

Our National Organization in April

Dear JCI Nigeria members,

I am delighted to write to you again. We focused the month of April on delivering on our promise of conferences and events that deliver better value to different classes of delegates while we continued to keep our focus on creating valuable opportunities for our members.

“Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall”

- Stephen Covey



OPPORTUNITIES

The first batch of training opportunities have been shared and we hope members take advantage.

Partnership Engagements With Utiva:

Facilitated by Executive Vice-President Oluwatoyin Atanda and the South West Skill Up Team, we secured a new partnership opportunity with Utiva, one of Africa's leading tech learning platforms during the month for 60% scholarship on all its courses.

The opportunity will also ensure that JCI members who learn on the platform will gain access to job and internship opportunities within Utiva's network. I salute EVP Toyin and Team for the initiative of the Skill Up week and this partnership. I encourage members to register for the opportunity here <https://tinyurl.com/jciskillupweek>

Partnership Engagements With Platform Capital For The CYE Programme:

Facilitated by CYE Chair Idara, I met with the team at Platform capital, a global investment company committed to providing entrepreneurs with the support to build sustainable companies. The meeting focused on how platform capital could be our official partners for the JCI Nigeria CYE Programme, beyond financing, also providing incubation support and advisory to the young entrepreneurs on the programme.

We have an agreement in principle for a partnership for CYE and for members across Africa to join its Unicorn programme as well as an opportunity for us to co-create programmes that can be hosted at the platform capital hub in Lagos.

Many thanks to EVP Ibraheem Tihamiyu and Director of Business Ruth for joining us on the visit. Special commendations to CYE Chair Idara for initiating the partnership.

Skill Up Campaign

We stayed focused on creating opportunities for our members especially our collegiate members, a majority of whom have been at home due to the ASUU Strike.

#SkillUpCampaign

During the month of April, we stayed focused on creating opportunities for our members to acquire in-demand skills for career advancement.

Learntor Data Analytics Cohort:

I am happy to report that the 1st cohort of the Learntor funded Data Analytics course completed their training during the month with very great testimonials.

Let me specially thank JCI Senator Mercy George-Igbafe for her commitment to seeing this through. We are taking learnings from the 1st cohort to ensure a more inclusive and organized programme.

Partnership Engagements With Live Your Dreams Africa:

During the month, in company of National Director of Business, Ruth Appiah-Idowu, I met with the team at Live Your Dreams Africa led by its Founder, Mr. Bankole Williams.

Happy to announce a partnership that will see our members get 100% scholarship on LYDA digital skills training in its online Academy and Dream Development Centre. Such courses include photography, solar installations, content writing, graphic design etc.

NETWORKING

A Southern Conference with great memories

The major highlight of the month of April was the successful hosting of our 1st conference of the year, the Southern Conference hosted by JCI Benin Metro in Benin City, Edo State and Chaired by Executive Vice-Presidents Sandra Efemuaye and Oluwatoyin Atanda.

During the conference, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors met to review our reports for Quarter 1 of 2022 while setting our priorities for Quarter 2. Our theme session had an array of speakers led by the Governor of Akwa-Ibom State, Mr Udom Emmanuel who pledged a handsome donation of N10,000,000 (Ten Million Naira) to the National organisation. I must deeply appreciate Past National President Adetola Akinola for firming up our organisation's relationship with Akwa-Ibom State, a journey that started in 2019.

Let me also specially thank our hosts, JCI Benin Metropolitan, members of the amazing Conference Organisation Committee as well as volunteers who made the conference a successful one.

Not without a few glitches, we are glad that we are on the journey to delivering conferences that add value to members.

Folusho Oluleye National Sports Competition 2022

It was a pleasure to fellowship with members across the organisation for the annual Folusho Oluleye Sports Competition hosted by JCI Ibadan. The event afforded the opportunity to interact with members in a relaxed manner. Congratulations to JCI Ibadan for sustaining the tradition of honouring JC Folusho Oluleye and bringing our members together for friendly sports. I believe this aligns greatly with the pillar of JCI RISE that encourages events that preserve mental health.

#ReturnToJCI Social Media Challenge

We also launched the #ReturntoJCI Social Media Challenge in the past month. With the campaign, we aimed at encouraging former JCI members at the Collegiate and currently inactive members to return to the JCI fold by asking members to share inspiring growth stories on their social media platforms. We believe that all members have been able to #GrowWithJCI by exploring opportunities in the Organisation and the idea was for every member to show the world how the Organisation has helped them to become better persons as professionals and humans.

I urge all members of JCI Nigeria to continue to take every opportunity to encourage all promising old members and vibrant young persons from across Nigeria to take the opportunity of developing themselves positively and impacting sustainable solutions in our world by joining JCI. Ultimately, we hope that, by this campaign, we can drive closer to our goal of bringing 2022 to the JCI Nigeria fold before the end of the year.



#ReturnToJCI

NETWORKING

2022 New members in 2022

Congratulations to every local organisation who inducted a new member in April 2022 bringing our total inductions to 785 (39% of target) new members in the year 2022.

South West: 11

South South/South East: 2

North West: 17

Ibadan - JCI Ibadan April Business Meeting

It was a special honor for me to join members of my local organisation, JCI Ibadan at their April Business Meeting. I commend President Wale Agbomeji and his team for the strides achieved in 2022 within the theme "skills for impact"



PHOTO GALLERY



With Southern Conference Chairpersons Sandra and Oluwatoyin



JCI Trainers Academy Graduates



Meeting with the Life Your Dreams Africa Team



With members at the Folusho Oluleye National Sports Competition



Partnership engagement with Platform Capital



Receiving a medal by JCI Ibadan at the Folusho Oluleye National Sports Competition

EMPOWERMENT

Improving Secretariat Infrastructure - Co-working space for rent

Happy to announce that in a bid to make the National Secretariat self-sustaining, infrastructure for a co-working space for rent has been delivered to the National Secretariat.

I specially salute the collaborative effort of the Chairman Secretariat Development, Tunde Ayeni and the Director of Business Opportunities, Ruth Appiah-Idowu for seeing this through.

I encourage members to spread the news that remote workers in Lagos can access a co-working space with uninterrupted power and internet from our National Secretariat at a very affordable cost.



GDES 2.0

Registration For GDES 2.0 Begins

Registration for the second edition of the Global Digital Economy Summit is underway. GDES 2.0 is a consolidation of the novel idea that was instituted last year as a way to drive inclusion in the digital economy. Through GDES, we hope to provide a platform to share global knowledge, expertise and creativity that exists in informing and collaborating with JCI National organizations to the need for an inclusive digital economy. Please register at <http://gdes.jci.ng/register/>



AMEC 2022 - Explore Tunisia

OUTLOOK FOR APRIL

JCI Vice-President Visit

I am glad to announce to you that we will be playing host to our assigned JCI Vice-President Aboubakar Diallo (JCI Senator) from Guinea. He is expected to arrive Lagos on the 12th May 2022 where he will meet with Local Presidents & National Board members at the National Secretariat.

He is expected to be in Abuja to meet with our members there while also attending the Baba & Yara Novelty games hosted by JCI Aso.

Looking forward to see members around Lagos come around to welcome our JCI Vice President.

Permanent Secretariat- Launch of Club100/the #ONEBrick Campaign

With an allocation of the National Secretariat land still in view, in the second quarter of 2022, we will be launching our fundraising strategies for the National Secretariat Project at events to be announced in the coming days. We look forward to active participation by all of us during the campaign.

I thank our Immediate Past President, Senator Abiola Olorunnisola who is helping us to follow up with the Ogun State Property Investment Company after payment completion in March

Career & Business Networking (CBN) Group Inaugural Meetings

Recall that we launched the CBN programme during the Career Weekend program in February. In May, we anticipate a kick-off of the 6 sectoral CBN groups. When information is out, we encourage every JCI member or alumni who is a professional to join at least one group.

We ask that you support our effort to institutionalize mentorship and provide a platform to leverage our diverse professional networks.



Partnership Announcement

Partnership Opportunities

- Scholarship opportunities for JCI members across Africa & Middle East for digital courses on LYDA Online Academy and LYDA Dream Development Centre.
- Exhibition opportunities for LYDA Alumni at JCI Global Digital Economy Summit and other events
- Leveraging both organisation's other partnerships to develop enterprising young leaders across Africa.

Kindly follow [@jci_nigeria](#) and [@lydatfrica](#) on Instagram for upcoming training opportunities and events.

LYDA Partnership



APRIL PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION

I am glad to specially recognize the following individuals and local organisations for demonstrating exemplary commitment to the National organization's objectives in April 2022

- **JCI Benin Metro** for its member's commitment to the execution of a successful Southern Conference **JCI Benin Metro is recognized as the City Local organisation of the month of April.**

- **JCI Nigeria University of Benin** for creatively championing the #GetYourPVC Campaign online and for its member's active participation at the Southern Conference 2022. **JCIN UNIBEN is recognized as the collegiate local organisation of the month of April.**

- **Ruth Appiah-Idowu** for actively fundraising for the Southern Conference, Secretariat Development and the Global Digital Economy Summit and for making herself available always to attend partnership engagements for JCI Nigeria. **I specially commend Ruth for her consistency as she is recognized as Board member of the Month of April.**

- **David Asotie** for going above and beyond his duties as National Vice-President actively supporting JCI Benin Metro and the CoC to a well delivered Southern Conference. I specially salute **David who is recognized as National Vice-President of the Month of April.**

- **Sandra Efemuaye & Oluwatoyin Atanda** for demonstrating such amazing leadership in the execution of the 2022 Southern Conference, actively raising funds and ensuring standards. **Sandra and Toyin are co- recognized as Exco members for the month of April.**

• Appointment

I am glad to announce the appointment of JC Bukunmi Abimbola (Mirinda) as Executive Assistant to the National President. I thank him for accepting to serve in the ONE Legacy Presidency.

I must also not fail to recognise the following local organisations who have fulfilled their financial obligations in full or within their submitted payment plan till date.

- JCI Aso
- JCI Uyo
- JCI FESTAC
- JCI Rockcity
- JCI Abuja Unity
- JCI Lagos City
- JCI Warri
- JCIN UNIJOS
- JCIN PTI
- JCIN TASUED
- JCIN UNN
- JCIN UI
- JCIN UNIPORT
- JCIN LASU
- JCIN Federal University of Agriculture Makurdi
- JCIN Federal Polytechnic, Offa
- JCIN River State University
- JCIN UNILORIN
- JCI Ibadan Elite
- JCI Olubadan
- JCI Ibadan
- JCI Abeokuta Hills
- JCI Victoria Island
- JCI Ikeja
- JCI Enugu
- JCIN FedPoly Ede
- JCIN COOU Uli
- JCIN UNIBEN
- JCIN OAU
- JCIN UCH
- JCIN YABATECH
- JCIN MAPOLY

• JCI Africa & Middle East Conference in Tunisia

As we go into the month of May, I encourage as many of us to plan to attend our area conference holding from June 12 in Hammamet, Tunisia.

Special kudos to our 2 AMEC Ambassadors from Nigeria, DIA Sanmi and NVP David who have mobilized about 20 members to register for the conference.

Attending an international conference is always worth the spend, I can assure you.



Dear fellow Jaycees, I will end the month's message by encouraging our leaders at local level to always remember to share the opportunities available around with our members.

It is the least we can do to ensure a truly empowered membership.

Thank you all, dear members and alumni, as we continually look forward to your support to make giant strides in the rest of the year.

Till I write you again,

Olawale Bakare
JCI Nigeria President