



Lawyers Alert

FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

Introduction

Lawyers Alert is an established Human Rights Organization with an internationally recognized track record of successful intervention in relation to Human Rights abuses in Nigeria. It is made up of lawyers and other professionals with members across the 36 states of Nigeria. It builds capacity on essentially eco-socio rights, advocacy/legislative engagement, and organizational development. Its programs are essentially the monitoring of rights violations, legal assistance and interventions geared towards enhancing good governance. Lawyers Alert was founded in 2002.

Mission of Lawyers Alert

To promote and protect human rights especially for the poor disadvantaged, and vulnerable in Nigeria.

Objectives

- To promote human rights in Nigeria using national legal frameworks and international charters.
- To monitor and document Human Rights Violations
- To provide capacity building on legal matters
- To provide legal assistance to victims, giving the poor and vulnerable a voice.
- To strengthen community engagement in developmental programs.

Strategies

- Program design, development and strategic planning
- Community mobilization and sensitization
- Networking and coalition building
- Service/program delivery
- Program Evaluation
- Capacity building- Training and development
- Community based support initiatives
- Human Resource Support
- Institutional development
- Research

Areas of Intervention

- Human Rights and Justice Advocacy
- Legal Aid and Pro-bono services
- Elections and democracy
- Civic education and public enlightenment

Levels of Engagement, Service provision and Support

- a) Individuals
- b) Communities
- c) National Systems (including policy & governance)

Geographic Coverage: Lawyers Alert has a nationwide agenda with focus on North Central Nigeria.

Organization and Coordination-

Governing Board: Chair: Dr. Magdalene Dura. President: Bar. Rommy Mom, Treasurer: Andrew Adejir, Secretary: Arc Chris Uloko, Coordinating member: Mary Okpe.

They have overall responsibility for the strategic leadership and governance of Lawyers Alert.

Three primary functions of the trustees would be:

- To ensure that Lawyers Alert stays focused on its mission and strategy
- To endorse policy decisions
- To provide support and constructive challenge to the management team, in particular the Executive Director and Senior Management Team.

The trustees will meet a minimum of four times a year. Day to day leadership and management of Lawyers Alert is delegated by the trustees to the President.