ASABE SHEHU YAR'ADUA FOUNDATION

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#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To lay a Solid Foundation for Sustainable Poverty Reduction, Women Empowerment, Fight against Child Abuse, provision of sustainable clean water, Employment generation, Wealth creation, Humanitarian services in communities and combat climate problem to make the World a better place for all

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To add more value to the World and revive the dying values towards a strong, united and more focused HUMANITY; and to emphasize the need for everyone to be his or her brother's keeper for the promotion of HUMANITY and create a healthy and secure future for all.

#### PARTICIPATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE HELD IN BONN GERMANY CLIMATE CHANGE ON 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL-10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2018.

The Change in Climate poses a threat to life which dictates our security and enjoyment on Earth. It's an ongoing challenge we tackle everyday yet it speedup faster than our ability to curb.

As existence and our lives crave for development, Technically, Mechanically and socially, so also the carbon system is multiplied more than the previous years, which invariably affect the planet. For instance; High rising of sea levels, Storms, Floods, Fire out break etc.

However, Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation is also making efforts in line with the United Nations core values to proffering solution to these threats facing the local society maybe (Earth).

For example; ASYARF, voluntarily shouldered informative programs to educate the indigenous on their environment such as Operation keep the environment clean, avoid drainage blockage etc.

Mohammad Zaman, An observer of ASYARF on climate issue was in attendance to discuss Climate Change in Bonn Germany organized by UNFCCC

Private sector, civil society and individuals has unlimited role to play on climate issues.



Mohammad Zaman, Delegate of ASYARF at the Climate Change event.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2018.

Reference to our commitment to the youths, women and entire society, the foundation (ASYARF) took the bull by the horn to celebrate with the children alongside with a baby NGO to admonish, educate and play with the children.

The President/Founder of the organization was in an educative session/meetings with some of the Heads of ASYARF Baby NGOs in their community office to educate them on the SDGs (Vision 2030) purpose and some of the ways to achieve our purpose and aims.

#### PRESIDENT/FOUNDER of ASABE SHEHU YARADUA FOUNDATION SPEECH ON CHILDREN'S Day

The name children's day to my understanding should be a day of childhood where we play, have fun and allow free flow of independence of all kids to exhibit whatever they can without or little supervision from adults.

Children day from a hint from the United Nations was instituted with the sole aim of promoting communal exchange and understanding among children, as well as to bring about beneficiary action to promote the welfare of children, all over the globe.

The day is marked with a lot of activities for children. Sadly, only a section of the country's children actually have an opportunity to celebrate their existence. Schools organize events and activities that their students thoroughly enjoy, but there is an entire populace of young ones that are left ignored on the street.

Childhood is about innocence and playfulness. It's all about joy and freedom.

Celebrating Children s Day is about giving children the right to enjoy and grow into healthy and educated citizens of the country.

Children are the future citizens of the country. The future of the country depends upon the present children. If the children do not develop in a proper way, the country's future will be ruined.

Every year on the 27th May the Children's Day is observed everywhere in Nigeria. People should gather in meetings to discuss over the future of the children discussion should focus on how to build children as the ideal citizens. They should discuss about how to make the child healthy physically, mentally and morally. If a child is not properly built, the future of the country will be in ruin. So, we all need to be committed and not to neglect children. The Children's Day makes them realize that child is the father of man. On the Children's Day, the children are given new garments and rich food. They are given picture books.

Children are the future of our country. They are the future of our nation. So, every individual should realize the importance of the Children's Day.

This day serves as a reminder to each and every one of us, to renew our commitment to the welfare of children and teach them to live.

It's very expedient we teach our children for our own tomorrow, failure to devote our time, energy and resources in the proper upbringing of the children is a threat to the society. You may or may not believe it but it's the simple truth. Some would caged their children at home and discipline them to be good boys and girls. Please, note those children on the street need to be watched and concerned about. We at ASYARF have admitted our fate, it's our calling, responsibility to educate and counsel our society to be responsive and be committed to one another.

ASYARF is creating a landmark for children to follow if it requires training ourselves or attends seminars on how to take care and nurture a child we don't hesitate.

Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation stands tall against improper upbringing of a child, and we are concerned about women and youths because we solely believe in our children and youths because they are the bedrock and pillars of our next generation.



Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation Children's Day Celebration 2018 with Baby NGO Youth Speak Talent Foundation in Ilorin



The Founder and President of ASYARF with the Delegate of Baby NGO members on a courtesy visit at the community office in Lagos

## A SUMMARY REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE HELD AT UNITED NATIONS INFORMATIONS CENTRE (UNIC) ON 10th MAY, 2018.

#### DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

#### THEME: SCALING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES TO END HUNGER

Sustainable development is the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations.

The major sustainable development goals are made up of the 17 major global goals set by the united nations which were aforementioned as; No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and decent work and Economic growth, industry innovation and infrastructure, reduced inequality, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production pattern, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace and justice, and then partnership for the goals.

All these goals are interrelated but each has its own targets to achieve. And as such, more/overall emphasis were made based on 'No poverty and Partnership for the Goals' which is the number 1&17 of the sustainable development goals which brought about the theme of the day's dialogue.

It is to this effect that the guest speaker Mr Steve Okeleji (CEO of Aquatic hub afrique network) based his speech entirely on sustainable agriculture as a low-hanging solution to hunger, malnutrition, and unemployment in Africa.

According to Mr. Steve, Nigeria Education today is not only of low standard but also has proven to be an education system that only grooms its youths to become mere **Job Seekers** and not **Job Creators**.

Mr. Steve confidently stated that agriculture will put an **END** to **POVERTY** if the youth embraces it, on that note he narrated his touching personal life experiences

Conclusively, embracing agriculture will eradicate poverty and bring food to our tables and the nation needs to invest in educating the citizens. Especially the

younger population to enable them takes charge of their future knowledgeably. They need to be well trained, rightly educated and enlightened to have the knowledge required of them because knowledge is power.

#### FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR CONFERENCE HELD AT FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA. MAY 10,2018

#### THEME: HARNESSING DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS IN NIGERIA

**HOST**: Hacey Health Initiative (one) Population Council:

Demographic dividend refers to the growth in an economy, which is the resultant effect of a change in the age structure of a country's population. This is always brought on by a decline in fertility and mortality rate.

Dr. Edun one of the guest speakers emphasized on the need to encourage family planning and also on the economic value of the need to educate and invest in young girls when they had not been much exposed (catch them young).

The relevance of girl-child education will help reduce much early Marriage, enhance Birth control and revitalize the mentality of girls in the rural communities.

He further emphasized that if birth is reduced or controlled through family planning, every parent would be capable of taking care of their children properly thereby giving them better lives.

He also talked about the need for private sectors to absorb more (to be more involved in C.R.S) to enable the government focus on absolute good governance to better the economy because, there are much policies in the country that has not being translated into action.

He made it clear that one of the major constraints Nigeria has today is that they talk more than they do or act. Therefore it will be nice and proper if, their action would be in direct proportion with their words.

It was finally stated that, for private sectors to achieve the major aim of the conference, they need to keep pushing relentlessly till they get there.



**DELEGATES OF ASYARF AT THE EVENT** 

#### 11th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTIES TO THE CRPD 12th to 14th June, 2018.

Cementing and protecting the rights of around 1.5 billion people around the world in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is a "moral imperative" said <u>United Nations Secretary-General António</u> <u>Guterres</u>on Tuesday.

He was addressing a conference of signatories to the Convention at UN Headquarters in New York, describing it as one of the most widely-ratified international human rights treaties, which reaffirms that people with disabilities are entitled to the same treatment as everybody else.

"But signing and ratifying the Convention is not enough. Implementation is essential," Mr. Guterres said. "Societies must be organized so that all people, including those with disabilities, can exercise their rights freely."

The Secretary-General underscored that countries apply the Convention to their development policies, investments and legal systems, which is an important step "if we are to fulfill the central pledge of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: to leave no one behind."

"We cannot afford to ignore or marginalize the contributions of 1.5 billion people," he stated, pointing out that more had to be done for people with disabilities to fully participate in society. People with disabilities still often face overt discrimination, stereotyping and lack of respect for their basic human rights



with women and girls disproportionately affected.

A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON EQUALITY WITH THE DISABLES



"Every minute, more than 30 women are seriously injured or disabled during childbirth," elaborated the UN chief.

Moreover, women and girls with disabilities face multiple barriers to accessing Education, Health services and Jobs.

"Without women's empowerment and gender equality, millions of women will continue to suffer from double discrimination based on both their gender and their disability," he added.

The Secretary-General spelled out the need for new approaches to work for and with people with disabilities, which include mainstreaming disability in national legislation and development strategies.

"It will also be crucial to continue and expand the work that United Nations agencies are doing to support Governments and develop their capacity on these issues," he maintained, elaborating on the need to strengthen policy frameworks and laws on disability, in line with the Convention and the 2030 Agenda. He concluded by noting that a comprehensive review would be looking at all aspects of how the Organization addresses disability, as well as informing a new UN Action Plan and an accountability framework "to help us aim higher and live up to our promises." Signing through an interpreter, Colin Allen, Chair of the international Disability Alliance, spotlighted the strength of working collectively to achieve true and meaningful change.

"For the people in this room, and for the more than one billion people we represent," said Mr. Allen, "we are building a strong and solid platform that will propel us forward."

Catalina Devandas Aguilar, UN Special Reporter on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities noted that while progress has been made, it is not reaching everyone in the same way.

"There is a great demand for public interventions of better and higher quality," she said, adding: "Only by working together will we fulfill our common goal of leaving no one behind."

"Together, we can remove barriers and raise awareness, so that people with disabilities can play a full part in every sphere of society, around the world", she said.

#### Pictorial view of the Disables participating at the just concluded

#### United Nations Event 18th June 2018





**CROSS SECTION OF DISABLES AT THE EVENTS** 

## COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018)

Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation collaborates with the civil society in line with United Nations goals to foster the progress and development of the community and individuals at large, especially the youth and women to restore Hope, Peace and Confidence for better days are near.

Some of the organizations we are working with are indigenous women and the youth forum.

Challenges faced in collaboration with the civil society

**Funding**: In working with the civil society lack of adequate funding reduces the smooth running of operations and execution of some great ideas and it discourage members of their commitment.

**Mobilization**: Mobilization is one of the key factors to also consider for a good collaboration with other organizations.

**Location**: Security is very essential in a common society especially in the area which we have found ourselves. Effective mode of security needs to be installed to safeguard Lives, properties against theft and many more hazards.

Despite the above mentioned challenges ASYARF still put in efforts to achieve their goal if not to the peak but to a reasonable and significant level.

In appreciation of ASYARF for her relentless work and service to the society, the NORTHERN YOUTH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA awarded the Founder and President of ASYARF Dr. Hajiya Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua "The Sir Ahmadu Bello Platinum Leadership Award "GIMARIYAR RAYA MATASAN AREWA NAJERIYA" as well as the "Icon of Greater Nigeria"



**THE AWARDS** 

#### HUMANITARIAN VISIT AND AID SERVICES TO ORPHANAGE ON 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2018

ASYARF gives 5 years scholarship award to 5 indigent girls of ILLAH Community in Asaba, Delta State



**EMPOWERMENT**: The indigent girls empowered by the Founder/President, Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation (ASYARF), Hajia (Dr.) Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua, with 5 years scholarship award, which has the theme: "Empowering a girl-child increases the economy & development of a country", at the just-concluded event in ILLAH, a rural community, which is few miles from Asaba, Delta State.

#### CAMPAIGN ON DISASTER RESPONSE MANAGEMENT ON JUNE 28, 2018

As part of ASYARF concerned efforts in always being at the fore front of Disaster Reduction, Risk Management and Disaster Management. The organization campaigned against disaster and urged the public to be mindful of the environment in other to avert disaster.



A Tanker explosion that claim lives and properties in Lagos

### COMMISSION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FROM 29 JANUARY-7 FEBRUARY, 2018

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD56) took place in Conference Room 4 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 29 January to 7 February 2018. The Commission is the advisory body responsible for the social development pillar of global development.

This year, the CSocD56 concluded with the adoption of measures by government officials and civil society leaders, including the creation of social protection systems, that would help lift the millions of people still living in poverty, especially those in vulnerable situations. "At the global level, we have experienced impressive reductions in extreme poverty. Significant progress has also been made in improving access to schooling and healthcare, promoting the empowerment of women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and indigenous populations," said UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed at the opening of the Commission. "However, the drop in extreme poverty remains uneven across regions, within countries and between various social groups," she noted



Delegates at the Event

COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT  $9^{TH}$ -1 $3^{TH}$  APRIL, 2018.



The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) held a briefing on the substantive reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the fifty-first session of the Commission. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Dr. Ion Jinga (Romania), Chair of the Commission.

Mr. Jorge Bravo did a Presentation on Population Division/DESA

- Mr. Benoit Kalasa Presented on UNFPA
- Ms. Rachel Snow Presented on UNFPA

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, APRIL 6, 2018.

#### Sport as a Powerful Tool

Sport has a unique power to attract, mobilize and inspire. Sport plays a significant role as a promoter of social integration and economic development in different geographical, cultural and political contexts. Sport is a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and networks, and to promote ideals of peace, fraternity, solidarity, non-violence, tolerance and justice.

Sport encourages:

- Individual development.
- Health promotion and disease prevention.
- The promotion of gender equality.
- Social integration and the development of social capital.
- Peace building and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Post-disaster/trauma relief and normalization of life.
- Economic development.
- Communication and social mobilization.

#### Sport and Peace

Sport as a universal language can be a powerful tool to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries, cultures and religions. Its intrinsic values such as teamwork, fairness, discipline, respect for the opponent and the rules of the game are understood all over the world and can be harnessed in the advancement of solidarity, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

Sport programmes permit encounters on neutral territory and in an environment where aggression can be controlled, regulated and transformed and hence facilitates rapprochement and reconciliation between opposing parties.

Although sport alone cannot stop or solve an acute conflict, it represents a flexible and cost-effective medium for post-conflict relief work and peace building as well as conflict prevention.

Sport and Sustainable Development

Sport has proven to be a cost-effective and flexible tool in promoting peace and development objectives. Since the inception of the MDGs in 2000, sport has played a vital role in enhancing each of the eight goals, a fact which has been recognized in numerous Resolutions of the General Assembly. In the <u>2030 Agenda</u> <u>for Sustainable Development</u> sport's role for social progress is further acknowledged:

"Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives."

Sport is about both self-effort and collective effort, individual activity and social practice; it relies upon the concepts of respect, understanding, integration and dialogue, and it contributes to the development and fulfillment of individuals regardless of age, gender, origins, beliefs and opinions. That is why sport is a

unique forum for action and reflection to transform our societies.



A training Session of the Nigeria Super Eagles Team

## WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018.

This year, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (Safe Day) and the World Day against Child Labor (WDACL) are coming together in a joint campaign to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labor.

The campaign aims to accelerate action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 8.8 of safe and secure working environments for all workers by 2030 and SDG target 8.7 of ending all forms of child labor by 2025. Achieving these goals for the benefit of the next generation of the global workforce requires a concerted and integrated approach to eliminating child labor and promoting a culture of prevention on occupational safety health (OSH).

There are 541 million young workers (15-24 years old) globally. They account for more than 15 per cent of the world's labor force and suffer up to a 40 per cent higher rate of non-fatal occupational injuries than adult workers older than 25. They include 37 million 15-17 year olds in hazardous child labor.

Many factors can increase youth vulnerability to OSH risks, such as their physical and psychological stage of development, lack of work experience and lack of training, limited awareness of work-related hazards and a lack of bargaining power that can lead young workers to accept dangerous tasks or jobs with poor working conditions.

The 2018 Safe Day campaign highlights the critical importance of addressing these challenges and improving safety and health for young workers, not only to promote decent youth employment, but also to link these efforts to combat hazardous – and all other forms of - child labor.

# International Mother's Day Dates in different countries around the world!

**Mother's Day** is celebrated all around the world. It seems to be a universal thing that cultures put a day aside each year to celebrate the act of motherhood. To pay tribute both to the miracle of birth and to the special woman who performed that miracle: your mother. However not everywhere celebrates Mother's Day on the same 'Mothering Sunday' as the UK.



In commemoration of the celebration of Mother's day on 11<sup>TH</sup> March, 2018

There are many different **Mother's Day celebrations** around the world, as the complicated table below makes clear! The most common alternative date is the second Sunday in May. This is the American date, and it came about like this...

For whatever reason, possibly a wish to disassociate themselves from British traditions, the pilgrim's fathers who first travelled to America didn't seem to take Mothering Sunday with them. Centuries later, in 1908, Mrs. Anna Jarvis set

up Mother's Day as the Americans know it today, for the second Sunday in May. In 1914 she was successful, and since then this has been the date of Mother's Day in America - and beyond.

Date	Countries
2018	
2 Jul 2018	South Sudan
12 Aug 2018	Thailand (coincides with Queen's birthday)
15 Aug 2018	Costa Rica, Antwerp
8 Oct 2018	Malawi
14 Oct 2018	Belarus

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVE TRADE AND THE TRANSLANTIC SLAVE TRADE ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018

The transatlantic slave trade was the largest forced migration in history, and undeniably one of the most inhumane. The extensive exodus of Africans spread to, too many areas of the world over a 400-year period and was unprecedented in the annals of recorded human history.

As a direct result of the transatlantic slave trade, the greatest movement of Africans was to the Americas — with 96 per cent of the captives from the African coasts arriving on cramped slave ships at ports in South America and the Caribbean Islands.

From 1501 to 1830, four Africans crossed the Atlantic for every one European, making the demographics of the Americas in that Era more of an extension of the African Diaspora than a European one. The legacy of this migration is still evident today, with large populations of people of African descent living throughout the Americas



Slavery in Sub-Saharan Africa

## ASABE SHEHU YAR'ADUA FOUNDATION HELD A RALLY IN FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2018

Corruption is the bane of underdevelopment in today's World economy. Corruption is in all part of the world be it Developed Nations, Developing Nations and Under Developed Nations with a varying degree. It is assumed that corruption is minimal in Developed countries because of the level of development they have achieved and enormous in Underdeveloped countries because of high level of poverty. Most Third World countries still combat against Corruption and as a result of failed outcome in the fight against corruption these countries have lacked development. The financial resource of the country which is meant for development and betterment of her citizens is being embezzled by the few and the Masses are stricken by poverty. Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation (ASYARF) being a Non-Governmental Organization and a Civil Society Organization that promotes development in the country with her focus on fighting corruption and poverty, held a campaign rally in various local communities in Nigeria to fight against corruption. The National Coordinator of Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation, Dr. Aisha Mohammed reiterates that the organization's effort in fighting against corruption in the country through enlightenment will help to reduce the havoc of corruption, if been curbing on time, and the citizens should make every political office holder accountable throughout their tenure in office.



Cross-section of the Campaign against Corruption 2018 in a local community in Ekiti State.

HUMANITARIAN SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF MOSAN OKUNOLA LCDA IN LAGOS ON 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2018



Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation distributed Educational materials to the Pupils in local schools

CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON WOMEN ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

*Pictorial view of Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation Campaign against Domestic Violence on Women in a local community* 

#### AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063 AND SDGS: THE BLUE AND GREEN ECONOMY NEXUS IN AFRICA, 11<sup>th JULY</sup> 2018. VENUE: NEW YORK

Africa's Development Dynamics 2018 proposes ten decisive strategic actions in three areas – economic, social and institutional – for reaching the development targets in Agenda 2063.

Sustainable economic development Social development Strengthening institutions

I. Encourage domestic investment

II. Diversify exports

III. Strengthen rural-urban linkages

IV. Encourage green growth V. Expand and improve education

VI. Strengthen social protection systems VII. Improve Africa's partnerships with the rest of the world

VIII. Deepen regional integration

IX. Improve mobilisation of domestic resources

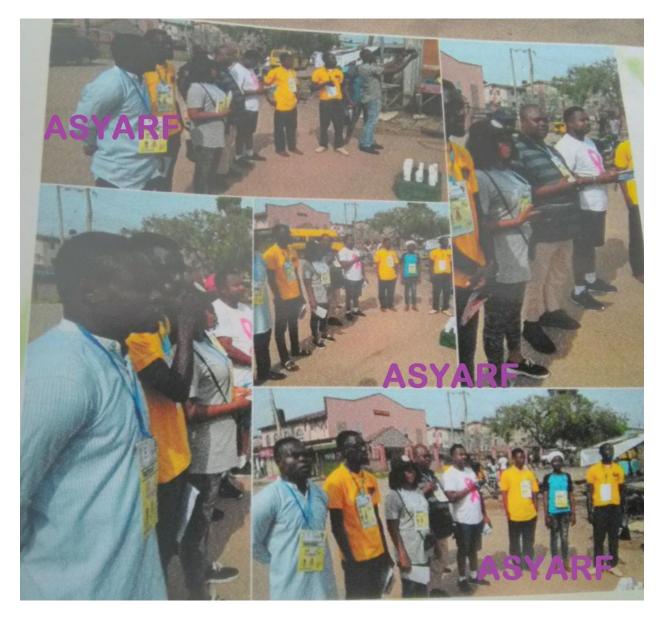
X. Strengthen economic and political governance.





#### ASYARF EMPPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

People who think positively usually see endless possibilities, empower others to feel the same. #Empowerment #Endpoverty @GlobalGoals #SDGs @Asyarfs #Asyarf #Asabe4dfuture



#### ASYARF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

**#Program** is a good example for sustainable development. **#communityempowerment** @Youthempowerment @Asyarfs **#Asyarf #Asabe4dfuture**