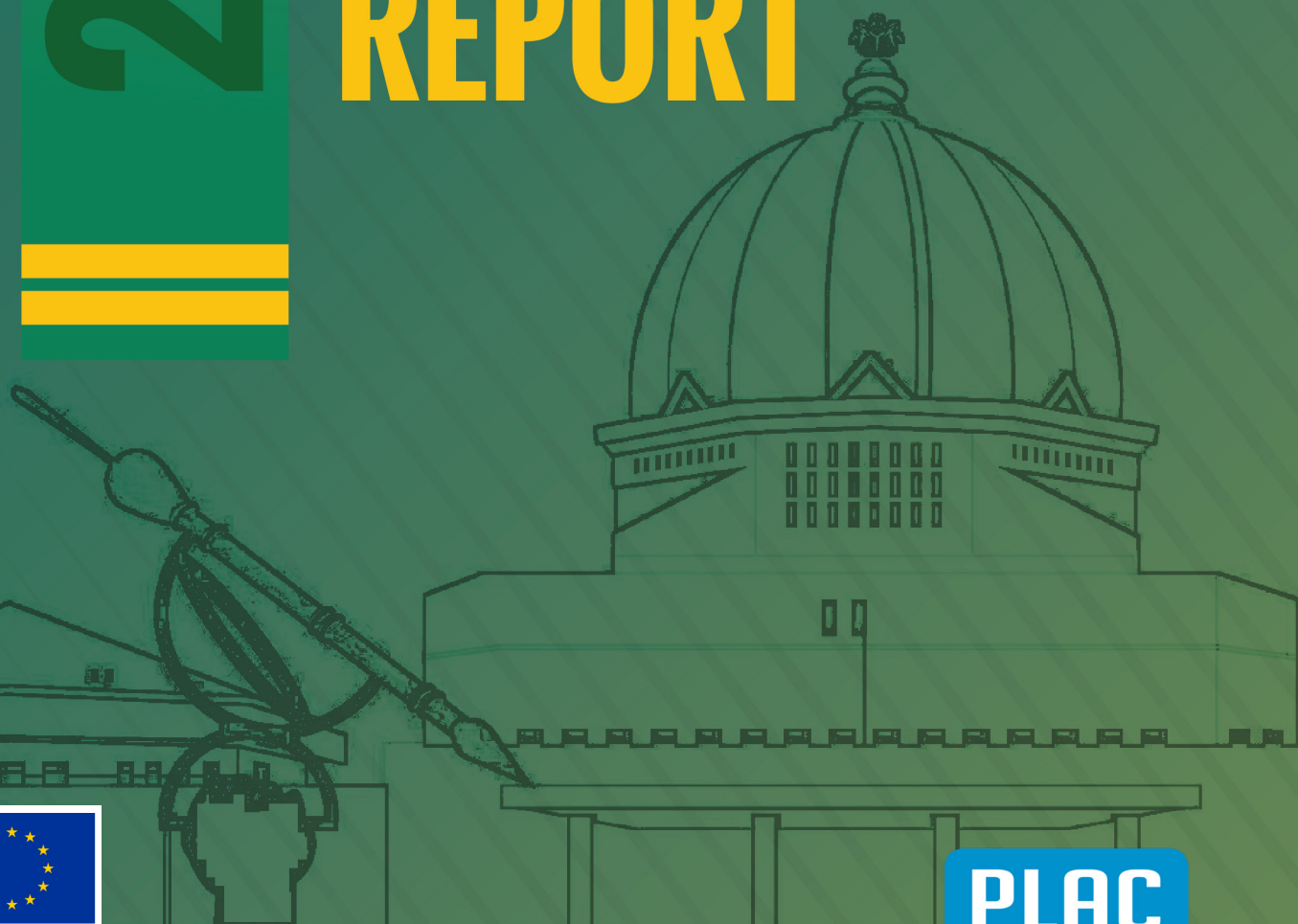




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OVERVIEW

OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) Legislative Internship Programme began in 2013. The objective of the internship programme is to create a platform for young Nigerian graduates between 18 and 35 years old to gain first-hand knowledge of the workings of the Nigerian Legislature and enhance youth engagement with the National Assembly.

Youths form a significant part of Nigeria's demography with statistics putting young people as a significant percentage of the population. Despite this, young persons are not usually integrated in governance and policy issues. To address the lack of access and knowledge gap, it is important that young persons are deliberately given access to democratic institutions, such as the legislature to help them understand high level policy and decision making.

The European Union (EU) has supported the annual internship programme since 2018 with about 187 interns passing through the internship programme since then. The 2022 edition of the legislative internship programme (LIP) ran between 5 October 2022 and 13 December 2023 with 35 interns drawn from Nigeria's six geo-political zones.

Interns were deployed to various committees of the National Assembly after an orientation ceremony. At the National Assembly, they were given the opportunity to attend plenary sessions and committee meetings, learn about bills, and other legislative activities.

Objectives of the Legislative Internship Programme

- To provide an opportunity for young Nigerians to gain theoretical and practical knowledge of the Nigerian Legislature.
- To create better understanding and appreciation of the Nigerian Legislature.
- To create an opportunity to increase youth/citizen's participation and involvement in governance.
- To encourage young professionals to gain skills and experience that would be helpful to career growth.
- To provide support to legislative committees.

Eligibility Criteria

- First degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized tertiary institution
- Completion of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme
- Good computer skills
- Good verbal and writing skills
- Aged between 18 and 35 years

Some Responsibilities of Interns

- Carrying out legislative and legal research
- Attending meetings, take notes, briefs and minutes as required
- Handling of correspondence and communications
- Attendance or observation of plenary sessions
- Assisting with organising committee hearings and meetings
- Participating in biweekly capacity/team building sessions
- Participation at the Model Legislative Assembly (a re-enactment of a National Assembly plenary session).

Selection Process

The LIP process usually begins with an advertisement and the 2022 edition was no different. Adverts were placed in three National Newspapers in July 2022 which included ThisDay Newspaper, The Guardian Newspaper and Daily Trust Newspaper. The advert was also circulated on PLAC's social media handles such as Facebook and Twitter. About 4,000 applications were received from applicants across the country out of which 180 applicants were shortlisted for interview. The internship is quite competitive with limited slots and at the end, 38 interns (22 men and 16 women) made it to the 2022 cohort.

PHOTO GALLERY OF INTERNS



ABIYE ALAMBO BRIGGS
RIVERS



ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD SUNUSI
KANO



ADAMA JOHN OJOCHOGWU
KOGI



AHMED ABUBAKAR
BAUCHI



AJI SILAS MAINA
BORNO



AKINYEMI ISAAC AKINLADE
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DELTA



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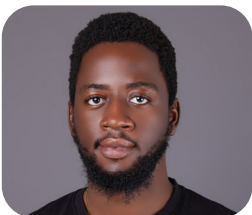
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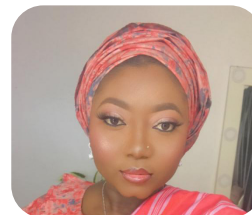
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KEBBI



JENNIFER IFUNANYA EZIULOH
EBONYI

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GOBE



KHALIFA NASIR
ZAMFARA



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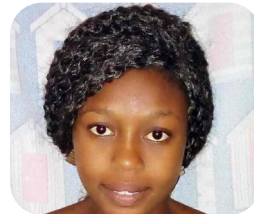
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BENUÉ



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KADUNA



MALLUM GODIYA SHALLANGWA
ADAMAWA



MARK OKHAKUMHE
EDO



MICHEAL BABAJIDE OLUSEGUN
OYO



MOHAMMED KEANA SABO
NASARAWA



MUKHTAR UMAR BAGARAWA
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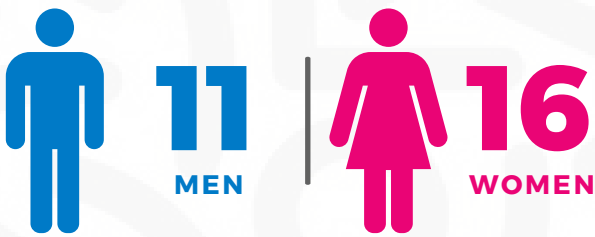


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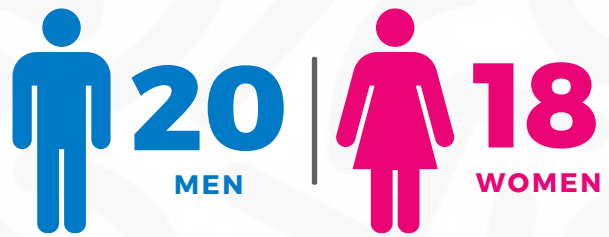
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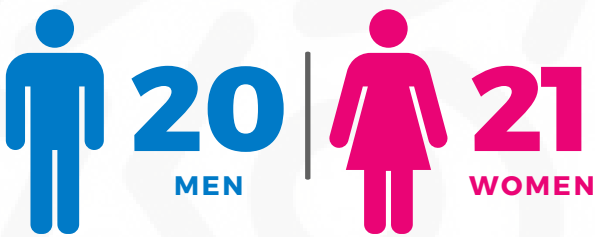
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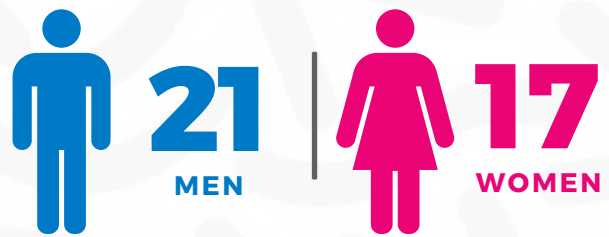
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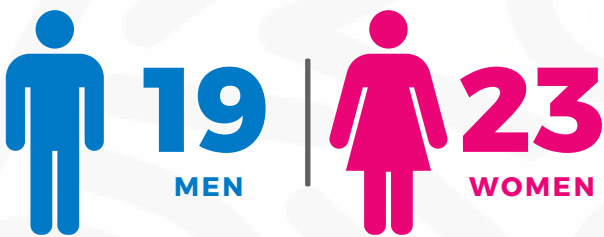
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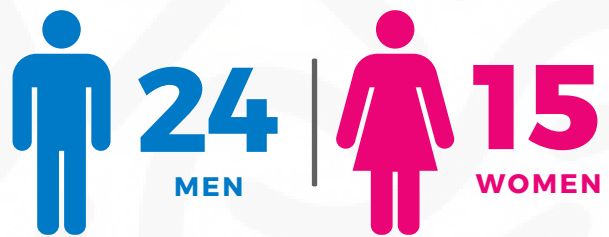
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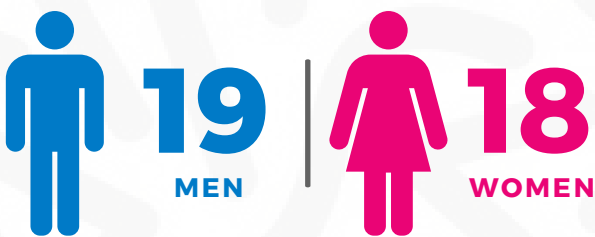
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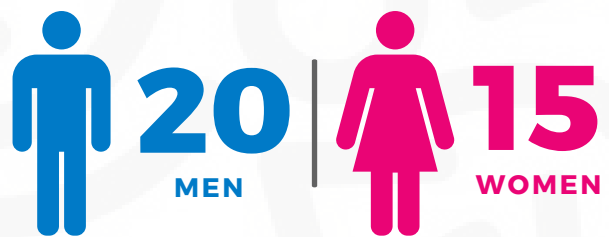
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02

INTERNSHIP

ACTIVITIES AND COMPONENTS

- Welcome Dinner
- Orientation workshop
- Deployment of Interns to select National Assembly Committees and Offices
- Bi-weekly skills training
- Alumni Convening
- Model Legislative Assembly (MLA)
- Debriefing session

2.1. WELCOME DINNER

A welcome dinner for the 2022 PLAC interns was organized on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 at Broadfield Hotel, Apo, Abuja to welcome the interns to the programme and promote teambuilding among the cohort. In his welcome remarks, the Executive Director of PLAC, Mr. Clement Nwankwo congratulated the interns for making it through the selection process. He urged them to take the programme seriously and maximize the learning opportunities provided.

Speaking at the dinner, the Deputy Executive Director of PLAC, Omolara Akinyeye noted that in the course of the programme, interns are expected to understand legislative processes, familiarise themselves with legislative language and terminologies, learn about the work of the legislators, understand their challenges and, become more knowledgeable in legislative processes such as bills making. The Programme Manager, Nkiru Uzodi also welcomed the interns, introduced them to the project team and gave an overview of activities for the 2-day induction and orientation programme.



2.2 ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

The orientation workshop or session for interns held on Wednesday, 5 October and Thursday, 6 October 2022. The workshop was aimed at preparing the interns ahead of their primary assignments as well as acquainting them with basic and necessary information about the National Assembly, teaching the interns how to navigate the National Assembly environment and working with committee staff to make the most out of their learning experience at the internship. Over the course of these two days, a series of information packed lectures were delivered to interns by various Resource persons.

Delivering the opening address at the orientation session, Ms. Laolu Olawumi, the Programme Manager, Democracy and Rule of Law at the Democracy, Governance and Migration Section of the European Union (EU) reiterated the EU's support to the Legislative Internship Programme. She recognised the diversity, qualifications, and experiences of the interns, while appreciating PLAC for a meticulous selection process which was evident in the quality of interns selected. She concluded her address by encouraging the interns to cultivate the habit of learning from one another.



2.2.1 Presentations on Day One of the Orientation Session – Wednesday, 5 October 2022

The first day of the orientation session commenced with an introductory presentation titled “An overview of the National Assembly: Structures and Functions.” This was delivered by Dr. Rahila Ahmadu (Former Director, National Secretariat of Nigerian Legislatures) who took the interns through the bureaucratic and political set up of the National Assembly (NASS).

A second paper presentation titled “Understanding the National Assembly Environment: A Practical Guide for Interns” was presented by Benjamin Ekeyi (Legislative and Parliamentary Policy Expert) who worked the interns through a practical setting of NASS and what to expect.

The third and final paper for the day was presented by Mr. Manasseh Aliyuda (Chief Security Officer, Sergeant at Arms at the National Assembly) on “Safety and Security in the National Assembly.”

Other activities on the first day included team building sessions/activities aimed at encouraging the interns to learn about each other and build a solid relationship as a cohort.





2.2.2 Presentations on Day Two of the Orientation Session - Thursday, 6 October 2022

The second day of the orientation session began with a discussion on legislative bills via a presentation titled “The Lawmaking Process from Bill to Act” by Dr. Innocent Mebiri (Clerk, Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Constitution Review and Senate Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs).

This was followed by a presentation on the “Role of Youths in Governance and National Building” by Emmanuel Njoku (Programme Manager at CODE).

The third presentation by Mr. Lawal Duduyemi (former Deputy Clerk of the Senate) focused on the important topic “Understanding NASS Committees and Legislative Plenary Sessions.” This laid an important foundation of the internship which consists primarily of work within committees.

Finally, the last presentation for the day was an important conversation on soft skills led by Esther Ijeaku (Skill Hub Consulting). In her presentation titled “Essential Communication Skills and Professional Etiquette,” she spoke to interns on important soft skills needed to thrive in a professional environment.

Two past interns were invited to share their experience of the internship. Badmus Iswat Taiwo (2020 cohort) share her experience applying for and being recruited for the internship. She referred to the programme as a once in a lifetime opportunity and encouraged interns to harness the opportunities availed them through the internship programme. Christopher Odu (2021 cohort) congratulated the interns, maintaining that they made it through the selection process strictly on merit and encouraged them to utilize the wealth of knowledge the internship affords. He concluded by wishing them a fruitful internship experience.



2.3 TOUR OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

On Friday, 7 October, the Orientation programme came to an end with a tour of the National Assembly Complex. The Interns were taken on the tour with the PLAC team, led by officers from the Sergeant-at-Arms department. The officers from the Sergeant-at-Arms department gave a brief lecture on the National Assembly and its functions, before proceeding to show the interns around the National Assembly.



PRE-INTERNSHIP EVALUATION SURVEY

What are Your Learning Expectations?



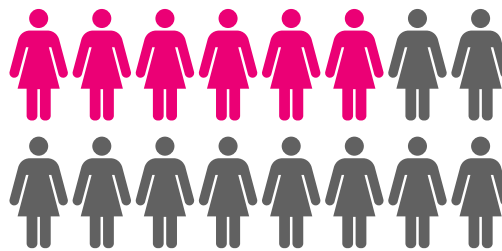
How do you intend to use the experience gained from the internship?

- Connect with political actors and engage them for community development
- Cascade knowledge gained to others person
- Advocacy of policy reforms as it affects women and girls
- Use knowledge gained to orientate the public on legislative processes
- Build network of professional relationship that can be leveraged on in the future
- Promote youth participation in governance
- Enhance community advocacy and enlightenment
- Refer young persons to the PLAC internship for knowledge deepening
- Promote good governance and civil education
- Enhance political values and career
- Using knowledge gained from the internship to engage governance issues

Are you interested in running for political office or an elective position?

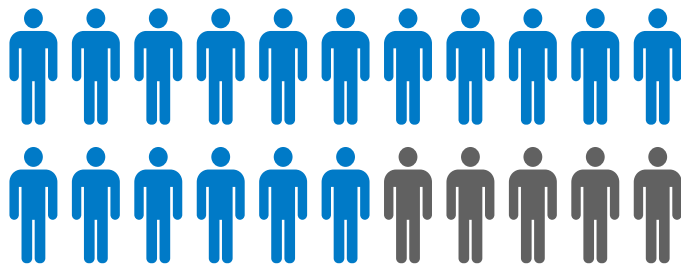
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03

BI-WEEKLY

TRAINING SESSIONS

Bi-weekly meetings are an integral aspect of the Legislative Internship Programme. These meetings are aimed at complementing the experience and learning of interns during the programme. They create an opportunity for the interns to learn both technical and soft skills that enrich their engagement with the legislature, their personal development and a foundation for their respective careers. The Bi-weekly meetings also create an avenue for PLAC to interact with the interns, address concerns that may have arisen in the course of their engagement with the National Assembly and to evaluate the progress of the programme.

Four bi-weekly meetings were held during the 2022 Legislative Internship Programme, including a meeting/interactive session with the PLAC board of directors.



3.1 FIRST BI-WEEKLY SESSION

The first bi-weekly meeting for the LIP was held on Friday, 21 October 2022 at the PLAC office in Abuja with members of the PLAC team in attendance. Resource persons included Tolutope Agunloye, Manager, BudgIT Foundation; Honourable (Dr.) Jerry Ugokwe, Former Honourable Member, House of Representatives, and Ms. Stella Onwochei, Chief Executive Officer of SOBCA, a HR firm.

Giving the welcome remarks, Clement Nwankwo, PLAC Executive Director welcomed the interns to the meeting and encouraged them to make optimal use of the opportunity provided by the internship and dedicate themselves to learning and gathering experience. The Executive Director received feedback from the interns regarding their placements in Committees at the National Assembly and how they have adjusted at the National Assembly.

The presentation by Tolutope Agunloye on “Public Expenditure Tracking and Budget Advocacy: Why young people should pay attention to the National Budget” highlighted the rudiments of the national budget and its importance to economic growth.

Speaking on “Legislative Representation and Citizens Engagement,” Honourable (Dr.) Jerry Ugokwe shared his perspectives on the subject leaning on his diverse experiences as a former lawmaker, a one-time Ambassador to Austria, and as an ordinary citizen and founder of a non-profit organisation engaging the legislature.

Finally, Ms. Stella Onwochei facilitated a Team Building Exercise to enhance teamwork and collaboration among the interns.





3.2 SECOND BI-WEEKLY SESSION

The second bi-weekly training session held on Friday, 4 November 2022 at the PLAC office. Resource persons included Barr. Chinedu Akubueze, Clerk of the Senate, who spoke to interns on how to make the most of their internship at the National Assembly.

Mr. Jake Epelle, the Executive Director, of The Albino Foundation gave a presentation on “The Importance of Inclusion and Disability Awareness in Building a Democratic Society” where he emphasised the importance of including persons with disability in Nigeria’s governance process. To build interns awareness of Nigeria’s civic space, interns were shown a short PLAC video production on the history of organised Civil Society in Nigeria.



3.3 THIRD BI-WEEKLY SESSION

The third Bi-weekly meeting held on Friday, 18 November 2022. The Resource person for the day was Barr. Abdul Oroh, a lawyer and activist, who spoke on the history of military rule and transition to civilian rule in Nigeria.

Interns elected the principal members for the Model Legislative Assembly at this bi-weekly session. The following interns and positions emerged from the elections:

1. Speaker - Mark Okhakumhe (Edo)
2. Deputy Speaker - Eniola Bisiriyu (Lagos)
3. Majority Leader - Khalifar Nasir (Zamfara)
4. Deputy Majority Leader - Laurretta Ikyaagba (Benue)
5. Minority Leader - Sarah Charles Okon (Akwa Ibom)
6. Deputy Minority Leader - Sadiq Muritala Adewale (Ogun)
7. Chief Whip - Paul Owoyemi (Ondo)
8. Deputy Chief Whip - Msugther Gideon Unyoosu (Benue)
9. Minority Whip - Isaac Akinlade (Osun)
10. Deputy Minority Whip - Usman Adam Jakusko (Yobe)
11. Clerk - Abubakar Sunusi Muhammad (Kano)
12. Sergeant-At-Arms - Ayebapriye Ayebaifie Oruwori (Bayelsa)



3.4 FOURTH BI-WEEKLY SESSION

The fourth bi-weekly session took place on Friday, 2 December 2022. The Guest Speaker for the session was prominent activist and founder of Sahara Reporters, Omoyele Sowore who spoke about his activism and the efforts to promote democratic governance in the country. Speaking on the topic “Activism and Campaign for Democratic Change” Mr. Sowore took them on a journey through key moments of his years of activism and how he started Sahara Reporters with the aim to expose corrupt practices of leaders, especially in offshore corruption. He bemoaned the current state of the nation and appealed to interns to be courageous and strive to be different.

Also speaking at this session on the topic “Increasing Women’s Political Participation in Nigeria” was Ms. Mma Odi, Executive Director, Emma Ezeazu Centre for Good Governance and Accountability who spoke on the efforts by civil society to promote women’s participation in politics. She referred to the Constitutional Amendment Bill that sought to create additional seats in the National Assembly to be contested for by women. She further highlighted the steps taken towards the realisation of the bill and challenges faced by stakeholders and sponsors of the bill to ensure its passage into law.

Interns began their practical training on drafting of bills and motions, as well as rehearsals on re-enactment of plenary sessions which was facilitated by Dr. (Mrs.) Rahila Ahmadu (former Director, National Secretariat for Nigerian Legislatures) and Mr. Salisu Abdullahi Mohammed (Clerk, House Committee on Rules and Business).



04

PODCAST

AND RADIO PROGRAMME

To promote awareness of the internship programme and topical issues, interns participated in themed podcasts and a live radio show.

4.1 LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PODCAST

Six episodes of a Podcast with different groups of interns were produced during the program with the following topics:

1. Citizens' expectations of candidates as political campaigns begin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGomcr3BxgQ>
2. Youth mobilization and voter engagement: <https://placng.org/i/youth-mobilization-and-voter-engagement/>
3. The menace of vote buying and lack of electoral accountability: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ-wNnDaLEc>
4. The “Japa syndrome” and governance failure in Nigeria: <https://placng.org/i/the-japa-syndrome-and-governance-failure-in-nigeria/>
5. The importance of women inclusion in governance: <https://placng.org/i/the-importance-of-women-inclusion-in-governance/>
6. Assessing PLAC's legislative internship experience: <https://placng.org/i/assessing-placs-legislative-internship-experience/>

4.2 LIVE RADIO APPEARANCE

On 28 November 2022 four interns, Shedrack Nwaokocha, Babajide Michael, Amrah Aliyu and Lubabatu Abubakar were guests at the Morning Show with Femi D live on 95.1 Naija Info to raise awareness of the Internship Programme and discuss youth participation in governance.

Participating interns shared their opinions on how interning at the National Assembly has changed their perception of legislation and governance. They highlighted the importance and benefits of the programme and used the opportunity to enjoin youths to collect their Permanent Voters Card and exercise their civic responsibility by voting at the 2023 general elections.



05

ALUMNI

NETWORK CONVENING

PLAC organised the maiden Legislative Internship Alumni network convening on 23 November 2022 at the Transcorp Hilton Abuja. This event brought 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.

About 100 past interns participated physically and virtually at the Alumni Network Convening. Conversations were held on how the internship contributed to the personal, professional, career growth and development of participants. Interns shared how the internship helped their career progression and built useful skills they deployed in their professional journey. There was a panel discussion on **Using the Legislative Internship to Create Synergy for Strategic National Development**.

Participants were surveyed and 81 respondents provided feedback on the convening (male respondents were 45 and female 36). Some recommendations made by the respondents include that the alumni convening should be more frequent i.e., twice a year and that alumni should be part of induction/orientation for interns where experiences will be shared.

- » Link to event report: <https://placng.org/i/events/plac-hosts-inaugural-convening-of-plac-legislative-internship-alumni/>
- » Video highlight of the Alumni convening: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=902353464523636>





06

MODEL

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Model Legislative Assembly (MLA) is a major concluding activity under the Legislative Internship Programme. It is a simulation of legislative proceedings and is aimed at demonstrating the learning and skills gained by interns during their stay in NASS.

It also provides an opportunity to assess interns' knowledge of plenary sessions observed during the programme and illustrate their knowledge on legislative processes such as Bill drafting, role of Principal Officers in chambers and the duties of a legislator.

Some of the expected outcomes which forms the assessment of the performance of interns include:

- An understanding of legislative practice and procedure
- Informed discussion of current socio-political issues
- Constructive and collaborative problem solving

The MLA session held on 12 December 2022 at Ibeto Hotel, Gudu, Abuja with Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, the Deputy Chief Whip of the Senate as a Guest Speaker and one of the judges of the plenary re-enactment. Other panelists included Dr. Rahila Ahmadu, former Director of the National Secretariat of Nigerian Legislatures (NSNL) and Benjamin Ekeyi, Legislative Policy Analyst at the National Assembly.

Senator Aliyu Sabi, in his remarks, commended the PLAC Legislative Internship Programme for being an innovative model that ensures that young people are educated about the democratic process and the fundamentals of good governance.

Interns presented sample bills and motions they had drafted on issues affecting Nigeria's six-geo-political zones. Their representatives led debates on these issues and made rulings just like NASS Presiding Officers.

Some of the bills and motions discussed at the session include the following:

- A Bill to amend the Electoral Act to provide stiffer penalties for Electoral offences and related matters;
- A Bill to Establish the National Institute of Petroleum Research and Exploration, Gombe State;
- A Bill to provide for the Establishment of the South-South Agricultural Research and Innovation

Institute to Promote the Development of Commercial Crop Variants and Genetically Modified Aquatic Life Resistant to Oil Pollution and for Related Matters;

- A Constitution Amendment Bill seeking to move items such as Police, Public Holiday and Labour from the Exclusive legislative list to the Concurrent legislative list;
- A motion on a matter of urgent public importance - kidnapping, banditry and terrorism in North-Western States, particularly in Zamfara State
- A motion for the implementation of the Great Green Wall Project aimed at curbing the effects of desertification and improving the livelihoods of communities within the region.

Full details of the bills, motions and resolutions drafted by interns are available in a published document and available online via this link: <https://placng.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Model-Legislative-Assembly-2022.pdf>)



PHOTOS FROM THE MLA



07

DEBRIEFING SESSION

The debriefing session for interns took place on Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at PLAC office, Abuja. The purpose of the debriefing session was to discuss and assess the experiences of the interns after the 10 weeks internship programme. Interns were given the opportunity to share their individual experiences and feedback on ways to improve the programme and enrich the experience of interns.

The debriefing session also invited resource persons to make presentation useful for interns' transition from the internship. This included a session on setting up a successful non-profit, developing a mission and vision, regulatory compliance, and creating impact.



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OUTCOMES

AND LESSONS LEARNED

Key Lessons Learned

- » The internship programme continues to bridge the knowledge and information gap among young Nigerians by providing a platform for them to learn first-hand, the political and legislative processes of democratic institutions such as the National Assembly.
- » The credibility and transparency of the internship selection process has contributed to the overall success of the programme and its general objectives, as well as NASS continued support.
- » The National Assembly remains a critical partner in facilitating the success of the programme.
- » The European Union's support of the programme for the last 5 years has been impactful in achieving the programmes objectives of promoting the inclusion and participation of marginalized groups like young people in governance processes. This is evidenced in the increase of female interns' interest in politics at the end of the internship.
- » The programme provides a good foundation for those considering a career in the civic space, particularly on governance and human rights.

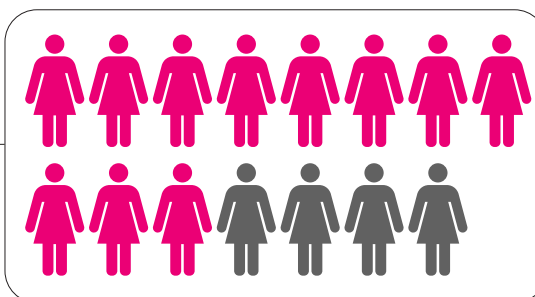
POST-INTERNSHIP EVALUATION SURVEY

The post internship survey shows more interns expressing interest in politics.

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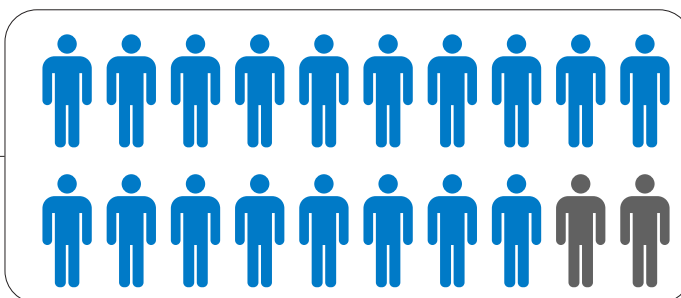
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APPENDIX 1: DEPLOYMENT LIST

S/N	NAME	NAME OF COMMITTEE/ DEPARTMENT
1	SHEDRACK NWAOKOCHA	Senate Committee on Primary Health and Communicable Diseases
2	GODIYA MALLUM SHALLANGWA	Senate Committee on Public Accounts
3	SARAH OKON	Senate Committee on Police Affairs
4	AHMED ABUBAKAR	Senate Committee on FERMA
5	AYEBAPRIYE AYEBAIKIE ORUWORI	Senate Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes
6	LAURETTA ANASE IKYAAGBA	Senate Committee on Appropriation
7	UNYOOSU GIDEON MSUGHTER	Senate committee on Finance
8	AJI SILAS MAINA	Senate Committee on Ethics and Privileges
9	MIAZOR FIDELIS EKOM	Senate Committee on Aviation
10	ANITA AWELE OSIAGWU	Senate Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
11	JENNIFER EZIULOH	Senate Committee on Communications
12	MARK OKHAKUMHE	Senate Committee on Diaspora and NGOs
13	FUMBI AJUMOBI	Senate Committee on Trade and Investment
14	KOSISOCHUKWU UMEH	Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
15	JOANNA BOME KURE	Senate Committee on Rules and Business
16	GIFT CHIEMEKA OGBUJA-OKE-CHUKWU	Senate Committee on Media and Public Affairs
17	LUBABATU ABUBAKAR	Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs
18	ABUBAKAR SUNUSI MUHAMMAD	House Committee on Appropriation
19	MUNIR SADIQ RUMA	House Committee on Healthcare Services
20	HABIBA ADAMU GULMA	House Committee on Diaspora
21	ADAMA JOHN OJOCHOGWU	House Committee on Human Rights
22	ENIOLA BISIRIYU	House Committee on Basic Education

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23	MOHAMMED KEANA SABO	House Committee on Civil Societies and Development Partners
24	AMRAH ALIYU	House Committee on Works
25	SADIQ MURITALA ADEWALE	House Committee on Electoral Matters
26	PAUL OWOYEMI	House Committee on Interior
27	AKINYEMI ISAAC AKINLADE	House Committee on Defense
28	BABAJIDE, MICHAEL OLUSEGUN	House Committee on Justice
29	MUKHTAR UMAR BAGARAWA	House Committee on Rules and Business
30	ABIYE ALAMBO BRIGGS	House Committee on Power
31	SARAH SOMETERIMAM NUHU	House Committee on Foreign Affairs
32	USMAN ADAM JAKUSKO	House Committee on Tertiary Education Services
33	KHALIFA NASIR	House Committee FCT Judiciary
34	KWALNAAN HENRY YUNKWAP	House Committee on Media and Public Affairs
35	BINKAM GALADIMA YOHANNA	House Committee on Financial Crimes

APPENDIX 2: AGENDA - ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERNS



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ORIENTATION/INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERNS
DATE: Tuesday, 4th October - Friday, 7th October 2022

TIME:

VENUE: BROADFIELD HOTELS APO RESIDENCE, ABUJA

AGENDA

Day One	Welcome Dinner, Tuesday, 4th October, 2022
Day Two	Wednesday, 5th October, 2022
8:45 am – 9:45am	Arrival and Registration of Participants, Guests, Resource Persons, Signing of contract of interns
10:00 am-11:00am	<p>SESSION ONE WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY – Conference Hall</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, PLAC</p> <p>Opening Address Ambassador Samuela Isopi Head of the Delegation, European Union in Nigeria and ECOWAS</p> <p>Goodwill Messages Representative of Ministry of Budget and National Planning</p> <p>Keynote Address Arch. Olatunde Ojo Amos FNIA, FCIA <i>Clerk to the National Assembly (CNA)</i></p>
11:00am -11:45am	An Overview of the National Assembly: Structure and Functions Dr. Rahila Ahmadu, <i>Former Director, National Secretariat of Nigerian Legislatures</i>
11:45am –12:00am	Tea Break

SESSION TWO	
12:00pm -1:00pm	Understanding the National Assembly work Environment: A practical Guide for Interns Benjamin Ekeyi <i>Development Specialist/Legislative Policy Analyst and Governance Expert</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Team Building Exercise PLAC
2:00pm -3:00pm	Lunch
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Safety and Security in the National Assembly Mr. Manasseh Aliyuda <i>Sergeant at Arms, National Assembly</i>
4:30-5:00pm	Closing and wrap Up
Day Three	Thursday, 6th October 2022
9:00 am – 9:30am	Registration of Participants
9:30am-10:00am	Quick Ice Breaker Exercise (PLAC)
10:00 am – 11:00am	The Law-Making Process from Bill to Act Dr. Innocent Mebiri <i>Clerk, Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Constitution Review and the Clerk, Senate committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs</i>
11:00am – 12:00pm	The Role of Youths in Governance and Nation building Emmanuel Njoku <i>Project Manager, Democracy and Governance Connected Development</i>
12:00 pm – 12:15pm	Tea Break
12:15pm-- 1:00pm	Understanding NASS Committees and Legislative Plenary Sessions Alhaji Lawal Duduyemi <i>Former Deputy Clerk of the Senate</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Essential communication Skills and Professional etiquette Ms. Esther Ijeaku <i>Principal Consultant, SkillHub Consulting</i>
2:00pm-3:00pm	Lunch
3:00pm-4:00pm	Experience Sharing by Former Interns Christopher Odu Badmus Iswat Taiwo
4:00Pm -5:00pm	Closing and wrap Up
Day 4	Friday, 7thOctober 2022
9:00am-10:00am	Tour of the National Assembly

APPENDIX 3: AGENDA - FIRST BI-WEEKLY MEETING



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PLAC Legislative Internship Programme 2022

First Bi Weekly Meeting

DATE: Friday 21st October 2022

TIME: 9:00am -2:00PM

VENUE: PLAC Office, Plot 451 Gambo Jimeta Crescent, Guzape, Abuja

AGENDA

TIME	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
9:00am-9:30am	Arrival, registration and submission of timesheets	Kor Dzwua Programme Officer, PLAC
9:30am-9:55am	Breakfast	All Interns
9:55am -10:00am	Welcome Remarks and announcements	Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager
10:00am- 11:00am	Presentation 1: Public Expenditure Tracking and Budget Advocacy: Why young people should pay attention to the National Budget	Tolutope Agunloye, Manager, BudgIT Foundation, Abuja
11:00am-12:00pm	Presentation 2: Legislative Representation and Citizens Engagement	Amb.(Dr.) Hon. Jerry Ugokwe Former Honourable Member, House of Representatives, former Nigerian Ambassador to Austria, Slovakia and the United Nations
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Presentation 3: Team Building Exercise to enhance Team work and collaboration	Ms. Stella Onwochei Chief Executive Officer, SOBCA, Abuja
1:00am-1:30pm	Lunch	All interns
1:30pm-1:45pm	Closing and Wrap Up	Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager

APPENDIX 4: AGENDA - SECOND BI-WEEKLY MEETING



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Second Bi Weekly Meeting

DATE: Friday 4th November 2022

TIME: 9:00am -1:30PM

VENUE: PLAC Office, Plot 451 Gambo Jimeta Crescent, Guzape, Abuja

AGENDA

TIME	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
9:00am-9:50am	Arrival, registration and submission of timesheets	Kor Dzawua <i>Programme Officer, PLAC</i>
9:55am -10:00am	Welcome Remarks	Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, PLAC
10:00am- 11:00am	Presentation 1: How interns can make the most of their internship	Barr. Chinedu Akubueze Clerk of the Senate, National Assembly Abuja
11:00am-11:15 am	Responses, Questions and Answers	
11:15am-11:45am	Tea Break	Interns
11:45am – 12:45pm	Presentation 2: The Importance of Inclusion and Disability awareness in building a democratic Society.	Mr. Jake Epelle Founder/CEO The Albino Foundation
12:45pm-1:00pm	Responses, Questions and Answers	
1:00pm-1:10pm	Closing and wrap up	Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager, PLAC
1:10pm	Lunch	Interns

APPENDIX 5: AGENDA - THIRD BI-WEEKLY MEETING



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Third Bi-Weekly Meeting

DATE: Friday, 18th November 2022

TIME: 9:30am -1:30PM

VENUE: PLAC Office, Plot 451 Gambo Jimeta Crescent, Guzape, Abuja

AGENDA

TIME	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
9:30 am-10:00am	Arrival, registration and submission of timesheets <i>All interns should be seated by 9:55am</i>	Kor Dzawua Programme Officer, PLAC
10:00am - 10:05am	Welcome Remarks	Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, PLAC
10:05am - 11:05am	Presentation 1: From Civil Society to Politics: Launching a Successful Political Career (45 min) <i>Questions/Discussion (15 min)</i>	Hon. Abdul Oroh Member of the House of the Representatives (2003 – 2007); Principal Counsel, Abdul Oroh & Co.
11:05am – 11:30am	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:30am – 12:30 pm	Presentation 2: Drafting Bills and Motions	Charles Bala Luri Esq. Director, Department of Committees, Senate National Assembly
12:30 pm – 1:15pm	Election of Principal Officers for Model Legislative Assembly (MLA) Session	Kor Dzawua Programme Officer, PLAC
1:15pm-1:30pm	Wrap up and Closing	Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager, PLAC

APPENDIX 6: AGENDA - FOURTH BI-WEEKLY MEETING



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Fourth Bi-Weekly Meeting

DATE: Friday, 2nd December 2022

TIME: 9:30am -1:30 pm

VENUE: PLAC Office, Plot 451 Gambo Jimeta Crescent, Guzape, Abuja

AGENDA

TIME	Topic	Facilitator/ Presenter
9:30 am-10:00am	Arrival, registration and submission of timesheets	Kor Dzawua Programme Officer, PLAC
10:00am - 10:05am	Welcome Remarks	Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, PLAC
10:05am - 11:45am	Practical Session: Bills, Motions & Plenary Session Re-enactment	Facilitated by: Dr. (Mrs.) Rahila Ahmadu <i>Former Director, National Secretariat for Nigerian Legislatures</i> & Mr. Salisu Abdullahi Mohammed <i>Clerk, House Committee on Rules & Business</i>
11:45am – 12:00pm	Tea/Coffee Break	
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Presentation: Underrepresented (PLAC documentary on Women’s Political Representation)	PLAC
12:45 pm – 1:15pm	Increasing Women’s Political Participation in Nigeria: History, Challenges & Opportunities	Ms. Mma Odi Exec. Director, Emma Ezeazu Centre for Good Governance and Accountability
1:15pm-1:30pm	Wrap up and Closing	Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager, PLAC

APPENDIX 7: AGENDA - 2022 MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MLA)



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PLAC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME: 2022 MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MLA)

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Date: Monday, 12th December 2022

Venue: Ibeto Hotels, 34 David Ejoor Crescent, Gudu District, Abuja

Time: 10am – 1:00pm

AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00am – 10:00am	Registration of Participants Guests, Resource Persons and Interns are seated
10:00am – 10:30am	SESSION ONE: WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY Introduction of guests, resource persons and participants Welcome Remarks Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, PLAC Goodwill Remarks European Union (EU) Goodwill Remarks/Keynote Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi Deputy Chief Whip, Senate National Assembly
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea Break
11:00am – 12:00pm	SESSION TWO: MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION Plenary Session by Interns of 2022 Model Legislative Assembly Mark Okhakhume (Edo) Speaker, 2022 Model Legislative Assembly (MLA) Eniola Bisiriyu (Lagos) Deputy Speaker, 2022 Model Legislative Assembly (MLA)

TIME	ACTIVITY
12:00pm – 12:30pm	<p>SESSION THREE: OBSERVATIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM PANELISTS</p> <p>Hon. Chinyere Igwe Honourable Member (Port Harcourt 2 Federal Constituency)</p> <p>Hon. Nkem Abonta Honourable Member Representing Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency</p> <p>Dr. Rahila Ahmadu Former Director, National Secretariat of Nigerian Legislatures</p> <p>Mr. Benjamin Ekeyi <i>Legislative and Parliamentary Policy Expert</i></p>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	<p>PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO SESSION</p> <p>Clement Nwankwo Executive Director, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)</p>
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<p>Wrap Up & Lunch</p>

APPENDIX 8: AGENDA - INAUGURAL ALUMNI CONVENING



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PLAC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (LIP): INAUGURAL ALUMNI CONVENING

Date: Wednesday, 23rd November 2022

Venue: Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja (Niger/Benue Hall) & Zoom (Hybrid)

Time: 3:00pm – 6:30pm

AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Registration, Cocktails & Networking
3:45pm – 4:00pm	<u>Opening Session</u> Welcome Remarks/Meeting Objectives Clement Nwankwo , Executive Director, PLAC Goodwill Messages: Laolu Olawumi , Programme Manager, Democracy and Rule of Law, European Union (EU) Chinedu Akubueze Esq. , Clerk, Senate, National Assembly Dr. Yahaya Danzaria , Clerk, House of Representatives, National Assembly
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<u>Keynote</u> Building Strong Youth and Citizens' Participation in Governance Beyond Elections (30 mins) By: Prof. Pat Utomi Founder/CEO, Centre for Values in Leadership (CVL) <i>Q & A/ Discussion (30min)</i>
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Interlude: Spoken Word Poetry by Gloria Emmanuel (2020 Intern)

TIME	ACTIVITY
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	<p><u>Alumni Panel Discussion</u> Using the Legislative Internship to Create Synergy for Strategic National Development (40 min) Yemi Osundinakin (2013), Boyo Warami (2014), Tayiwa Koji (2015), Micah Piwuna (2019), Stephen Onimisi (2020), Eloka Felix Oduah (2021)</p> <p>Q & A/ Plenary discussion (20 min)</p> <p>Session Moderator: Daniel Nwagbaoso (2018)</p>
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm	<p>Vote of Thanks/Closing Remarks Mukhtar Umar Bagarawa, Representative, 2022 LIP Cohort Nkiru Uzodi, Programme Manager, PLAC</p>
6:30pm	Group Dinner

APPENDIX 9: AGENDA - DEBRIEFING SESSION



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PLAC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME: DEBRIEFING SESSION

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Date: Tuesday, 13th December 2022

Venue: PLAC Office, Abuja

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:45am – 11:00am	Registration of Participants Guests, Resource Persons and Interns are seated
11:00am – 12:00noon	SESSION ONE: Evaluating the Internship PLAC Legislative Internship Programme: Feedback and Lessons Learnt Discussion with PLAC project team
12:00noon – 1:00pm	SESSION TWO: Career Planning How Skills, Interests, Values and Emotional Intelligence Can Contribute to a Successful Career By: Mrs. Oluchi Lynda Atoyebi <i>Principal Consultant,</i> <i>Eclat Human Resources Consulting</i>
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Tips for Setting up a Strong and Successful Non-Profit By: Funke Adeoye <i>Founder and Executive Director</i> <i>Hope Behind Bars Africa</i>
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Wrap up and Closing



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