

Our National organisation in February

Dear JCI Nigeria Members,

I welcome you to the month of March. I am excited to write to you again to share some of the things we have been up to in the last month. We spent February consolidating our efforts in January and charting new paths to advance the creation of opportunities for our treasured members, in line with the JCI RISE initiative and the new Direction of JCI. We stayed focused on our drive to create OPPORTUNITIES for valuable NETWORKING that EMPOWERS our members.

**"The growth and development of people is
the highest calling of leadership"**

- Harvey Firestone



OPPORTUNITIES

JCI Nigeria Career Weekend

As part of our commitment to delivering opportunities to our members across all levels, We organized the first edition JCI Nigeria Career Weekend; an event designed to help members lead a prosperous career and achieve their professional goals and aspirations. The Career Weekend witnessed seasoned experts like Adaeze Sokan, the Country Director of UK-NG Tech Hub; Joel Ogunsola, Co-founder Tech4Dev; Edwina Oyinloye, HR Business Partner at Credit Direct Ltd, among others, at different sessions across two days. The enigmatic Mr Alex Goma, MD of Grand Cereals also took the audience through the art of networking.

The weekend was also an opportunity for us to launch our SkillUp and Career and Business Networking programmes. The two initiatives are part of our efforts towards building a motivated workforce and improving the local economy within the JCI RISE strategy..

Skill Up Launch

We launched a campaign for see about 1000 of our members #SkillUp in 2022. With the SkillUP challenge, we are motivating JCI Nigeria members to become globally competitive in the job market by getting in-demand digital, employability and career skills. As a follow up to the skill up launch;

- In partnership with **Learntor** (an agile digital transformation consulting), we enrolled about 135 members in a highly discounted Data Analytics Course to commence in the month of February.
- We are also cementing our conversations with **Tech4Dev** to co-create a programme that will see our younger members skill up, gain internship opportunities & eventually secure good jobs in the tech industry.
- We initiated a move to help members gain access to jobs with a well-prepared resume. We received about 150 CVs from our members that our team of volunteer professionals will be helping them review in a one-on-one conversation this month of March.
- Our SkillUp team met with **Utiva** (One of the world's largest tech training platforms) virtually) within the month. There are positive indications of opportunities to provide access to learning aids, a 2-day masterclass for members, mentorship & certifications. Thanks to EVP Toyin Atanda for facilitating this meeting.

If you are yet to make a commitment to #SkillUp, please do so here:

<http://bit.ly/skillupcommitmentform>

EMPOWERMENT

Visit to the University of Benin for the EBL Summit

I was excited to fellowship with members and participants at JCI University of Benin Employability, Business and Leadership Summit as a keynote speaker. It was my first time at the Summit since its first edition while I was National Executive Vice President in charge of the Area. It was great to see that not only has the initiative been sustained, it has also been scaled to meet the realities and demands of today's youth population. Special thanks to Past President Imisioluwa Adetula for creating and continually supporting this legacy. I must commend President Cajetan for keeping the flag flying.

Partnership with Tech4Dev Women Techster Fellowship

Earlier in January, we announced our partnership with Tech4Dev to bring opportunities for our members to Skill Up. Building on that, we are also proud to be one of the Organization's partners for the Women Techster Fellowship which aims to empower young women with digital skills needed for a changing world.

Tech4Dev is a social enterprise aimed at using technology for sustainable development. Their vision is to "equip Africans with digital and life skills that foster economic prosperity, financial freedom and sustainable development".

We have extended this partnership to JCI National organisations in Africa & Middle East where Tech4Dev has presence.

Creative Young Entrepreneur Program 2022

During the month of February, we opened nominations for the JCI Creative Young Entrepreneur Programme for 2022. Led by Chairperson Idara Michaels, the team released information about the programme to the press and the public.

Beyond the awards, the drive this year is to see how the creative young entrepreneur programme can drive quality membership to our local organisations as well as attract institutional partnerships.

Financial Management Training for Local organisations

In the month of February about 30 JCI Nigeria members participated in the recently developed JCI Financial Management course organised by the Skills Development Team at the global Headquarters. This is in line with our drive to make our local organisations financially sustainably.

We are encouraged by the enthusiastic support and feedback that we have received in the first two months of the year. As we run the course of the last month of the first quarter, I admonish members, officers at all levels and Local Organizations to remain committed to the realization of strategic goals that have been set for the year. Let us continue to keep our eyes on the prize and go for it. The first two months have been exciting, and I cannot wait to do the next with you all.

NETWORKING

Career and Business Networking (CBN) Program Launch

After a great session on the “the right way to network” for career & business advancement led by Veteran Business Leader, Mr Alex Goma (MD of Grand Cereals), we introduced the JCI Nigeria Career & Business Networking Group to about 230 members at the virtual event.

Through the program, we want to harness the diverse professional network of Jaycee members & alumni in Nigeria while also providing a platform to institutionalize business and career mentorship. We are starting with 6 CBN groups namely Professional services; Tech, IT Services & Telecoms; Agribusiness, Real Estate, Construction & Energy; Marketing & Financial Services; Public Sector & NGO.

I am glad to announce the CBN Programme Central Implementation Committee below;

- Adewale Salami- Chair
- Olabisi Ogunwale
- Mosope Adefuye
- Busayo Adegoke
- Salamatu Yaradua
- Anthony Egonu
- Ekam Akpakpan

Belonging to a CBN group gives access to career information, mentorship and professional fellowship as drivers for the execution of its objectives. Our hope is that the CBN groups will add value to our conferences during the year and going forward, by hosting business cocktails, summits & workshops as well as social events.



Engagements with the Youth Ministries in Ogun & Lagos State

Initiated by Executive Vice-President Toyin Atanda, I led a team of our Local Presidents in Lagos and Ogun States to meetings with the Commissioners for Youth & Sports Development in Lagos and Ogun State.

We have strong commitments by Commissioner Segun Dawodu of support in Lagos state for our CYE Programme, Southern Conference Trip by Lagos delegates and collaborations for such initiatives of the ministry like the Ibile Youth Academy Leadership Exchange Programme.

Both Commissioners endorsed and gave support to our drive for young people to get their PVCs ahead of the 2023 elections.



NETWORKING

JCI Africa And Middle East National Presidents' Meeting



JCI Nigeria delegates at the National President's Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda



Engaging with JCI World President Argenis Angulo

I joined National Presidents and JCI officers from all over the world to attend the JCI Africa and Middle East National Presidents meeting in Kigali, Rwanda from the 23rd to the 26th of February, 2022. Alongside nine other delegates from JCI Nigeria, it was to fly the flag of the National Organization after 2 years of no international travel. At the meeting, we discussed strategies and plans for JCI Africa and the Middle East as they affect National organizations in the Area.

I had the rare privilege of exchanging notes with the JCI World President Argenis Angulo on our ONE Legacy blueprint and how it aligns with the Global theme, "Leading is our Duty" and JCI's new direction. It will interest you, our dear members to know that JCI's biggest legacy this year is to lead countries of the world to the adoption of a "Global Declaration of Human duties".

It was an honour for Nigerian delegates to sit in a conversation with JCI Adviser for Africa & Middle East, Senator Jide Adeyemi to thank him for the great work he is doing at international level. Proud to inform you that our JCI officers from Nigeria, Growth & Development Director Tunji Oyeyemi, VP Richard Ojo, AMDEC Councillor Segun Aina, Foundation Committee member Olawale Okusada were on the trip and are doing an amazing job with making Nigeria proud.

I must thank my co-delegates, especially the Local Presidents Abayomi of JCI Aso, Munachi of JCI Uyo & Salamotu of JCI Abuja Unity who flew the colors of the nation excellently. Special thanks to Director of International Opportunities Sanmi Abiodun and Director of Business Ruth Idowu for coordinating the trip.

NETWORKING

Meeting with Past President Tunji Bolu on National Secretariat

I was in Ibadan to pay a courtesy call to our past National President, JCI Senator Tunji Bolu to discuss, among other things, plans for the development of the National Secretariat and Youth Centre. We have strong commitments from his firm ABDT Partnership to provide Architectural designs & consultancy at no cost through the life of the project. We are putting finishing touches to the design that was started last year for the Secretariat.

2022 New members in 2022

Congratulations to every local organisation who inducted a new member in February 2022, bringing our total inductions to 397 new members in the year 2022.

South West

District 1 - 46

District 2 - 73

South South/South East

District 1: 45

District 2: 94

North West

District 1: 1



OUTLOOK FOR MARCH

Ahead of our March 9th founder's day, we encourage every Jaycee to commit to at least ONE Legacy. Your legacy could be;

- To motivate your local Board members to support the creation of a new and sustainable JCI Local organisation.
- Buy a premium 65th anniversary Merch from the JCI Nigeria shop
- Donate old newsletters, brochures, books on leadership, management, self development, entrepreneurship & career to develop our Secretariat library.
- Every member's legacy for this year's founder's " day celebration will be to mobilize efforts to commence construction on the land purchased and paid for between the year 2020 & 2021 by Presidents Onyinye & Abiola. We ask every member (collegiate & City) to commit to at least #OneBrick for the Secretariat Project.



OUTLOOK FOR MARCH

#GETYOURPVC CAMPAIGN

“Not voting is not a protest, it is a surrender”- Keith Ellison

In the course of my travels this year, I have come across a lot of young people of voting age (especially JCI members) without a voter's card.

In March, I call on JCI leaders at all levels to mobilize deliberate and creative effort to ensure young people, starting with our members, get a PVC. We are announcing a challenge to this effect to motivate the individual member to campaign aggressively for young people to register before the end of PVC registrations by INEC.

Please join the challenge today.

JCI Nigeria in the News- February

- We are ready to work with JCI Nigeria- LASG- Western Post

<https://westernpostnigeria.com/we-are-ready-to-work-with-jci-nigeria-says-lasg/>

- We are ready to work with JCI Nigeria- Lagos, Eagle Online

<https://theeagleonline.com.ng/we-are-ready-to-work-with-jci-nigeria-lagos/>

- JCI Nigeria Announces Young Entrepreneur Awards- Enterprise CEO

<https://enterpriseceo.ng/2022/02/24/jci-nigeria-announces-young-entrepreneur-awards-calls-for-entries/>

- JCI Nigeria Announces Young Entrepreneur Award, Calls for Entries- Tech Economy

<https://techeconomy.ng/2022/02/jci-nigeria-announces-young-entrepreneur-award-calls-for-entries/>

Be our PVC Campaign Champion

Steps

- Post a picture**
Post a picture on your social media page with your PVC using #JCIgetYourPVC
- Colligate members**
Share a collage of your members engaging young people in your constituency or branch, through sign and showing their flow to register to get their PVC online from their INEC card.
- Go Member**
Share a creative video of you campaigning in your state of work, based on activities and how you are going to get their PVC.
- WIN**
Show proof of at least 10 registrations

Winner wins \$20 and free registration to the Southern Conference and will be announced as March member of the month.

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FEBRUARY 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 February 2022

- **JCI FESTAC** for taking the lead on the National organisations's focus on career advancement in the month of February with its Skill Fiesta project combined with a PVC Awareness campaign. JCI FESTAC is recognized as the City Local organisation of the month of February.

- **JCI Nigeria University of Benin** for recruiting and inducting 59 new members and hosting a quality Employability & Business Masterclass with direct impact on about 600 students of the University of Benin that aligns with our career focus for February. JCIN UNIBEN is recognized as the collegiate local organisation of the month of February.

- **Ruth Appiah-Idowu** for securing a donation of \$1000 for the National Secretariat Project, leading the planning of a successful and impactful Career Weekend Program in February and coordinating the Nigerian delegation to Rwanda on behalf of the Director of International Opportunities, . Ruth is recognized as Board member of the Month of February.

- **Oluwatoyin Atanda** for initiating partnerships with the Lagos and Ogun State Youth Ministries, making a donation to the National Secretariat for the procurement of unlimited internet service and championing the #GetYourPVC Campaign amongst local organisations. Toyin is recognized as Exco member for the month of February.

I must also not fail to recognise the following local organisations who have fulfilled their full financial obligations in full to the National organisation before the 28th of February

- JCI Ibadan Elite
- JCI Uyo
- JCI Olubadan
- JCI FESTAC
- JCI Ibadan
- JCI Rockcity
- JCI Abeokuta Hills
- JCIN UNIJOS
- JCIN PTI
- JCIN COOU Uli
- JCIN TASUED
- JCIN UNIBEN
- JCIN UNN
- JCIN OAU
- JCIN UI
- JCIN UCH
- JCIN UNIPORT
- JCIN YABATECH



Let me end by thanking our amazing team of Local Presidents and their Board members for the amazing work we are doing to align ourselves with the new JCI Global Direction. Our commitment is to continue to work with you as ONE Team in the ONE Direction of delivering legacies that the future will be proud of.

Truly yours
Olawale Bakare
JCI Nigeria President