

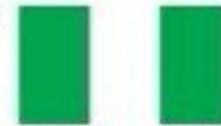
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EXECUTING A PROGRAM- CHAPTER CASE STUDIES

PRESENTATION OF THE NIGERIAN CHAPTER OF THE AFRICAN CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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AT

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The Federal Republic of Nigeria

- ❖ The Federal Republic of Nigeria is constituted of 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja). It has 774 Local Government Areas and Councils. It has three independent arms of Government that includes the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary at the Federal level and same applies at the State levels too. The Country shares borders with Benin Republic, Cameroon, Chad and Niger Republic.
- ❖ Nigeria is also the headquarters of the Economic Community of West African States (commonly known as the ECOWAS Commission. Because of its shared resource on the Lake Chad it is also member of the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Multi National Joint Task Force to combat insecurity in the region with headquarters in Ndjamen, Chad. The Country is also a member of Niger River Basin Authority, (responsible for managing the River Niger, its tributaries (including the Benue) and the basin with headquarters in Niamey, Niger Republic.

The Nigerian Chapter of the Alumni Association of the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)

- ❖ The Nigerian Alumni chapter of the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) was formed in the early 2000s and got registered with the Federal Government in 2018 as Professional Security sector, good governance and peace supporting association. It bring together key actors in security sector, governments, academia, civil society organizations, women and youths to advance the cause of peace, security, economic stability, prosperity, transparency and good governance at all levels in partnership with our local and international partners, and sister organizations.
- ❖ Membership: Membership is open to all members who had attended the any of the ACSS courses, workshops and seminars both locally and internationally. The chapter has provision only members who have paid their dues to aspire to hold offices in the chapter and also to benefit from programs that the chapter to nominate participants. The organization currently has 246 registered members.

The Nigerian Chapter of the Alumni Association of the African Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) (cont'd)

- ❖ The chapter hold elections to elect key offices that includes the President, Vice President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Publicity Secretary and other offices. We have also Board of Trustees and are in now in the process of expanding it.
- ❖ We have been holding meetings and have been participating in ACSS activities both in Washington DC, in Nigeria and activities held in other countries.

KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER

- ❖ In 2019 we held a workshop in conjunction with the Center for Civilians in Conflict to sensitise security officers on International Humanitarian and the rights of Civilians in Conflict areas. The Workshop was well attended.
- ❖ In August, 2023 the Chapter hosted a two day symposium on the “Challenges and Innovations in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism : Strategic Approaches”. It was done in collaboration with the ACSS DC, Nigeria’s National Defence University, the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), the George Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the Nigeria’s National Counter Terrorism Center and the Irregular Warfare Center.
- ❖ It was well attended by almost the all members of the Nigeria’s Defence and Security officials, the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defence Staff, the Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Naval Staff, Inspector General of Police, the Director General of the State Security Service, Senior Government Officials, the National Defence College, the Academia, CSOs and the Media.

KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER



AFRICA CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES
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In collaboration with



Present

2-DAY SYMPOSIUM

On

**CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS IN COUNTERING TERRORISM
AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM: STRATEGIC APPROACHES**

Date: 28-29th August 2023

Venue: National Defence College, Abuja Nigeria

Zoom Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 832 9727 7163

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Host
ACSS Nigeria Chapter

Activities

President of the ACSS Cmdr Abimbola Ayuba FNIM



KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER (Cont'd)

- ❖ In April, 2024, the ACSS in conjunction with the leadership of the National Assembly and Alumni chapter organized the ACSS Nigeria Defense Governance Forum to promote transparency in defense procurement and promote good governance in the security sector.
- ❖ In September, 2024, the ACSS DC in conjunction with Alumni Association organized an ACSS Alumni Dinner reception in Lagos, Nigeria. It was an excellent opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, networking and opportunity for future collaboration.

KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER (cont'd)

- ❖ Members of the Alumni Association had attended courses in Washington, USA, Ghana, Mauritius and Algeria.
- ❖ Courtesy calls were paid to Chief of Defence Staff, the National Security Adviser, the Director General of the State Security Service, the Commandant of the National Defence College and other senior Government Officials.
- ❖ We have had interactions with the Office of Security Cooperation at the US Embassy in Abuja and attended the dinner hosted in honour of the head of the National Defence University of the USA.
- ❖ Members of the chapter had also had interactions with members of the Alumni association in other countries, notably Benin, Ghana and Kenya.
- ❖ During and Post Covid the chapter organised series of webinars on coping mechanism and emerging threats. We also held Webinar on the upcoming 2023 elections – State of the Nation.

CHALLENGES

- ❖ The Chapter despite its achievements has had its own challenges. We have challenges in managing a diverse and high-ranking members organization like the ACSS Chapter and the need to set up an administrative structure to manage it. We are grateful to the Nigeria's National Defence University for serving as our liaison office and giving us every support that we need. But we need to step on our feet and do our running.
- ❖ We also have funding challenges as the association is solely on membership dues only. We need to have a steady source of funding.

CHALLENGES

- ❖ We need deeper cooperation between the chapter and the headquarters in terms more cooperation, and capacity building training.
- ❖ More deeper cooperation with Office of the Security Cooperation of the US Embassy.
- ❖ There is need for proper structures to be out in place to enable the Association take advantage of its incorporation under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, LFN 2004 which could provide opportunity to raise grants from INGOs and donor communities.

Conclusion

- We wish to thank the ACSS Washington DC for giving us the opportunity to make this presentation.
- Thank you. Merci Beaucoup. Obrigado.