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2021: A HARVEST OF AWARDS FOR NiDCOM, ITS CHAIRMAN/CEO

■ By Violet Nwosu

The Director General, World Trade Organisation (WTO), Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in an interview segment with Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, Chairman/CEO, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission



(NiDCOM) during the National Diaspora day celebration, was asked the secret to her success; which she replied: "when you are doing something you are passionate about, you will surely succeed".

So being passionate to what you do, and believe in, will surely produce something out of nothing; even in the presence of obstacles.

For the indefatigable Chairman/CEO, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, she is a firm believer that there are no alternative to hardwork. Despite several challenges, she has managed to rise above it all to put the Nigeria Diaspora on the global map. This mantra of hers, has set the pace for others to follow through her relentless, energy and doggedness in service delivery to Nigerians in the Diaspora.

The feat, which NiDCOM has attained in just over two years could only be made possible

because of the visionary skills and selflessness of the Chairman.

In recognition of the numerous achievements in NiDCOM, Hon. Dabiri-Erewa and the Commission in 2021 had "rains" of awards and recognitions from

different organisations, religious groups, social, non- governmental organisations and the media; both international and local.

These recognitions awarded to her and the Commission in the year, are just too numerous to list but few of it deserves mention here.

- The Most Outstanding Female-led Head of a Government Federal Agency, a Guardian Award as part of the Guardian's Women's Day Summit 2021
- An Award of Excellence in Public Service from Business Day
- Citizens Advocate Ambassador from the Photojournalist Association of Nigeria (PJAN), in recognition of her outstanding and remarkable performance to the voice of the voiceless Nigerians in the diaspora.

- Award of Excellence at the FOI Awards 2021, in Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Information Act in Nigeria.
- Frontline Defender Award for Human Rights and Sustainable Development by Drums Majors for Peace during the Stakeholders Summit of Social Justice and Awards, 2021.
- Integrity Icon of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Awards and gold medalist in Public Administration by the Centre for Ethics and Self-value Orientation.
- Merit Award to the NiDCOM boss for her selfless efforts, doggedness, humaneness and strategic leadership in the Diaspora by Educate Africa Institute (EAI).
- All Africa Makeup (AFRIMAC) Conference and Exhibition Award of Appreciation for her outstanding contributions and immense support to the upliftment of AFRIMAC.
- Merit Award by the Ansar-ud-Deen Youth Association, Northern States Council 'in Recognition of her Excellent Contribution towards the propagation of Islam and Youth Development'.
- Certificate of Award on Innovative Diaspora Development on Diaspora Reintegration and Partnership UN

SDG#17, by Diaspora Innovation Institute, USA (DII)

Global Excellence Award by Afro-Global Television, Toronto, Canada. In all of these awards, there is a high sense of fulfillment and elation that comes to one, when one's community honour a person. This is what Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa must have felt when she was given award by the Ayangburen of Ikorodu Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Oba (Engr.) Kabir Adewale Shotobi, for lifting the standard of Ikorodu, Lagos State and Nigeria, as a good Ambassador.

The Ayangburen of Ikorodu Kingdom described the NiDCOM boss as a worthy daughter of the soil in the Ikorodu Kingdom. The recognition was presented during a banquet with Ayangburen of Ikorodu in commemoration of the 30th Ikorodu Oga Day Celebration.

Indeed, the year was an eventful one for the Chairman/CEO of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission as well as all the staff for all the recognitions given to her, for her relentless efforts in making a difference in the lives of the Diasporans.

You are indeed the voice of the voiceless Nigerians in the Diaspora, Kudos Ma!



NIGERIAN DIASPORAS, PRIDE TO THE NATION.

■ By Doosughun Abughidyer

The year 2021 started with a lot of ups and downs, with the pandemic ravaging across the globe, things seem slow and it looked like nothing was going to work but the year ended well.

Nigerians are known for their resilient spirit, and are the best in whatever they do (na the Naija spirit). President Joe Biden appointed a Nigerian, Enoh Titilayo Ebong into the US government, to the post of Director, United States Trade and Development Agency, swelling the list of what has become of the new administration.

Another Nigerian who made it to the list in 2021 is 39-year-old Adewale Adeyemo, who is the first President of the Obama Foundation, as United States Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Biden appointed 26-year-old Miss Osaremen Okolo, who hails from Ewohimi in Esan South East Local Council of Edo State, as his COVID-19 Policy Advisor while another, Funmi Olorunnipa Badejo was appointed White House Counsel.

Moving on, Dr. Joel Elejo Adams, who made history in far away United Kingdom (UK), becoming the first non-British to be commissioned as an Aero-Systems Specialist Engineer.

Prof. Charles Egbu became the Vice Chancellor at Leeds Trinity University in the UK, which made him the first Black African to attain such title. Nigerian-Born Canadian lawyer, Foluke Oyedepi-Laosebikan, also received her Queen's Counsel appointment in Saskatchewan, Canada.

A 22-year-old Nigerian-American, Junior Steve Ezeonu won the Grand Prairie City Council run-off election in Texas, US.

Nigerian national, Abiola Akinbiyi was equally appointed as the first Nigerian Community Representative Commissioner of the Victorian Multicultural Commission in Australia. Ron DeSantis, Florida Governor, U.S. appointed a Nigerian-American, Dr Joseph Ladapo, as Florida Surgeon-General and Secretary of the Department of Health.

To celebrate all these achievements, the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) compiled the compendium titled "+600 Diaspora icons @ 60", for over 600 Nigerians living in the diaspora with amazing success stories in different fields of endeavour, was compiled for the celebration to mark Nigeria's 60th Independence Anniversary on October 1st.

To crown it all, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala made history as the first Black African and first woman to become the Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Indeed, Nigerians are taking the centre stage, internationally. We look forward to more appointments in 2022, as usual with the popular saying: "Nigerian no the carry last".

BOOSTING THE TOURISM BUSINESS WITH THE DIASPORA VILLAGE

■ By: Deborah T. Anaelechi

Tourism sector is an ideal and viable sector yet to be fully tapped.

To back this up, the UN 2021 report recorded that global tourism sector would likely lose \$2 trillion dollars in revenue due to the ravaging effect of the pandemic since 2020.

Countries such as US, France, the UAE, the UK, Egypt, Italy, South Africa, Kenya, etc., pay good attention to the tourism industry in their respective countries.

Tourism in Nigeria is on a steady rise but not as colossal as the above-mentioned countries. Nigeria makes slightly over \$1 billion GDP in tourism alone, despite issues like the pandemic and insecurity, which are possible challenges likely to thwart the growth of the tourism industry in Nigeria.

Going back a bit to the past, the fourth edition of the Nigeria Diaspora Investment Summit (NDIS), in November, made a call to action to get the Federal Government, Public and Private entities to collaborate in creating a booming economy for Nigeria.

In summary, one of the aims of the forum is to seek ways to diversify the economy and not focus solely on the oil and gas sector.

Another need for action is to create a favourable business environment for Nigerians home and abroad, but more especially for Nigeria Diasporas to invest for a greater and better Nigeria, holistically.

One of such revenue streams is through more investment in the tourism industry, as Nigeria has the potentials to make this industry a lucrative one.

Recently, the Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation, Europe (NiDOE), Italy Chapter, gave cheering news of its plan to establish a multi-million dollar 'Diaspora Village' in Nigeria.

According to the Chairman of the Chapter, Mr George Omo-Iduhon in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), this will serve a means of supporting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country, as a group.

He said that the project will be located in Lagos, Nigeria and it will accommodate other businesses in real estate and agri-business, particularly, as well as, owning such properties.

Mr. Omo-Iduhon believes that the start of this project will encourage other Nigerians in the Diaspora to find ways of investing homewards. No doubt, tourism is not only a platform to generate revenue but a catalyst for creating and preserving unity and harmony within the state and its neighbouring borders.

Also, with such plans like the Diaspora Village, it will pull many individuals away from crimes by providing jobs. In addition, it will bring development to the host community of the project and in turn, boost the economy of the nation.

Kudos NiDOE Europe (Italy Chapter)!

DIASPORA ICONS

By:



Colonel Amanda Azubuike becomes the first Nigerian Highest-Ranking female in the US Military.

Col. Amanda, who is currently the US Southern Command's Chief of Public Affairs and Spokesman, has been rewarded for her extraordinary qualities of brilliance and strength in the performance of her duties. Promoted as a senior officer, Communications Director, and principal affairs advisor for an organisation that oversees military operations in twenty-eight countries across Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Azubuike, a Master of Professional Studies and Master of Arts (MA) graduate of Georgetown University and the United States Army War College respectively, has more than 15 years of experience leading strategic communications planning and execution, media relations, crisis communication, internal and external stakeholder relations, and international affairs.

Many of her positions within the US Army include:

- Chief of Public Affairs United States Southern Command
- Director of Public Affairs Joint Force Hqs- National Capital Region/Military District of Washington
- Chief of Public Affairs, 3rd Infantry Division
- Director, Public Affairs U.S. Forces Afghanistan
- Third Army/U.S. Army Central Public Affairs Operations Chief
- Third Army/U.S. Army Central Public Affairs Officer

Currently, she creates and conducts media engagements and communications strategy for the command's current and future operations, as well as supporting the commander's communications objectives and public outreach initiatives through traditional and social media. Planning, development, monitoring, and execution of public affairs outreach and communication programmes in order to create and sustain public trust and support for US Southern Command.

Amanda's high position entails cooperating and synchronising with communicators at all levels of the Department of Defence, the interagency, and U.S. embassies throughout the region. Maintain command and control of public affairs personnel, training, and supplies while advising subordinate commanders.

Congratulations to Colonel Amanda Azubuike, an Icon of Excellence
PROUDLY NIGERIAN!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: ENJOYING IT WITH CARE

By: Deborah T. Anaelechi

The Christmas holiday is one of the most favourite holidays in the world. It is a big deal for some people as planning for the holiday takes several weeks (or months) to enjoy the long three weeks, or so, of the Yuletide season: beginning from the third week in December to the first week in January.

Almost all corporate, non-governmental and socio-cultural bodies, as well as, individuals set events during this time. Many people travel to different places for the holiday- typically their respective hometowns or villages, as a place of choice.

Coming to the village for the holidays is usually nostalgic as relatives would physically join in the festivities. Most Nigerians, especially those living abroad, look forward to visiting their hometowns to reunite with friends and families and have a good time. Unfortunately, bad news travels fast. Some news are often presented as one-sided facts or exaggerations, particularly online. This sort of information obviously would make any intending traveller second-guess the journey back home, from abroad. Unfortunately, it is true some miscreants are indeed taking advantage of the situation at home, thereby inciting fear and worry among Nigerians, home and abroad.

Nevertheless, this feature will serve as a possible guide to celebrate and still be cautious while on Christmas break. It is advisable to always adhere to travelling and COVID-19 safety guidelines; before, during and after departure. Ensure you have your test results and/or, the Vaccination card.

Failure to produce any of those will mean no travelling. Furthermore, inform a trusted family member or friend of your whereabouts in case of emergencies. While away from home, keep an ID card on you with a contact address. Avoid late-night movements. Save some money for emergency purpose, while at the village. You never know when it can be useful.

The use of insect-repellent creams, especially during the evenings, is advised to prevent bites from sandflies and mosquitoes. If you happen to be ill during the holidays, visit very certified medical facility nearest to you, to seek medical attention. At social gatherings, avoid drawing unnecessary attention to yourself or your family: flashy clothing, spraying of large amounts of money or any behaviour that could draw unwanted attention to you at such functions should be avoided.

While performing your role as a good law-abiding citizen abroad, it is equally good to display such charismatic quality, at home; as they say: "Charity begins at home". Remember to eat healthy and exercise. Thankfully, travelling to the village provides a beautiful view and a good opportunity to go on hikes and long walks. At the end of the day, the protection of one lies in the hands of the Almighty. Do remember to seek his face for His wisdom, guidance and protection. Above all, try to relax, catch up with friends, family members and enjoy yourself during the festive season.

Thriving beyond limitations in the Diaspora Post COVID-19 *Continuation*

■ By: Adeniyi Sanusi

The Netherlands Association for the United Nations (nvvn.nl), illustrates that what a typical migrant brings to the country of adoption can be described as 'The suitcase'. This may refer to the relative importance of the 'knowledge' to the value of the scarcity of 'this knowledge' in the destination country. Migrants have been known and reputed to have the ability and the tendency of transferring 'immigration' of existing ideas into new contexts. This may be exemplified by the transfer of certain cultural knowledge, values, and behaviour also referred to as "soft knowledge". Diaspora knowledge transfer may take place on a personal, more informal level in the form of social remittances. That is the exchange of ideas between a migrant and an individual or a group of individuals in the country of origin.

Social remittances can include norms, practices, identities, and social capital. A distinctive characteristic of social remittances is that some type of personal connection exists among the actors involved. Migrants can transfer knowledge to their country of origin in several ways; the concept of circular migration thereby plays an important role. Return movements for knowledge transfer purposes can be divided into three categories: permanent return, temporary return, and virtual return. Categories of Diaspora Flow of Knowledge

Permanent return refers to migrants who return to their country of origin after having lived in another country for a significant period of time.

They might make important contributions to their country of origin's development by transferring their knowledge acquired abroad (Diaspora Homecoming, Diaspora Transition or Diaspora Soft-landing).



Temporary return refers to migrants who do not have to return permanently to their country of origin in order to transfer knowledge. They transfer knowledge and skills through visits and short-term returns. A good example of such is the recent NiDCOM & DOWA Internship Initiative which seeks to attract U.S based undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds to apply for the internship program in Nigeria. Such an initiative can foster collaboration on creating innovative solutions to development challenges as well as to stimulate access to

development opportunities through mentorship, cultural immersion, and personal and professional development sessions.

Virtual return is the High-Tech and High-Touch aspect of Diaspora Knowledge transfer or knowledge exchange. Thanks to the increased global connectivity and major improvements in information technology which have enabled migrants to maintain close contact with their family and friends in their country of origin. Migrants are therefore able to interact with people in their country of origin and transfer knowledge without physically returning to their country of origin. Letters, emails, videos, and telephone and video calls and applications such as Skype, WhatsApp, Facebook, and other relevant digital social media communication platforms facilitate a cost-effective transfer of knowledge that comes very close to face-to-face interactions. This transfer can take place on the individual level, but also between organizations or networks.

Although, the diaspora communities have the freedom to self-organize and build programs that can produce positive impacts in their country of origin;



the countries of adoption, various international concerned institutions, and organizations may need to become more and more interested in outlining how Diasporas can be assisted in order to increase contribution towards their respective countries of origin.

While the various types of Diaspora capital flow such as Flows of People (Inbound and Outbound), Flows of Money (Diaspora Financial Remittances and Diasporas' savings) are very popular and consistently making headlines and both of these can support optimization. However, the Flow of Knowledge (Diaspora Social Remittance, Diaspora Human capital, and Diaspora knowledge transfer) is still totally insufficiently explored.

Diaspora Flow of Knowledge if well-coordinated and managed can be the element to enable the following; Help to facilitate and scale up the flow of Diaspora financial remittances as well create new sustainable leverage for the sender, beneficiaries, and the country of origin.

It can also help to create more awareness and reduce incidents of irregular and sometimes failed migration thereby providing insights for soft-landing for returnees and potential migrants. Finally, knowledge transfer from diaspora experts would help facilitate homeland progress and human capacity development especially through funded programs that can be dedicated to creating strong and dynamic channels of knowledge transfer.

DID YOU KNOW?

■ By: Maryam Kehinde Abdulazeez.

1. One baked sweet potato can give your body 40% of the vitamin A it needs to keep your eyes and skin healthy.
2. The length of nerve fibers in the human brain is 850,000km. And the distance between the Earth and the Moon is 384,400km.
3. White Coat hypertension is a transient increase in blood pressure due to the anxiety of being in a clinic or hospital environment.
4. Walking 40 minutes three times a week protects the brain's memory.
5. Study says that coconut oil is able to kill common strains of bacteria in the mouth better than toothpaste, That includes something particularly harmful called Candida albicans.

Source:- Facebook, Instagram (@healthtips. 247).

Repatriation and Reintegration

■ By Khadija Shehu Bamalli

Over the years, the Federal Government of Nigeria through its various agencies and International Organization for Migration (IOM) has repatriated several thousands of Nigerians stranded abroad back home.

Most of the evacuees are young men and women who were either irregular migrants or victims of human trafficking, some of whom embarked on dangerous journeys in search of proverbial and elusive greener pasture.

Looking at the state of the Nation, the most disturbing question has always been **“what is the Government doing to reintegrate the evacuees?”**

To reintegrate the evacuees, one of the efforts of the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment in partnership with the Global GIZ Programme Migration for Development runs **The Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC)** which enable returnees chances for a fresh start through discovering career prospects and opportunities back home.

The NGC provides information, support and coaching on employment, business and educational perspectives in Nigeria. This renders social and economic reintegration support for returnees to kick start a better life.

Other services the centre offers include:
(For those returning to Nigeria from abroad)

- Information and referral to reintegration support programmes for migrants who have returned to Nigeria.

- Tailored advice - no matter if you are still abroad or already in Nigeria, everyone can receive advice.

- Referrals to psychosocial support and shelter services Contacts in departments, institutions and other advisory services of nongovernmental organizations.

- Information and advice on educational opportunities, career guidance and labour market perspectives.

- Referrals to targeted vocational skills development and entrepreneurial trainings.

- Help for active job seekers on CV writing and how to apply for a job.

- Employability and occupational guidance trainings.- Job fairs to link job seekers with prospective employers.

-Support for entrepreneurship and business start-up activities.

- Referral to employers and placements into jobs and internships.

If you find yourself back in Nigeria with no clue on how to pick up, you can visit/contact NGC centers in Lagos, Abuja or Benin within the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Lagos: Elizabeth (08154990888)

Abuja: Tolulope (07053495343)

Benin City: Okuku (07053493168)

LET'S TALK FASHION : YORUBA STYLE

by Omolabake Omoniyi

Nigeria emerged the first African country to win the "Best in National Costume" at the 70th Miss Universe pageant which was held at the Universe Dome in Eilat, Israel.

Maristella Okpala, Nigeria's representative swaggered down the runway in a costume inspired by a traditional masquerade of the southeastern tribe of Nigeria, "Mmanwa".

Mmanwa is a female masquerade costume that is designed for ceremonial and festive purposes to celebrate the rich Nigerian cultural heritage paying closer attention to the strength women possess.

The 3ft tribal mask costume was adorned with fine African beads, stone & craft features with an ancient colourful back cape crested with Mmanwa's Face .

This represents the beautiful Mmanwa who fought tirelessly to stop girl child mutilation and child slavery while the colorful patterns and embellishments portray the African dashiki which offers a visual appeal and forms meant to invoke the ancestral spirits.





FOOD CORNER

By Doosughun Abughidyer

Ekpang Nkukwo is a lovable meal of the Efiks (Cross River) and the Ibibios (Akwa Ibom State). It is prepared from a combination of cocoyam, water yam and leaves. This food is made for special occasions; since we are in the mood of celebration, being December and end of year, it's a good reason to celebrate and merry. So, what are you waiting for? time to make this lovely delicacy.

Ingredients

1. 1kg Cocoyam
2. 100g Water yam
3. Fresh Cocoyam leaves, lettuce, Spinach or Pumpkin leaves
4. 500g Meat, Goat meat or Snails (optional)
5. ½ cup of ground crayfish
6. ½ cup of dry shrimps (optional)
7. Chilly pepper or any hot pepper
8. 1 medium sized cow hides (kpomo) cut into tiny pieces (optional)
9. Dry fish as much as you desire
10. 2 cups of palm oil
11. Seasoning Cubes
12. 3 cups of shelled periwinkle
13. Salt to taste* Basil leaves (scent leaves) to garnish

Procedure for Preparing Ekpang Nkukwo

1. Into a clean bowl, peel cocoyam and water yam then wash very well to get rid of sand.
2. Use the small holes of the grater to grate the cocoyam and water yam into a smooth paste while you add a little salt, two stock cubes and palm oil to mix the paste.
3. Cut the periwinkle sprinkle some salt and wash very well, to remove sand and other impurities. 4. Pour hot water on it to remove further dirt and worm.
5. Wash the dry fish with warm water and salt, remove the bones and set aside.
6. Rub the base of the pot with palm oil, this is to prevent the food from getting too burnt.

EKPANG NKUKWO

Photo Credit Foodie in Lagos

7. Spread some of the periwinkle in the pot, the remaining ones will be added as you put plenty of the wrapped cocoyam into the pot.

8. Boil your meat and cut into desired sizes and keep the stock for later use. Afterwards, wash the vegetables well and shred them into small sizes as you desire.

9. Bring the grated mixed cocoyam, use your hand to scoop a little on one side of the bare leaves you segmented.

10. Gently wrap it up cylindrically- the edges of the cocoyam will stick out on both ends of the leaves. Place the wrapped cocoyam in the pot carefully.

11. When you are done wrapping, add crayfish, salt, pepper, fish, seasoning cubes.

Cooking Method

1. Boil water and pour four cups of hot water to the pot containing the wrapped cocoyam and allow to simmer for 10 minutes before stirring.
2. When the content starts to boil, add the boiled meat.
3. Pour the remaining palm oil: water should not be turned in at once so the food won't be watery.
4. Cook on medium heat for 15-20 minutes, and keep stirring it intermittently to avoid burning before you add the seasoning cubes.
5. Add the shredded scent leaves, curry leaves or uziza leaves (whichever you prefer) and stir the content again to incorporate and leave to cook slowly for three minutes.

ENJOY..

TOUR NIGERIA: CROSS RIVER STATE

By: Bridget Temtsen



HIS EXCELLENCY
Benedict Ayade
Governor, of Cross River State

Let's take a trip to the southern part of Nigeria to see what Cross River state has in store for us while we're still rejoicing and praising God for enabling us to witness the end of the year.

Welcome to Cross River state. The only state that host one of the biggest street parties in Africa "The Calabar Carnival"

Cross River state which was created in 1967 has Calabar as its state capital. The state is presently governed by Mr Benedict Ayade. The State consist of several ethnic groups, which include the Efik, the Ejagham, Yakurr, Bahumono, Bette, Yala, Igede, Ukelle Bekwarra and amongst others This is one state in Nigeria you will not regret visiting because there are lots of fun places to visit and above all, it is blessed with so much tourist attractions, hardworking and hospitable people. As we tour Cross River state, take a deep breath and relax.

Tinapa Resort : when it comes to business and leisure, this resort has it all. The most exciting thing about this resort is its water themed park. It has so many facilities that would meet your needs.

Cross River National Park : This is the home to different species of animals. It is a good place to spend memorable time with friends and family.

Mary Slessor's House: The house 'caravan' which Mary Slessor built where she kept the children and twins she saved from death, is still in existence since 1876.

Calabar Carnival : This carnival takes place every December. The carnival attracts tourist from all over the world who come to enjoy the display of culture and heritage from Cross River and other parts of the country.

Drill Ranch : Here is a conservation area where Drill monkeys are rehabilitated and re-introduced into the wild forest. Other rescued animals are also found here. The Drill Ranch is located in Boki at Afi Mountain.

Agbokim falls: This is said to be one of the top destinations in Nigeria for adventurers interested in Waterfalls. The waterfall is closed to the Nigeria-Cameroon border.

Other places found in Cross Rivers are:
Kwa falls
Obudu Mountain Resort



TINAPA resort. Source: Pinterest

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■ By Khadija Shehu Bamalli



Chief Protocol Officer, Victor Essiet Asuquo and The E.A (Special Duties) to the Chairman/CEO, Tobe Obieniu representing Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa at the Diwali Festival which took place at the Indian High Commission, Abuja.



Honored :The Nigerian embassy in Japan organized an event in honor of Ikenna Nweke , who received an ICPC Medal of Hono and recognition by PMB. He was warmly welcomed by His Excellency Ambassador Abubakar Husaini and the entire staff of the embassy. It was indeed a glorious moment for Ikenna who also presented the award he got from His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari to the Ambassador who was visibly happy. He blessed him ,his family, and his generation to come. Ikenna also expressed gratitude for all the support from Nidcom and Nigerians extended to him "I will never take it for granted", he added.



The Chairman/CEO NiDCOM Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa receives the High Commissioner of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, H.E Mr Masudur Rahman at her office in Abuja.

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■ By Khadija Shehu Bamalli



Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa with the Ayangburen of Ikorodu Kingdom HRM Oba (Engr) Kabir Adewale Shotobi during the royal award.



LR: Mrs Babalola, Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe, Mr Emmanuel Babalola (Itunnu's father) and Abdur-Rahman Balogun, Head of Media and PR NIDCOM during a condolence visit to the Babalolas in Ibadan.



Alhaja Rizqat Olayinka Orehin presents award to Khadija Shehu Bamalli on behalf of HON. Kafayat Abike Dabiri-Erewa while the Imam/Missioner of Ansar-ud-Deen Society, Abuja branch, Dr Musa Olaofe looks on.



L-R: Prince Salih Yakubu congratulating Engr. Dr. Suie Yakubu Bassi, NIDCOM Secretary after the presentation of the award.

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MOMENTS FROM NDIS2021

■ By Khadija Shehu Bamalli



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Memoriam: Itunu Babalola

By Khadija Shehu Bamalli



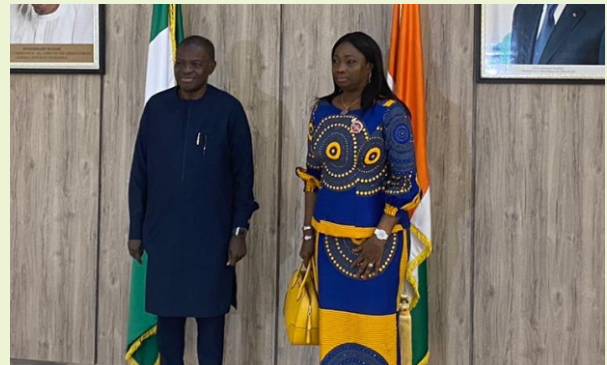
Late Itunu Babalola, a Nigerian lady who died in Cote d'Ivoire prison.



Presentation of gift to the family by NIDCOM Chairman.



Late Itunu Babalola, a Nigerian lady who died in Cote d'Ivoire prison.



Itunu Babalola father crying for justice.



Burial of Itunu at Sango cemetery Ibadan.



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Burial of Itunu at Sango cemetery Ibadan.



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BORNO STATE

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Education



Nig. Army University



Tourism



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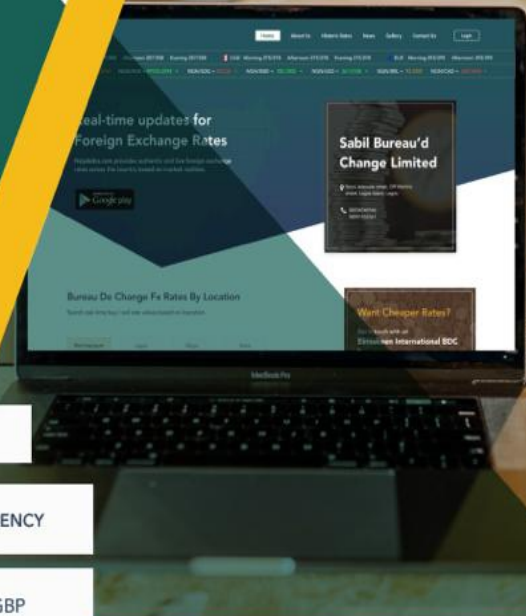
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