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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

GODBLESS OTUBURE RTLA Global President

Towards and inlcusive & functional democracy in Africa

As I drafted this letter in late December of 2022 and early January, it was refreshing to know that Nigeria now has a new Electoral Act with Electronic Transmission of Results from polling units to INEC portal now legal and a must, Kenya successfully conducted her General Elections in 2022 without any post-election violence as many feared. The Presidents of 49 countries had just returned from the US after the US-Africa Heads of State Summit in which development of Democracy, Trade, Youth Innovation, Security and Economic Development topped the agenda of discussion.

I am confident to believe that our efforts and overt advocacy that the decline of global democracy as we saw in 2021 was not in anyone's favour is being taken seriously and the need to ensure that emerging next generation of young African leaders understand economics and trade as a key ingredient of democratic sustainability. And oh...lest I forget, South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa just won the election to lead the ANC for another 5 years despite his farmgate scandal and our brother Ghana has declared to us all that he is broke. Mali, Guinea, Sudan and Chad are still under military dictatorships.



I nevertheless begin 2023 with both tremendous appreciation for what we accomplished in 2022 during the advocacy for electoral reforms in Nigeria and great optimism about the year ahead. I expect that, over the course of 2023, these gains experienced in Nigeria and Kenya will help the rest of Africa to rediscover that there is still gold in democratically run societies which works in everyone's favour. As more of our society makes that shift towards inclusive and functional democracy, we will be able to see rapid social development and increased participation of citizens in the political process.

In 2022, ReadyToLeadAfrica expanded its on the ground impact across Nigeria in partnership with INEC, NYSC, NVDC and our media partners. We increased the number of registered voters in Abia State, contributed to the establishment of the National Voters Drive Coalition, the PVC distribution support program in Lagos State, the PVC distribution support program in Kano State as well as an ADRi report on the state of democracy in Kenya.

We also improved our partnership building goals which saw us formalize partnerships with institutions such as the National Youth Service Corps NYSC, the Nigeria Governor's Forum, the Open Society Foundations OSF, whilst also beginning the process of formal partnership with institutions like LEAP Africa (NYFF) the European Union, the African Union Youth Envoy Office, USADF, the UN-SDG Office in Nigeria and the UN HQ in New York USA.

I am grateful to every member of our board, staff and leaders of our state chapters for the tenacity, resilience, capability, and pride that you have demonstrated as we came together not merely to push through this long ordeal, but to sustain and build upon ReadyToLeadAfrica's mantra of Ours is to PLOUGH, Not to PLUNDER.

As 2023 begins, we will focus on delivering the #FollowTheResult project in the 2023 elections in Nigeria, #FollowThePromises on campaign promises across 6 states in Nigeria for public accountability, National Youth Peace Dialogue Project in partnership with the NYSC and the Signing of the Youth Peace Accord (YAEVA) to promote peace. We will also pursue African wide programs that facilitate trade amongst Africa's young populations through our #ReadyToTRADE initiatives.

We can anticipate new beginnings, new growth opportunities to greater heights, and even new dimensions to our mission to PLOUGH and Not PLUNDER Africa.



Godbless Otubure Global President ReadyToLeadAfrica





COMEDY CONCERT MEETS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - LAUNCH OF READYTOVOTECAMPAIGN

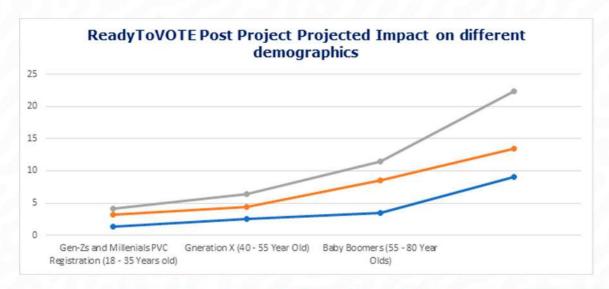
ReadyToLeadAfrica in partnership with the Nigerian Physician Advocacy Group NPAG implemented the ReadyToVOTE initiative in partnership with the Alibaba January 1st Comedy Concert. The ReadyToVOTE initiative implementation strategy using the connection of comedy and healthcare was arrived at as a way to celebrate the efforts of healthcare professionals during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic whist also encouraging Nigerians to register to get their permanent voters cards PVCs.

Project Impact

Upon implementation of the project by ReadyToLeadAfrica, we were able to reach over 3000 physical attendees at the concert venue with the message of how important it is to get their PVCs as Nigerians. The online impact of the ReadyToVOTE project was also very obvious as over 1 million people both in Nigeria and in the diaspora saw the reported videos on all our social media as well as that of NPAG.

We were also able to enlist A-List comedians such as Alibaba, Kenny Blaq, Josh2Funny, MC Abey, MC Lively, Wolie Arole, Chigurl, Yaw of Wazobia Fm, Lapacious Bose, Saco and Kelechi Amadi the legendary photographer and others as ambassadors for the message of citizens participation in the political process by ensuring they register to vote on election day.













Comedians: Yaw, MC Abe, Kenny Blaq, MC Livey, Prophet Arole endorses ReadyToVOTE by ReadyToLeadAfrica





READYTOLEADAFRICA CELEBRATES PASSAGE AND SIGNING INTO LAW OF ELECTORAL REFORMS BILL 2022

In February of 2022, after over 2 years of consistent advocacy efforts, President Muhammadu Buhari signed the Electoral Act 2022 into law as the country watched on with high hopes. This act alone sets a new legal and much anticipated improved framework for the conduct of elections in Nigeria. The drafting of the law and its passage by the National Assembly and its eventual signing by President Buhari represents a crucial outcome of our ReadyToLeadAfrica #YouthMarchForth & #HonorJune12 projects with the support of NPAG, the GIGM group, Transcorp Hilton and others.

Under this project, we engaged election stakeholders such as lawmakers, INEC officials and other critical stakeholders through various workshops and held youth marches across Nigeria and the FCT to impact the final outcome of the law. We also engaged with lawmakers at their constituency offices levels to encourage them to pass the bill to ensure the 2023 elections increases its overall credibility, transparency and acceptability





READYTOLEADAFRICA LED THE EFFORTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL VOTERS DRIVE COALITION (NVDC)

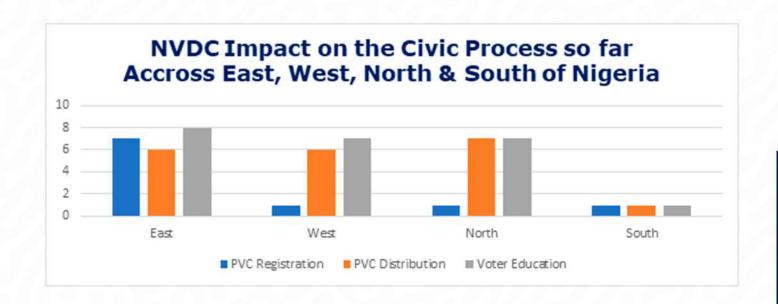
ReadyToLeadAfrica as a founding member and local implementing partner led the initial establishment engagements of the NVDC Coalition to INEC Nigeria as part of the coalition's drive to support voter's education and democratic participation across Nigeria.

The NVDC is a coalition of both Nigerian based NGOs and US based NGOs owned by Nigerians in the Diaspora committed to the promotion of democracy, civic participation and credible elections initiatives. The NVDC has so far implemented voter's registration, education and PVC distribution support projects in partnership with INEC in Abia, Lagos and Kano states respectively. The NVDC will expand to other states by January of 2023 with plans already at advanced stages.













READYTOVOTE PVC REGISTRATION PROJECT IN ABIA STATE (FEBRUARY - MAY 2022)

The ReadyToVOTE – Sorom Tuo ABIA Project implemented by ReadyToLeadAfrica as lead organization in partnership with the Progressive Abia Youth organization as implementing partners and INEC Abia State was designed to increase the PVC registration levels in Abia State as well as improve the numbers of actual voters on election day come 2023.

The project in Abia state also included a free Healthcare Screening exercise for the voters in all the 17 LGAs of Abia State. We implemented the project working with over 130 youths from the 17 LGAs in the state.

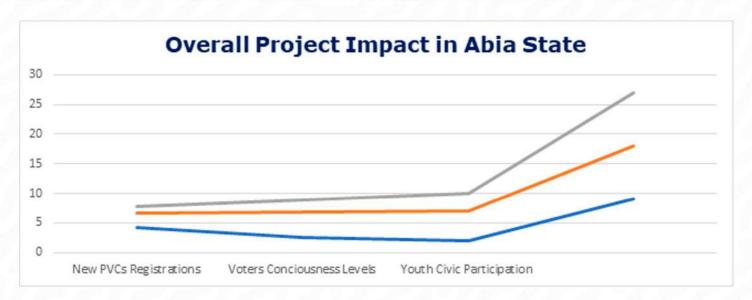
ReadyToVOTE Project Impact

At the end of the PVC registration phase in Abia State, we recorded over 75,000 new registrations for PVCs and over 40,000 medical screening for the people of Abia.





ReadyToVOTE Project Impact on PVC Registrations in Abia State 2022



The Abia Situation Before ReadyToVOTE/Sorom-Tuo Project

After 8 Months of continuous voter registration(June 2021 – February 2022), Abia had only 58,816 new registered voters









READYTOLEADAFRICA & NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (NYSC) PARTNERSHIP

On July 20th 2022 we received the Award Letter of Partnership with NYSC to implement the National Youth Peace Dialogue (NYPD) which will lead to the establishment of the RTLA/NYSC Peace Building CDS group. The partnership and project execution award letter from the NYSC is a testament of a growing and very impactful relationship with the scheme that we started in 2021.





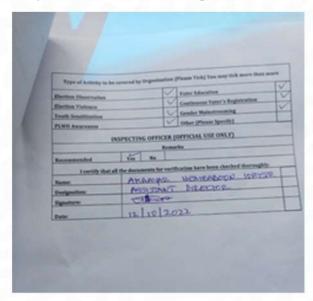






READYTOLEADAFRICA GETS INEC APPROVAL AS RECOGNIZED CSO IN NIGERIA

We became an officially registered CSO with INEC HQ Abuja as part of our efforts to deepen our relationship with key stakeholders in Nigeria as we work on advocacy projects and reforms designed to improve Nigeria's democracy. We successfully went through the process and was officially certified as an NGO that INEC partners with in Nigeria.









READYTOLEADAFRICA INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS BUILDING ENGAGEMENTS

ReadyToLeadAfrica Continues Partnership with University of Virginia

We continued our partnership with the University of Virginia as a host institution on its Global Internship opportunities for US Students in Africa as we hosted one student in 2022 at ReadyToLeadAfrica for the highly competitive summer internship program.

The UVA Summer Internship Opportunity has seen us at ReadyToLeadAfrica play host to four 4 amazing students from the University of Virginia since 2021.

Impact of our Partnership

The ReadyToLeadAfrica University of Virginia partnership through the efforts of the interns posted to us and with support from our on the ground staff in Africa created the Africa Democracy Meter Reports Initiative (ADRi) which has seen us produce two amazing reports on the state of democracy in both North and East African countries of Algeria and Kenya with focus on their elections in 2021 and 2022.



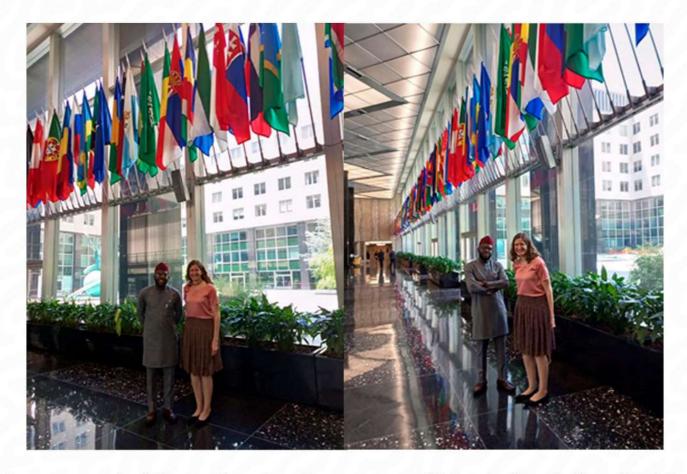


READYTOLEADAFRICA GLOBAL DEMOCRACY INITIATIVES & ENGAGEMENT IN THE US

ReadyToLeadAfrica Meeting at US State Department with the African Desk to Discuss Key Moves for Youths in Democracy

As part of our efforts to further expand our global footprints and play a bigger role in the preservation, protection and promotion of Democracy, we visited the US State Department in Washington DC to discuss practical solutions on how reverse the negative trend of shrinking civic space in Nigeria and Africa in General. Our Global President, Godbless Otubure met with Weston, Sonya D in charge of the Nigerian Desk to discuss the 2023 elections, the youth awakening and the future of Africa-US relations and how it is critical for young people to play key roles in shaping the future of democracy on the continent.





Engagement of Young Leaders from across Africa in Charlottesville Virginia, USA

As partners to the Presidential Precinct, Virginia USA, ReadyToLeadAfrica was invited through our Global President to facilitate a session at the Mandela Washington Fellowship program for young African Leaders from across 25 different countries in Africa. The session was focused on inspiring the young leaders to embrace policy reforms and development initiatives in an execution-driven manner when they return to Africa as ambassadors of youth look.











Engagement of Young Leaders from across Africa in Newark, Delaware, USA & the Delaware African Coalition (DAC)

As partners to the Delaware African Coalition (DAC) USA, ReadyToLeadAfrica was invited through our Global President to speak as a guest at the Mandela Washington Fellowship program for young African Leaders from across 25 different countries in Africa.









Engagement with Nigerians in the Diaspora on improving democracy in Nigeria in North Carolina through the Association of Nigerian Physicians in America Annual General Meeting (ANPA)

As partners to the Nigerian Physician Advocacy Group (NPAG) USA which is an arm of ANPA, ReadyToLeadAfrica was invited to the annual general meeting in Charlotte North Carolina to interact with Nigerians in Diaspora on the ongoing work that RTLA and NPAG has been working on and plans to execute for the near future.



Engagement at the UN HQ New York on Promoting Democracy, Peace Building, Youth Inclusion & the SDGs

As part of our commitment at ReadyToLeadAfrica to increase our global engagement quotient and share our ReadyToVOTE, KeepersOfDemocracy Initiative and our Youth Against Electoral Violence Accord, we engaged stakeholders at the United Nations so as to establish a working relationship with the UN as we work to protect, preserve and promote democracy globally.

Represented by our Global President, we held a few meetings with members of staff of the SDGs office at the UN HQ and engaged other global leaders and institutions such as the Business Council on International Understanding (BCIU) on Peace Building Initiatives as well as the UN University of Peace Initiative. We look forward to playing a major role at UNGA 2023 in New York













ReadyToLeadAfrica Team at the High Level Political Forum 2022 at the UN HQ New York







READYTOLEADAFRICA UNGA 77 ENGAGEMENT IN NEW YORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SDGS OFFICE IN NIGERIA

ReadyToLeadAfrica was invited to the launch of the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) on the margins of the 77th session of UNGA in September 2022.







ENGAGEMENT VISIT TO THE USADF OFFICE IN WASHINGTON DC TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION ON OUR READYTOTRADE INITIATIVE 2022

We visited the USADF Office in Washington DC to explore the possibilities for collaboration between the USADF and ReadyToLeadAfrica as we work to promote our ReadyToTRADE Initiative designed to bridge the gap that currently exist in the information levels amongst young people between the ages of 18 – 35 with regards to the AfCFTA and the inherent benefits to many youths in Africa.

We have since begun further conversations on the possibilities. We look forward to doing more in 2023.





ENGAGEMENT WITH INEC LAGOS ON READYTOVOTE PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NVDC

ReadyToLeadAfrica initiated the practical engagement with INEC Lagos on behalf of the NVDC as we stepped up our nationwide project execution plans to increase voters numbers across Nigeria as well as our commitment to protecting democracy and civic participation.







REGIONAL PEACE NETWORK ENGAGEMENT ON THE VOTENOTFIGHT CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH WEST (ADO EKITI, EKITI STATE) WITH NDI & NIGWAD

We were one of the selected organizations invited by the New Generation Girls and Women Development Initiative (NIGAWD) and the NDI to Ekiti State to design the VoteNotFight 2022-2023 implementation framework for the South West states of Lagos, Ondo, Ogun, Oyo and Osun State.







READYTOLEADAFRICA INVITED TO THE NIGERIA YOUTH FUTURE FUNDS (NYFF) GRANT AWARD CEREMONY BY LEPA AFRICA IN ABUJA

We honoured the invitation of the NYFF housed by LEAP Africa to grace its grant award ceremony to beneficiaries of its \$600,000 Dollars support towards youth development initiatives and project geared towards developing Nigeria's civic, economic, entertainment and sports sectors.







READYTOLEADAFRICA INVITED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE LAUNCH OF THE EU-SDGN PHASE 2 IN ABUJA

We honoured the invitation of the European Union (EU) as one of the critical stakeholders in Nigeria working on democracy alongside YIAGA Africa, ElectHER, PLAC, and other CSOs to the launch of the phase 2 of the EU-SDGN project at the ICC Abuja.







PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NIGERIA GOVERNOR'S FORUM NGF (HQ) ABUJA

With the commitment to deepen our impact levels across different stakeholders' groups as a critical way to build partnerships that deliver on key reform and policy initiatives, we pursued an active and mutually beneficial relationship with the NGF.

We engaged the Legislative, Peace and Inclusive Security department to also work on the National Youth Peace Dialogue NYPD project which was well received by the NGF.

Impact of the Partnership

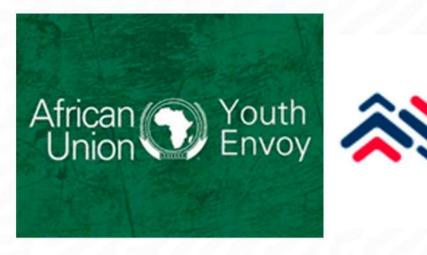
As a result of this partnership, the NGF has supported ReadyToLeadAfrica in engaging the 36 states Governors on the need to nominate youths from their states to participate at the official launch of the NYPD and the signing of the Youth Peace Accord in 2023





READYTOLEADAFRICA NEW AFRICA WIDE **ENGAGEMENT ON READYTOTRADE**

We established connection with the African Union Youth Envoy office on the possibilities inherent in the AfCFTA instrument through our ReadyToTRADE initiative as well as GIZ on the innovative ways in which the AfCFTA can be made easy to many youths across the African continent.











African Democracy-Meter Reports Initiative (ADRi)

Figure 2. Internally Displaced Persons Associated with Elections



Kenya







THE READYTOLEADAFRICA ADRI 2022 PROJECT ON KENYA GENERAL ELECTIONS

We executed an ADRi project report focused on the Kenyan General Elections which was held on Tuesday, 9 August 2022 that eventually produced William Ruto as the president of Kenya. Our ADRi report touched on many variables from youth inclusion in the process, the political and social economy and the state of democratic development in Kenya. The 2022 ADRi report is available for download on our website www.readytoleadafrica.org



READYTOLEADAFRICA NEW INITIATIVES

The RTLA FollowTheRESULT initiative is our Tech-Driven platform to report the approved election results by the Election Management Body directly to citizens during the 2023 elections as a way to promote transparency and the integrity of the electoral process



The RTLA FollowThePROMISES initiative is our Tech-Driven platform to track the implementation progress of key election promises made by candidates during electioneering period. The FTP relies on Participant Observatory Strategy to deliver unbiased assessment of government programs



The RTLA NYPD seeks to promote and implement the RT-LA-Methodical Approach to Peace Building Initiative, which will be driven by NYSC Corps Members, to achieve peaceful coexistence amongst Nigerians – whilst also serving as a conflict prevention initiative in urban and grassroots communities.



The RTLA NYPS (National Youth Peace Symbol) is a by-product of the NYPD. The NYPS will serve as the peace emblem for young people in Nigeria as we work to restore peace to troubled communities across Nigeria and Africa.





OUR DONORS & PARTNERS

We remain grateful to our partners within Nigeria and abroad for their immense support towards our projects and the cause of democracy. We want to specially thank NVDC and the University of Virginia USA for their support for the last two years. We look forward to continuing working together on mutually beneficial projects and programs.





NEW DONORS & PARTNERS GOTTEN IN 2022 (OSF & THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY)

We welcome the Open Society Foundations (Formerly OSIWA) as one of our newest partners in this very important work of preserving, protecting and promoting democracy across Africa and around the world. We will be working with OSF on key projects that help increase youth participation in democracy, accountability promotion and electoral integrity and transparency advancement.

We also established a working partnership with the White House and US State Department led Summit for Democracy initiative as one of the CSOs from Africa working on Two different cohorts established to execute the ongoing works across different regions as we work to preserve democracy which has seen a rather sharp decline in many modern societies.







OUR MEDIA PARTNERS

We wish to express our deep sense of gratitude to our media partners that have continued to work with us as we promote democracy, youth inclusion and economic development in Nigeria and across Africa.

































Vanguard



ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2021

60% PROGRAMS

30%
MANAGEMENT
& GENERAL

10% FUNDRAISING



HOW WE USED OUR RESOURCES

\$80,000 60

TOTAL EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

30%

MANAGEMENT & GENERAL **10**%

PROGRAM SUPPORT, PUBLIC INFORMATION FUNDRAISING



WHERE WE USED OUR RESOURCES

85%

10%

5% KENYA



OUR CALL TO ACTION

As we move forward into 2022 and beyond, we believe your confirmed support and partnership will enable us to keep serving our communities, countries and continent.

DONATE: VOLUNTEER JOIN OUR MOVEMENT

As we move forward into 2023 and the future, we believe your continued support and partnership will enable us to keep serving our communities, societies, countries and the African continent.



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