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2018 NCMG PEACE AWARDS

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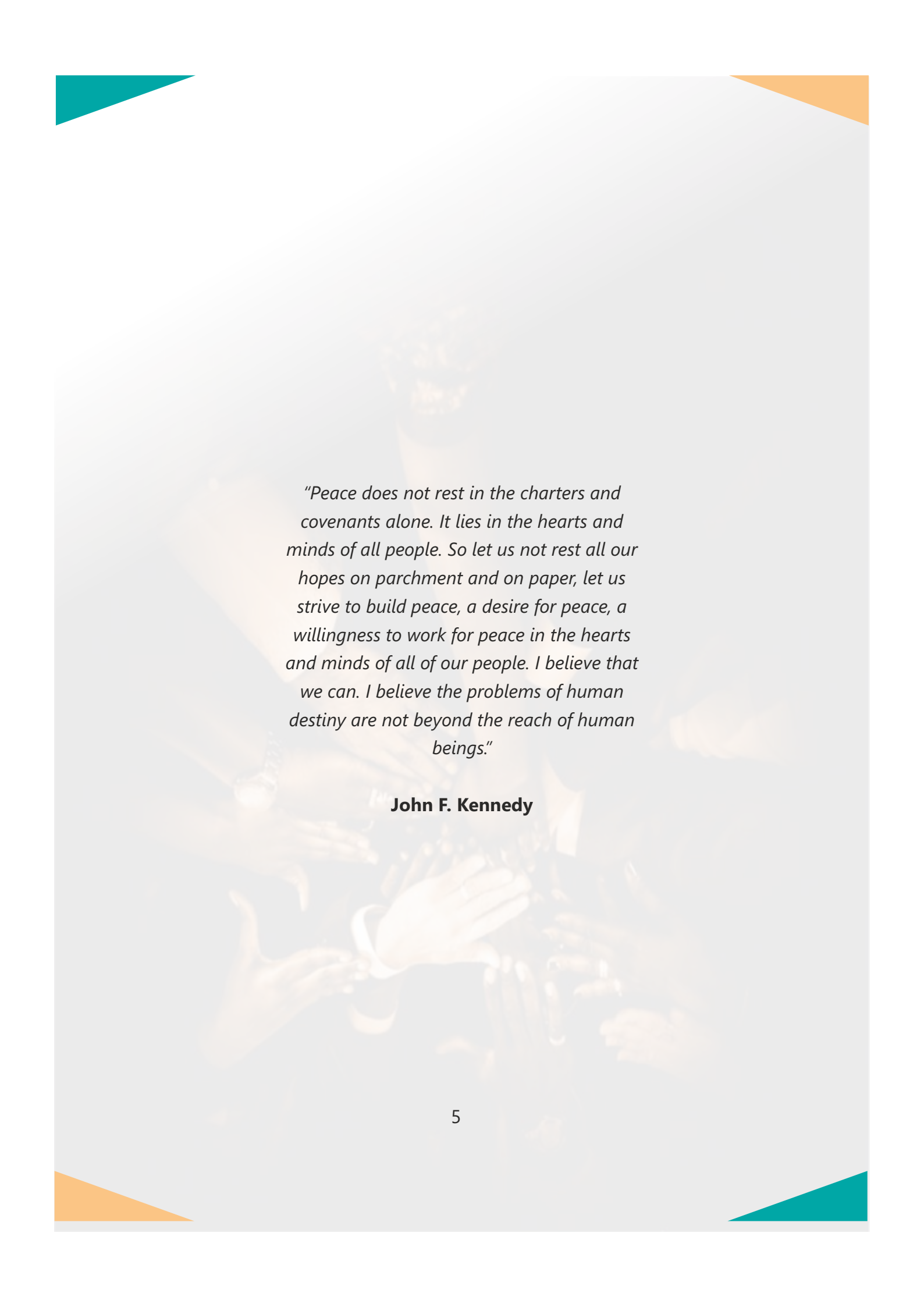


Everywhere we turn the story of injustice and devastation is on the daily menu with which our people are fed. Who would have imagined that after years of the struggle for independence, a struggle which had come to define the hopes and the aspirations of human civilization that the successors would be unable to carry on the dream? A corrosive and pervasive, self-serving attitude has come to govern human relations. We have wrongly confused progress in economics, wealth creation, technology and science with the far more elusive and much more vital ethical progress that is needed for us to live in an environment of peaceful coexistence, sustainability and harmony beyond traditional boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity and nationality. These are unattainable if those attitudes do not change. They will not come about merely by the signing of agreements and treaties without more for as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jnr once said, *"we must learn to live together as brothers and sisters on this planet, or we will perish together as fools"*.

NCMG International is desirous of seeing a society that is devoid of devastating conflicts and this desire underlines its reverence for peacemakers who have expended so much towards creating lasting peace, either through post conflict humanitarian actions or activities geared towards preventing the society from degenerating into conflicts. The NCMG Peace Award constitutes this next exciting step in NCMG International's belief and commitment to a just and sustainable Africa where the inherent dignity of all members of the human family is acknowledged, human rights are respected, social justice is maintained, and all persons are free to develop themselves, lead meaningful lives and actively contribute to their own well-being as well as their communities.

On behalf of the NCMG Peace Awards Committee, I welcome you to the 2018 NCMG Peace Awards.

Prof. Isabella Okagbue
Chairman, Peace Awards Committee
NCMG Peace Awards



"Peace does not rest in the charters and covenants alone. It lies in the hearts and minds of all people. So let us not rest all our hopes on parchment and on paper, let us strive to build peace, a desire for peace, a willingness to work for peace in the hearts and minds of all of our people. I believe that we can. I believe the problems of human destiny are not beyond the reach of human beings."

John F. Kennedy



NCMG PEACE AWARDS: GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

A just and sustainable Africa where the inherent dignity of all members of the human family is acknowledged, human rights are respected, social justice is maintained, and where all persons are free to develop themselves, lead meaningful lives and actively contribute to their own well-being as well as their communities is the inanimate right of every African. The guiding principles for selection for the NCMG Peace Award are:

Peace Building

We believe that power grows not by force but from participation, dialogue and cooperation. The culture of peace rejects violence in all of its forms, including war and the culture of war. In place of domination and exploitation by the strong over the weak, the culture of peace respects the rights of everyone, economic as well as political. It represents a caring society which protects the rights of those who are weak, such as children, the handicapped, the elderly and the socially disadvantaged.

Access to Justice

It is our avowed commitment to promote Access to Justice where every person has a right to a dignified life, irrespective of religion, belief, political opinion, race, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. We seek a just and sustainable world where people are protected by universal human rights, while the fairer distribution of wealth and equality of opportunity is ensured. Equal justice under the law is not merely a caption on the front of a court building, it is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society. It is one of the ends for which our entire legal system exists. It is fundamental that Access to Justice is at the heart of rule of Law. It is the ability of a disputant to avail himself of the justice system to vindicate his interest.

Good Governance

It is our hope that by rewarding good governance culture and highlighting the growing phenomenon of corruption, leaders would become more accountable and decision making more transparent.

Corruption crushes the potential benefits of free market forces and this affects economic progress and in turn social development. In order for Africa to succeed and compete with the developed world, we have to rid the continent of corruption and foster a culture of good governance. This criterion is designed to meet this need.



NCMG PEACE AWARDS: ESSENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

In fulfilment of the commitment of NCMG International to a just and sustainable Nigeria and by extension Africa, the NCMG Peace Awards recognise change agents and innovative thought leaders championing justice and peace in Africa. The NCMG Peace Awards shall promote the inherent dignity of the human family, ensure human rights are respected and social justice is encouraged.

Specifically, the Award shall honour individuals and organizations that continually make exemplary commitment and demonstrated outstanding contribution to the pursuit of peace, justice building, corporate citizenship and institutional development in Africa by championing the capacity of humanity to live in harmonious adjustment with one other.

The NCMG Peace Awards are in two broad categories:

1. Specialized Awards: *Special Recognition Awards*

The NCMG Special Recognition Award is a specialized award category which primarily honors individuals with a track record of exemplary leadership, selfless service and commitment to the overall improvement of humanity. Awardees in this category are carefully selected for the impact which their selflessness and passion has brought towards meaningful change in the larger society. The NCMG Special Recognition Award is not open to nominations but the result of thorough research and deliberations by the Peace Awards Committee who then present their selected candidates to the panel of Judges for consideration while the ultimate approval lies with the NCMG Global Board of Governors.

2. Categorized Awards:

The Categorized Awards are open for nominations from the general public and the awards are in four segments;

- I. Peace Builder Award;
- ii. Justice Builder Award;
- iii. Institutional Peace Builder
- iv. Youth Innovation for Peace Award

Even though the 2018 NCMG Peace Awards is limited to Nigeria, we intend to expand the scope of the award to cover the Africa continent by 2019.



NCMG PEACE AWARDS: APPROACH & STRUCTURE

THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat plays an important role in maintaining the integrity of the award by ensuring that the processes are well coordinated, seamless and timely. This includes setting the awards calendar; preparing meeting agendas and collateral materials; and facilitating follow-up. The secretariat also coordinates and process nominations for the awards by receiving and collating all nominations for screening before selection by the Panel of Judges.

NCMG PEACE AWARDS COMMITTEE

The NCMG Peace Award Committee which also serves as the Screening Committee is responsible for a thorough due diligence review of the nominations received. The review includes verification of the projects accorded to nominees to ensure adherence to the nomination criteria. Thereafter, the Screening Committee provides a shortlist of the top six finalists for each category which is forwarded to the panel of judges for final selection of the top three finalists including the winner.

PANEL OF JUDGES

The Panel of Judges is comprised of an even blend of academic, industry and public sector practitioners who have a good working knowledge of peace-building, justice building, corporate citizenship and youth empowerment. Judges are appointed by the NCMG International, Regional Board of Directors, West Africa and approved by the Global Board of Governors. The Panel reserves the right to decide the judging criteria. The 7-member NCMG Peace Awards Panel of Judges is headed by Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, CFR.



Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, CFR
*Chairman, Panel of Judges
NCMG Peace Awards*

ADVISORY BOARD

The NCMG Peace Awards Advisory Board provides the guidance and direction critical to the success of the Awards.




Lady Maiden Ibru
*Chairman, Advisory Board
NCMG Peace Awards*



Mr. John Momoh
*Member, Advisory Board
NCMG Peace Awards*



Senator Daisy Danjuma
*Member, Advisory Board
NCMG Peace Awards*



"We are all too aware that peace is more than just the absence of war. The dark clouds still hovering above our landscape...are matters of serious concern. Thus we seek to examine how we can further co-ordinate our efforts to bring about lasting peace. We should not, for a moment, forget the mothers and fathers, the children and grandchildren who yearn for our urgent intervention to bring them more than just a respite from war. They deserve lasting peace and security. Only in this way shall we deserve the accolades often heaped on us as leaders.

Weaving all the ideals of peaceful resolution of conflict, human right and good governance together is the vexing issue of security. For it is not merely good logic but the reality of life, that, in the end society's freedom from hunger, ignorance and disease is, more often than not, the dividing line between war and peace. The pursuit of the collective well-being of humanity to ensure that all persons live life to the full, is an ideal whose time has come".

Nelson Mandela
acceptance speech at the 1995 Africa Peace Award.



Heroes Of Peace Celebrated



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD-AMEYO STELLA SHADE ADADEVOH



Dr. Ameyo Stella Shade Adadevoh was born on Saturday, 27th October 1956 in Lagos, Nigeria to Professor Babatunde Kwaku Adadevoh and Deborah Regina McIntosh. She began her academic career at Mainland Preparatory Primary School in Yaba, Lagos in 1961.

Dr. Adadevoh qualified as a medical doctor in 1980 with a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from the University of Lagos College of Medicine. She concluded her housemanship at Lagos University Teaching Hospital and subsequently spent her National Youth Service Corps assignment in 1982 at The Eti-Osa Health Centre in Lagos, Nigeria. She began her residency at Lagos University Teaching Hospital from 1983 to 1988 and went on to earn the West African College of Physicians and Surgeons credential.

She joined First Consultants Medical Centre in Obalende, Lagos, where she worked for twenty-one years and became the Lead Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist. She held memberships with of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN), British-Nigerian Association, and National Postgraduate Medical College. She served as a Non-Executive Director of Learn Africa Plc and was a writer for the first-ever "Ask the Doc" column in Today's Woman Magazine. Dr. Stella Adadevoh was an extremely dedicated, compassionate, and God-fearing individual and even more so in her professional capacity.

By identifying the index patient in the August 2014 Ebola outbreak in Nigeria, she prevented a national tragedy, paying the ultimate price with her life. She showed outstanding courage and initiative. Nigerians will be forever grateful to her for her leadership, care and devotion to humanity.

It was with a sense of acute loss and heartbreak that we learned of her untimely death in the line of duty and patriotism. It is with a deep sense of loss and gratitude to God that we thank and recognize her family, friends and professional colleagues for the sacrifice and commitment with which Dr. Ameyo Stella Shade Adadevoh lived her life. She was, in every sense, a truly phenomenal woman.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD- **GAMALIEL O. ONOSODE, OFR**



Mr. Gamaliel Oforitsenere Onosode, OFR was born and raised in Sapele, Delta State. He was well known in both the public and private corporate environs in Nigeria as a disciplined technocrat which has earned him utmost respect and admiration.

He occupied chairmanship positions of several companies throughout his career. Mr. Gamaliel Oforitsenere Onosode, OFR served as the Chairman and Chief Executive of NAL Bank Plc (now Sterling Bank) from 1973 to 1979. Mr. Onosode served as the Chairman of the Board of the oldest GSM network in Nigeria (now trading as Airtel).

Mr. Onosode was Presidential Adviser on Budget Affairs and Director of Budget since 1983. Mr. Onosode was a Member of the inaugural Provisional Governing Council of Bowen University, Iwo. Mr. Onosode served as President

of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Uyo and President and Chairman of Council of the Association of Pension Funds of Nigeria.

He was a pioneer recipient of the Ughelli Descendants Union Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and recipient of the Faculty of Arts University of Ibadan Golden Jubilee Distinguished Alumnus Merit Award 2001.

Mr. Onosode, a Baptist Deacon, was admitted to the Honour Roll of Mellanby Hall, University of Ibadan, in 1982. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria since 1998. Mr. Onosode is an Honorary Fellow of Nigerian Academy of Letters and holds Honorary D.Sc. degrees of Obafemi Awolowo University in 1990, the University of Benin in 1995 and the Rivers State University of Science and Technology in 2003 as well as Honorary D.D. degree of The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso in 2002

His philanthropy was one to be reckoned with in his life time, a legacy he transferred into corporate existence with the founding of the Gamaliel & Susan Onosode Foundation (GAMSU). The organization exists today to give support to Nigeria's education system, and to provide seamless and flexible solutions to the problems associated with learning in Nigeria. GAMSU gives awards to excellent students in secondary schools and offers scholarships to university students.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD- NATIONAL PEACE COMMITTEE

NATIONAL PEACE COMMITTEE

National Peace Committee comprises of statesmen and women, traditional and religious leaders and is headed by former Head of State, General Abdulsalam Abubakar. The Committee played a critical role in ensuring a peaceful 2015 presidential election. The National Peace Committee followed the signing of the Abuja Peace Accord on January 14, 2015 by former President Goodluck Jonathan, Muhammadu Buhari and other presidential candidates. The National Peace Committee of Nigeria has been instrumental in facilitating dialogue prior to the country's elections in 2015. Through the Peace Accord, the candidates committed to take proactive measures to prevent electoral violence before, during and after the elections. The Accord also mandates the avoidance of any

conduct or behavior that will endanger the political stability and national security of Nigeria, to place national interest above personal and partisan concern. The Accord further stated that candidates reaffirmed their commitment to fully abide by all rules and regulations as laid down in the legal framework for elections in Nigeria.

The National Peace Committee efforts to reach out to leaders from various parts of the country should be broadened into honest dialogue with all segments of the Nigerian population to ensure that ordinary citizens get the opportunity to convey their views to government at the highest levels and get carried along in the formulation and implementation of government policies. It also underscores the need for government to urgently work with the private and voluntary sectors to put in place measures to address the crisis of skills and jobs as key vectors of radicalization.

Furthermore, as part of peacebuilding efforts, the Committee supports the position of Government on the need to ensure effective enforcement of laws that prohibit hate and divisive speeches that constitute a threat to our constitutional and collective right to live in a democracy founded on free expression. Politicians are also urged to deny support to or endorsement of groups that harbor or express disdain for peaceful coexistence among Nigerians.

The National Peace Committee has been so effective. It supports the position of Government on the need to ensure effective enforcement of laws that prohibit hate and divisive speeches that constitute a threat to our constitutional and collective right to live in peace in a democracy founded on freedom of expression.



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CATEGORIZED AWARDS

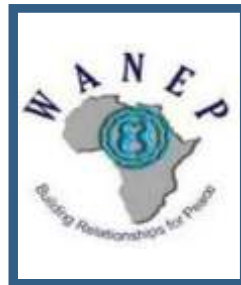


INSTITUTIONAL PEACE BUILDER AWARD NOMINEES

An Institutional Peacebuilder is any corporation, agency or organization that develops strategies which promote peace and stability for a better and stronger harmonious society. This Award recognizes and honors an institution or entity that uses their core business and competitive advantages in contributing to peace and stability through the provision of humanitarian aids, advocacy, economic development, conflict prevention and reconciliation for a more peaceful society.



ALMAJIRI CHILD RIGHTS INITIATIVE



WANEP NIGERIA



CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACE BUILDING INITIATIVE



YOUTH INNOVATION FOR PEACE AWARD NOMINEES

This Award Category recognizes any youth with outstanding initiatives in peacebuilding, conflict management and reconciliation. It also seeks to honour exceptional youths exploring tools such as intellectual dialogue, conflict analysis, & transformation narratives to promote peace and cooperation beyond traditional boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity & nationality. He/she stands on the common ground of universal moral principles and is committed to promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peace even with the use of technology.



KHAIRATUL SAIDU



FATIMA ASKIRA



KENNEDY JOSEPH EKEZIE



PEACE BUILDER AWARD NOMINEES

This Award recognizes and honors an individual or organization that has made, or makes outstanding contributions in shaping the destiny of their communities, by dealing adequately with issues of conflict, justice, reconciliation as well as being highly instrumental in the peaceful transition to a more just and tolerant society. The depth of the Peace Builder's commitment and involvement demonstrates the triumph of truth, democracy and justice over lies, oppression and violence. Through inner strength, dogged focus and courageous honesty, the Peace Builder establishes order in some of Africa's most troubled areas.



DR. FATIMA AKILU
NEEM FOUNDATION



ARCHBISHOP
IGNATIUS A. KAIGAMA



ESTHER IBANGA
W.W.W INITIATIVE



JUSTICE BUILDER AWARD NOMINEES

This Award recognizes and honors an individual, organization or institution who demonstrates that access to justice should offer a variety of approaches and options for dispute resolution within the judicial system. These initiatives also shape new and humane approaches to equitable justice in Africa, while also defending and upholding the rights of those at the bottom rung of economic pyramid, in order to pull humanity out of the mud of poverty, violence, war and conflicts.



DR. OLISA AGBAKOBA, SAN



DR. JOSEPHINE
OKEI-ODUMAKIN



FEMI FALANA, SAN



NCMG INTERNATIONAL – WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1996, NCMG International is an independent, non-profit and non-governmental membership-based organization committed to access to justice and peace building in Africa

As a vibrant and active member of the global community, we are headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. In recognition of our unwavering and passionate commitment to Africa, we have administrative and operational offices in Ghana, Kenya, Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria.

Our primary focus is to make a significant and positive impact on access to justice and peace building through the reengineering and advancement of Nigeria's justice system. The fundamental principles guiding our work are universally recognised human rights and basic principles like human dignity, solidarity and social justice.

NCMG International's approach to access to justice and peace building is to link our knowledge and expertise with those of our partners to support and participate in the development of local and international

strategies for change. We leverage our competence with the collective intelligence of our partners to develop bespoke solutions to entrenched challenges in the Nigerian judicial system, within the government, MDAs and corporations among others. Through the establishment of multi-door courthouses, corporate focused programs and collegial partnerships, we have acquired leadership status in the planning, design and implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) projects in Africa.

The NCMG International Governing Board is composed of distinguished personalities and international citizens. The Global Board is chaired by a former Chief Justice of Nigeria; Justice Muhammadu L. Uwais, GCON; while Justice Ayotunde Phillips is the Regional Chair, West Africa and Justice James Ogoola is the Regional Chair of the East African Region. The organisation was founded by Kehinde Aina, a partner with the law firm of Aina Blankson.

OUR VISION

“ To be the leading Institution for Access to Justice & Peace Building in Africa ”

