

Migrants Rights: Nigeria- Polish Initiative- Conference

The International Conference and Meeting on Migration 12-14 April 2010

Theme: **The Dangers of Illegal Migration on Sender Countries**

About Migrant Rights: Nigerian-Polish Initiative

“Migrant Rights: Nigerian-Polish Initiative” is a partnership project designed to enhance the protection of the rights of migrants in Poland. Project partners are Human Support Services (Lagos) and Rule of Law Institute Foundation (Lublin). The fundamental goals of the project are: to raise awareness and develop skills, knowledge and resources of lawyers, migration officers and members of migrant communities to respect civil rights of migrants and to assist migrants; to improve migrants’ knowledge on their rights and obligations; to enhance the exchange of knowledge and information on labour migration policies.

The 1-day conference for 50 persons and 2-days training workshop for 20 lawyers in Nigerian will be conducted on the theme: “**The Dangers of Illegal Migration on Sender Countries**”. Participants will be government officials; migration officers; NGO representatives; and the Nigerian community.

Major topics of discussion:

- Dangers of irregular channels of migration and measures to discourage illegal migrations from Nigeria and other African countries;
- The challenges of human trafficking on economic development of Nigeria;
- EU Labour Law and Migration Policies; Advantages and disadvantages of living and working abroad;
- Integration of returned illegal migrants and the Nigerian policy on deportation;
- Measures to discourage illegal migrations;
- Providing knowledge & information to potential migrant workers & their spouses on labour migration;
- Innovative measures to enhance protection of rights of migrant family members left behind.

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Proposed Conference Agenda for the 12 April, 2010

Venue: AHI Conference Center, 17 Lawal st. off Owen, Jibowu Yaba

Time	Activity/Topic	Person Responsible	Comments
8:30-9:00	Registration	Onyiye Ezenwani- HSS	
9:00-9:10	Climate Setting - Opening Prayer - Introductions - Conference Objectives - Goodwill Message	Ufon Udofia- Human Support Services	
9:10-9:15	Welcome Address	Emeka Nsofor- HSS Executive Director/Project Coordinator	
9:15-9:25	Project Introduction: Migrants Rights: Nigerian-Polish Initiative	Wisdom Ejebugha -Migrants Rights Overall Project Coordinator	
Technical Session			
9:25-10:30	EU Labour Law and Migration Policies; Advantages and disadvantages of living and working abroad	Prof. Delaine Swenson	
10:30-11.10	Dangers of irregular channels of migration from Nigeria and other African countries	Wisdom- Migrants Rights Overall Project Coordinator	
11:10-11:10	Tea/Coffee Break		
11:10-12:30	The strategies to eradicate illegal migration	Professor Ayodele Etsenuwa	
12:30-2:00pm	LUNCH		
2:00-2:30	Integration of returned illegal migrants and the Nigerian policy on deportation	Barr. Dave Ajetomobi, Chairman, Nigeria Bar Association Ikeja Branch	
2:30-3:10	The impact of migration on family members left behind in Nigeria	Dr Oka Obono University of Ibadan	
3:10-3:25	Tea/Coffee Break		
3:25-4:50	The challenges of human trafficking on economic development of Nigeria	Mr. Godwin Morka: Head Lagos Zonal Office; NAPTIP	
4:50-5:00	Closing Remarks	Emeka Nsofor - Executive Director: HSS	

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Proposed Agenda for the 2-days training of Lawyer in Nigeria from 13th- 14th 2010

Venue: AHI Conference Center, 17 Lawal st. off Owen, Jibowu Yaba

Day One: 13 April, 2010			
Time	Activity/Topic	Person Responsible	Comments
9:00-9:30am	Registration	Onyinyechi Ezenwani- HSS	
9.30 am - 10.00am	Climate Setting - Opening Prayer - Introductions - Meeting Objectives	Ufon Udofia- Human Support Services	
10.00am -10.15am	Welcome Address	Emeka Nsofor- HSS Executive Director/Project Coordinator	
10.15 -11.00	Tea/Coffee Break		
11.00a.m – 11.45am	Project Introduction: Migrants Rights: Nigerian-Polish Initiative	Wisdom Ejebugha -Migrants Rights Overall Project Coordinator	
11.45am – 12.30pm	Advantages and disadvantages of living and working abroad (Migrant vulnerabilities)	Prof. Delaine Swenson	
12.30pm -2.30pm	Lunch		
2.30pm – 3.45pm	The rationale for migration from Nigeria	Professor Ayodele Etsenuwa	
3.45 pm – 4.00pm	Tea/Coffee Break/departure		
Day Two: 14 April 2010			
9:00-9:10am	Registration of Participants	Onyinyechi Ezenwani- HSS	
9.10 am - 9.30am	Recap of Day one	Emeka Nsofor- HSS Executive Director/Project Coordinator	
9.30am – 10.15am	Providing knowledge & information to prospective migrant workers & their spouses on labour migration	Wisdom Ejebugha -Migrants Rights Overall Project Coordinator	
10.15 -11.00	Tea/Coffee Break		
11.00am -12.30am	The impact of migration on family members left behind in Nigeria	Mr. Godwin Morka: Head Lagos Zonal Office; NAPTIP	
12.30pm -2.30pm	lunch		
2.30pm – 3.15pm	The impact of migration on family members left behind in Poland	Ms Joanna Oleszkowicz	
3.15pm - 3.45pm	Closing Remarks and next step	Emeka Nsofor - Executive Director: HSS	
3.45 pm – 4.00pm	Tea/Coffee Break/departure		