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NEWS

SGDs: UN to Begin \$4 Billion Implementation Framework In Nigeria 2018

The UN on Tuesday, 24th October, said it would commence implementation of over \$4 billion dollars UN Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF) in Nigeria in 2018. Edward Kallon, the UN Resident Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, made this known at the UN Day Celebration in Abuja, noting that the scheme would be from 2018 to 2022.

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UN Condemns Arrests of Congo Opposition Members

The arrests occurred in the eastern city of Lubumbashi on Sunday when police broke up a meeting by the Union for Democracy and Social Progress party on the eve of a return to the city of opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi after a long absence, party members told Reuters.

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Nigerian Law School Releases Final Exam Results; 21.6% Fails

The Nigerian Law School on Saturday, 22nd October, released summary of the final examination results conducted in August. Chinedu Ukekwe, Head of Information and Protocol of the Nigerian Law School, made this known in a statement. He said that a total of 5, 891 students participated in the examinations, while 4, 285 were successful.

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Nigeria Police Officers Kill Driver for Refusing to Stop At Checkpoint

The Enugu police command has explained what led to the shooting that claimed

two lives along the Enugu-Onitsha highway on Friday. In a statement issued by its spokesperson, Nkeiruka Nwode, the command said the refusal of a driver of a Toyota Camry to stop when flagged down by police officers led to a chase which ended in the shooting.

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Court Orders Arrest of Five Investigating Police Officers in Kaduna

A Chief Magistrate's Court in Kaduna State has ordered the arrest of five Investigating Police Officers (IPOs) for unlawful arrest and prosecution of a man. The Chief Magistrate, Awwal Musa Aliyu, said the officers defied the court order that one Alabi Owoeye of the Anti-Corruption Initiative be arrested within 14 days for contempt.

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Army Apologises To Family of Okada Rider Beaten To Death by Soldier In Lagos

The Nigerian Army through its counsel, Mr Bola Oyebanji, has apologised to the family of a commercial motorcyclist, Mr Abubakar Alhaji, who was allegedly beaten to death by Sgt. Taiwo Owoeye in Lagos. Oyebanji, who tendered the army's apology at the Presidential Panel investigating alleged human rights abuses by the Armed Forces, said the culprit has been arrested and detained for murder.

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Drunken Policeman Shoots Farmer over N15, 000 in Delta

A farmer in Ubulu Uku community, Delta State, Ijeh Chukwuedo, is recuperating at the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba, after undergoing a surgery to remove bullets allegedly lodged in his stomach and thigh. The 23-year-old was reportedly returning home from his farm on Sunday when a drunken policeman, identified simply as Sergeant Emeka, gunned him down along Ubulu-Issele-Uku Road.

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Lagos CJ Launches Polls' Appeal Tribunal

The Chief Judge of Lagos State, Justice Opeyemi Oke, has inaugurated the Election Appeal Tribunal to hear and determine appeals from the Local Government Election Tribunal. The appeal tribunal, which was inaugurated on Monday, began sitting yesterday at the High Court complex at Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS) Annex. Speaking at the ceremony, Justice Oke said the inauguration was important to the completion of the electoral process concerning

the local government election on July 22.

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All Eyes on NJC's Corruption Cases Monitoring Group

The Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) and Chairman, National Judicial Council (NJC), Justice Walter Onnoghen, recently constituted a 15-member committee known as the Corruption and Financial Crimes Cases Trial Monitoring Committee (COTRIMCO). Former president of the court of appeal, Justice Ayo Salami was named as the Chairman. Their mandate is to monitor judges and courts handling corruption and financial crimes cases across the country.

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Abia Judicial Service Commission Break Into Two Factions

Members of the Abia State Judicial Service Commission (SJSC) have split into two factions, which are now threatening judicial operations in the state. While a faction is loyal to the State Chief Judge, Justice Theresa Uzokwe, the other pitched tent with the State Attorney General, Chief Umeh Kalu (SAN).

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Health Care Is a Human Right, Senior UN Official Says; Urges Protection for Medical Workers

Health is a human right and health care workers are human rights defenders, the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights has said, reminding Governments to provide healthcare for their citizens and to protect professionals who deliver these services. "We see health not only as the absence of disease and not only a question of access to services, but in fact the right to be human is a manner that you have your physical and mental integrity upheld," Kate Gilmore said in an interview with UN News.

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3 New High Court Judges Appointed In Nasarawa

The National Judicial Council (NJC) has appointed three new High Courts judges in Nassarawa State in order to further strengthen the state's judiciary. The Chief Judge (CJ) of the state, Justice Suleiman Dikko, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lafia on Wednesday.

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Funding Of Courts By State Govts Illegal

Constitutional lawyer, Sebastine Hon (SAN) has stated that the funding of some courts by state governments was unconstitutional as it exposes the courts to

undue manipulation by state governors. He said the state governments' funding of state high courts, sharia courts of appeal and customary courts of appeal is a breach of Sections 6 (1); 84(1) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution.

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NBA Partners SDGS on Access to Justice

The Nigerian Bar Association NBA on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU with the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to President on Sustainable Development Goals OSSAP-SDGs to ensure indigent Nigerians access justice. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, at the signing of the MoU with the NBA in Abuja, said the partnership was to achieve goal 16 of the SDGs. She said the targets being addressed by the partnership relates to peace, access to justice and building of strong and efficient legal institutions for good governance.

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Accreditation for election Monitors And Observers for the Anambra State elections

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) hereby invites registered Observer Groups and other interested Stakeholders whose activities have focus on Democracy, Governance and election that wish to observe the Anambra State Governorship Elections scheduled to hold on November, 2017 to visit the Commission's website (<http://www.inecnigeria.org/>) for the application forms.

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LEDAP, National Judicial Institute, and AfricaLii commence Nigeria Legal Information Institute(NigeriaLii)

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CSNAC & 3 ORS V MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The suit was filed by LEDAP alongside 3 others under section 1 and section 2 of the FOI act, 2011 asking the court for the following information

1. List of Official members of the delegation team who went with the president Goodluck Jonathan to the 68th United Nations general assembly
2. The actual cost of the said trip

Section 5 of the freedom of information act mandated the defendant as its public duty to disclose the information to the general public as requested by LEDAP.

HDI & 39 ORS V GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE & 75 ORS

The suit was filed at the Federal High Court by LEDAP alongside 39 other Non-governmental and Civil Society Organizations against the 36 State Governors of the Federation and 36 State Houses of Assembly.

In the suit filed, the plaintiffs were asking the court to determine whether, the Houses of Assembly can enact a law in respect to pension of a Governor or Deputy Governor of a State irrespective of the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act enacted by the National Assembly and whether any of the State Houses of Assembly can enact a law stipulating the pension of the Governors and their Deputies irrespective of the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act.

LEDAP V CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY & 39 OTHERS

LEDAP filed an action at the Federal High Court against the Clerk of the National Assembly, President of the Senate and the 38 speakers of the 38 houses of Assembly.

In the action LEDAP is asking the court to determine whether by virtue of the provisions of Section 68(1) (g) and section 109(1) (g) respectively of the 1999 constitution, as amended, if any member of the political party under whose platform such member was elected into the assembly automatically loses his or her seat in such assembly, if he becomes a member of a different political party before the expiration of the period for which that house was elected unless he is saved by the exception under that section.

LEDAP is also asking the court to remove from the list of legislators of the National Assembly or State House of Assembly as the case may be the names of any member of such assembly who resigns from the political party under whose platform such member was elected into the house as contained in section 68(1).

**LEDAP Nigeria attended a training held by
MacArthur Foundation on Nigeria Grantees.**



Date: 23rd- 26th October 2017
Venue: Ibetto Hotel Abuja, Nigeria
The training was held for MacAuthur Foundation Grantees.
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LEDAP Nigeria attended SPCL Security Management Training organized by Amnesty International

Date: 23rd- 27th October 2017
Venue: Lagos Nigeria.

The 5-day workshop was an insight into Security Management. It explored the various work required by member staff and management of organizations in the area of physical and digital security.

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EVENTS

Call for Training Applications: Lawyers for HIV & TB Justice

Deadline: 31 October 2017

The Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC), HIV Justice Worldwide, Stop TB Partnership, the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), and the Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN) are hosting a training for lawyers on strategic litigation, legal defense and advocacy on HIV and TB justice from 20-23 February 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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Turkish-Swedish Development Cooperation: Call for Applications for Projects in 2018

The Section for Turkish-Swedish Development Cooperation has announced its call for applications for projects in 2018.

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Ford Foundation

Type of projects: educational opportunity and scholarship; sustainable development; freedom of expression; gender; sexuality and reproductive justice; human rights; economic fairness

Countries: worldwide

Grant range: unspecified

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