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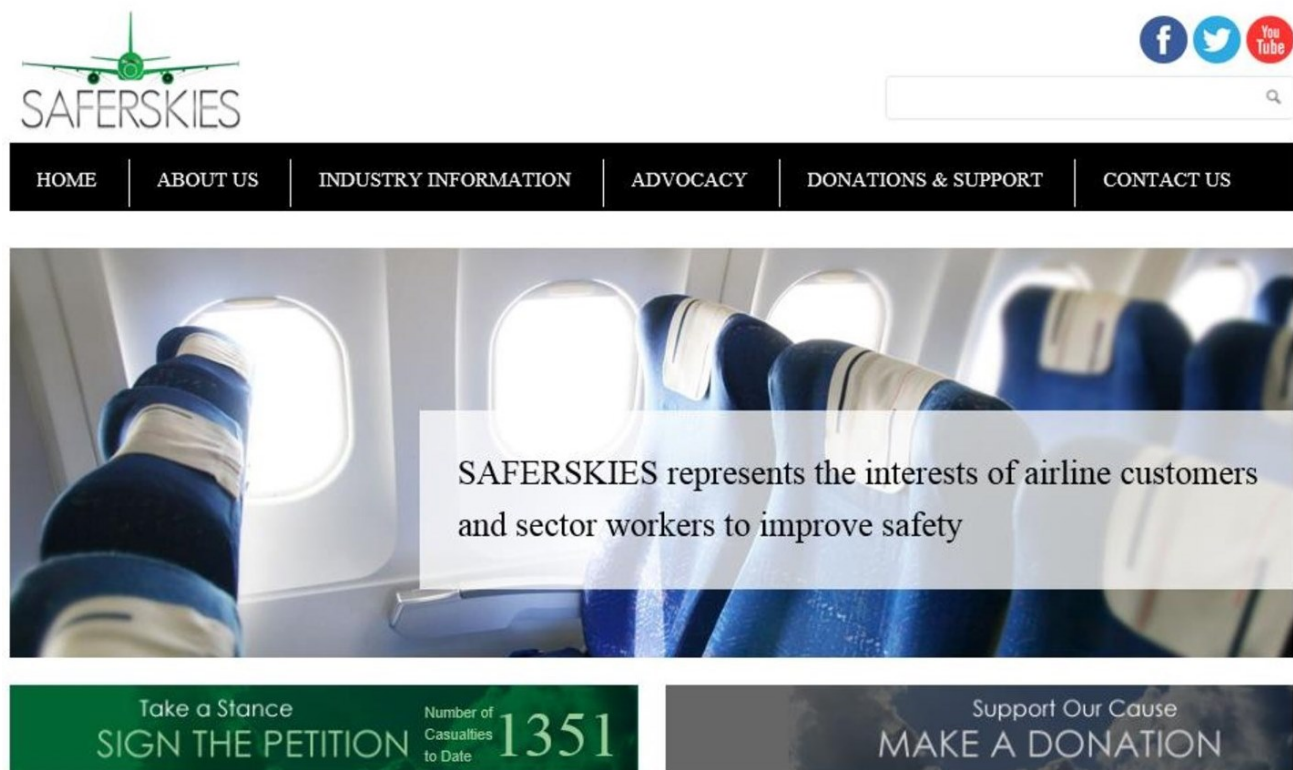
# NLI DIGEST

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## NLI Launches Safer Skies Portal



In honor of the victims of the Dana air accident, of June 3, 2012, NLI embarked on a Safer Skies Initiative. The project is an act of solidarity to the families of the victims and a way of protecting the living who still undertake air travels in Nigeria.

On June 3, 2014, the second-year remembrance of the Dana victims, NLI formally launched the Safer Skies web portal –one of the five components of the Safer Skies Initiative. NLI's October 2013 Associate Fellows undertook the development of the portal as its class project.

The portal is accessible at:  
[www.saferskiesng.org](http://www.saferskiesng.org).

The Safer Skies Initiative aims primarily at reducing avoidable aviation accidents and restoring confidence in the Nigerian aviation sector. Further, the Initiative hopes to contribute to improved accountability as passengers and citizens can comment on their travel experiences, obtain historical and current information on airline operators and ages of their aircrafts, recently reported incidents. Subject matter experts can also present industry insights and analyses of trends.

The portal provides a platform for government officials and industry regulators to present official statements while citizens can anonymously upload useful information. An opportunity also exists to electronically sign a petition in support of safer skies in Nigeria.

Air operators are offered a forum to provide information and/or clarifications on reported issues. Air regulators, in turn, have the opportunity to monitor reported incidences for necessary action if warranted.



Standing 6<sup>th</sup> from Right to left, Yinka Oyinlola, NLI, CEO, Anthony Ubani, NLI Director of Program, Gbolahan Fabure, President, NLI Associates Class of October 2013, Funmilayo Falola, President, NLI Associates Class of May 2014, and other Associate Fellows at the launch of the Safer Skies Portal

Speaking at the launch of the Safer Skies Portal NLI's CEO Yinka Oyinlola informed that "since the first air accident in Nigeria, in 1969, there have been 54 others for reasons such as poorly maintained aircrafts and runways, poor communication equipment and lack of infrastructure, non-functional radar, ineffective regulatory oversight, etc. It is indeed unacceptable that in the last 10 years, a total of 624 people have lost their lives from ten air crashes in Nigeria while a country like South Africa has only had two air crashes during the same timeframe."

NLI thanks the October 2013 Associates with special gratitude to Class Governor Gbolahan Fagbure, Deputy Governor Tomi Farrah

Ikotun, and Jinmi Sonuga. Join the Safer Skies Campaign on Twitter - [@SaferSkiesNG](#)

More news reporting on:

Punch Nigeria;

The Guardian;

NLI Global;

CKN Nigeria;

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[ThisDay Live](#)

### **Premium Times Appoints NLI Senior and Associate Fellows to its Editorial Board**

Premium Times, Nigeria's leading online investigative news platform, recently appointed to its editorial Board NLI Senior Fellow Raufu Mustapha, Associate Fellows Elor Nkereuwem and Zainab Usman. The Editor-in-Chief of Premium Times stated that "We are all excited to have this excellent group of people on board to help shape the tone and direction of this newspaper."

Dr. Raufu Mustapha is a Professor of Government at Oxford University, UK. Elor Nkereuwem is a media and security specialist pursuing a doctorate program at the John Hopkins University, US. Zainab Usman is completing her doctoral program at Oxford University, UK. As they use NLI's values to further their mandates, for Premium Times, our hearty congratulations for the appointments.

### **Associate Fellow Mary Olushoga is Women4Africa "International Media Person of the Year"**

NLI Associate Fellow Mary Olushoga was recognized as the International Media Person of the Year at the 2014 Women4Africa Award. The award was for her innovative online media platform, AWP Network that supports African entrepreneurs.



Mary Olusoga

The AWP Network is endorsed by the United Nations World Summit Youth Awards (WSYA) and was listed as an Apps4Africa Innovation by the US Department of State.

NLI congratulates Mary.

### **NLI & IGD Co-Host 10<sup>th</sup> Frontier 100 Forum**



(Left) NLI Associate, Mr. Jimmy Sonuga participating in the structured networking session at the NLI-IGD Frontier 100 Forum

Over the years, NLI has successfully established and sustainably executed two distinct programs for its network members: the Associate Fellows program and the Senior Fellows program.

Early in 2014, NLI saw the need to have a new program that will cater for Associate Fellows who have demonstrated impact and are at an inflection point as influencers in key leadership positions and consequently now require a program that will enable them to further move from success to significance. So the idea for an NLI Fellows program was born in the first quarter of 2014.

The first class of NLI Fellows is now scheduled to take place in mid-August 2014 in conjunction with NLI's partner, YALE University. NLI, working with Yale has developed a curriculum for the Fellows Seminar that logically builds on the Future Leaders Seminar.

The Fellows seminar will focus on high-impact leadership for a better society. The seminar modules will focus on leadership, negotiation, and impact assessment. The program will run for six days and will be facilitated by Yale Faculty. The delivery method will include presentations, project-oriented workshops, discussion, and possibly field trips – the intent is for an intensive and interactive program that gives value for money and time. Each Fellows Class will comprise of a cohort of 25 people drawn from the 2007-2009 NLI Associates Class.

The Nigeria Leadership Initiative (NLI), together with its partner, the Initiative for Global Development (IGD), co-hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Frontier 100 Forum from May 5-6 in Abuja. The Forum brought together an influential network of global corporate executives. The goal was to encourage partnerships and investments that support economic growth and development. NLI highlighted the key talent and government partnerships, available in Nigeria, by inviting 14 of the Discussion Leaders and guests to the event. NLI alumni availed the opportunity to expand their network with the Forum participants which comprised of 50 CEOs and senior executives from Africa. The participants engaged in a number of focused discussions with the overall objective of increasing investment and business growth in Africa. NLI Alumni surveyed reported substantive connections and concrete discussions with their peers as a result of attending the event.

## **NLI commences a Fellows Program**



NLI is, therefore, pleased to invite qualified Associate Fellows to participate in the first class of NLI Fellows Seminar at Yale campus in New Haven, Connecticut, US. Qualified Associates who wish to participate should please contact the NLI Director of Program @: [anthonyubani@nli-global.org](mailto:anthonyubani@nli-global.org) for more information.

### **Associate Fellow, Kemi Onabanjo, emerges as a YALI Fellow**

NLI Associate Fellow Kemi Onabanjo was selected out of the 50,000 applicants for the Fellowship of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).



**Kemi Onabanjo**

YALI is the legacy signature of US President Barack Obama to support young Africans to spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. YALI Fellowship enables participants to spend six weeks at a US University for leadership training. The training will then be followed by a meeting, in August,

with President Barack Obama in Washington DC.

NLI congratulates Ms Onabanjo.

### **NLI upgrades its Website**

NLI has revamped and upgraded its website. Apart from the internet address which was retained, [www.nli-global.org](http://www.nli-global.org), everything else about the NLI website is new and beautiful. The colours are more appealing to the eyes, the feel and texture is corporate but friendly. The menu buttons are arranged in a user- friendly fashion so you can whatever you are looking for faster. The graphics have been beautifully spruced up. The overall webpage ambience is appealing and invites the user to linger around rather than leave in a hurry. There are more pictures in the Flickr gallery and the pages load much faster. Best of all, the website is designed to be dynamic and interactive. Overall, we think the new website is aesthetically compelling and better communicates the NLI brand. Check it out and send us your feedback.

### **Upcoming Events**

Watch out for:

1. NLI Fellows Leadership Seminar, Yale University, August 2014
2. NLI Factsheet publication, September 2014
3. Diplomatic Dialogue Series (DDS) Breakfast Meeting, September 2014
4. NLI Future Leaders Seminar, Lagos, October 2014

### *Words on Marble*

There is plenty of room at the top because very few people care to travel beyond the average route. And so, most of us seem satisfied to remain within the confines of mediocrity -  
**Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, *My Odyssey*, 1971**

Nigeria has now reached a critical stage in her history. We must seize the opportunity which has been offered to us to show that we are able to manage our own affairs properly -  
**Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, *September 1957***

Those of us placed in a position of leadership must be prepared to grasp the nettle if we unite in doing so, and if, in addition, we set a worthy example and a marathon pace in probity, unselfishness, and self-sacrifice, the people will follow, all too readily, in our footsteps. -  
**Obafemi Awolowo, - *Call to Rededication and Reconstruction* (1961)**

### *Be Active! Sign Up!*

Do you have interests and skills to enhance NLI? We can use your specialized skills and technical expertise particular in areas such as project management, social media, governance, public policy, quantitative & qualitative research and analysis, fundraising, and events management. Why don't you also consider giving back to the society with volunteer service. Please e-mail: [Joshuaolufemi@nli-global.org](mailto:Joshuaolufemi@nli-global.org) with —Specialized interest/Volunteering in the subject line.

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& add us on **LinkedIn (Nigeria Leadership Initiative)**

You can also now check our latest event photos on our Flickr page (NLI Global)

### *Contribute to NLI*

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**.....ABOUT NLI.....**

The Nigeria Leadership Initiative (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 continuous development of Nigeria.

Established in January 2006, we are an international non-profit, non-partisan organization registered as a charity in Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Motivated by the vision of our founders and the necessity of nation-building, we are blending the lines between citizenry and leadership to enhance engagement, moving Nigerians from **“Thought to Action... Success to Significance”**.