## CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter

























WHAT IS FRONTLOAL

s the autumn leaves fall and October ushers in the embrace of cooler temperatures, we are excited to bring you the latest updates from our corner of the justice sector. In this edition of our newsletter, we have an assortment of engaging stories, and insightful highlights to share with you.

As we navigate the complex landscape of the justice sector, we remain steadfast in our commitment to upholding the principles of justice, equality, and fairness. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a source of inspiration and information, as we work together to build a more just and equitable society.

More specifically, in this month of October, our team took on activities around promoting the effective implementation and public awareness of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA 2015) and the ACJL in 8 states; Preventing Serious organized crime through an intensive series of capacity sessions for the Nigeria Police and members of the Crime Prevention Steering Group (CPSG); commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child 2023; and conducting a Security Threat Assessment ahead of the off-cycle elections in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa to hold in November 2023.

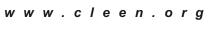
We are confident therefore on this note that 2023 is definitely ending in grand style.













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## Training for Prevent Partners in Lagos and Bayelsa States



n the month of October, CLEEN Foundation had a couple of activities under the Prevent Serious organized crime (SOC) project in Lagos and Bayelsa states. The first intervention was held for officers of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) from the "Area G" police command and the PCRC chapter in Lagos State on October 11, 2023. The objective of the training was to equip the officers with the knowledge of PREVENT as a community policing strategy to reduce serious organized crime in Nigeria.

Another intervention under the same project umbrella was the 2-day "Crime Prevention Steering Group" (CPSG) training which took place in Bayelsa State on the 20th of October, 2023.

The CPSG committee plays a crucial role in oversighting the Crime Prevention Partners and coordinating crime prevention efforts hence the need to enhance their capacities to effectively carry out these obligations.

These interventions fall under the Prevent Serious and Organized Crime (SOC) Project funded by the UK government and implemented by the Torchlight Group UK.

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# Off-cycle Elections in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa States, "A call for vigilance and cooperation

s Nigeria counts down to the Off-Cycle elections to hold in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa States in November, CLEEN Foundation published an official statement on the 11th of October, after a thorough analysis on the level of security threats in the aforementioned states.

Ahead of the November 11th off-cycle elections, there are fears of potential violence surrounding the electoral process, this includes a risk of weaponization of social media, drug abuse, small arms and light weapons, separatist groups, militias and voter suppression. The drivers of conflict,

misinformation, tribalism and instability are clear in the political antecedents of these states.

Threats like violence and intimidation, hate speech, voter suppression have been identified and, in our statement, we called for security alerts from the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and other supporting agencies, the establishment of an Inter-Agency consultative committee on election security as well as civil society and media vigilance while respecting and maintaining the rule of law.

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#### Katsina State Civil Society Observatory Group **Visit the Attorney-General and Chief Judge**

n the 19th of October, the Civil Society observatory group in Katsina State visited the Attorney-General and Chief Judge of the state with important demands as provided in the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) and also to formally introduce the advocacy group. It turned out to be a productive meeting with resolutions to join efforts for the effective implementation & compliance with the ACJA/L in the State.

As an organization, we recognize the success that we have achieved with the establishment of the Civil Society Observatory Groups across the 8 project focal states of Katsina, Kwara, Jigawa, Kano, Cross River, Bauchi, Edo and Delta as they have remained consistent and committed in advocating for the effective implementation of the ACJL in the states.

This intervention is under the "Enhancing the Accountability of Justice Sector Actors in the Mitigation of Corruption in Nigeria" project supported by the MacArthur Foundation.



#### **International Day of the Girl Child 2023**

n Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child 2023 which holds every October 11, annually, CLEEN Foundation lent her voice amongst many other cogent voices in support of the girl child relating to the theme for 2023 "Invest in Girls' Rights:

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Our leadership, Our stance on all our social using very dynamic messaging to buttress

We strongly believe that therefore, we all must future that we hope to

"I want every girl to change the world





"Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being'

wellbeing". We shared our media and online platforms graphic designs with key our point.

girls are the future and invest in girls today for the see tomorrow.

know that her VOICE can Malala Yousafzai."

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#### Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Jos Celebrates our Board Member Prof. Etannibi E.O. Alemika, with an honorary Valedictory lecture and Book Presentation

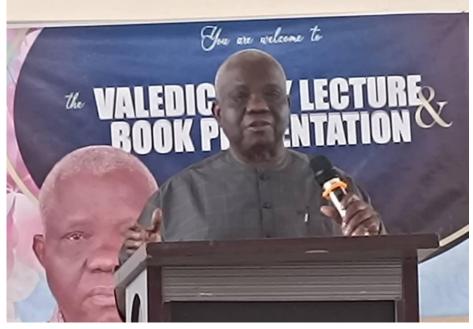
he Faculty of Sciences, University of Jos on October 3, 2023 held a Valedictory Lecture and Book Presentation in honour of one of the Trustees of CLEEN Foundation, Prof.

Etannibi E.O. Alemika for his years of service and profound contribution in the academic community. He is an astute scholar, pioneering series of research publications on policing and public safety in Nigeria.

Etannibi Alemika until his recent retirement was a Professor of Criminology and Sociology of Law at the University of Jos, Plateau State. By a long chalk, he has made significant impact in the Criminology and Sociology space and has strategically supported CLEEN Foundation in her work around research over the years.

It is a proud moment for all of us at

CLEEN Foundation because of his immense contribution to humanity especially as it relates to public safety and security in Nigeria and across the globe.



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### "ACJA the Series" CLEEN Foundation breaks down the Administration of Criminal Justice Act to foster understanding among Nigerians

n our Administration of Criminal Justice Act series, it's been "so far so good" with social

media engagements, polls and interesting input from our social media channels. For October, we focused on the following:

The innovations in the ACJL that bothers around arrest, detention, prosecution and remand. Understanding the value chain of the justice sector pyramid as well as the rights of citizens at every step along the value chain.

Criminal Proceedings:
How is this process initiated at the
High and Magistrate courts? What
should a defendant/prosecutor

bring along for the commencement?

We broke down the big words so Nigerians don't

have to: From Recognizance to Bail, Bond and Interlocutory proceedings, we provided simplified explanations.

☐ Just how much information is necessary before a proceeding? It's a term known as front loading and we stressed its importance.

This initiative was due to the increased level of ignorance and lack of understanding of the laws provided. We believe that if/when Nigerians understand these laws, they can better defend themselves and their fundamental human rights especially with the Criminal Justice system.

