





ANNUAL REPORT 2024





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Nigeria We Hail Thee'
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol That truth and justice reign, In peace or battle honour'd, And this we count as gain, To hand on to our children A banner without stain.

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

THE PLEDGE

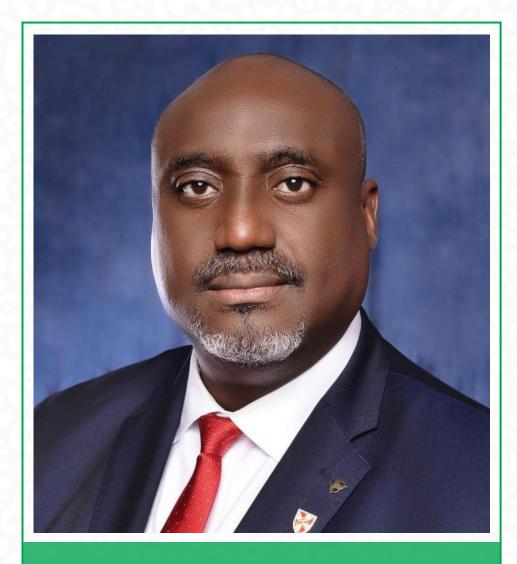
I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

THE NBA PRAYER

Almighty God our Creator, we pray you to be with us in all our deliberations and to direct our endeavors so that we shall continue in all humility to glorify thy name and do that which is right and just for our profession, its members, our fellow men and our country.

Amen

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Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, SAN, OON, FCIArb.(UK)

President, Nigerian Bar Association



CHINYERE OKOROCHA

Chairperson

GOVERNING COUNCIL

EXCO MEMBERS



Chinyere Okorocha
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Eire Ifueko Alufohai VICE CHAIRPERSON



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Folashade Alli



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Ekaete Ubokudom



Oyeyemi Aderigbigbe



Soibi Ovia

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Rashidat Mohammed DEPUTY



Dr. Bukola Ochei CO-ORDINATOR



Onyinyechi Ukegbu HEAD



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Barbara Abayomi DEPUTY



Hadiza Nasir Ahmad CO-ORDINATOR

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM

NBAWF STATE LEADS

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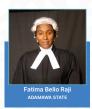






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LIST OF BRANCH FACILITATORS

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Oron Gladys Henry Owokure

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Otuocha Peace Ogbonna

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Yenagoa Kemebigha Douye E.

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Udu Vernon Fego Monye
Ugheli OFEJIRO NOSA YUSUFF

Asimiegbe Roslyn

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Warri

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Igarra Omo Uki

Uromi Mrs Catherine Akue

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Ikere Ekiti Osadola Ifedapo Oluwakemisola Ikole Ekiti Olasanmi Oluwaseun Christianah

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Owerri Chinaka Sunday-Iherue Mrs.

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Irene Ini Pepple NBAWF Secretary

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Dr. Bukola Ochei
Yewande Deji-Omotayo

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Busola Ajala (Head) Ifeoma Ben Ololade Mudashiru



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

From: THE SECRETARY

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN

FORUM

DATE: 22ND JULY, 2024

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum for the year 2024 shall hold on Wednesday, the 28th day of August 2024, at the venue and time herein-under appearing: Date: 28th August, 2024

Venue: Chief Anayo J. Offiah, SAN Hall (Hall 8) Tafawa Balewa Square

Time: 8am Prompt

Agenda:

The following businesses shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:

- A. National Officers' Reports:
- -Chairperson's statement
- -Secretary's report
- -Treasurer's report
- B. And such other business(es) as may be listed for consideration by the General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Iniobong Irene Pepple, AICMC, MCArb Secretary, NBA Women Forum







EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
Chinyers Okarecha - Chairperson
Eira, Ifueko Alefukal - Vice Chairperson
Irane Pappile - Secretary
Macry Tjato-Agaila - Trasured

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Felishade All: | Seibł Ovis
Adams Mohammed | Chinyere Okatiem-Neoko
Ekaris Oktukudom | Musleemah Olamide Nagodo
Oyeyemi Aderighighe

NBA WOMEN FORUM 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NBA HELD AT MOHAMMED BELLO BREAKOUT HALL 2, MKO ABIOLA NATIONAL STADIUM, ABUJA, AUGUST 31, 2023

Call To Order

The Chair person called the meeting to order by 9:35 a.m. The second stanza of the national anthem was recited by everyone present and the NBA prayer was led by Dr Hadiza Ali, NBAWF Kaduna State Lead.

Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed the executive committee members, the governing council members, committee officers, state Leads, branch facilitators and all members of the Forum present to the 4th annual general meeting of the Forum and thanked everyone for being in the meeting. The Chairperson joyfully stated that this was her first Annual General Meeting since becoming Chairperson of the Forum in August 2022. She introduced the other members of the Executive Committee of the Forum who were Mrs Ifueko Alufohai - the Vice Chairperson, Mrs Iniobong Irene Pepple -Secretary, Mrs Mercy Ijato-Agada -Treasurer, and Ms Theodora Kio-Lawson -Publicity Secretary.

Reading of minutes of last AGM

The Chairperson confirmed that the members present had received the minutes of the last annual general meeting which had been circulated via email.

Matters arising

The Chairperson asked that members present go through the minutes and indicate if there were matters arising. In the absence of matters arising the Chairperson called on NBAWF Lagos State lead, Adefowoke Ayo Ponle to adopt the minutes of the last annual general meeting. The Deputy head of the Young female lawyers committee, Barbara Abayomi seconded the adoption of the minutes of the last AGM.

Chairperson's address

The Chairperson commenced her speech by commending every committee in the Forum for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the smooth administration of the Forum. She acknowledged that the economy had made things tough but she encouraged every member present to do the best they can for themselves and the Forum.

The Chairperson listed the events the Forum had held during the reporting year which included EXCo & Governing Council Inauguration & Handover Ceremony, Launch of the Women in Law and Leadership report, 3rd Annual General Conference 2023/International Womens Day event, Courtesy Visit to Executive Vice Chairman of SAPETRO, Senator Daisy Danjuma. She commended committees who have had programs in the past year and particularly the head of membership committee, Mrs Ugwochi Agala for her proactive ideas including the membership drive at Law School Abuja and the onsite membership registration during the present annual general conference where the she and her team have registered over 300 members. She commended NBAWF state leads who have been active in the year being accounted for – Taraba state, Kano state, Akwa ibom state, Rivers State, Bayelsa State, Ondo state, Lagos State, Oyo state, Ogun state, Abia State, Imo State and the FCT Abuja.

The Chairperson highlighted the challenges of the Forum noting a worrying observation which had been made where female lawyers seem to think that the only women's forum was the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and these women also appeared not to know much about the NBA Women Forum. She called for the NBA Women Forum to do a lot more to be visible. She discussed the plans of this administration for the future of the Forum. Strengthening the Institution: Transparency, Structure

& Leadership, Global Partnerships and Exchange Initiatives, Cultivating Mentorship and Networking Opportunities. She remarked that the Forum will be expanding its external collaborations with bodies like the New York State Bar Women in Law Section and also with bodies like the AWLA and FIDA to better the lives of the female lawyers in Nigeria.

She called on the Council members, State leads and branch facilitators present to stand and take a bow while members applauded. She assured members that they should be free to make suggestions, make corrections and be active in the Forum.

Secretary's report

The Secretary, Mrs. Irene Ini Pepple identified her report on pages 19 to 31 of the NBA Women Forum Annual Report. She highlighted the appointment of Ms. Theodora Kio-Lawson as a Co-opted Council Member entrusted with the position of Publicity Secretary of the Forum, the creation of the office of Zonal Council Members, the creation of two more Committees- the Corporate Counsel Committee and Public Sector Committee in addition to the already existing 9 standing Committees and an ad hoc Committee. She listed the activities of the Forum including those organized by the Committees, state leads and branch facilitators during the reporting year. She emphatically stated that the present administration has capitalized on the achievements of the previous administration and has augmented it. She appreciated all the state leads and branch facilitators whose dedicated endeavors have been instrumental in realizing the Forum's objectives at the grassroots level and urged those who have encountered obstacles hindering their effectiveness not to lose heart, but rather to persistently labor towards the empowerment of female lawyers within their respective states and branches.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's Report was identified in pages 33 to 42 of the NBA Women Forum Annual Report. She informed the Forum that in the fiscal year from 2022 to 2023 with the opening balance being \mathbb{\text{10}},603,947 and the closing balance being \mathbb{\text{18}},528,077 which meant that the Forum has achieved a 75% increase in its finances. The breakdown of the funds were obtained from various sources as detailed in the Report.

Ifeoma Ben, the Deputy head of the Fundraising Committee NBAWF move the motion to adopt the reports for discussion it was seconded by Halima Ahmed Muhammad.

Discussions

The Kaduna State lead, Dr Hadiza Ali noted that the auditor's report should have been presented by the auditor himself and not the Treasurer in her capacity. The Chairperson noted that correction and replied that the auditors could not attend the annual general meeting hence the Forum's Treasurer had to present the report.

Violet Precious from Warri branch commended the executive committee of the Forum for leading the Forum the job done doctor ifeoma Linda from Rivers State also commended their score according to her she didn't expect anything less expectations were duly met and she prayed that the film will go higher and higher

Any Other Business

Ruth Zikachat Kabunk Badung from Abuja branch remarked that the Forum had grown compared to how the state of the Forum at its inception when there were no funds to run the activities of the Forum. She charged the female lawyers to dress appropriately in corporate dresses with corporate colours. The Chairperson agreed that there was a need to handle the issue of dressing by female lawyers and that would be done by the Forum by training and advocacy.

Boma from Yenagoa branch, Bayelsa asked about the working documents for the women forum. She also asked how States could raise money for Forum events in the states. The Chairperson answered

that the National would support the states in their activities.

Ifeoma Ben, The deputy head of fundraising committee encouraged members to join Forum committees and be active in order to contribute to the growth of the Forum

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Adama Muhammad Council member, Ucheoma Nwogu from Bori branch seconded the motion for adjournment.

The NBA Women Forum 4th Annual General Meeting ended by 10.50am.

ATTENDANCE

Chinyere Okorocha
Ifueko Alufohai
Irene Pepple
Mercy Ijato Agada
Theodora Kio Lawson
MOHAMMED Adama
Folashade Alli
Ekaete Ubokudom
Musleemah Nagode
Chinyere Okeziem Nwoko

Sifon Ntuk

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Anayisi Fache Omuya Faith Amarachi Okpara

Maimuna Yusuf
Oluwadara Ajidaale
Akinyemi Oluwakemi
Penninah Ugonyork
Chiamaka Nwaogaraku
Chioma Angela Okeke

Ifeoma Katchy Laya Magdaline

Ezenwanyi Armstrong Iherue Sunday Chinaka Oluwo Maryann Omekagu Idorenyin Augustine

Toyin Bashir
Gaaba Doose Aver
Ozolua Gloria Omo
Uche Eucharia
Chinyere Ibe Esa
Kizita Ezenagu
Aworinde Victoria
Nwakpadolu Obianuju

Musa Ngozi Uboho Millie Ogu Bolanle Olafunmiloye Ndidi Ogundu

Priscilla Bunah
Stephanie Nguhemen

Victoria Ufomba Sarah Haruna Oboh Maureen Isi Maryann Danladi Usman

Aisha Hassan Kolos

Afhona Egba

Faridat Mohammed Halimatu Sadiya Yahaya

Lydia Ifreke
Dr Ifeoma Agbo
Chinyere Geemama
Ntibi Joy UmoEdem
Amarachi Ezimamo
Dolapo Sarah Amboye
Ebere Nwamkwala
Tochukwu Eze

Okwelle Vivian Amarachi

Precious Ovuede Boma Miebai

Ubono Eyo

Dimkpa Ngozi

Sarah Oneeja Afejola Eucharia Ngozi Akporero Maimuna Ibrahim Yusuf

Akinola Faith Lois Jumbo Ibiwari

Happiness Iheukwumere Joy Damilola Adeyemi

Charity Ibezim
Lilian Ugoanyanwu
Kieriama Elizabeth
Lucy Babafemi
Queen Esther Great

C. A. Bishop
Eudorah Ezeonye
Princess Ebele Aka
Opemipo Oluwafemi
Oluwafunke Aisha Akgu
Stephanie Ochepa
Obilor Chidinma
Okafor Frieda

Onyiaocha Deborah

Aisha Yusuf Hadiza Nura Alfa Olubunmi Wuba Tarbo Lilian

Hokaha Hope Bassey Efi Olumayokua Lucy Pam Fom Bot Loveline Ifenyinwa Agu Grace Oka Tony Ogidi Mwaliu Naomi Abdu Asekhauno Emosirame Mmenyere Abasi Etette

Mary Etim R. I. Musa

Ucheoma Nwogu Chinwe Obasi Osuji Maryode Adetunla Rose Obiakor Akindele Oluwakemi

Akindele Oluwaken Ikuomola Taiwo Trioybe Bosede Gist Joseph Nwandugo Juliana

Hafsat Nuruddeen Belko Temitayo Ogunyemi

Nwobu Rose

Abiola Hafsat Adetola Precious Udoma

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Ejeye Alero Oluwakanyinsola Adebowale Olayinka O. Kemebigha Douye E. Sobowale V. Morenikeji

Rahinatu I. Ladan

Titi Savage

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Offurum Faith

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Osadola Ifedapo O.
Oladiran Abisola Ajoke
Halima Tijani Ahmed
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Maryanne C. Okafor
Ebelebe Oluchi
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Nnenna Chikaodi Okoli Ezike Dikibujiri E. Bobmanuel

J. E. Akubola

Chinonso Q. Emeka Tonye Chris Shalom Ifeoma C. Iloba

Ogbonna Nma Chinyere Chiemela Amalaha Beatrice Elikpi Danjuma Mercy Nkongha Alobi

Peace Didi

Aghogho G. Okpounor

Chinyere Osuji Flora Festus Ifode Yewande Mary Akanbi Halima Ahmed Muh'd Mimang Kyemet Comfort

Glory Smoky Edet

Gloria Ohia

Raluchukwu Nonso Jane Okafor Chelsea Euphemia

Maryanatu A. Wasa

Dorcas Abah

Modupeore Olufemi Beatrice Ezekiel Hart

Akunesiobike
Adjarhore Patricia
Christabel Iremhinmhen
Chinda Joy Ruhuoma
Ikenna Deborah Chidiogo

Ibrahim Qawiyyat Rita Anwiri Chindah Adeola Obayen

Becky Samuel

Osatohanmiven Uivagboe

Atim Antai Effiong

Mugwa Bitrus Kambasha

Ndukwe Ngozi

Tarimotimi Xenia Torunana

Wandoo Sarah

Oyama Happiness Omina

Bagidi Doreen Uhaa Roseline Ifeoma Emenike

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Fatima Ibrahim
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Faith Obu Ashu

Olorunfemi Taiwo Elizabeth

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Nsofor Ndidiamaka
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AT THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM, 28TH AUGUST 2024.

Dear Esteemed Members of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum,

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of gratitude that I extend my warmest greetings to you through this Annual General Meeting (AGM) report. As I stand before you today, I am in also in deep reflection, as serving as the Chairperson of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum (NBAWF) has been one of the most rewarding and transformative experiences of my career. Together, we have journeyed through challenges, celebrated victories, and made indelible strides in advancing the cause of women in the legal profession.

Reflecting on my tenure as Chairperson of the NBA Women Forum, I am reminded of the vision we set out together at the beginning, to create a platform where female lawyers could rise, thrive and lead in all spheres of the legal profession and beyond. We also wanted a forum that not only supports but also empowers female lawyers across Nigeria. Today, I am proud to share how our collective efforts have transformed this vision into reality, through my Five-Point Agenda which was designed to guide our work and ensure that our initiatives were both impactful and sustainable. These pillars—Strengthening the Institution, Capacity Building for Female Lawyers, Nationwide Coverage, Recognition & Reach, Female Lawyers in Leadership, and The Work-Life Balance Initiative—have shaped our journey and anchored our success.

1. Strengthening the Institution:

One of my primary goals was to solidify the foundation of the NBA Women Forum, ensuring that our operations are not only efficient but also sustainable. I am proud to highlight the development of an operational manual, which will now serve as our guiding document, ensuring uniformity, consistency, transparency, and continuity in all our endeavours.

2. Capacity Building for Female Lawyers:

Empowering female lawyers with the skills and knowledge necessary for success has been at the heart of our work. Over the past two years, we have organised numerous capacity-building workshops and training programs, both virtual and physical, across the country. A significant focus has been on our mentorship programs, where older and more experienced female lawyers guide the younger ones, whether at the Bar, the Bench, in academia, in-house, or within the public sector. These initiatives have equipped our members with the tools they need to excel in their legal careers and have fostered a culture of continuous learning and mutual support within the forum.

3. Nationwide Coverage, Recognition & Reach:

Expanding our reach and securing nationwide recognition for the NBA Women Forum was another key objective. I am particularly proud of the nationwide recognition and acceptance we have garnered, which has transformed the forum into a highly desirable platform for female legal professionals across Nigeria. Our two successful Annual General Conferences in 2023 in Abuja and 2024 in Lagos are still being talked about today, further solidifying our influence and reach. Our national presence has been bolstered by strategic partnerships, and our influence continues to grow, both within and beyond the legal community.

4. Female Lawyers in Leadership:

Promoting female lawyers into leadership roles has been a cornerstone of our agenda. I am especially proud of the recent NBA National elections, where 50% of the successful candidates were female, reflecting the progress we have made in breaking barriers and empowering women in our profession. Additionally, the leadership of the current NBA Annual General Conference Planning Committee is entirely female, showcasing the strength and capability of women within the NBA. Through our initiatives, we have not only advocated for greater representation but have also celebrated the achievements of female leaders within our profession.

5. The Work-Life Balance Initiative:

Understanding the unique challenges faced by female lawyers, we prioritised the promotion of work-life balance as a key agenda item. Through our efforts, we have raised awareness of the importance of balancing professional and personal life and have provided resources and support to help our members navigate these challenges. This initiative has been crucial in promoting the well-being and career longevity of female lawyers across the country.

Additional Key Achievements:

1. Appointment of Patrons:

A significant achievement during my tenure was the appointment of Patrons to guide our affairs. Their strategic counsel has been invaluable, providing us with the wisdom and insight necessary to navigate complex challenges and seize new opportunities. Their involvement has elevated the forum and fortified our mission, ensuring that we continue to advocate effectively for the advancement of women in the legal profession.

2. Recognition of Pioneer Governing Council Members:

It was also a great honour to recognise our pioneer Governing Council members with awards of honour. These trailblazers laid the essential groundwork upon which we have built, and their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the NBA Women Forum into the strong institution it is today. By celebrating their leadership and dedication, we have established a tradition of valuing the tireless efforts of those who serve our forum.

CHALLENGES: -

During my tenure as Chairperson of the NBA Women Forum (NBAWF), I faced several key challenges:

- Limited Understanding

Many questioned the need for a separate forum when FIDA was already established. To clarify, I emphasised NBAWF's unique role in professional empowerment through workshops, town hall meetings, and social media.

Nationwide Reach

To ensure our impact beyond urban centres, I traveled to states like Kano, Ibadan, and Bayelsa, used virtual platforms, and empowered local chapters to address specific needs effectively.

- Cohesion and Uniformity

With the forum's expansion to 36 state chapters and 135 branch facilitators, we faced issues of consistency. A diagnostic review and operational manual helped align our operations

and maintain unified direction.

Limited Resources

Facing financial constraints, I leveraged goodwill and built strategic partnerships to secure necessary resources and sustain our activities.

These efforts helped the NBAWF achieve significant milestones, establishing a strong foundation for future growth and success.

As I conclude my tenure, I recognise that none of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of the incredible women who make up this forum. To my fellow Executive Committee members, Governing Council, Committee Officers, State Leads, Branch Facilitators, and all our members—thank you for your commitment, your passion, and your belief in the mission of the NBAWF. The success we have achieved has been a collective effort, and I am profoundly thankful for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to our shared goals.

Finally, as I pass the baton to the next leadership, I do so with confidence in the future of the NBA Women Forum. Our work is far from over, and I trust that the new leadership will continue to build on the foundation we have laid, taking the forum to even greater heights. I urge you all to continue to support the incoming Chairperson and Executive, just as you have supported me. Together, we will continue to break barriers, shatter glass ceilings, and ensure that the voices of women in the legal profession are heard loud and clear.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to our mission.

With warm regards,

Chinyere Okorocha

Chairperson,

Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum

(2022-2024)



SECRETARIAT REPORT

SECRETARIAT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024, PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MRS. INIOBONG IRENE PEPPLE AT THE 5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HOLDING IN LAGOS ON THE 28th OF AUGUST, 2024.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is a synopsis of all administrative, secretarial and operational activities of the NBA Women Forum in the reporting period, September 2023 to August 2024. The forum's terms of reference remains the following; To address matters of interest to female lawyers, to ensure efficient and impactful networking amongst female lawyers, to build a platform that encourages female lawyers to have a global outlook, perspective and reach and to address any other matters that affect female lawyers.

To this end, this administration has worked with 12 members of GOVERNING COUNCIL of the Forum, as follows: -

- 1. CHINYERE ANAYOCHUKWU OKOROCHA CHAIRPERSON
- 2. EIRE IFUEKO ALUFOHAI VICE CHAIRPERSON
- 3. INIOBONG IRENE PEPPLE SECRETARY
- 4. MERCY IJATO-AGADA TREASURER
- 5. THEODORA KIO-LAWSON PUBLICITY SECRETARY
- 6. FOLASHADE ALLI COUNCIL MEMBER
- 7. SOIBI OVIA COUNCIL MEMBER
- 8. HAJIA MOHAMMED ADAMA COUNCIL MEMBER
- 9. EKAETE UNYIMEOBONG UBOKUDOM COUNCIL MEMBER
- 10. CHINYERE OKEZIEM-NWOKO COUNCIL MEMBER
- 11. OYEYEMI ADERIGBIGBE COUNCIL MEMBER
- 12. NAGODE OLAMIDE MUSLEEMAH COUNCIL MEMBER

2.0 COMMITTEES

The Forum has eleven (11) standing committees and 1 ad-hoc committee. They are the Advocacy Committee; External Relations Committee; FundRaising Committee; Media and Publicity Committee; Membership Committee, Mentoring Committee; Research and Documentation Committee; Welfare Committee, Young Female Lawyers Committee, Corporate Counsel Committee and the Public Sector Committee and the Planning Committee which is an Ad-hoc committee.

2.1 Committee Leadership

Each Committee has a Committee Head, the Deputy Committee Head and the Coordinator, clearly reflecting the geographical spread of the country. The committee leadership have dedicated their time and resources to support the Executive Committee and Council and worked assiduously to actualize the vision of the Forum.

2.2 Committee Activities

2.2.1 Advocacy Committee

The Committee has sub committees:

Help desk sub-committee.

The Advocacy Committee Help Desk Sub-Committee is tasked with addressing instances of discrimination, unfair treatment, violence, abuse, and harassment within both workplace and societal environments. Our responsibilities encompass receiving and documenting complaints, providing guidance and support to complainants, and taking appropriate actions to resolve these concerns. During this reporting year, the committee, in collaboration with the NBA Women's Forum Chairperson, advocated to the Attorney General regarding the assault and battery case against Mrs. Fatima Musa by the acting Registrar of the College for Legal Studies, Yola.

• Inspire-series sub-committee.

The fourth edition of the Inspire Series, featuring the esteemed Senator Daisy Danjuma, Vice Chairman of South Atlantic Petroleum (SAPETRO), was held on October 19, 2023 at The Wheatbaker, Ikoyi, Lagos State.

On August 16, 2024, the Committee organized a webinar titled "Overcoming Barriers: Embracing a Growth Mindset." The event was moderated by Tolu Olaloye, Head of the Advocacy Committee, and featured a keynote address by Kemi Sope-Agbebi (KSA), a Clarity and Mindset Coach. Panelists included Adeola Olumeyan, Executive Director of Emet Hill CS Ltd, and Rashidat Mohammed, NBA Chairperson of Sokoto.

2.2.2 Corporate Counsel Committee

The Committee established a WhatsApp platform dedicated to corporate lawyers, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas on legal matters. Additionally, the Committee hosted a webinar entitled "Empowering Your Legal Career: Essential Skills for the 21st Century In-House Counsel" on October 23, 2023.

2.2.3 External Relations Committee (ERC)

This committee proposed to forge and launch partnerships with relevant international stakeholders to drive international secondment opportunities for female lawyers.

2.2.4 Fund Raising Committee

The Committee actively participated in fundraising efforts for the 4th Annual Conference of the Forum, which was successfully held from March 21-22, 2024, in Lagos. On August 14, 2024, the Committee hosted a well-attended webinar entitled "Maximizing Revenue Streams: Financial Planning and Wealth Management for Legal Professionals." The event was moderated by Ifeoma Ben, Head of the Fundraising Committee, and featured insightful presentations by Abiodun Olubitan, Group Head of the Women Banking Team at Access Bank, and Olamide Obajimi, Partner at Olaniwun Ajayi LP.

2.2.5 Mentoring Committee

The Committee operates through three WhatsApp platforms. Two of these platforms are dedicated to facilitating communication between Mentoring Committee members, mentors, and mentees, fostering online mentoring relationships. The third platform is designated for Committee Officers, serving as a space for conducting meetings,

strategizing, and sharing insights to guide the Committee's future endeavors.

The Committee collaborated with the Forum's state leads in Imo State, Kaduna State, and Kano State to organize mentorship sessions in these states.

2.2.6 Media & Publicity Committee

The Committee collaborated with the NBA Women's Forum (NBAWF) throughout the year to promote its events. The Committee leveraged various media outlets, blogs, its website, and social media platforms to generate publicity for Forum events. In preparation for the NBAWF IWD 4th Annual Conference held on March 21st and 22nd, 2024, the Committee transitioned into the Media, Publicity & Mobilization Subcommittee, spearheading extensive promotional efforts and post-event exposure.

The Committee ensured the supervised dissemination of emails and executed aggressive email campaigns. Additionally, the Committee is efficiently managing the Forum's social media presence on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn, ensuring that these platforms are consistently updated with the latest Forum activities.

2.2.7 Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has been proactive in advancing the goals of the NBAWF through various initiatives. Notable activities include:

- Manned the NBAWF stand at the Exhibition center during the 2023 NBA AGC and actively facilitated a membership drive at the 2023 NBA AGC where the Forum had over 200 registrations.
- New wigs membership drive: Fully participated at the 2024 New wigs registration exercise at the Nigerian Law School, Bwari, Abuja by taking registrations and enquiries and giving out memorabilia and souvenirs.
- Solicited and coordinated a partnership with the management of Law pavilion for discounted offerings of their packages for presentation at the NBAWF 2024 Conference which was held in Lagos State.
- Membership drive at the NBAWF AGC and online/realtime registration of new members at the Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos State during the conference.
- The Committee organized a webinar series:
 - a. First on the series held on 15th July tagged "Building a successful legal career: strategies for success". The speakers were Prof Akolokwu (first female professor of law, Rivers State University), Bolatumi Animashaun (Principal partner, Bolatumi Animashaun & co, Vice chairman, NBA Lagos 2017-2019).
 - b. The second in the series was held on the 23rd July 2024 and was titled: Navigating Social Media Law; Best Practices for Responsible Use.
 - c. The third in the series on the 16th August 2024 and was titled: "Confident and Composed: mastering professional presence and etiquette for female lawyers". Keynote Speaker was Miannaya A. Essien SAN, and the esteemed panelists were Helen Ovonlen and Ngoba Martyns-Yellowe.

2.2.7 Planning Committee (Ad Hoc)

- The NBAWF AGC/IWD 2024 Planning Committee worked assiduously and delivered an excellent annual conference on the 21st and 22nd of March, 2024 in Lagos.
- The NBAWF AGM Planning Committee was set up to plan and execute the Forum's 5th Annual General Meeting which will be held during the NBA Annual General Conference in Lagos.

2.2.8 Public Sector Committee

The Committee has in this reporting period completed its project of compiling a Public Sector Committee Members Directory.

2.2.10 Young Female Lawyers Committee

The Committee in this period has held:

- A webinar titled, 'Al and the 21st Century Female Lawyer on the 27th of September, 2023.
- An IG live series titled: INSPIRE: Empowering Women to Navigate the Legal Profession on the 29th of July, 2024
- A webinar on the 19th of August, 2024 titled: The Young Corporate Lawyer's Toolkit: Registration, Returns and More.

The programmes were well attended with massive positive feedback.

3.0 NBAWF STATE /BRANCH ACTIVITIES

During the period under review these state chapters embarked on the following activities:

NBA Women Forum Imo State

- In collaboration with the Mentorship Committee organized a Mentorship Seminar in Owerri, Imo State on October 20, 2023 with the theme, 'Empower Her: Breaking Barriers and Building Careers for Women In Law'. The event was graciously sponsored by Her Excellency, Bar. Chioma Uzodinma, The First Lady of Imo State who graced the occasion alongside numerous dignitaries and accomplished female lawyers from across the state.
- Held their end of year event on December 6-7, 2023 featuring a Health Walk/Seminar,
 Free Medical Tests, Thanksgiving Service, Luncheon and a Christmas party.
- On March 8, 2024, the Committee commemorated International Women's Day with a gathering where senior lawyers shared personal experiences with younger colleagues on building successful careers.
- On May 16, 2024, members of the NBAWF Imo State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy Governor of Imo State, Her Excellency Lady Ihuoma Ekomaru PhD, at her office. They also visited Hon Mrs Chinelo Emeghara, the Clerk of the Imo State House of Assembly.

NBA Women Forum Kaduna State

- On March 8, 2024, the Committee held a formal Inaugural and Mentoring Session themed "The Need for Ethical Considerations in Building Virile Bar Women." This event, celebrated in commemoration of the International Women's Day, aimed to provide a platform for enhancing women's productivity in legal practice. The event featured inspirational presentations and was attended by high-profile guests, including representatives of the Special Guest of Honor, Mal. Sen Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State; the Royal Father of the Day, Dr. Mal. Ahmed Nubia Bamako CFR, Emir of Zazzau; and Hon. Justice MTM Aliyu, the Chief Judge of Kaduna State, who served as the Chairman of the occasion. A mentorship session followed, where attendees were guided by knowledgeable mentors in specific practice areas or legal careers. Certificates of attendance were awarded to all participants.
- The State Lead and several members of the Forum paid a courtesy visit to the Attorney General of Kaduna State.

NBA Women Forum Delta State

- The State hosted a webinar on March 13, 2024, titled "Empowering Female Lawyers: Breaking Barriers through Visibility for Career Success." The speaker was Prof. (Mrs.) Beauty Oboraghware Alloh, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Delta State University, Oleh Campus.
- On May 28, the Chapter held its 2nd Quarter Webinar, titled "Mediation: The New Frontier
 to Be Explored by Female Lawyers." Expert discussants included Ms Uduak Udofia,
 Founder of the Women in Mediation Network, and Ms Oghenekevwe Orighoyegha. His
 Worship Nnamdi Onyekwe, Director General of the Delta State Multi Door Courthouse,
 was also present at the webinar.
- The Asaba Branch held its end-of-year event in 2023 and a Women's Day event on March 7, themed "Inspire Inclusion." The events took place at the Bar Center, Asaba, and were well-attended by female branch members.
- On March 6, 2024, the Delta State Lead, accompanied by Asaba and Oleh Branch facilitators and several members, paid a courtesy visit to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Delta State, and the Honorable Attorney General of Delta State.

NBA Women Forum Rivers

 Organized a webinar on April 3, 2024, in commemoration of International Women's Day, with the theme "Towards Financial Stability in a Depressed Economy: Which Way Forward for Female Lawyers." The webinar featured the following speakers: Prof. Ibibia Lucky Worika, Mrs. Cordelia Eke, Dr. Raphael C. Onah, with Dr. Rosebell Uviovo as the moderator.

NBA Women Forum Abia State

- Held its first Mentorship Seminar on April 9, themed "Empowering Women in Law: Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities." The keynote speaker, Mrs. Chinyere Okorocha, Chairperson of the Forum, addressed the theme and shared valuable insights and practical advice to inspire and empower female lawyers to thrive in their careers.
- Members of the Abia State Chapter joined the Executive Committee in paying a courtesy

visit to His Excellency, the Governor of Abia State, and the First Lady.

NBA Women Forum Bayelsa

- Held its 3rd Annual Event on May 21-22, with the theme "Accelerating Growth: Economic Dynamics of the Woman Lawyer in a Commercialized World." The event commenced with a friendly match between the NBAWF Bayelsa Chapter and MWAN Bayelsa on May 21st.
- On May 22nd, the Chapter hosted an elaborate dinner event featuring a Magazine launch, an awards night, and cultural dances, attended by prominent members of the legal community in the state. In her keynote address, Mrs. Chinyere Okorocha, Chairperson of the Forum, emphasized the importance of mentorship, training, and peer-to-peer networking among female lawyers, which can contribute to building confidence and overcoming limiting beliefs.
- Members of the Chapter accompanied the Executive Committee in paying courtesy visits to the First Lady of Bayelsa State, the Chief Judge of Bayelsa State, and the Executive Secretary of the NCDMB.

NBA Women Forum Kano

- Paid a courtesy visit to the Attorney General of Kaduna State. On June 6, 2024 held a mentorship seminar themed "Empowering Excellence: Developing Skills and Professionalism for the Next Generation of Women in Law." The keynote address was delivered by Hon. Justice Hafsat Yahaya, and mentors included Hon. Justice Fatima Adamu, Kemi Oyewo, and Augusta Uchechukwu Uzu.
- Members of the Chapter accompanied the Executive Committee on a courtesy visit to the Chief Justice of Kano State.

NBA Women Forum Oyo State

- The State hosted a Knowledge Sharing Session/Webinar in September 2023. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Cecilia Ekanem Madueke, Company Secretary of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, who discussed the webinar theme: "The Path to Professional Success: Getting into the Right Conversations."
- On July 4, 2024, held a mentoring session at the Aare Afe Babalola Bar Center, themed "Promoting Professional Excellence, Ethics, and Values Among Female Lawyers." The event featured Mrs. Chinyere Okorocha, Chairperson of the Forum, as the keynote speaker. Prof. Oluyemisi Abimbola, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Lead City University, Ibadan, delivered the keynote speech. Subsequently, mentors from various practice areas were grouped with attendees for mentorship sessions, resulting in impactful interactions that were deemed beneficial by the mentees.

NBA Women Forum FCT Abuja

- The State commemorated International Women's Day on March 8th with an outreach program themed "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress."
- Members of the Forum joined the Executive Committee for a courtesy visit to celebrate the investiture of Hon. Justice Amina Adamu Augie J.Sc (Rtd) as Patron of the Forum.

 On July 19th, 2024, the State held a closing event for their mentorship program, titled "Indecent Dressing: Its Effect on the Female Lawyers' Dress Code." The event, held at the NBA House, featured a keynote address by Hon. Justice Amina Adamu Augie J.Sc (Rtd) and presentations from Hon. Justice K.N Ogbonnaya of the FCT High Court and Dr. Sulaiman Usman SAN.

NBA Women Forum Ogun State

 Held a formal investiture of the llaro branch facilitator on the 25th of July. The chapter also organized an event for law officers in the state tagged 'the female lawyer of the 21st century: Dare to be different' on the 26th of July.

NBA Women Forum Ondo Chapter

- Held its 1st general meeting for the year 2024 on 14th March, 2024. In attendance was
 Chief Barr. Oluwatoyin Abegunde, the Founder and Initiator of Oluwatoyin Abegunde
 Foundation, who held a pep talk on "Natural Remedy as a lifestyle: Securing Health in
 Organic Living" where she encouraged female lawyers to look after their health and
 wellbeing.
- A courtesy visit was made to the new Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of Ondo State, Dr. Kayode Ajulo SAN, on 7th May, 2024.
- Held a 2nd general meeting on the 30th July, 2024, at the Aare Afe Babalola Bar Centre, Akure, Ondo State. In attendance was the guest speaker Mrs. Akinmoladun Foluke(managing solicitor, Trizon chambers Lagos) who discussed: Alternative Dispute Resolution as a means of income for female legal practitioners. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the Guest speaker and hosts.

NBA Women Forum Akwa Ibom State

- Organized a physical Annual Capacity Building Workshop, which was held at Eket in Akwa Ibom State on Friday, August 2, 2024, tagged "The Dynamics of Legal Practice in Nigeria." The event aimed to enhance the skills of female lawyers practicing in the coastal region. The event Speakers: Mrs Iniobong Irene Pepple- NBAWF Secretary, Dr Idorenyin Eyo- Asso. Prof University of Uyo, Dr Kingsley Ekwere- Rector Marine and Ocean Academy, Sir Sebastian Essien- Chairman ICSAN Rivers State, and Otu Otu Esq. Chief State Counsel Ministry of Justice.
- The State lead paid a sensitization visit to NBAWF Eket branch on the 26th of April, 2024 where they created more awareness about the Forum to the members of the branch.
- Engaged members in other relaxation and networking activities- joined the Medical Women Association of Nigeria during the cancer awareness campaign, Hiking at the Ibom Golf Resort.

NBAWF Lagos Chapter

- Hosted a Webinar via zoom in commemoration of World Cancer day on the 27th of February, 2024.
- Organized a "Chat with a Mentor Series" which physically held on the 10th of October, 2023 at G. Elias featuring Ayodele Ashiata Kadiri as the mentor.

- Was involved in the planning and execution of the Forum's highly successful and impactful 4th annual general conference and IWD event.
- Held a physical event a Conversational Afternoon featuring Mrs. Abidemi Ademola, Legal Director and Company Secretary, Guinness Nigeria Plc. Topic: "Overcoming challenges and fostering female leadership in the legal profession on the 20th August 2024.
- The State Lead and members of the chapter joined the Executive Committee of the Forum for the courtesy visits to celebrate the investiture of Professor Bamgbose SAN, Mrs Mfon Usoro and Dame Priscilla Kuye as Patrons of the Forum.

NBAWF Adamawa State

- On the 15th day of March, 2024, members of the NBAWF paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Judge of Adamawa State, Honourable Justice Hafsat Abdulrahman.
- The chapter Participated and was well represented in the Law week of Yola Branch, Adamawa State.
- Held 2 general chapter meetings.
- The Forum is actively involved in the prosecution of the Acting Registrar of the College for Legal Studies, ALH. MUSA CHIROMA, who on the 15th day of April, 2024, severely assaulted a member of this Forum, FADIMATU MUSA ESQ., who is also a Lecturer at the College.
- Facilitated the engagement and training of female lawyers as part of the Public and Private Development Center's (PPDC) ongoing program for prison decongestion.

NBA Women Forum Yobe State

 Following the successful completion of training sessions on gender based violence, the chapter with representatives from the Novel Alliance for Development and Aid (NADA), SAHEi Gender Development Initiative (SAHEI), convened a round table discussion to outline crucial steps for applying the knowledge gained and achieving tangible outcomes.

The NBA Women Forum was well represented by its officers and members from Bayelsa, Delta, Cross River and Rivers State at a workshop titled "Breaking Leadership Barriers for Women in the Legal Profession" hosted by the National Association of Women Judges Nigeria (NAWJ-N) South-South Zone the 4th to the 6th day of July 2024.

4.0 OTHER FORUM ACTIVITIES

Annual General Conference 2024

The Forum held its 4th annual general conference from the 21st to the 22nd of March, 2024 in Lagos. The Conference which was themed 'Beyond the balance sheet- redefining success for women in law' was an in person participation event with over 550 delegates from all over Nigeria. The Forum hosted a pre-conference cocktail on the 21st of March which was held at the Boat Club, Ikoyi, Lagos. The opening ceremony and main event was held on the 22nd of May at the Lagos Oriental. The conference which is traditionally

organized in commemoration of the International Women's day reflected on the concept of success and how women can redefine success for themselves beyond the bottom line, the balance sheet and perceptions. It also provided attendees an opportunity to connect, collaborate and chart a course towards a future where every woman in law can thrive and succeed on her own terms

The Conference was attended by several distinguished personalities including Her Excellency Mrs Bamidele Abiodun, the First Lady of Ogun State ably represented by Mrs Elizabeth Oyeneyin; the Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State, Mr Lawal Pedro SAN, the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Y.C. Maikyau, ably represented by the 1st Vice President, Linda Rose Bala, amongst other distinguished special guests.

The Conference had six plenary sessions, six moderators and featured about 40 speakers sharing their wealth of knowledge and experience in both the opening and technical plenary sessions. It commenced with the conference overview given by the planning committee Chairperson, Mrs. Folashade Alli SAN. In the overview, she highlighted that the conference was organized to challenge paradigm, reaffirm women's commitment to break glass ceilings, defy status quo and to forge a new path where every woman in law can thrive, unencumbered by prejudice and inequality.

The welcome address was given by the Chairperson of the NBA Women's Forum, Mrs Chinyere Okorocha. She noted that the conference, through thought provoking discussions and the insightful panel sessions, is aimed at exploring the new frontiers in redefining success for women in law.

Goodwill messages were given by Her Excellency Mrs Bamidele Abiodun, the First Lady of Ogun State ably represented by Mrs Elizabeth Oyeneyin; the Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State, Mr Lawal Pedro SAN, the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Y.C. Maikyau, ably represented by the 1st Vice President, Linda Rose Bala, Country Vice President International Federation of Female Lawyers in Nigeria (FIDA) Amina Agbaje represented by Mrs Olufunke Oduwole, Chairperson, FIDA Epe Branch and the President of the African Women Lawyers Forum, Mrs Caroline Ibharuneafe.

The Keynote Address was made by Mrs Bolanle Austen-Peters, the Founder of BAP Productions & Terraculture. She charged the Forum to create a platform where leading women can pull up and motivate younger female lawyers to be leaders. That Nigeria needs to hear women and women already have strength in numbers. Female lawyers need to stand up and take their place as legal luminaries and not just lawyers and magnify what they do best not just by focusing on commercial practice. Finally, women need to expand the value that women bring to the table.

The conference was wrapped up with a Dinner- Gala and Awards night. Highlights of the dinner was the receiving of awards by the pioneer governing council members of the Forum: Mrs Stella Ugboma, Olori Olufunmi Oluyede, Mrs. Ezinwa Okoroafor, Mrs Fati Kwaku MFR, Mrs. Genevieve Onyiuke (posthumously), Mrs Funmi Roberts, Mrs. Funmi Awomolo SAN, Mrs. Josephine Onodugo and unveiling of the newly appointed Patrons of the Forum: Chief Mrs. Folake Solanke (SAN), Justice Aloma Muktar, Justice Mary Odili, Justice Amina Adamu Augie, Mrs. Hairat Balogun (OON), Mrs. Priscilla Kuye (Bencher), Prof. Oluyemisi Bamgbose (SAN), Mrs. Mfon Ekong Usoro (Bencher)

The conference was well organized and was highly impactful.

Investiture of Patrons

Sequel to the unveiling of Patrons which was held at the annual general conference of the Forum, the Executive committee of the Forum proceeded to carry out an Investiture of the patrons events. 4, out of our 7 Patrons, has been successfully completed, namely: Hon Justice Mary Odili (RTD) on the 23rd of May, Hon Justice Amina Augie on the 25th June, Prof Oluyemisi Bamgbose and Mrs Mfon Usoro on the August 9, 2024, Dame Priscilla Kuye on the 19th of August and Chief Mrs Folake Solanke on the 21st of August 2024.

The Forum held an Inaugural Patron Meeting on the 20th of August, 2024 via zoom which was attended by Patrons and all the officers of the Forum. This unprecedented gathering served as an opportunity to welcome our newly appointed Patrons and provide them with an in-depth understanding of the forum's mission, activities, and strategic goals.

Courtesy Visits

The Executive Committee of the Forum have embarked on courtesy visits to remarkable personalities in the country to spread the vision of the Forum and gain more support in achieving the same. The Forum's Exco members have paid courtesy visits to Senator Daisy Danjuma, His Excellency Hope Uzodimma Governor Of Imo State and the First Lady on the 20th October, 2023, at the Imo State Government House, the Abia State Governor and First Lady on the 9th of April, First Lady Bayelsa State, Chief Judge of Bayelsa State, Executive Secretary NCDMB on the 22nd of May, Chief Judge of Kano State on the 5th of June.

Elevations

We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our esteemed members.

- Council member Mrs Folashade Alli was conferred the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in November 2023
- The Kwara State lead was elevated to Professor of Law by the University of Ilorin in October 2023

Bereavement

We also commiserate with our Forum members and their family members when bereaved.

- The Forum deeply mourns the loss of Mrs. Eire Ifueko Alufohai, SAN, the Vice Chairperson's mother. The Forum was well-represented at her burial to offer condolences to our beloved Vice Chairperson.
- The Forum deeply mourns the loss of Mrs. Folashade Alli, SAN, a distinguished Council Member. The Forum was well-represented at her burial to offer condolences to her family.

5.0 SECRETARIAT INNOVATIONS

- Efficient Operation of Online Payment Portals: It is with great satisfaction that we report the optimal functionality of our online payment portals located on our official website. This robust system has been meticulously designed and rigorously tested to ensure the prompt processing of payments, thereby resulting in immediate issuance of receipts and acknowledgements. This operational efficacy significantly contributes to a frictionless and satisfactory experience for our esteemed patrons.
- Within the last one year, we have moved our website to a cloud infrastructure that

allows for excellent accessibility and improved user-friendliness.

- With a fast growing membership enrollment, we have increasingly prioritized the security of the data of our members by implementing security hardening on our database.
- To ensure that members are able to pay their dues effortlessly and seamlessly, we have implemented a fully functional payment gateway that brings dues payment down to just a few clicks.
- To enhance transparency and accountability in revenue collected from members as membership dues, we now have a section of our website where we publish a list of members and dues paid almost in real-time.
- To ensure that new members of the forum have a hassle-free onboarding process, we have implemented a system on our website that allows members to directly select and join the committee of their choice automatically as against the previous experience where they had to wait to be manually assigned.

6.0 MEETINGS

In this reporting period,

The Executive members have held seven Executive Committee meetings and two Governing Council meetings via zoom. The Executive Committee has held two meetings with the committee officers and two meetings with the Forum's state leads virtually via zoom. Discussions are also done on the WhatsApp platform for quick implementation of actions. Decisions requiring Council ratification were presented for input and necessary action. Committee officers and State Leads also interact regularly on their WhatsApp platforms and transactions requiring approvals are referred to the Executive Committee.

7.0 MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP DUES

7.1 Membership

At the inception of this administration, membership strength stood at about 1500 (One thousand five hundred) members. As at the last count, our membership has grown to 3057 (Three thousand and Fifty Seven). The Secretariat and the membership committee worked hard to ensure that there was a continuous growth in the membership of the Forum. The State Leads and Branch Facilitators also did a lot of work disseminating information about NBAWF in their various states and branches. The Committees raked in a good number of members through their programmes.

7.2 Membership Dues

The Annual Dues for membership are as follows:

Young Female Lawyers years 0-5 at the bar - free registration.

Members 6 years and above at the bar - N5000.00 (Five Thousand Naira Only)

State Leads N20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira Only)
Heads of committees N50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira Only)

N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira Only). Council Members

\$50(Fifty US Dollars) Members in Diaspora

Senior Lawyers are encouraged to sponsor junior Lawyers to become members.

8.0 CONCLUSION

My tenure as Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum has been a deeply rewarding experience. Together, we have championed the cause of women in the legal profession, advocating for gender equality, mentorship, and professional development. Through our initiatives and programs, we have empowered women lawyers to excel in their careers and contribute meaningfully to the legal landscape. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside such dedicated and passionate colleagues. As I conclude my term, I am confident that the Women Forum will continue to be a driving force for positive change in the Nigerian legal community. I wish to extend my special appreciation to all the state leads and branch facilitators whose dedicated endeavors have been instrumental in realizing the Forum's objectives at the grassroots level. I am grateful for the privilege to serve in this capacity.

Long live the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum, Long live the Nigerian Bar Association.

Yours Sincerely

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Prof. Oluyemisi A. Bamgbose SAN - Chairperson Chinyere Okorocha - Vice Chairperson Chinyere Okorocha - Vice Cha Nsidibe Aideyan - Secretary Safiya I. Balarabe - Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chairperson, Exco members, Council members, officers of the NBAWF, Learned seniors and distinguished colleagues, good morning.

I stand before you as the Treasurer of our esteemed Forum to present the Treasurer's Report for the accounting year ending 7th August, 2024. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our forum's financial activities, ensuring transparency and accountability to our valued members. It is with great pleasure that I report our financial performance for the year. Our opening balance was \text{\tex

Income Sources:

Our forum generated a total income of ₦71,118,736.00 during the year. This income was derived from various sources, including:

Membership Dues: ₩5,870,000.00
Fundraising Events: ₩51,275,000.00
Other Revenue Streams: ₩12,973,736.00

Expenses Breakdown:

In terms of expenses, our forum incurred a total of \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{e}}}}}86,214,711.00} in various categories. Major expense categories included:

- Conference expenses
- Event costs
- Administrative expenses
- Members' welfare expenses
- Other Significant expenditures

Membership Fees:

We collected membership fees from 204 members during the year i.e, 204 members have paid their dues in full. Our commitment to responsible financial management allows us to continue offering valuable services to our members.

Financial Statements Highlights:

	August, 2024	August, 2023
Income	71,118,736	49,347,975
Expenditure	86,214,711	41,433,246
Surplus (Deficit)	(15,034,974)	7,914,729
Domiciliary Account	481.68 USD	2,983.24(USD)
Accumulated Funds	3,493,103	18,528,076

Budget vs. Actual Comparison:

We formulated a budget at the of the year to guide our financial decisions. I'm pleased to inform you that our actual income and expenses closely aligned with the budgeted figures. Any variations were minor and were due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. inflation.

Auditor's Report:

Our financial statements underwent Audit Review by Danusman & Partners and I'm pleased to report that the auditor's findings were positive. Their report attests to the accuracy and transparency of our financial records.

Financial Health and Stability:

Our forum's financial health remains stable and strong. We have maintained a responsible approach to financial management, enabling us to continue our activities and initiatives.

Acknowledgment and Thanks:

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member whose continued support has contributed to our financial success. Special thanks are also due to Danusman & Partners/Financial Committee Members for their efforts in ensuring accurate financial reporting.

In conclusion, the financial well-being of our forum is a collective achievement that reflects our unity and commitment. I express my sincere appreciation for your attention and support, which are vital to our continued growth and impact.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mercy Ijato Agada

Treasurer Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum

21st August, 2024.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 7TH AUGUST 2024

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NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM

Management Team

Mrs. Chinyere Okorocha Chairperson

Mrs. Eire-Ifueko Alufohai Vice Chairperson

Mrs. Irene Pepple Secretary

Mrs. Mercy Ijato Agada Treasurer

Mrs. Theodora Kio-Lawson Publicity Secretary

Bankers

Access Bank Plc

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Auditors

We have audited the Financial Statements set out on pages which have been prepared on the basis of the Accounting Policies on page 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Auditors

The Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. it is our responsibilities to form an independent opinion based on our audit, on those statements prepared by the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Nigeria. an audit includes the examination, on a test basis, of evidence, relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. it also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Nigerian bar association women forum's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statement are free of material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. in forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements and assessed whether the Nigerian bar association women forum books of account had been properly kept.

The Financial Statement drawn up in conformity with generally accepted accounting principle and standard issued to date by the financial reporting council of Nigeria are in agreement with the books of account, which in our opinion has been properly kept. we have obtained all the information and explanation we required for the purpose of our audit.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Nigeria bar association women forum as at 7th august, 2024, Financial Position, Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant statements of accounting standards issued by financial reporting council of Nigeria.

DANIEL USMAN

FRC/2015/MULTI/0000001192 FOR: DANUSMAN & PARTNERS CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

ABUJA-NIGERIA

DATE: 21ST AUGUST, 2024



NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these Financial Statements.

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with all the Statements of Accounting Standards issued to date by Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria.

2. FIXED ASSETS

The policy of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum is to write off expenditures on Fixed Assets against income in year in which they were incurred.

3. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance are written off against income in the year they have incurred.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 7TH AUGUST, 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
			14
Cash and Cash Equivalent	1	3,493,103	10,603,947
Financed By			
Accumulated Fund	2	3,493,103	10,603,947
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NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 7TH AUGUST, 2024

INCOME	NOTES	2024 N	2023 ₩
Annual Dues	3	1,840,000	1,842,000
Sponsorship AGC Registration Fees States' Income Other Income 880,975	4	51,275,000 5,870,000 - 12,973,736	42,025,000 2,630,000 1,970,000
Total		71,958,736	49,347,975
EXPENDITURE			
Salaries Allowances Plaques Other Allowances Research & Development Courier Services & Logistics Travelling ICT Services Meetings Miscellaneous Media and Publicity Professional Fees Accommodation Event Management Activities Welfare support to members Charges/Subscription/Website		2,069,000 1,060,000 1,241,000 - - 5,474,640 - 964,000 1,722,750 - 250,000 2,688,000 - 5,552,875 4,129,640	500,000 1,836,500 548,000 3,260,123 1,433,500 250,000 2,763,799 715,000 592,000 - 1,210,000 250,000 1,705,000 2,015,000
NBA/NBAWF AGC/AGM		44,091,081	429,000
Programs		15,371,725	260,125
Bank/Other Charges		778,999	143,033

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 7TH AUGUST, 2024 (CONT'D)

	2024	2023
Conference Brochure and Spoken Word		1,092,000
Postage and Delivery		1,092,000
Master of Ceremony (M.C.)		350,000
Zoom Webinar License		330,000
Web Design		242,000
Hybrid Setup		242,000
Stationeries and Cm360		281,000
Funeral Support		303,000
States' Releases	1,600,000	1,970,000
	1,000,000	574,000
Membership Drive		
Inauguration and IAWL Event		1,936,816
Website Management		247,000
Hotel and Lodging		3,521,000
Launch, Dinner and Cocktails Hall Decoration		3,901,000
		1,500,000
Security		40,000
Cogito		1,746,750
Bus Fuel and Drivers' Allowances		105,000
A Class Event Centre		1,988,750
Air Flights	10 - O	1,580,000
Data and Fuel		20,000
NBAWF 2023 AGC	-	66,000
Technical Support		90,850
Lanyards and Fliers		720,000
Total	86,214,711.00	41,433,246
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Period	(15,034,974)	7,914,729

Cash And Cash Equivalent
 Access Bank Plc 3,493,103

2. Accumulated Fund

 Opening Balance
 18,528,676

 Deficit for the Year
 (15,034,974)

 Closing Balance
 3,493,103

3. ANNUAL DUES

Name	Designation	Amount	Date
Chinyere Anayo Okorocha	Council Member	100000	04/02/2024
Achanya Deborah Excel	Member	5000	06/02/2024
Ofoegbu Oluchi	Member	5000	06/02/2024
Barbara Uchechukwu Abayomi	Member	5000	05/02/2024
Gertrude	State Lead	20000	04/02/2024
Rose Ugbe	State Lead	20000	04/02/2024
Dr Bukola O. Ochei	Member	5000	04/02/2024
Adefowoke Ayo-Ponle	State Lead	20000	02/02/2024
Wendy N Kuku	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Samira Mohammed Attah	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Gloria Egwuagu	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Inna Fatimeh Ali	Head of Committee	50000	02/02/2024
CECILIA ODENAFENALE ODIBO	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Anyanwu Chioma	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Prof. Benedicta Daudu	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Yewande Mary Akanbi	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Jolaade Falade	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Foluke Dada-Lawanson	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Marcella Uzonna Emenike	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Kemi Afesojaye	Member	5000	01/02/2024

Christiana Nweze	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Eire Ifueko Alufohai	Council Member	100000	01/02/2024
Thomas Adetoun Olaide	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Nkiruka Ikenna-Emmanuel	Member	5000	01/02/2024
MERCY IJATO AGADA	Council Member	100000	01/02/2024
SYLVIA GARUBA	Member	5000	31/01/2024
Chetachi Success Udeh	Member	5000	31/01/2024
Iniobong Irene Pepple Asta Michael	Council Member Member	100000 5000	31/01/2024 31/01/2024
Mfonmfon Udo	Member	5000	30/01/2024
Ojiugo Chukwumaeze	Member	5000	30/01/2024
Ngozi Ihiekwe	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Hamudalat Omojoke Adeniran	Member	5000	29/01/2024
NKECHI OBIOHA	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Ifeoluwa Faith Ogunlola	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Anne Tinuade U- Ibinola	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Faith Amarachi Okpara	Member	5000	29/01/2024
NNENDA KEJEH	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Osarobo Agbontaen	Member	5000	28/01/2024
Nnenna EMEKA-ALU	Member	5000	28/01/2024
Dr Chioma Emukah	Member	5000	27/01/2024
Shirley Bull	Member	5000	26/01/2024
RUTH AKINWANDE	Member	5000	26/01/2024
Kowoabo Takoni	Member	5000	25/01/2024
Jennifer Nwosu	Member	5000	24/01/2024
Chioma Iwueze	Member	5000	24/01/2024
Amina Ali	Member	5000	22/01/2024
Aguocha Amarachi Olivie	Member	5000	22/01/2024
Akubueze chidimma ursla	Member	5000	22/01/2024
Chikaodi Onyeanwuna	Member	5000	21/01/2024
NNEKA OBIAGOR	Member	5000	19/01/2024
AUGUSTINA OJENIKOH HARRISON	State Lead	20000	18/01/2024

Comfort Roland Otaru	Member	5000	17/01/2024
Olufunmilayo Roberts	Member	5000	15/01/2024
Ugwochi Agala	Head of Committee	50000	12/01/2024
Adetola Bucknor-Taiwo	Member	5000	12/01/2024
Olufunmilayo Roberts	Member	5000	12/01/2024
Odibo Brenda Nkechi	Member	5000	12/01/2024
Ebube Rebecca Victor	Member	5000	11/01/2024
Bilkisu BUHARI Bala	Member	5000	10/01/2024
Ayoyinka Olajide-Awosedo	Member	5000	10/01/2024
TOYIN BASHIR	Member	5000	10/01/2024
URECHI NWANNE UKEFI	Member	5000	08/01/2024
Uchenna Lynda Nwankwo	Member	5000	07/01/2024
Oluwabunmi Falade	Member	5000	05/01/2024
Hadiza Ali	State Lead	20000	05/01/2024
Ngozi Eucharia Anyanwu	Member	5000	04/01/2024
Ndidi Anike Val-Okeoma	Member	5000	04/01/2024
Olushola Adeniran	Member	5000	04/01/2024
FATIMA HAMMED-GBADAMOSI	Member	5000	04/01/2024
Nneka Amucheazi	Member	5000	03/01/2024
GRACE INIKPI EDOGBO	Member	5000	03/01/2024
Abiye Tam-George	Member	5000	03/01/2024
Fadimatu Babakano Aliyu	Member	5000	02/01/2024
Iya Bawa Pyiki	Member	5000	02/01/2024
Ebiere Ekpese	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Adaeze Onyekachi Opara	Member	5000	01/01/2024
NONYEREM CHIAKA OPARA	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Eberechukwu Genevieve Onyedimma- Orjiakor	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Uchenna Ogunedo Akingbade	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Chioma Linda Ekene-Okwunma	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Adaeze Emilia Mbakwe	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Maureen D. Igyo	Member	5000	01/01/2024

Ruth Nguwasen Gbaa	Member	5000	01/01/2024
Nana Muhammed Ali	Member	5000	05/01/2024
Nkem Stephanie Agholor	Member	5000	22/01/2024
Okonyia Julie Adobi	Member	5000	27/01/2024
Jane Ejiro Akpimegin	Member	5000	29/01/2024
Ngozi Yvonne Augoye	Member	5000	30/01/2024
Helen H. Stack	Member	5000	01/02/2024
Juliet Ojefia	Member	5000	02/01/2024
Ochei E. Ifeoma	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Happy Ovili	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Ovili Helen Unoma	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Dumebi Tina Makwe Unuareokpa	Member	5000	06/02/2024
SOIBI OVIA	Council Member	100000	06/02/2024
JOSEPHINE GOMPIL KUNI NUHU	Member	5000	06/02/2024
Priscilla	Member	5000	07/02/2024
Abidemi Rita Ekpemina	Member	5000	27/01/2024
Rita Emekpe	Member	5000	08/02/2024
Odebala Princess	Member	5000	08/02/2024
Chinwendu Nwosu	Member	5000	07/02/2024
Elizabeth Obiageli Ekwerekwu	Member	5000	10/02/2024
Daniels Olajumoke	Member	5000	10/02/2024
Edirin Elvon Ezie	Member	5000	11/02/2024
Ogechi Olisa-Mokelu	Member	5000	09/02/2024
Oyinkansola Badejo-Okusanya	Member	5000	02/02/2024
Mahmudat Yussuf	Member	5000	12/02/2024
Uche Akamagwuna	Member	5000	12/02/2024
Maryanne Chinonso Okafor	Member	5000	13/02/2024
Erondu Adaku Nnenna	Member	5000	13/02/2024
Aghogho Oghre	Member	5000	14/02/2024
Isioma Nwabuoku	Member	5000	15/02/2024
Orubu Naomi Odibalakumo	Member	5000	15/02/2024
Atase Ogaga	Member	5000	15/02/2024

OLUBOLA AFOLABI	Member	5000	15/02/2024
Frank-Chukkas Odna Tatra	Member	5000	16/02/2024
Mwarmikat Jerusa Nimfel	Member	5000	16/02/2024
Aisha Usman Ahmed	Member	5000	18/02/2024
Nwanze Ijeoma	Member	5000	18/02/2024
DR CHINYERE OBIARAERI	Member	5000	19/02/2024
Atoba Zainab GLORY O. OZURU	Head of Committee State Lead	50000 20000	19/02/2024 20/02/2024
Fowosimiloluwa Opayemi	Member	5000	20/02/2024
Olaide Oluwayomi-Ajewole	Member	5000	20/02/2024
Okolo Chinyere Edith	Member	5000	21/02/2024
Ogechi Chiavoghilefu	Member	5000	21/02/2024
Ishaya Blessing Dabari	Member	5000	23/02/2024
Ofili Nkechi	Member	5000	25/02/2024
Jamila Babuba	Member	5000	25/02/2024
Ofili Nkechi	Member	5000	25/02/2024
Ogam Bertha Ugochi	Member	5000	28/02/2024
Mosunmola Ogunkola	Member	5000	28/02/2024
Onyinye isikwei	Member	5000	29/02/2024
Efua Animat Momoh	Member	5000	29/02/2024
Onianwa Patience	Member	5000	01/03/2024
Oyindobra Ebinimi Pre-Gee	Member	5000	02/03/2024
Chika Josephine Oranye	Member	5000	04/03/2024
Olamide Olayinka Mohammed	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Ikuomola R. Taiwo	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Cordelia N. Okolo	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Blessing Perekemebinaoyagha Oweibe	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Allanah Obiageli Felicia	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Okiemute Adjogri	Member	5000	05/03/2024
Ahunnah Obadiah	Member	5000	06/03/2024
Nwakarame Joy Isioma	Member	5000	06/03/2024
Chinenyeugo Augusta Onyia	Member	5000	07/03/2024

Akporero Eucharia Ngozi	Member	5000	08/03/2024
Ogechi Oleka Duruaku	Member	5000	09/03/2024
Aliwere Paullette Popo	Member	5000	09/03/2024
Lokoro Bako Gwamau	Member	5000	13/03/2024
Cynthia Onyinyechi Chukwu	Member	5000	14/03/2024
Augusta Yaakugh	Member	5000	16/03/2024
Temitope Olajolo	State Lead	20000	17/03/2024
Caroline Obi	Member	5000	18/03/2024
Nwira Mbanefo	Member	5000	18/03/2024
Bridget Ijeoma Edokwe	Member	5000	19/03/2024
Taredenyefa Mamofede	Member	5000	20/03/2024
Toritseju Ikime	Member	5000	20/03/2024
Umar Surayya Adamu	Member	5000	20/03/2024
Lilian Chikaima Ugoanyanwu	Member	5000	21/03/2024
Edidiong Prince	Member	5000	22/03/2024
Ifeoma Bel-Molokwu	Member	5000	22/03/2024
Ijeoma T. Okeke	Member	5000	22/03/2024
Munirat Shehu	Member	5000	23/03/2024
Ibekwem Vivienne Ihuoma	Member	5000	25/03/2024
Sa,adatu Umar Babayi	Member	5000	26/03/2024
Egeonu	Member	5000	26/03/2024
Ifeoma Ben Ebiemi Fubara Ibierela	Head of Committee Member	50000 5000	27/03/2024 27/03/2024
Adaobi Akuabata Ike	Member	5000	28/03/2024
Erikaebinyo Romiel	Member	5000	28/03/2024
Abolo Mercy	Member	5000	28/03/2024
Marian Oyintarimoboere Akpoyi- Ouserigha	Member	5000	29/03/2024
Fatima Mamman Mandara	Member	5000	30/03/2024
Salamatu Mohammed Bello	Member	5000	30/03/2024
Hapsatu Abdullahi	Member	5000	30/03/2024
Ibiwari Adawari	Member	5000	30/03/2024
Agnes Anayisi Fache-Omu	Member	5000	30/03/2024

Homchi Bagale Benjamin	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Affiong Ene-Obong	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Patience Agorua	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Justina Lewa	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Flora Festus-Ifode	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Fabiawari Mark	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Rahama Muhammad Ahmad	Member	5000	31/03/2024
Omolade Olomola	Member	5000	03/04/2024
Olufunmilola Odunlami	Member	5000	04/04/2024
Chijindu Patience Ovuezirie	Member	5000	05/04/2024
Phil Obiageli Amaefule	Member	5000	06/04/2024
Egede Ruth Amechi	Member	5000	25/04/2024
Egondu Grace Ikeatu	Member	5000	28/04/2024
Ngoba Martyns-Yellowe	Member	5000	02/05/2024
Oluwadara Ajidasile	Member	5000	08/05/2024
Fati watafua	Member	5000	12/05/2024
Ojuawo Oladayo Oluyinka	Member	5000	13/05/2024
Ebi Ikhinmwin	Member	5000	20/05/2024
Elizabeth Joseph	Member	5000	29/05/2024
Aishatu Sandabe	Member	5000	12/06/2024
Jennifer Yakubu	Member	5000	13/06/2024
Temitope Olajolo	State Lead	20000	28/06/2024
Juliet agba	Member	5000	04/07/2024
Huwaila Ibrahim Olayinka Charles-Lucky	Head of Committee Member	50000 5000	07/07/2024 12/07/2024
TOTAL		1,840,000	

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED $7^{\rm TH}$ AUGUST, 2024 (CONT'D)

4. SPONSORSHIP

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT
17/08/2023	MINISTY OF JUSTICE	100,000
09/10/2023	ABIODUN SAMSON OLUMIDE	120,000
18/10/2023	FRANCISCA AKUNNA UZODINMA	5,000,000
23/01/2024	CHRISTOPHER ADEBAYO OJO	250,000
04/02/2024	OKOROCHA CHINYERE ANAYO	100,000
15/02/2024	27583579	1,000,000
20/02/2024	DUALE OVIA AND ALEX	1,000,000
22/02/2024	CHIEF AFE BABALOLA	1,000,000
24/02/2024	PAUL USORO (SAN)	500,000
29/02/2024	EMEKA OZOANI (SAN)	300,000
29/02/2024	JOHN OLATUNJI MAYAKI	1,000,000
08/03/2024	KEVIN MARTIN OGWEMOH LEGAL	500,000
08/03/2024	R-1010361422	1,000,000
08/03/2024	CLP LEGAL	500,000
08/03/2024	KENNA PARTNERS	500,000
11/03/2024	OLATUNJI ABIODUN ADEDIRAN	1,000,000
11/03/2024	SENATOR DANJUMA DAISY	500,000
12/03/2024	ALLIANCE LAW FIRM	500,000
12/03/2024	J.K GADZAMA LLP	200,000
12/03/2024	OSIGWE AFAM	250,000
12/03/2024	FOUNDATION CHAMBERS	1,000,000
12/03/2024		500,000
12/03/2024	PUNUKA ATTORNEYS	500,000
13/03/2024	MIANNAYA AJA ESSIEN	250,000
13/03/2024	GAPSLITE	500,000
13/03/2024	NIKKY TAURUS NIG. LTD	500,000
13/03/2024	ACHIKE CHARLES UMMUNA	100,000
13/03/2024	ANAJE OLUMIDE OKE AKINKAGBE	1,500,000
13/03/2024	S.P.A AJIBADE H & CO.	1,000,000
13/03/2024	A.D. ALEGH &CO.	150,000
14/03/2024	TEMPLARS AND ASSOCIATES	1,500,000

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED $7^{\rm TH}$ AUGUST, 2024 (CONT'D)

14/03/2024	ALUKO & OYEBODE	1,000,000
15/03/2024	ODUJIRI AND ADEFILU	1,000,000
15/03/2024	JOSEPH B. DAUDA	1,000,000
15/03/2024	AFRICA LAW PRACTICE	2,500,000
18/03/2024	KOFOWOROLA A. AKINKUGBE	250,000
19/03/2024	HEADWATERS LEGAL ADVISORY	50,000
19/03/2024	FUNKE ADEKOLA ARBITRATION	250,000
19/03/2024	THE LAW CREST	500,000
19/03/2024	EMPIRE MULTILINK COMPANY	2,000,000
19/03/2024	JURIS LAW ASSOCIATES	100,000
19/03/2024	JONATHAN GUNNA TAIDI	200,000
19/03/2024	ABALO PERENAMI AJOKE	200,000
19/03/2024	GBENGA BIBAKU &CO.	250,000
19/03/2024	UDO UDIMA & BELO OSAGIE	2,500,000
19/03 24	OGUDE VICTOR	1,000,000
20/03/2024	VICTORIA OLUFUMILAYO	250,000
20/03/2024	MOHAMMED BELLO ADOKE	2,000,000
20/03/2024	GEORGE AND EFUSA ETOMI	500,000
20/03/2024	DIAHA SIMPLE IHENYICHUKU	1,000,000
20/03/2024	SHUAIBU SALE	100,000
20/03/2024	DIOHA SIMPLE IHEANYICHUKU	150,000
21/03/2024	OLANIWUM AJAYI LP	1,000,000
21/03/2024	THE NEW PRACTICE	1,000,000
21/03/2024	JOYCE ODUAH &CO	100,000
22/03/2024	CHUKWUKA IKWUAJEM	250,000
22/03/2024	ADEPETIUN CAXTON MARTINS AGBOR	500,000
22/03/2024	DORMAN LONG ENGR	250,000
22/03/2024	125247748	100,000
22/03/2024	JACKSON ETTI EDU	1,500,000
22/03/2024	BANK OF INDUSTRY	2,500,00
27/03/2024	ALUKO & OYEBODE	130,000
28/03/2024	ASSOCIATED ATTORNEYS	500,000
16/04/2024	IHIS NIG LTD	1,000,000
16/04/2024	CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA	1,000,000

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN FORUM NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 7TH AUGUST, 2024 (CONT'D)

	TOTAL	51,275,000
	OTHERS	2,805,000
24/07/2024	UDOH CHRISTOPHER	100,000
19/07/2024	ABDULKARIM ABUBAKAR KANA	300,000
19/07/2024	LAW FORTE	200,000
18/07/2024	EBUTE MOSES ALFRED	200,000
17/07/2024	JONATHAN GUNU TAIDI	100,000
13/07/2024	CHIKA OSOLU OJUKWU	500,000
05/07/2024	AISHABA NIG LTD	120,000

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