



NLI Digest

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Welcome to the new issue of NLI DIGEST.

Creativity is no doubt an effective response to rapid change. A dearth in our national value system has birthed a renewed call for promoting Values Based Leadership to ensure sustainable socio-economic transformation and development. As informed and effective advocates of leadership, NLI is a platform for credible, accomplished and uniquely patriotic Nigerians to develop and express values based leadership skills with the aim of assuming a transformative role in the development of Nigeria.

We remain committed to being an inclusive organization whose programmes and projects involve working with people from many cultural, religious and social backgrounds. NLI Fellows and Associates perceive the real value of diversity of thought across different sectors of the economy in promoting the sustainable transformation of Nigeria. NLI exists in a perpetual state of enlightened dissatisfaction with the status quo and is constantly working to improve on the current state of affairs in Nigeria's corporate and public governance.

This quarterly newsletter aims to provide up-to-date information, news, and views from NLI and its partners. Kindly visit NLI's home page at www.nli-global.org for a wider range of information about NLI and its projects. We look forward to receiving your suggestions and write ups for future issues. On our part, we would be very interested in hearing about your efforts to foster the positive transformation of Nigeria in your sector or community.

Simi Idowu

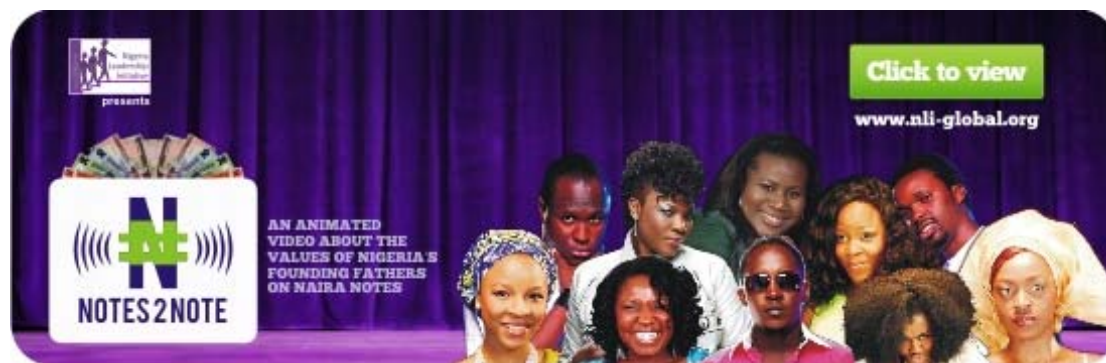
Director of Operations.

**"To achieve greatness,
start where you are, use
what you have, and do
what you can."**

Arthur Ashe

Fundraising

NLI is a platform for 170 associates and 43 fellows to use what they have to do what they can to transform Nigeria through values based leadership. Kindly [donate](#) via [Paypal](#) or [Charity Giving](#) to support the initiative.



Watch Notes2Note

PROJECTS



NLI Network for Small & Growing Businesses (SGBs)

Following on from the inaugural business plan competition held last year, NLI is working on implementing an SGB Network within the NLI framework. The SGB Network's strategy will be to nurture growing businesses by providing mentoring, business training, and access to other resources to enable them to trade more effectively and scale-up their activities. The network will be aimed at early stage businesses which have the capacity to grow.

Upon launch, the SGB network will comprise emerging businesses, financiers, technical consultants, developmental agencies and donors. The SGB Network will source successful growing businesses from other non-profit SME development organisations using stringent selection criteria. While core technical expertise for mentorship will be drawn from the NLI network, the SGB Network will seek to forge alliances with suitable partners to enhance the resources available to member businesses.

In line with NLI's ethos, the SGB Network will also seek to shape business ethics through the promotion of values based leadership.

The project team is currently finalizing structural details and soliciting Patrons to act as sponsors for the initiative to be launched with a pilot in Q4 2010 / Q1 2011. If you would like to volunteer time and resource towards this project, Kindly email info@nli-global.org.

SGB Updates

1. The SGB Network was entered into the [G20 SME Finance Challenge](#) and the link to our submission is <http://www.changemakers.com/node/90523>
2. Chidi Ugbor of FREP Foods, an NLI business plan competition 2nd place winner expresses his appreciation to NLI and informs us that his business has successfully kicked off.

CLEVER UPDATE

The CLEVER CLUB, an ethics curriculum is still being run in Ahmadu Ribadu College in Adamawa and will resume sessions in October when the school resumes. We are working on partnerships with organizations to help scale up clever clubs in secondary schools nationwide.

The Notes2Note video will also be screened during the CLEVER CLUB sessions.

The Word Slam competition call-for-entry has been postponed till end of

September.



EVENTS (Past & Upcoming)

NLI EVENTS

- **Thursday October 21 – Saturday October 23:** Future Leaders Seminar, Lagos, Nigeria
- **Saturday October 23 (SAVE THE DATE):** Annual NLI Dinner, Lagos, Nigeria

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

NLI is congratulating the following associates on sealing nuptial knots.

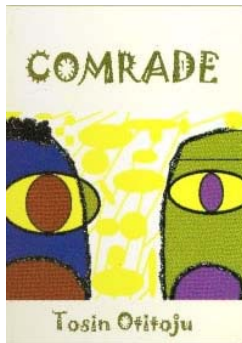
1. Efe Osagie and Yinka Odeleye (October 2009 Associates) wed on Saturday 28th August 2010
2. Fola Oyeyinka (NLI Associate) got married in August, 2010
3. Sadiq Usman and Zahra Moddibo (May 2009 and October 2009 Associates) to wed **18th of September 2010**
4. Akin Rotimi (October 2009 Associate) to wed **October 2, 2010**

RETIREMENTS

1. Jim Ovia – Fmr. Chief Executive Officer (Zenith Bank PLC) and NLI Fellow
2. Tony Elumelu – Fmr. Chief Executive Officer (UBA PLC) and NLI Fellow
3. Bola Adesola – Fmr. Executive Director (First Bank of Nigeria PLC) and NLI Fellow

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

J. Moyo Ajekigbe, NLI Fellow - Completed 12 month Masters of Arts degree Programme (June 2010) at the University of Buckingham. He was a joint winner of the Max Beloff Scholarship (Max Beloff was the University's first VC) for the best result in the first term exams. He graduated with distinction overall. The graduation ceremony will take place in February 2011



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH: COMRADE (a collection of poetry) by Tosin Ofitoju (NLI Associate, May 2008) on September 14th 2010 at NIIA, 13/15 Kofo Abayomi street, Victoria Island Lagos at 11am

FELLOWS AND ASSOCIATE RELATIONS

NLI Intranet: Please endeavour to log into the NLI intranet with log in details sent to you and update your profile and contact details. If you have not received your log in details, kindly mail relations@nli-global.org or webmaster@nli-global.org.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION



Aluko and Oyebode

Mrs. Maryam Uwais

Dr. Titi Banjoko

Banwo and Ighodalo

Mr. Jimi Morgan

Asue Ighodalo

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Feedback and Suggestions

This newsletter will be published monthly. Please feel free to download copies from the NLI website: www.nli-global.org. We distribute it electronically, but will mail printed copies to those who request them. Please send us your comments, suggestions and questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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