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BUILDING NIGERIA

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The Nigeria Leadership Initiative (NLI) was established in January 2006 as an international, non-profit, non-partisan organisation.

It provides a platform for highly accomplished, uniquely qualified Nigerian Leaders (Fellows & Associates) to develop and express their values-based leadership skills and to assume a transformative role in the future development of Nigeria.



NLI has a collaborative relationship with the Aspen Institute, Washington DC and the Africa Leadership Initiative.

Fellows & Associates attend residential seminars and are then tasked with completing social projects that impact their communities. The approach is built on two main pillars: Learning (seminars) and taking responsibility (projects).

FOREWORD

THE STORY

A major factor that inspired the founding of NLI was the absence of a credible platform for highly accomplished Nigerians in the Diaspora and Nigeria to play a significant role in helping to transform our country/societies. So many successful Nigerians have a lot to offer as critical stakeholders in our country's development.

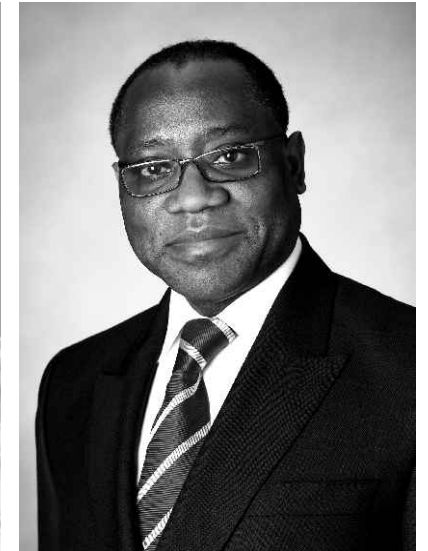
Another inspiration for the idea was the remarkable progress the country had made in certain areas during the Olusegun Obasanjo administration. There was a sustained and effective fight against corruption at the time and we had some very technically competent, enthusiastic, dedicated reformers in the Government. In spite of all the odds, these individuals were committed to playing a major role in transforming our country. We felt they needed the support and help from a group like NLI. Those were the two main inspirations for the initial idea.

The concept of NLI was discussed with a few friends of Mr Aganga's and Dr. Christopher Kolade (our NLI Patron), who was then the Nigerian High Commissioner to the UK. A few months later Mr. Aganga was nominated to attend the Africa Leadership Initiative (ALI) South Africa class as a Goldman Sachs-ALI fellow. The experience with the Aspen Institute and the ALI helped shaped his thoughts and was a major catalyst for the NLI class.

So far, NLI's contributions have not only been recognised in Nigeria but by international organisations. The World Bank asked NLI to partner with them in developing a Rwanda leadership program



The founding Patron is, **Dr. Christopher Kolade, CON** Pro-Chancellor, Pan-African University and former Nigerian High Commissioner to the UK.



NLI was founded by **Olusegun Aganga**, Nigeria's Minister of Finance and Chairman, World Bank/IMF

and also co-sponsored the May 2009 NLI Future Leaders Class. The UK All Political Parties Group identified NLI as one of the most credible and effective Nigerian organisations in its report on Nigeria. In addition, the Aspen Institute in Colorado, Goldman Sachs and other local institutions have been very supportive of our efforts and deserve due recognition.

Overall, we have made very good progress and the Initiative has been sustained by the passion, sacrifice and

commitment demonstrated by the Fellows and Associates in class discussions and leadership projects. They, like many other Nigerians, remind us of the incredible accomplishments of Nigerians globally and give us pride and hope that we can and will transform our country.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Nigeria Leadership Initiative (NLI) is to create a growing, global network of credible, accomplished community-spirited Nigerian leaders, committed to taking responsibility for driving positive change in Nigeria and Nigerian communities.

AIMS



↑ To mobilize the energy, talent and resources of credible and accomplished Nigerian leaders drawn from Nigeria, the Americas, Europe, Asia and the rest of Africa to tackle the challenges that confront Nigeria.



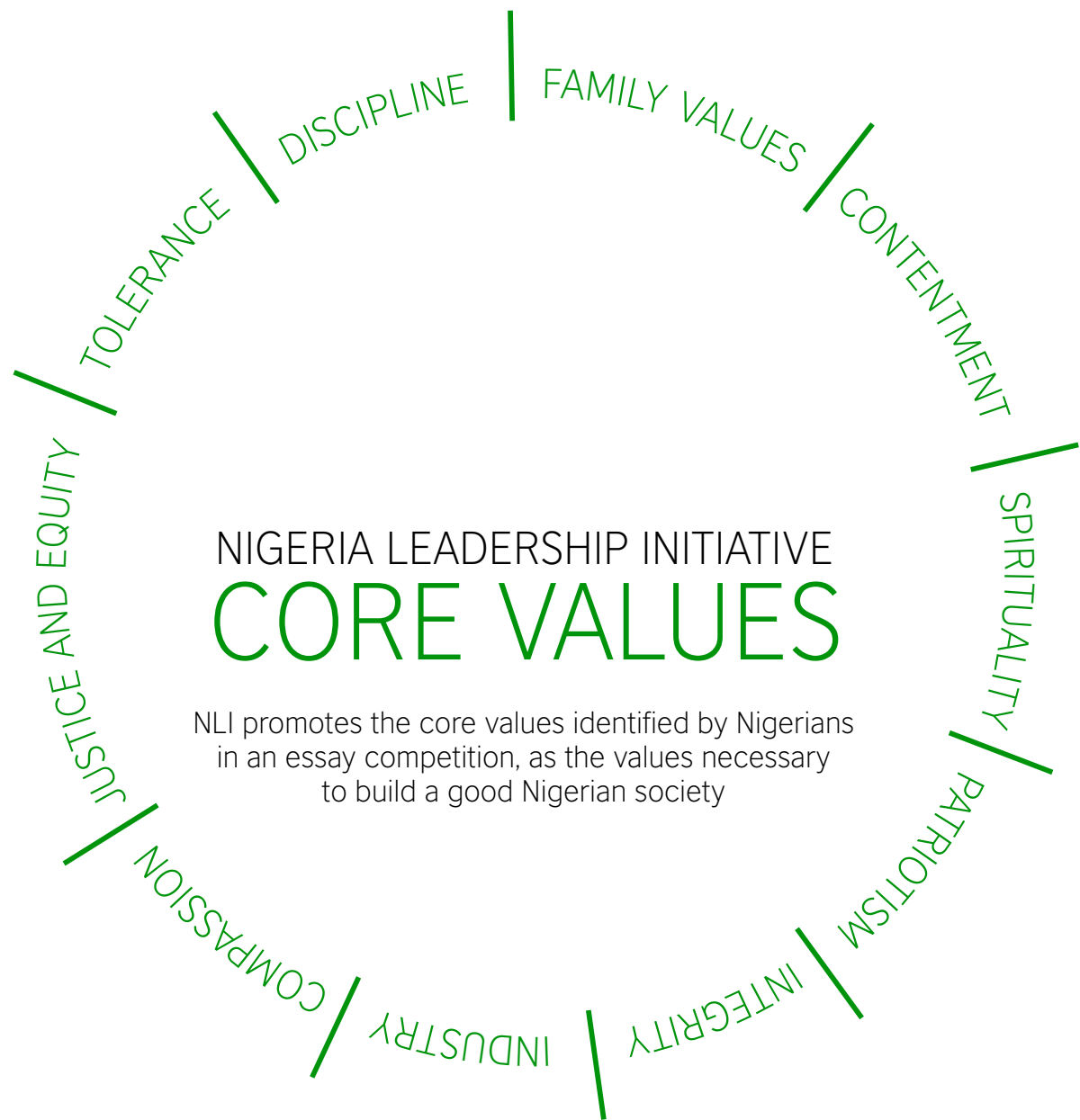
To encourage them to move from thought to action by undertaking a leadership project that demonstrates their values and to participate actively in class projects.



To encourage them to move from success to significance by taking more responsibility for the future of Nigeria.



Through a Fellowship Program, to develop a cadre of values-based, community spirited leaders that participate actively in class projects aimed at transforming society.



NIGERIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE CORE VALUES

NLI promotes the core values identified by Nigerians
in an essay competition, as the values necessary
to build a good Nigerian society



ADVISORY BOARD

The selfless contributions of the members of NLI's Advisory Board have ensured the growth and success of our initiatives.

We are privileged to have:

Dr. Christopher Kolade CON

Founding Patron/Chairman of the Advisory Board

Dr. Christopher Kolade, Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON), is the Founding Patron and a Director of the Nigeria Leadership Initiative. He is presently the Pro-Chancellor of the Pan-African University.

Dr. Kolade was the Nigerian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (2002-2007). He was also the Director-General of the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) as well as the Chief Executive, Executive Chairman and Chairman (non-executive) of Cadbury Nigeria Plc.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria, Fellow, Society of Nigerian Broadcasters, Fellow, Institute of Directors (Nigeria) and has held the Presidency of these and many other professional bodies to which he belongs. He also sits on the Board of several organisations including the Christopher Kolade Foundation (CKF); Transparency in Nigeria and the Convention on Business Integrity.



ADVISORY BOARD

We are privileged to have:

Olusegun Aganga

Founder

Segun Aganga, Nigeria's Minister of Finance and Chairman of the Board of the Bretton-Woods Institutes, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs London.

Prior to joining Goldman, Segun was at

Ernst & Young for 22 years where he established and led the European Alternative Investment Management Practice. Segun has been the Chairman of the London Investment Banking Association's prime brokerage committee and the Alternative Investments Managers Association's hedge fund committee.



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NIGERIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

THOUGHT.
ACTION.
IMPACT.



PARTNERS

Aspen Institute

The Aspen Institute seeks to foster values based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society. The Institute provides a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues.

NLI seminars are modelled after the Aspen Institute's myriad leadership offerings; from the Henry Crown Fellowship Program to the Africa Leadership Initiative.

As such, they are text-based and moderated by skilled professionals whose role is not to teach but to prompt informed dialogue among all assembled. The emphasis is on creating a spirited and engaging dialogue among all participants that will lead to a collective commitment to action.





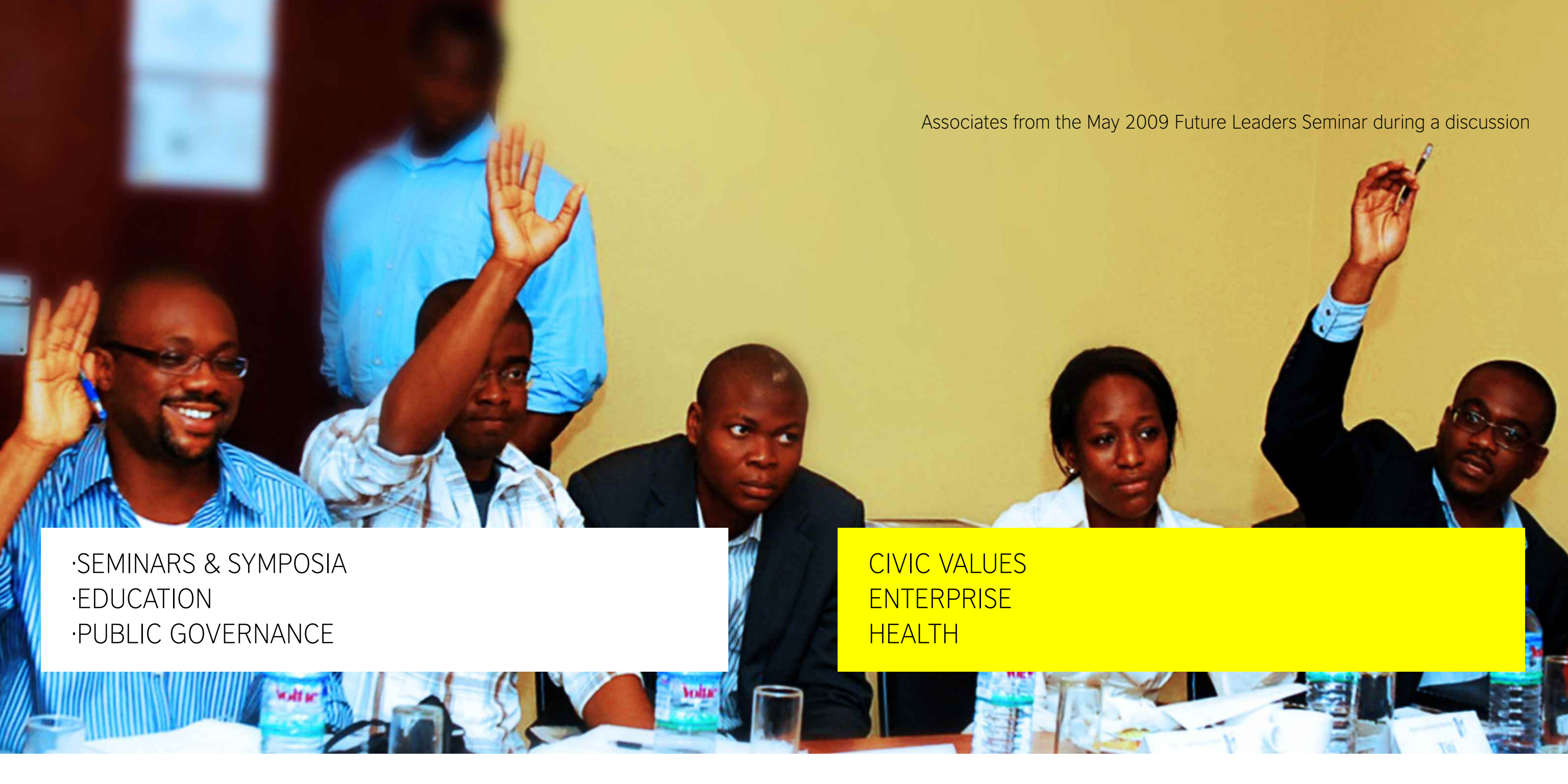
Overview of Leadership Seminars & Projects

Fellows & Associates go through rigorous leadership seminars and are then required to undertake a personal leadership project and actively participate in class projects. The design and implementation of these projects are according to set guidelines and are monitored to ensure that they have a meaningful impact on the society.

For example, the projects must address a pressing need within the Nigerian society, and show discernible results within a year of inception. Each project reflects the Fellows' or Associates' deep-seated values and engages their personal passion. Projects are both innovative and ambitious, involving the relevant skills and resources of Fellows & Associates.

These projects are a source of pride for NLI.

Our Leadership Seminars & Projects are in the following broad areas:

A photograph of five people (three men and two women) seated at a long table during a seminar. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame. The man on the far left is smiling and has his hand raised. The man next to him is also raising his hand. The man in the center is looking intently. The woman next to him is looking forward. The man on the far right is holding a pen and has his hand raised. There are water bottles and papers on the table.

Associates from the May 2009 Future Leaders Seminar during a discussion

·SEMINARS & SYMPOSIA
·EDUCATION
·PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

CIVIC VALUES
ENTERPRISE
HEALTH

SEMINARS & SYMPOSIA

In line with our mission and aims, NLI organises a series of leadership seminars. The leadership seminars are by invitation and are in four main groups:



A Senior Leaders class for some of the most successful and senior Nigerians in the Diaspora and in Nigeria.

A Future Leaders class for emerging public and private leaders in Nigeria and their peers in the Diaspora.



University Student Leadership Seminar.



A Special Seminar for the President, Government Ministers and Advisers.



The Christopher Kolade Symposium (CK Symposium) held annually in honour of our founding patron, with varying themes centred on Public Service.

Oct. 2009 Future Leaders during their seminar discussions at Protea Hotels, Lekki



NLI's Governance Accountability Program will seek to train and hold government officials accountable for ethical and effective public service.

NIGERIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
PUBLIC GOVERNANCE



EDUCATION

Our projects in this area focus on promoting and reinforcing NLI's ten core values among students in a quantifiable, scalable and sustainable way. We have executed a pilot Debate Competition with the Nigerian FCT School Education Board. The aim of the competition is to encourage the development of values and patriotism through interaction and discussions. We are also setting up Clubs in Nigerian secondary schools to promote values and as a platform for executing community projects. A successful pilot has been executed.

PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

NLI's Governance Accountability Program will seek to train and hold government officials accountable for ethical and effective public service. The programme will focus on educating the electorate, fostering good governance and putting pressure on political office holders to deliver on their promises.

CIVIC VALUES

By using public appeals, our Civic Values Projects help to enhance the orientation of Nigerian society. We are currently executing a number of projects for youths codenamed, C.L.E.V.E.R (an acronym for Character, Leadership, Education, Values, Effort and Results). These projects will focus on civic education, pride and engagement.

NLI is working on building a network of Small Growing Businesses that will go beyond the typical bottom-line orientation to incorporate principles based on NLI's core values into their businesses.

NIGERIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
ENTERPRISE



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HEALTH

NLI recognises that the sustainability of any society's economic and social growth depends on the quality of life of its people. Therefore, NLI has begun to increase private participation in the health sector in the areas of leadership and ethics.



At Nigeria Leadership Initiative, we are building



a Nigeria we can all be proud of.

GALLERY



Friends of NLI Inc. is launched in New York City On August 15th 2009, NLI had its first Inaugural Dinner at the New York Marriott East Side Hotel. Friends of NLI Inc is open to people across the Nations who embrace the core values and mission of NLI and also want to actively promote NLI activities in Nigeria and the Diaspora.



Prof Jacob Olupona, Chairman of the occasion, delivering the opening remarks



Participants from the UK University Leadership Seminar. The event was held on April 17, 2009 at the Goldman Sachs office in London, UK. In attendance were 13 university students; a representative from World Bank, founder of NLI, Segun Aganga, and NLI associates.



L-R, Mrs Helen Ogboh (First Bank Nigeria), Mr. Dotun Sulaiman (Chairman, Accenture Nigeria and Judge during the competition presentations) with the winner of the NLI Business Plan Competition, Mr. Boniface Agugo



Mr. Segun Aganga and Mr. Pascal Dozie, Chairman, MTN Nigeria

3rd ANNUAL NLI DINNER

The Third Annual NLI dinner was held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Grand Ball room, Eko Hotel and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. The guest speaker, Lisa Rabbe, Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, UK gave a presentation on Policy, Values and The Recent Market Turmoil.

The National Re-orientation project was also launched at the event.

The presentation of the project was made by the October 2008 Future Leaders Class. The mission of the project is to help change the current orientation of society by promoting the core values identified by Nigerians as fundamental to the future development and success of our country. NLI will serve as motivators, promoters and catalysts for change.

The night included a presentation by Lola Adesioye, a UK journalist covering the U.S. presidential elections who gave a presentation on her perspective and lessons during the U.S. elections.



Participants from the October 2008 Seminar.



NLI Founder, Associates and Guest Speaker, Lisa Rabbe



NLI Senior Fellows with Dr. Christopher Kolade, NLI Founding Patron



Reuben Abati and Guest



Ms Fatima Wali, Mrs Maryam Uwais (Snr NLI Fellow)



Guests at the NLI NY Dinner with Speakers, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, (NLI Snr Fellow & Former EFCC Chairman) and Ambassador Ibrahim Gambari.

2ND CHRISTOPHER KOLADE SYMPOSIUM

The 2nd Christopher Kolade Symposium was held at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs on May 21, 2009. The Special Guest Speaker, Prof. Oladipupo Adamolekun D. Phil (Oxon), NNOM, gave a presentation on the Role of Professionals in Public Affairs.

Dr. Adamolekun highlighted four broad categories of public service professionals as
(i) top public service managers;
(ii) senior public service professionals;
(iii) middle-level public service professionals;
and (iv) junior public service professionals.

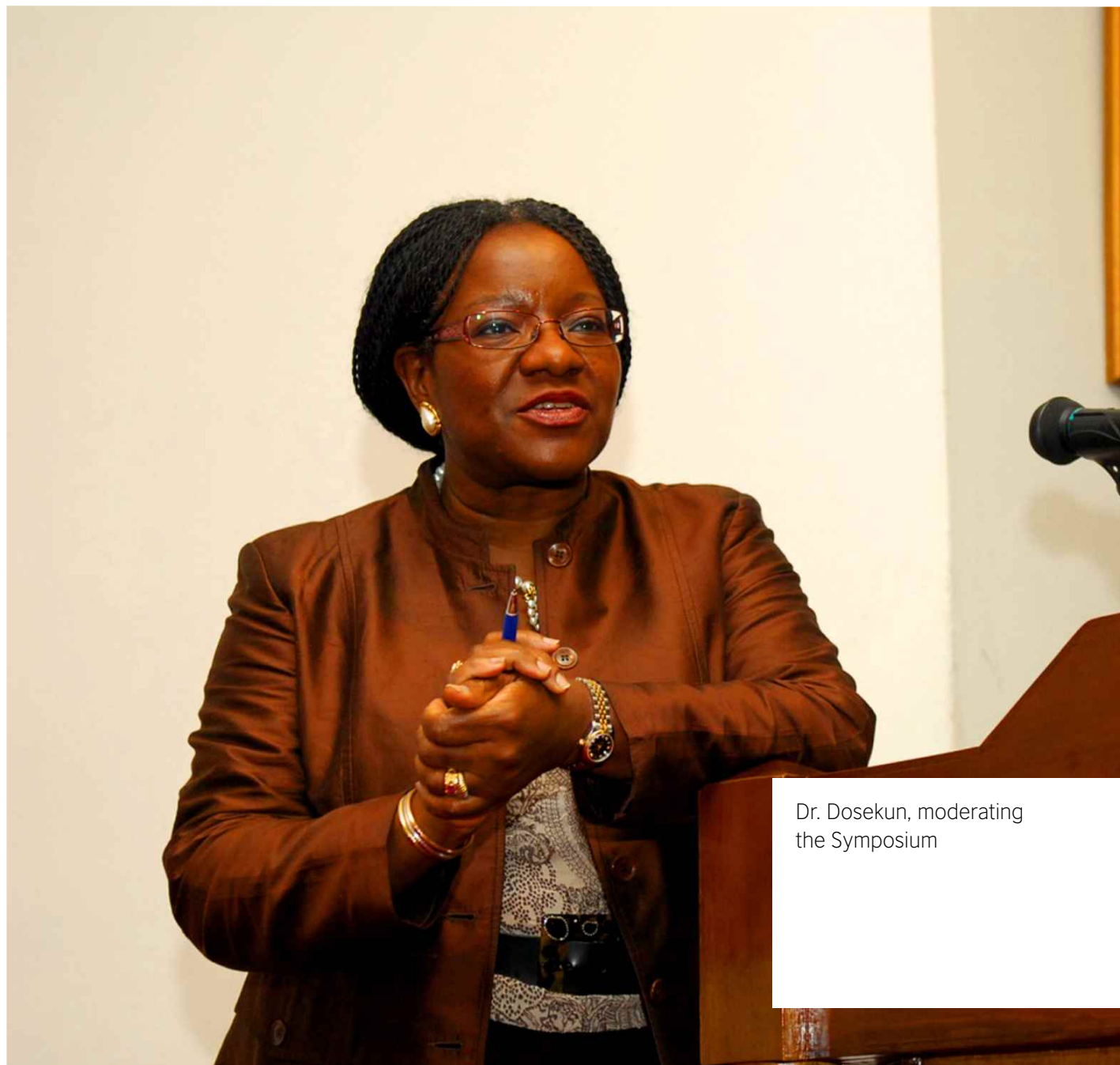
He went on to say that all the four categories of public service professionals are involved, in varying degrees, in three core roles categorized under:

(i) policy advice,
(ii) policy implementation and
iii) service delivery and development and
nurturing of public service institutions.

Dr. Efunbo Dosekun moderated the discussion session, and closing remarks were made by Dr. Christopher Kolade. In attendance were public servants, private sector professionals and members of academia.



Dr. Adamolekun,
Guest Speaker at the
Symposium



Dr. Dosekun, moderating the Symposium



NLI Fellow, Dr Efunbo Dosekun, NLI Founding Patron, Dr. Kolade, NLI Founder, Mr Segun Aganga and Guest Speaker, Dr. Adamolekun



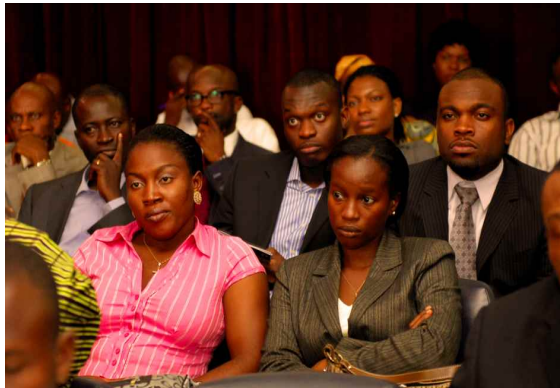
Ambassador Ahmadu, Wali of Sokoto, delivering the Sultan's Speech at the October, 2009 Dinner



Dr. Christopher Kolade presenting the 4th Annual Values Based Leadership Award to Mallam Adamu Ciroma



Rotimi Ajibola (NLI Associate), Mrs Bola Adesola (NLI Fellow) and Mr. Moyo Ajekigbe (NLI Fellow)



Guests at the Symposium



L-R Fope Adelowo, Oyin Solebo, and Efe Osagie, NLI Associates



Associates discussing with Moderator and NLI Fellow Dele Olojede



May 2008 Future Leaders Class - NLI Associates



Members of the Class of Distinction (May 2009 Future Leaders) - NLI Associates



Chiamaka Ezenwa and Innocent Isichei - NLI Associates



Seni Bello, Sadiq Usman and Dami Adesanya - NLI Associates

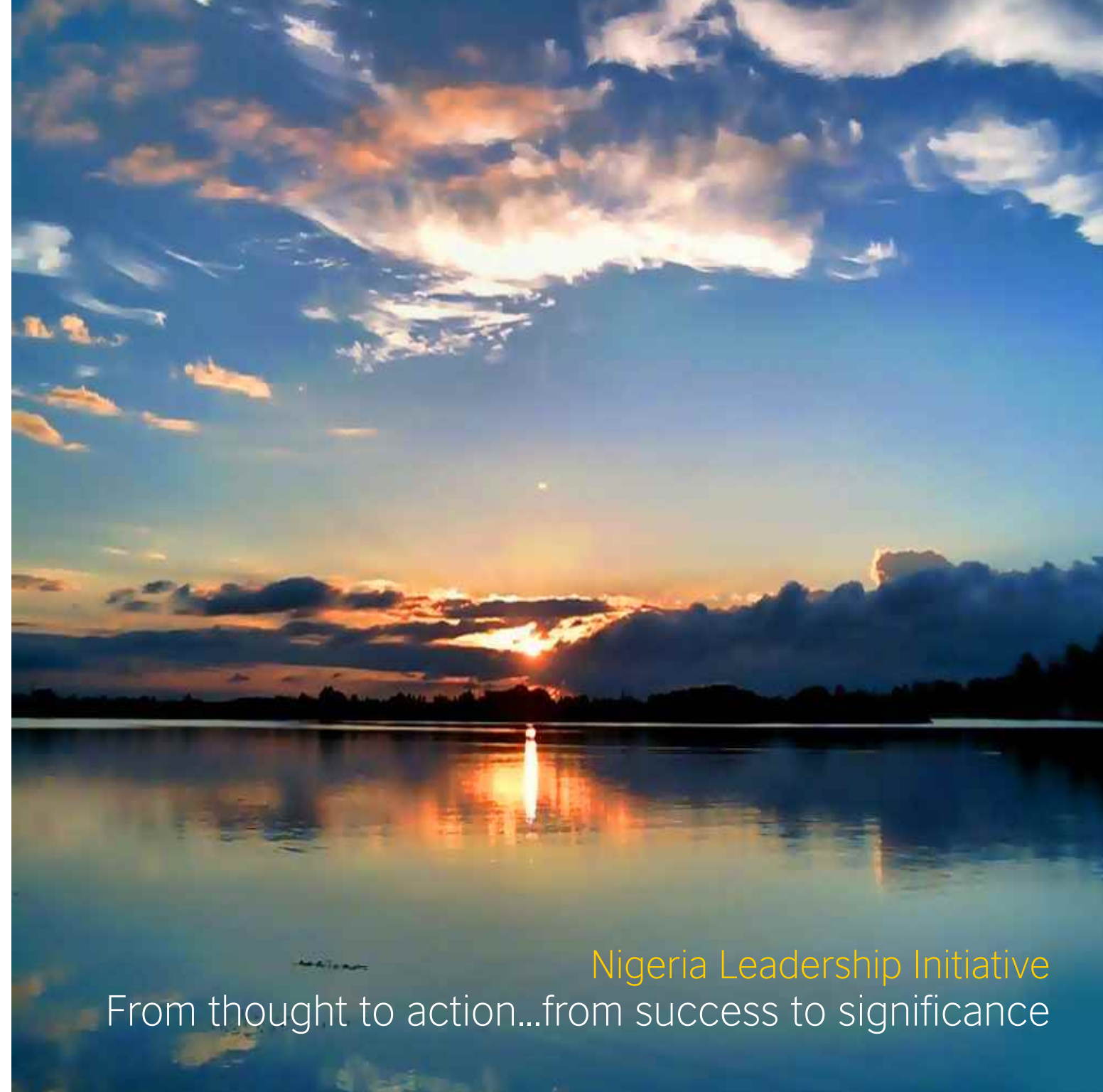


October 2008 Future Leaders Class



Some NLI Associates from the October 2008 Class

**First Bank of Nigeria has sponsored the
NLI Future Leaders Class since 2008.
KLM/Air France has also provided
discounted & complimentary
tickets to the 2009 FL Class.**



Nigeria Leadership Initiative
From thought to action...from success to significance

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