

ANNUAL REPORT

INTERCONNECTIONS FOR MAKING AFRICA GREAT EMPOWERED AND SUSTAINABLE (IMAGES) INITIATIVE



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Introduction

This report details the activities carried out by the IMGES Initiative in 2019.

Corporate Affairs Commission Registration

IMAGES Initiative satisfied the Federal Government of Nigeria's condition to register as a Non-Government Organisation. It was successful got registered as a NGO and issued certificate of incorporation with the name Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative and CAC/IT/No 129450.

Book Launch and Presentation

The book on "Climate Change and Socio-ecological Transformation in Nigeria: Challenges and Opportunities" was presented to the public by IMAGES in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). It was also made available to the audience at the book presentation for free and the book was also distributed to other academic institutions and research organisations within and outside Nigeria.

Board Member Meetings

The Board members met three times in 2019 (April, July and October). All of the meetings were virtual meetings. The meeting were chaired by Chairman of the Board, Ambassador Ademola Oluseyi Onafowokan.

Bank Account Opening

During the year, IMAGES opened a bank account with the United Bank of Africa. We have Naira and Dollar domiciliary accounts. The statement of both accounts is attached to this report.

SCUML Registration

IMAGES started a registration process with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Special Control Unit against Money Laundering (SCUML) to get the statutory anti-graft certificate from the Unit for the smooth operations of our financial accounts. The registration is in progress.

Federal Inland Revenue Service Tax Identification Number – (FIRS TIN)

As one of the bank account opening requirements, IMAGES got the Tax Identification Number (TIN: 21422627).

Launch of IMAGES Website and Personalised Email Addresses

IMAGES registered the domain registration and got email addresses for all the Board members, including a general email address for enquiries.

Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP)

The first cohort of Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP) has been selected and assigned to mentors and coaches. There are eight 8 mentee for the 2020 edition. The mentees are from Ghana (2) and Nigeria (6). The AGMCP prepares and grooms the next generation of African scholars for career and professional advancements.

Planning for Circularity Africa 2020

Planning started for the first Circularity Africa 2020 Conference. The conference has been scheduled to hold during 13 - 15 May 2020. The following steps have been taken in preparation for Circularity Africa Conference. Sub-committees have been inaugurated for Circularity Africa Conference. The sub-committees are: Awards, Exhibitions, Green School Challenge, Tours, Protocol & Accommodation, Technical/Logistics and Registration.

Call for Abstracts for Circularity Africa 2020

Call for abstracts started in November and closes in January 2020. Full agenda will be released on 15 February 2020. About 1,000 thought leaders are expected to participate at the conference.

Keynote speakers at the Conference

IMAGES has confirmed the two Keynote Speakers. They are Dr Pauline Deutz and Professor PLO Lumumba.

Reaching out to Partners and Collaborators

IMAGES has reached out to potential partners and sought opportunities for sponsorship. Circularity Africa Conference with IITA, UBA, Globacom, Airtel, BOVAS, PolicyVault.Africa, ACU, among others.

Students Sponsorship Awards to ISDS

IMAGES sponsored three delegates – Kaustubh Thapa, Nelson Obine, and Olafimihan Oyeniya to the 10th Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Signage at the Headquarters

IMAGES erected the signage at Head Office situated at Office 2, St Anne's, Hostel, Barth Road, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Staffing

The Secretariat is headed by Mrs Pamela Olayide. Mr Gboluwaga Olaomo and Mr Toluwase Olaniyan were engaged as ad hoc staff members.

Outlook for 2020

1. Circularity Africa Conference would be held
2. The first cohort of AGMCP would commence
3. Board of Trustees should be play more active roles
4. All hand must be on deck for ensure the success and sustainability of all programmes and partnerships
5. Mr Gboluwaga Olaomo will assume the role of AGMCP Coordinator from January to June 2020, while appointment of Mr Toluwase Olaniyan as Programme Officer will be extended till June 2020. Similarly, Dr Omobolaji Obisesan will assume duties as Visiting Post-doctoral Research Fellow from January to May 2020.