

JOINT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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Programme of Events

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Day 1, Tuesday 1st November

Arrivals Presidential Villa and UNGEL Guest house (CEC)
University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State, Nigeria & Jerry Marriot Hotel.

18:30–20:00 Cocktail Night hosted by the University of Nigeria
Presidential Villa, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Remarks: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Day 2, Wednesday 2nd November: Theme 1: Environmental Law, Human Rights and Climate Change in a Post 2015 World: Global Call, Local Action

09.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcome/Opening Session/Group Photograph**

Speakers:

Introductory Remarks: Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON Chairperson of LOC

Remarks: Prof. Jonas Ebbesson, University of Stockholm, Sweden

Goodwill message: Christine K, Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF), Abuja

Welcome Speech/ Official Opening of Seminar: Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma
Ozumba, Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Kenneth Ofokansi, LOC Member and the Chairman,
Senate Ceremonials Committee

Day 1: Seminar Rapporteurs

1. Mrs. Helen Agu, Law Lecturer, Faculty of Law, UNEC
2. Mr. Chibuike Amucheazi, Law Lecturer, Faculty of Law, UNEC

10.30 – 12.00 **Session 1: Environmental Law in a Post 2015 World: Global Call, Local
Action**

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. M. T. Ladan, Faculty of Law, ABU, Zaria

- 10.30–10.45: Public Participation, Access to Justice and Environmental Protection by Prof. Jonas Ebbesson, Stockholm University, Sweden.
- 10.45–11.00: Niger Delta Crisis: Oil, Human Rights and the Environment by Anyakwee Nsirimovu, Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Port Harcourt, and Member of the Governing Council of the UNEP & Fed. Government of Nigeria Ogoni Clean up.
- 11.00–11.15: Allocating Costs and Benefits in Nigeria's Petroleum Industry by Prof. Yinka Omorogbe, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Abuja.
- 11.15–11.30: Petroleum Development and SDGs: The Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Mix, by Prof. Edith Nwosu, Department of Commercial & Property Law, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus.

11.30–12.00: Question and Answer Session

12.00–12.30: **TEA BREAK**

12.30–14.15: **Session 2: Climate Change in a Post 2015 World: Global Call, Local Action**

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. Jonas Ebbesson

- 12.30–12.45: Gender Dimensions of Climate Change Vulnerability: Rethinking Policy and Practice in Africa, by Prof. Anthonia Achike, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nigeria, Nsukka and former Director African Climate Change Adaptation and Innovation (ACCAI), University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
- 12.45–13.00: Achieving Sustainable Development Goals Through Effective Domestic Laws and Policies on Environment and Climate Change by Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State.
- 13.00–13.15: Climate Change and Gender Justice: International Policy and Legal Responses by Dr. Abiola Akiyode Afolabi, University of Lagos and Director, Women Advocate & Research Documentation Centre.
- 13.15–13.30: Environmental Justice and the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement by Ebele L. Okiche, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus
- 13.30–13.45: Legal and Policy Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Protection by Millicent Ele, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus

13.45–14.15: Question and Answer Session

14:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:45: Session 3: Human Rights in a Post 2015 World: Global Call, Local Action

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. Yinka Omorogbe

- 14.45–15.00: Climate Change Induced Impacts, The Court and Litigating Human Rights Violation: How Far So Far? By Dr. Emmanuel Onyeabor, Department of International Law & Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus

- 15.00–15.15: Sustainable Development Goals and the Right to Clean Environment and Sustainable Livelihood by Hilary Ogbonna, SDGs Focal Person, UNDP, Abuja
- 15.15–15.30: Women’s Rights to Land: A Matter of Economic and Environmental Gender Justice by Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria
- 15.30–15.45: Climate Change and Biodiversity, by Prof Emmanuel C Ibezim
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- 15.45–16.00: Uncertainties and Puzzles Associated with Climate Change in Africa by Prof. Francisca Nneka Okeke, FTWAS, Director, ACCAI/UNN
- 16.00–16.15: The Environment, Climate Change and Human Rights: A Budgeting Intervention by Mr. Eze Onyekpere, Legal Practitioner, and Director, Centre for Social Justice
- 16.15–16.45: Question and Answer Session
- 16.45–17.00: Wrap up by Prof. Jonas Ebbesson & Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON
- 18.00–19.00: Dinner**
- 19.00–20.30: Cultural Night, New Arts Theatre, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

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Day 3, Thursday, 3rd November: Theme 2: Violence Against Children: The Dissonance between Law and Practice

09.00–10.00: Registration continues

Day 2: Seminar Rapporteurs

1. Dr. Timothy Okey Umahi, Faculty of Law, UNEC/ LOC Member
2. Dr. Jude J. Odinkonigbo, Faculty of Law, UNEC/LOC Member

10.00–11.30: Session 1: Violence against Children in its Civil, Political Rights; and in Conflict Situation

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. Pernilla Leviner, Stockholm University, Sweden

- 10.00–10.15: Defining Child Abuse in Africa: The Nigeria Perspectives by Prof. Regina Eya, Enugu State University of Science & Technology
- 10.15–10.30: Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act 2015 and its Application to the Nigerian Child by Prof. Joy Ezeilo, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus

- 10.30–10.45: Administration of Juvenile Justice in Nigeria by Prof. Yemisi Bamgbose, University of Ibadan (UI), Nigeria
- 10.45–11.00: Children’s Rights Under Sharia Law by Dr.Bala Babaji, Director, Centre for Islamic Legal Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
- 11:00-11.15: Violence Against Children in Conflict Zones: Reflections on Existing Law and Policies on Child Protection in Nigeria by Dr. Abiola Afolabi, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos.

11.15–11.45: Question and Answer Session

11.45–12.15: **TEA BREAK**

12.15–13.45: **Session 2: Violence against Children in Socio-economic and Cultural Rights context**

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON, Faculty of Law, UNEC

- 12.15–12.30: Children as Victims of Human Trafficking and Irregular Migrants by Mr. Arinze Orakwue, NAPTIP, Abuja
- 12.30–12.45: Child Trafficking in Nigeria Beyond the Law: The Double Tragedy of Poverty and Culture by Oti Oviwarah, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Abuja.
- 12.45–13.00: Towards National Age of Marriage in Nigeria: The Cultural and Relativists’ Arguments Deconstructed by Prof. A.B. Ahmed, Bayero University Kano
- 13.00–13.15: Towards Elimination of Child Exploitation in Nigeria: Looking Beyond the Law, by Prof. Ogugua Ikpeze, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

13.15–13.45: Question and Answer Session

13.45–14.30: Lunch

14.30–16.30: **Session 3: Public, Private and Institutional Violence against Children**

Chairperson/Moderator: Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, ABU, Zaria

- 14.35–14.50: Corporal Punishment in Nigeria: What Has Child’s Rights Act Changed? By Dr. Emmanuel Obidimma & Dr.Nkechi Okpalaobi, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- 14.50–15.05: Swedish Ban on Corporal Punishment: Implications, Effects and Challenges by Prof. Pernilla Leviner, Faculty of Law, Stockholm University.
- 15:05–15.20: Harmful Traditional Practices and Impact on Children’s Health and Rights by Dr. Obiajulu Nnamuchi, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus.
- 15.20–15.35: Sexual Violence Against Children in Nigeria, by Godwin Odo Component Manager, Justice for All Programme, DFID, UK.
- 15.35–15.50: Poverty and Child’s Right to Education by Dr. Dorothy Ebere Adimora, Faculty of Education, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
- 15:50–16:05: Re-inventing the Wheel and Salvaging the Girl Child: Can the Maputo

Protocol Provide a Bulwark, by Dr. Onuora-Oguno Azubike, Faculty of Law,
University of Ilorin

16.05–16.30: Question and Answer Session

16.30–17.00: Wrap up/ Concluding Remarks:

Prof. Pernilla Leviner, University of Stockholm, Sweden

Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, Chairperson of LOC

18.00–19.00: Dinner

Day 4, Friday, 4th November: Breakfast/ Departures

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