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Second Osgoode/NIALS/CENSOJ Partnership Development Program Workshop

*Canadian–Nigerian Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment*

June 1–2, 2015
National Judicial Institute, Abuja, Nigeria

**Monday, June 1, 2015**

9.00 am – 9:30am

*Opening Remarks*
Professor Deji Adekunle, Director-General, NIALS
Professor Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School

9:30am – 10:30am

*Opening Ceremony*
Justice (Dr.) C.C. Nweze, Supreme Court of Nigeria
Ambassador Perry Calderwood, Canadian High Commission

10.30 am – 12.00 pm

**Session 1 – Democratization**

“Canadian–Nigerian Human Rights Cooperation in the Area of Democratization”

Uche Ngwaba, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

*Discussant:*
Dr. Basil Ugochukwu, CIGI, Waterloo

12:00 pm – 1.30 pm

**Session 2 – Building Human Rights Institutions**


Izevbuwa Ikhimiukor, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

*Discussant:*
Rahina Zarma, National Commission for Refugees of Nigeria

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Lunch

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

**Session 3 – Women’s Rights**
“Canadian–Nigerian Human Rights Cooperation in the area of Women’s Rights (1999 to 2011)”

Dr. Fatima Waziri-Azi and Jake Okechukwu Effoduh, Research Fellows, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Discussant:

Uche Ngwaba, Research Fellows, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm Tea Break

4.30 am – 6.00 pm Session 4 – Economic and Social Rights


Saratu Bissallah and Jake Effoduh, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Discussant:

Zachary Lomo, Osgoode Hall Law School

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

9.00 am – 10:30 pm Session 5 – Children’s Rights


Dr. Ibe Ifeakandu and Uche Ngwaba, Research Fellows, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Discussant:

Izevbuwa Ikhimiukor, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

10.30 am – 12.30 pm Session 6 – The Contributions of Canada and Nigeria to International Human Rights

“Nigeria’s Contributions to International Human Rights Praxis”

Professor Dakas C.J. Dakas, University of Jos and Dr. Udoka Owie, Baze University, Abuja
“Canada in a World of Human rights: Ethics, Commitment and Concern”

Dr. Basil Ugochukwu, CIGI, Waterloo

Discussant:

Dr. Fatima Waziri-Azi, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

12:30 – 1:00pm  Tea Break

1:00 – 2:30pm  Session 7 – Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons

“Protection of Refugees and other Displaced Populations in Nigeria: Examining intergovernmental Collaborations between Nigeria and Canada”

Rahina Zarma, National Commission for Refugees of Nigeria

Discussants:

Professor Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School

Ijeoma Anozie, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

2.30 pm – 3.30 pm  Lunch

3.30 am – 5:00 pm  Session 8 – Theoretical Contributions of the Study


Professor Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School

“Sovereignty, the Responsibility to Protect, and Canadian–Nigerian partnership in the field of Human Rights between 1999 and 2011: Some theoretical Reflections”

Zachary Lomo, Osgoode Hall Law School

Discussants:
Professor Dakas C.J. Dakas, University of Jos
Dr. Basil Ugochukwu, CIGI, Waterloo

5:00 pm – 5:30pm  **Session 8 – Closing Session and Wrap up**

Professor Deji Adekunle, Director-General, NIALS

Professor Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School