

**An address of welcome presented by Innocent Chukwuma,  
Executive Director, CLEEN Foundation at the book donation  
marking the 10th anniversary of the foundation**

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May I on behalf of the management and staff of CLEEN Foundation welcome you all to one of the unique events marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CLEEN In 1998; the Center for Law Enforcement Education (CLEEN FOUNDATION) was formally launched as a civil society Organization with focus on promoting public safety, security and accessible justice through empirical research, legislative demonstration programme and publication in partnership with government and civil society. The formation of the Foundation was informed by the fact that the mainstream advocacy groups in the country had been hugely successful in exposing human rights violations by the security forces. In view of this, the Nigerian state accepted that it had a problem with human rights hence, the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission. The challenge for civil society, therefore, became how to engage state institutions to foster change of their human rights record from within. To do this, CLEEN Foundation has its mandate embedded on working on the supply side of justice.

This noble idea was borne out of the experience of the dearth of information, education and knowledge in the security sector in Nigeria. It was in this context that CLEEN started its journey towards helping to reform the Nigerian security sector precisely the Nigeria Police Force and its oversight bodies aimed at improving public confidence in the security sector. This we do through the development of demonstration programs that bothers around the justice sector reform and in recent time, extending its programme coverage to police and policing across the West African Sub region. Extension of its programme to the sub-region is aimed at developing and exchanging best practices within the security sector.

Over the years, CLEEN has rapidly gained credibility and visibility in a phenomenal style. From an organization covering few states and communities in Nigeria with very limited resources to a well know institution of reckoning in the entire sub region. The message of CLEEN remains unique and the same: we can only build effective and safe society when the security sector is well informed and knowledgeable in the act of safeguarding its citizenry and this can only be achieved through synergies, coalitions, partnerships and cooperation with one another. No one individual or organization can claim absolute ownership of successful security and justice sector reform. We cannot also do it without appropriate and strategic partnerships with the academia hence our presence today to donate these resource materials to you.

Here in CLEEN, we believe that education is vital to cultivating and sustaining any society hence the event today is one of the landmarks in which the organization is dedicating its service to humanity. As you all know, CLEEN Foundation has a department dedicated to empirical research through which we develop intervention

programmes. The publications we are giving out today are findings conducted by CLEEN Foundation on various subject matters; a lot of them are of particular interest to some faculties in the higher institutions as the publications focuses on issues of interest to the academia for example, police and policing across the West African sub region, crime and policing etc.

It is with great pleasure that we therefore present these books as our contribution to the growth and development of students of these tertiary institutions.

I am particularly delighted that in barely Ten Years, CLEEN has proved beyond doubt that a people with a vision and determination can never perish. The accomplishments are legion and since security sector reform work is not an event, but a continuum, the transformation of communities and mindsets over time may not be easily measured and appreciated now but in time to come, it will be appreciated.

Flowing from this, I wish to say thank you for honoring our invitation and we hope that the books will be well utilized as we look forward to better Nigeria.