

INAUGURAL REGIONAL  
**CONFERENCE**  
on  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

Theme

**CONSOLIDATING REFORMS  
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AND ITS ADMINISTRATION**  
-Best Practices-



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FCT Abuja, Nigeria

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## **National Anthem**

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past  
Shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might  
One Nation bound in freedom,  
Peace and Unity.

## **2nd Stanza**

O God of creation,  
Direct our noble cause  
Guide our leaders right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace  
And justice shall reign.

# ABOUT THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

## "On Nigeria" Project

Through targeted support, the On Nigeria program aims to bolster the momentum around Nigerian-led efforts to strengthen accountability and reduce corruption. Its multifaceted strategy has four complementary areas of focus: Criminal Justice, Media and Journalism, Behavior Change, and Collaboration (Joinbodi).

The program and that of its grantee partners is intended to further gender equity and social inclusion as it advances the larger anti-corruption goal. When making grants and carrying out the work, the foundation is attentive to issues across gender, generation, geography, ability, faith, and ethnicity. The Foundation anticipates that this work will lead to the following changes across Nigeria namely that:

- Nigerians recognize the costs of corruption, including disproportionate effects of corruption on historically marginalized groups.
- The Nigerian government consistently and effectively implements policies, programs, and laws, including making public data more accessible, that make it more difficult to commit corrupt acts.
- The federal government and more states consistently implement the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and the Administration of the Criminal Justice Law, respectively. Their improved criminal justice procedures equitably protect historically marginalized groups from the repercussions of corruption.
- Nigerian citizens, civil society actors, and other non-state actors—including historically marginalized groups—advocate for transparency and accountability, use redress mechanisms to act against corruption, and demand public services.

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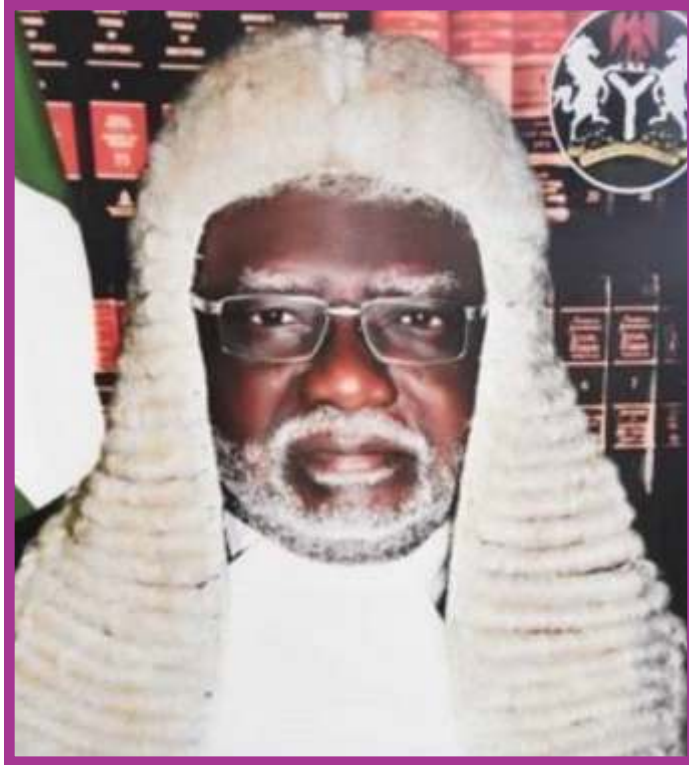
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## Criminal Justice Group



Rule of Law And Empowerment Initiative  
also known as  
**PARTNERS WEST AFRICA NIGERIA**





**HON. JUSTICE O. ARIWOOLA**  
Chief Justice of Nigeria  
CHAIRPERSON



**DR. BENJAMIN KUNBUOR**  
Former Attorney General of Ghana  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# PROGRAM

## MAIDEN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

1-3 NOVEMBER 2022

**VENUE:** JUSTICE ALU KATSINA HALL, NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE,  
JABI AIRPORT ROAD, ABUJA.

### TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

9:00AM - 10:00AM	Registration
10:AM -10:45AM	Introductions
	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> <i>Mr Gbemi Jaiyebo, Juritrust Centre for Socio Legal Research and Documentation</i></p> <p><b>Goodwill remarks</b> <i>Gertjan de Gruijter, Head of component, GIZ Programme to Build and Strengthen Police Structures in Selected Partner Countries in Africa – Nigeria.</i> <i>Oliver Stolpe, UNODC Representative</i> <i>Danladi Plang National Programme Manager</i> <i>Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme</i></p> <p><i>Dr Kole Shettima</i> <i>Director, MacArthur Foundation</i></p> <p><b>Opening remarks by</b> <i>Hon Justice O. Ariwoola GCON,</i> <i>Chief Justice of Nigeria</i></p>
10:45AM – 11.15	Tea Break





**Dr. Benjamin Kunbuor**  
Former Attorney General of Ghana



**Justice C.C. Nweze JSC**  
Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria



**Prof Yemi Akinseye George SAN**  
President, Centre for Law and Socio Legal Studies



**Prof. Peter Akper San**  
Research Professor Nigerian Institute  
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**Dr. Uju Agomoh**  
Executive Director, Prisoners  
Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA)



**Judge Eva Luswata**  
Court of Appeal Uganda



**Adv. Jean Bosco Mutangana**  
Senior Advocate, Rwanda



**Rita Ititim**  
Snr Magistrate Cross River State



**Taiwo Abiodun-Oni**  
Lecturer, Babcock University

11:15AM - 2 PM	KEYNOTE SESSION
<p>Keynote Address – <b>Dr. Benjamin Kunbuor</b>, <i>Former Attorney General of Ghana</i></p> <p><i>Panel Reflections on the Keynote Address and Conference Theme</i></p> <p><b>CONSOLIDATING REFORMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION IN SUBSAHARAN AFRICA</b></p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator – JUSTICE C.C. NWEZE JSC</b></p> <p><b>Discussants :</b>           <b>Prof Yemi Akinseye George SAN</b>, <i>President, Centre for Law and Socio legal Studies</i></p>	
<p><b>Prof Peter Akper SAN</b> <i>Research Professor Nigerian Institute of Adv Legal Studies</i></p> <p><b>Kemi Okeyendo</b> <i>Executive Director, Partners West Africa -Nigeria (PWAN)</i></p> <p><b>Danladi Plang</b> <i>Programme Manager Rule of Law and Anti -Corruption (RoLAC)</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Uju Agomoh</b> <i>Executive Director, Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA)</i></p>	
2.00 – 3.00	Lunch Break

### WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022

8:00am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<p><b>FIRST WORKING SESSION – MECHANISMS FOR SPEEDY TRIALS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS ACROSS SUB - SAHARAN AFRICA</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: DR. AKEEM BELLO</b> ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LAW FACULTY UNILAG</p>
	<p><b>Practical Steps And Best Practices In Ensuring Speedy Trials</b> by Judge Eva Luswata Court of Appeal Uganda</p> <p><b>The Role Of Prosecutors/Defense Attorneys In Ensuring Speedy Trials</b> by Adv. Jean Bosco Mutangana - Senior Advocate, Rwanda</p> <p><b>Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied: Delay In Trials As A Clog On The Wheels Of Justice</b> by Rita Ititim – Snr Magistrate Cross River State</p> <p><b>Smarter Courts, Smarter Justice: Adopting Artificial Intelligence</b> by Taiwo Abiodun -Oni – Lecturer, Babcock University</p> <p><b>Trial Within Trial As A Clog To Fostering Speedy Trials</b> by Asmau Abdullahi, Nigerian Law School</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Tea Break





**Mike Batley**  
CEO of Restorative Justice  
Centre, South Africa



**Mary-Ann Ajayi PH.D**  
Associate Professor of Law  
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DCP SAN



**Bayo Akinlade**  
Convener Duty Solicitors Network



**Oluwafunke Adeoye**



**Clement Okechi**  
Executive Director of Probation  
and Aftercare services, Kenya

11.30 – 1.00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECOND WORKING SESSION</b>  <b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS</b>  <b>CHAIR: CHINONYE OBIAGWU SAN,</b>  <i>National Coordinator, Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP)</i></p>
	<p><b>Restorative Justice In Criminal Proceedings</b> by <i>Mike Batley, CEO of Restorative Justice Centre, South Africa</i></p> <p><b>Restorative Justice and Victim Compensation Under The ACJA 2015</b> by <i>Mary-Ann Ajayi and Adekunbi Imosemi Ph.D</i></p> <p><b>Victim Protection And Restorative Justice In Criminal Justice Administration In Nigeria</b> by <i>Suzzie O. Oyakhire</i></p> <p><b>Restorative Justice Under The ACJA 2015: Redefining Victims</b> by <i>Uju Peace Okeke and Akachi Nwogu -Ikojo</i></p> <p><b>Criminal Justice Administration, The Nigerian Correctional Service And The Law: A Case For Restorative Justice</b> by <i>Osariemen Grace Omoruyi</i></p> <p><b>Widening The Gap: Interrogating The Exclusion Of Female Offenders In Borstal Institutions In Nigeria</b> by <i>M.A. Abdulraheem-Mustapha</i></p> <p><b>The rights of victims in the criminal justice process: how real?</b> by <i>Dr. Habila Ardzard and Awele Ikobi, Snr. Research Fellows, NAILS</i></p>
1.00 – 2:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIRD WORKING SESSION</b>  <b>EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PRE -TRIAL DETENTION IN SUB- SAHARAN AFRICA</b>  <b>CHAIR: PROF ISABELLA OKAGBUE FNIALS</b></p>
	<p><b>Effective Mechanisms For The Management Of Pretrial Detention In Sub -Saharan Africa</b> by <i>Dr Denis Bikeshu, Dean, School of Law, University of Rwanda</i></p> <p><b>Management of Pre-trial Detention: Challenges in protecting the fundamental human rights of suspects/defendants in Burundi</b> by <i>Germain Ntawuyamara, Ministry of Justice, Burundi</i></p> <p><b>Effective Mechanisms For Management Of Pre -Trial Detention In Sub -Saharan Africa</b> by <i>Francis Enobore, Controller (rtd) Nigerian Correctional Services</i></p> <p><b>The Impact Of Force Order 20 And Visits To Detention Facilities By Chief Magistrates Under The ACJA 2015</b> by <i>Simon Lough DCP SAN</i></p> <p><b>Visiting Detention Facilities By Magistrates: What Have We Achieved?</b> by <i>Bayo Akinlade, Convener Duty Solicitors Network</i></p> <p><b>Leveraging Technology As A Tool For Reducing Pre-Trial Detention In Africa: Lessons From Kenya</b> by <i>Oluwafunke Adeoye</i></p> <p><b>Improving Sentencing Decisions Through Offender Assessment: Current Practices In Probation Presentence Inquiries And Evolving Practices In Kenya</b> by <i>Clement Okech</i></p>
2: 30 – 3.30	Lunch



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**Abdul Tejan-Cole**



**Gbemi Jaiyebo**  
Juritrust Centre



**Stanley Ibe**  
Open Society Justic Initiative (OSJI)

## THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2022

8:00am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00am - 11:00am	<p><b>FOURTH WORKING SESSION - NON-CUSTODIAL PENAL MEASURES AND STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NON -CUSTODIAL MEASURES</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: DR. UJU AGOMOH,</b>  <i>Executive Director Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA)</i></p> <p><b>Non-Custodial Sentencing Alternatives: A South African Experience</b> by <i>Dr. Robert Nanima, Associate Professor University of Western Cape</i></p> <p><b>Non-Custodial Penal Measures And Strategies For Implementation Of Non -Custodial Measures</b> by <i>Imarha Ogheneyerowo Reuben, Snr. Lecturer at Nigerian Law Reform Commission</i></p> <p><b>Practical Approaches For Effective Supervision Of Offenders On Community Sanctions</b> by <i>Clement Okech</i></p>
11.00 – 1.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIFTH WORKING SESSION</b></p> <p><b>ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN SUB - SAHARAN AFRICA</b></p> <p><b>Trial Challenges in Anti -Corruption Proceedings</b> by <i>Prof Bolaji Owasanoye OFR, SAN Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)</i></p> <p><b>Whistleblower protection and anti corruption proceedings</b> – <i>Mr. Lanre Suraj Chair, HEDA Resource centre (virtual)</i></p> <p><b>The Challenges Of Fighting Corruption In Africa: A Case Study Of Sierra Leone</b> by <i>Abdul Tejan-Cole, Executive Director of African Studies Association</i></p> <p><b>The Nigerian Law On Proceeds Of Crime And The Fight Against Corruption</b> by <i>Gbemi Jaiyebo – Juritrust Centre</i></p> <p><b>From Rhetorics To Reality: Transforming Africa Court’s Decriminalization Of Petty Offences Advisory Opinion Into Tangible Benefits For Africa’s Poor</b> by <i>Stanley Ibe Open society Justic Initiative (OSJI)</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30	<b>CLOSING SESSION AND VOTE OF THANKS</b>
2:30PM	Lunch



## MACARTHUR FOUNDATION: ON NIGERIA 2.0 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COHORT MEMBERS

**The Center for Fiscal Transparency & Integrity Watch (CeFTW)** is a non-governmental and non-partisan organization established in 2016 with the aim of promoting accountability, transparency within the public sector, and ensuring good governance at all levels.

<https://www.fiscaltransparency.org/>

**The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)** is the non-profit, umbrella professional association of all lawyers admitted to the Bar in Nigeria and a member of all statutory bodies that regulate the Nigerian Bar and Bench. The NBA is engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria. It has an observer status with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, and a working partnership with many national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations concerned with human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria and across the world. <https://nigerianbar.org.ng/>

**The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)** was inaugurated on September 29th, 2000 by the Nigerian President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR. The Commission is at the hub of Nigeria's fight against corruption. In the order set out at section 6 of **The Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000**, the first duty of the Commission is to receive complaints, investigate and prosecute offenders. Other duties include reviewing and modifying the systems and procedures of public bodies as well as education of the public and fostering their support in combating corruption. <https://icpc.gov.ng/>

**The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS)** was established in 2006 to promote a multi-disciplinary approach to the study and practice of law. It proceeds on the premise that law cannot exist in isolation from other social phenomena. It must therefore be approached and applied in context. The CSLS seeks to mainstream the understanding and application of law with reference to its social, economic, cultural and political environment.

The Centre played a leading role in developing the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and the Evidence Act 2011.

<https://www.censolegs.org>

**The Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC)** was established by s.469 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015. Its powers and functions are spelt out in s. 470 of the same Act. It has its composition listed out under s. 469(2) of the Act which includes the Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory as the Chairman, the Attorney General of the Federation, the Inspector General of Police, the Comptroller-General of the Nigerian Prison Service, the Director General Legal Aid Council and the Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission amongst and a representative of Civil Society Organization.

<https://acjmcng.org>

**The Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD)** was established in the United Kingdom in 1997 and subsequently registered in Lagos – Nigeria in 1999 as an independent, not-for-profit, research, training, advocacy and capacity building organization. The Centre was established to mobilize global opinion and resources for democratic development and provide an independent space to reflect critically on the challenges posed to the democratization and development processes in West Africa, and also to provide alternatives and best practices to the sustenance of democracy and development in the region.

**The Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria (PWAN)** is a women-led, non-governmental organization dedicated to enhancing citizens'

participation and improving security governance in Nigeria and West Africa broadly, achieved through its Rule of Law, Citizens Security and CSO Strengthening program areas. PWAN has established a strategic and adaptive management structure with an emphasis on field presence, accountability, and cost efficiency which builds on extensive consortium and effective program delivery experience in West Africa. <https://www.partnersnigeria.org>

**The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP)** is a non-governmental organization of lawyers and Law professionals, engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights, the rule of law and good governance in Nigeria. It has observer status with the Africa commission on human and peoples' Rights. LEDAP provides free legal representation to poor and vulnerable victims of human rights violations. It undertakes programmes to raise awareness of the legal community in Nigeria of international human rights norms and how they can be integrated into the system of administration of justice in the country. It works with the Directors of Public Prosecution to improve administration of criminal justice in the country. <https://ledapnigeria.org/>

**The CLEEN Foundation (formerly known as Centre for Law Enforcement Education)** is non governmental organization established in January 1998 with the mission of promoting public safety, security and accessible justice through the strategies of empirical research, legislative advocacy, demonstration programmes and publications, in partnership with government, civil society and the private sector. <https://cleen.org>

**The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)** is Nigeria's apex Institution for research and advanced studies in law. It was a brainchild of the legal academic community established in March 1979. One of the main ideas in founding the Institute was to establish it as the centre for advanced legal research for all the Nigerian universities with Faculties of Law, so that all postgraduate work could be undertaken there under the joint auspices of the most experienced and learned academic lawyers available in the country, whether indigenous or foreign. <https://nials.edu.ng>

**Federacion Internationlé De Abogadas (FIDA)** was formally established in Mexico in 1944. The name translates to the International Federation of Women Lawyers. In 1964 Ambassador Aduke Alakija established the Nigerian branch of the organization, FIDA Nigeria. FIDA Nigeria is a non-profit, non-political, voluntary association of women called to the practice of law in Nigeria. FIDA Nigeria's primary role is to protect, promote and preserve the rights of women and children in Nigeria. Its core values are transparency, accountability, teamwork, integrity, mutual respect, commitment, service and we are non-partisan. Its main objectives are to: promote the principles and aims of the United Nations in its legal and social aspects; establish friendly international relations on a basis of equality and mutual respect for all peoples; promote the study of comparative law; proffer advice to Government in cases relating to women and children. <https://fida.org.ng/>

**The Juritrust Center for Socio-Legal Research and Documentation (JCSLRD)** was formed in 2013 is a non governmental organisation engaged in researching and tracking legal, developmental and governance issues in society. The Centre's current focus is on: Accountability and Governance, Financial and gender inclusion, Competition law, Criminal justice. The Juritrust Centre also organizes bespoke national and international seminars, workshops, conferences and advocacy in the above fields. The Centre is the convener of the Regional Conference on Criminal Justice Administration <https://juritrustcentre.org>



