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Welcome to another edition of our Women In Politics Forum Newsletter. We are delighted to have you as part of our community. Get ready for amazing updates, inspiring stories, and important information about our continued efforts to empower women in politics.



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INSPIRING INCLUSION IN THE NIGERIAN POLITICAL SPACE EVENT

With the support of the West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network [WADEMOS}, Women In Politics Forum organized a high-level discussion on Inspiring Inclusion in Nigerian Politics. The event took place on March 7th 2024.

This event, supported by WADEMOS NETWORK brought together key Stakeholders like Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe, a member of the Senate of the National Assembly since 2003 and a member of the 10th Assembly Constitution Amendment Committee,



Dr. Clement Nwankwo, Executive Director at Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC), Dr. Emile Ikhide, the head of the Gender and Inclusivity Unit of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), Dr. Otive Igbuzor, the Chief of staff to the Deputy Senate President of the 9th National Assembly, the Honorable National Women Leaders of Labor Party, All-progressives Grand Alliance APGA, Accord Party and the Peoples Democratic Party for a high-level





discussion on promoting inclusivity in Nigerian politics through gender-responsive legislation.

The conference was a great opportunity for discussion and collaboration. Participants engaged in stimulating discussions and shared their views and experiences in developing strategies to ensure the passage of Gender Equality laws in Nigeria.

This is an important step towards creating an inclusive political environment in the country.

Throughout the conference, the focus was on encouraging participation in Nigerian politics. The discussion focused on the importance of Gender-Responsive Legislation that seeks to address the specific needs and concerns of women in politics.

Recognizing and addressing these unique challenges empowers women to participate in decision-making.

The "Inspiring Inclusion in the Nigerian Political Space" event served as a catalyst for change. It brought together people from diverse backgrounds with the common goal of promoting Inclusion and Equality in politics. Discussions are not only informative, but also stimulating, creating a sense of enthusiasm and determination among participants to drive real innovation.



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW68) EVENT



On March 11th, Governments, Organizations and Individuals were gathered at New York for the Commission on the Status of Women event (CSW68) to advance the goal of achieving Gender Equality Globally. Women In Politics Forum was ably represented by the Executive Director Barr. Ebere Ifendu.

The CSW68 conference was an important gathering of Governments, Organizations and Individuals from around the world working to promote Gender Equality.

This provided an opportunity to discuss the various challenges women face and strategies to address them. The program promoted Inclusion, fostered collaboration and promoted women's empowerment.

In conjunction with CSW68, Action Aid Nigeria, Women In Politics Forum hosted a side event to commemorate its 10th Anniversary. The event celebrated the achievements of the organization in promoting women's participation in politics and breaking down barriers. It featured engaging panel discussions and inspiring speeches that highlighted the experiences, challenges, and successes of women in the political sphere.

The CSW68 event and WIPF side event were both instrumental in promoting Gender Equality and the empowerment of women. They provided opportunities for meaningful dialogue, knowledge sharing, and the development of innovative approaches to create a more inclusive political landscape.



As we commemorate the 10th anniversary of WIPF side event, let's celebrate the progress that was made in promoting women's voices in politics and recognize the ongoing work that is needed to achieve full gender equality. These events played a crucial role in inspiring change, fostering collaboration, and empowering women to participate fully in the political sphere. It's amazing how they brought people together and created a positive impact.



MORE PICTURES FROM THE CSW68/WIPF SIDE EVENT



YOUNG WOMEN IN POLITICS FORUM ABUJA CHAPTER: ONBOARDING OF NEW MEMBERS AND CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On March 22nd, Young Women In Politics Forum Abuja Chapter organized an incredible onboarding session. It was an exciting event that welcomed new participants and celebrated International Women's Day. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and empowerment as everyone gathered to support and uplift women in various fields, including politics.

During the onboarding session, new members were introduced to the organization's mission and values. It was an amazing opportunity for them to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about promoting women's voices and creating positive change. The session also featured a panel discussion with some incredible guests like Austin Aigbe, a prominent Gender Rights Advocate, Adaora Sydney Jack, the Executive Director for Gender Strategy Advancement International, Dorothy Njemanze, Executive Director; Dorothy Njemanze Foundation and Divinne Achu, Legislative Compliance Officer.



In addition to welcoming new members, the event also involved the election of new officials. This process ensured a fresh perspective and leadership for Young Women In Politics Forum Abuja Chapter.

The election was conducted in a fair and transparent manner, allowing all participants to have a voice in shaping the organization's future.

Overall, the onboarding session not only introduced new members to the organization's mission and values but also provided an opportunity for them to learn from influential figures like Austin Aigbe and Adaora Jack. This event served as a catalyst for promoting women's voices in politics and fostering positive change within the organization and beyond.



CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH LEADERS OF WOMEN GROUPS



Women In Politics Forum had a consultative meeting with leaders of women groups that had worked with the previous assemblies and played various roles in getting the affirmative action bills passed by the National Parliament. The purpose of the consultation was to identify the various previous efforts of the individual organizations in order to map out a plan to harness efforts in engaging National Assembly members to pass the bill. The meeting also reviewed the presentations at the January Virtual regional convening on the gendered political space.



The organizations that were a part of this discussion include the 100 Women Lobby Group, International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA), ActionAid Nigeria, League of Women Voters and Women In Politics Forum.



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