

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
CLEEN FOUNDATION. INNOCENT CHUKWUMA AT THE  
PUBLIC LECTURE ON URBAN SECURITY DILEMMAS AND  
GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA**

Protocols.....

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Board, management and staff of the CLEEN Foundation, I warmly welcome you all to this public lecture on Urban Security Dilemmas and Governance in Africa being organized by CLEEN in collaboration with the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF) to mark our 10th anniversary.

I want to apologize to you all and particularly our Moslem brethren for holding this event on a public holiday. A day we would rather be with our families and loved ones to celebrate the good tidings of Idel Kabir. The truth is that when we fixed this event over two months ago; we did not know that December 9, was going to be an Islamic holiday. We considered postponing the date but could not find another suitable date because we are in the last month of the year and from next week most establishments would start closing for the year. So, please forgive us for calling you out on a day like this.

**About CLEEN**

For the benefit of those of us who may not have heard of CLEEN Foundation or participated in any of our activities before, the Foundation was established in 1998 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission to promote public safety, security and accessible justice through empirical research, legislative advocacy and demonstration programmes and publication in partnership with government and civil society. Our priorities are pursued through three programme areas:

- Accountability and Justice Programme, which strengthens internal and external processes and mechanisms for holding law enforcement and security agencies accountable for their conduct in the discharge of their duties and facilitating public access to such mechanisms in lodging complaints against human rights abuse and other forms of misconduct.

- Public Safety and Security Programme, which builds partnership between the police and local communities in crime prevention and infusing community concerns in the determination' of policing priorities.
- Research and Planning programme, which provides and promote the use of empirical and quantitative data in the formulation of crime prevention, public safety and security policies, as well as in the evaluation of the impact of those policies. More information about the CLEEN Foundation, the range of activities we have been involved in these past ten years and partnerships we have built with various stakeholders involved in justice sector reform in Nigeria and beyond are provided in the information in the folders given to you.

### **Lecture Topic**

It is not by accident that the topic of to day's public lecture to mark our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary focuses on governance of urban security and dilemmas around it. It is an area that we have spent a significant amount of our time since inception trying to understand the different actors involved and building synergies and partnerships among them because of our believe that our safety and security needs in today's society would be better served when all actors involved in their provisioning (both state and non state) are networked and made to complement rather contradict each other.

You would agree with me that from our traditional society era to the modem times various role players and actors have been involved in law enforcement and public order services in our communities. In traditional era you had a highly developed 'age grade system' and masquerade cults in Igbo societies; secret societies such as Ogboni, Oro cults and Egungu Masquerade cult performed crime control functions in Yoruba communities and so did Ekpe cult groups among the Effiks and Ibibios (Ibidapo Obe, 2004). These institutions, which were all recognized in the traditional era, ensured that crimes were controlled and social order maintained.

In modem era, we similarly, have state institutions such as the Police leading in crime control and public order services. You also find very active non state actors such as private security companies and informal policing structures (IPS) popularly called vigilantes. However, when it

comes to support for reforms and improving the services of the actors, only state institutions are focused leaving out the non state ones. Forgetting that without the complement of the non state actors, they would not be very effective and efficient in improving safety and security in our communities.

To assist us in grappling with these dilemmas and give us a few pointers on how we could successfully marry the principles of networking policing resources that permeated traditional notions of policing with the challenges of modern era policing, we chose no less a person than Prof. Clifford Shearing. A man who through scholarship and practice is today the global leading advocate of 'nodal' 'networked' or 'nexus' policing as the way out of challenges facing the modern police and policing.

We thank him for coming all the way from Cape Town, South Africa to be with us in this event that may not last for more than two hours. However, it shows his level of commitment to the issue we are dealing with today.

#### **Why Partner with Trust**

It is also not by accident that we are partnering with the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF) in organizing this event today. The Fund has within one year of its establishment addressed significantly the transport and logistics needs of security agencies in Lagos State, especially the Nigeria Police Force. It has also demonstrated that with competent and visionary leadership we do not need to go far or broad in mobilizing resources to improve the livelihood of our people.

What we hope our evolving partnership with the Fund would lead to is paying attention to non-hardware needs of modern policing. The realization that for the police to be effective and efficient in the discharge of their criminal justice functions they need to be assisted to partner more with the community; they need reliable data to better deploy resources; they need to have actionable criminal intelligence and they need to work in concert with other actors. These are areas that CLEEN Foundation has done a lot of work in the last 10 ten years of its existence and its willing to partner with the Fund in the implementation of some of the models we have developed in Lagos State.

Finally, I thank you all for finding time to attend

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