



# AFRICAN CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (ACAHD)

**Work Plan 2009 – 2011**



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## **Annual Work Plan 2009/2011**

Dear Friends,

We wish you a blessed advent period, a joyful Christmas period and a successful, prosperous and healthy 2009! In the following pages, it is our pleasure to share with you a narrative summarized compilation of the ‘highlights’ of the work plans of ACAHD, its governance working structures and staff in the year 2009 – 2011. We invite our members, donors and organizations to share this with all those in the organizations who are directly or indirectly involved with the work of African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development (ACAHD).

### **New challenge in World:**

In the year 2009 we will continue to face great challenges in the context of the current global financial and economic crisis. This crisis affects all nations, all government and all enterprises and organizations – including charitable organizations like ACAHD in one way or the other.

### **The Mission:**

In order to work towards the achievement of the vision of the African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development action to human rights in Nigeria, conflict prevention, and access to justice. ACAHD formulated joint mission in preventing conflict, promotion of human rights and HIV/AIDS prevention. The mission thus describes the two primary ways that ACAHD will accomplish this: consensus building and joint action, three sub-programs are designed to achieve these goals.

### **1. Program 1: Conflict Resolution/Peacebuilding:**

#### *Strategy 1: Consensus Building*

The need to build consensus for conflict prevention approaches and activities among community members, traditional and religious leaders, government, multinational corporations and policymakers is seen as essential to developing the field, generating progress and actually instituting the mechanisms to prevent conflict. The primary way ACAHD will work with partners to achieve this is through its programmes on “Enhancing the Skills of media Traditional Leaders, Chiefs, Kings, Women and Religious Leaders in Conflict Resolution”. This will consist of provision of training in conflict resolution, awareness raising campaigns and promoting policies and training including interactions and advocacy for the groups above and media. We intend to achieve this through a range of consensus building activities targeting key communities within and outside the conflict prevention network, primarily Kings, Chiefs and Policymakers at all levels and general public.

### **Program 2: Human Rights (Freedom from degrading treatment, violence and torture).**

#### *Strategy 2: Awareness Raising and Training.*

The need to respond to government measures to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, torture and neglect is ACAHD major concern. In particular access to legal representation, compensation for survivors, and enhance knowledge of the rights of detainees will be major area of intervention. Awareness raising campaigns, consensus building and shaping public opinion are the strategies to achieve this goals. ACAHD will work with partners to achieve this through its programmes on

“Breaking the Cycle of Torture in Nigeria”. This will consist media outreach where journalists will be trained on how to investigate and report torture and other human rights abuses, provision of free legal consultation to detainees, advocacy and awareness as well as publication of written materials. We intend to achieve this through networking and awareness raising campaigns targeting Senior- lower Police officers, Prisons officer, Policymakers and the General public.

### **Program 3: Access to Justice**

**Strategy 3:** ACAHD will work towards ensuring effective access to justice for persons with disabilities, detainees and less privileges on an equal basis with others, including the provision of procedural and age appropriate accommodations, in order to facilitate their effective role as direct and indirect participants, including as witnesses, in all legal proceedings, ACAHD will contribute to consideration of possibilities for access to justice through law reform inquiry processes. Strategy to achieve this is by providing appropriation training for those working in the field of administration of justice, including police, judges and prison staff. It will promote development of disability action plans by all law and justice agencies including access to appropriate court support services for people with disability, and in particular to people with intellectual disability.

### **Knowledge Generation and Sharing**

For sometime, the academic theory and the civil society practice of civil society conflict prevention have been disconnected from one another. It is sometimes clear that researchers have not captured the essence of civil society work in the areas, and what lessons have been generated by research are frequently not absorbed balk at the ground level. A more inclusive approach to gathering theoretical models, lessons the ground level. A more inclusive gathering theoretical model, lessons learned and best practices is needed to raise the level of professionalism of the entire field. Over the next two years, the African Centre for Advocacy & Human Development will engage in a process of identifying, collecting and disseminating essential knowledge – and where needed, developing it – starting with a pilot project examining the impacts and value of human rights and peace education programmes.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

This annual plan was elaborated in a large process of consultation and cooperation throughout the networking structures of ACAHD. It was approved by the Executive Board and it stands as an expression for our common will to cooperate all across our borders our limits and our differences as African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development in Nigeria.

ACAHD is a non profit organization registered under the Laws of the Feral Republic of Nigeria with Corporate Affairs Commission since 2002. ACAHD engages local communities to achieve a range of objectives, including: generates, synthesizes, and disseminates credible, comprehensive and timely information on governance and corruption trends in Nigeria, it also promotes of human rights, democratic ethics and values ;teach courses designed to emphasize the significance of peace for social and human development; to encourage and strongly support efforts to further integrate the basic principles of free legal services with social and human development; to strengthen women’s influence in social life, free private enterprise and art by means of training activities and informational exchange with other non-governmental organizations; and to support collaborative projects that focus on women’s empowerment and seek to establish women’s activism within a wider policy. ACAHD partners and donors include:, United States Institutes of Peace (USIP), Washington DC, Gates/Vital Voices Global Partnership Fund, Washington DC, ATLAS (USA), The Institute for Faith and Freedom (USA), Global Integrity (New York, USA),IIPPA (Nigeria), IMMANI Centre for Humane Studies (Ghana), CAWD

(Nigeria), NNELA, NICON (Nigeria), Peace Mandate and Nigeria Initiative for Public Policy Analysis (IPPA), Nigeria.

May ACAHD continue to grow throughout the next year in your hearts and in your prayers as the sacrament of unity, hope and development within the governmental, non-governmental, general public and for the world.

Nigeria, 29, December 2008

**For: *African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development (ACAHD)***

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Adepelumi Esq.', written in a cursive style.

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