

The Future Project Newsletter

July - October 2015



This quarterly report covers the months of July, August, and September 2015. Over this period, The Future Project team focused on enterprise and employability and TFAA tour.

### **Enterprise & Employment**

This thematic area seeks to develop where imperative and also strengthen the capacity of young people in Africa towards positive contribution to the economic and social growth.

### **AIKI TWITTER CHAT**



to keep young people connected to relevant information, career opportunities and guidance.

One of the aims of #AikiClinic is to provide a guide for young Africans in the area of career planning, skill acquisition, entrepreneurship development, job sourcing and small business sustainability.

The special guest invited for the last session was Lanre Olusola who mentored on "Working Place Temperament: Building a sustainable relationship with Co-worker/Boss.

# TFAA TOWN HALL MEETING IN LAGOS, BANJUL, KANO AND ENUGU

In the build up to The Future Awards Africa, town hall meetings were held in Enugu, Lagos, Kano and Banjul.

town hall meetings are locally based gatherings designed to bring together young people within a community to discuss topics and issues pertinent to their environment. They also serve as a medium to call for the Future Awards Africa Nomination thereby getting to the grassroots of every community and identifying young people who are achievers in their field.



TFAA Lagos Town Hall Meeting





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TFAA Banjul Town Hall Meeting





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TFAA Enugu Town Hall Meeting



TFAA Kano Town Hall Meeting

### **AIKI BASIC ICT TRAINING: ENUGU &KANO**

Basic ICT trainings were organized in Enugu and Kano by The Future Project in conjunction with Aiki Nigeria by Microsoft. The training lasted for three days which encompasses the Computer Appreciation, Microsoft Office, Use of Internet and Social Media/ Blogging and many more.

The essence of the training is to aid young people in Higher Institution acquire Basic knowledge of Computer and master it effectively to be self - productive and utilize it for job opportunities. We had over 100 participants who got trained at the basic ICT skills.



ICT Training at Enugu Town





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ICT Training session at Kano



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#### THE FUTURE PROJECT EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM TAGGED: READY SET WORK.

The Future Project, as part of its own way of empowering the Nigerian youth, had an employability program/job fair tagged: **READY SET WORK** on Saturday 12 September 2015 at Nikoms Event Center Yaba. The program was organized in collaboration with Microsoft Nigeria and Jobberman. The event was anchored by Isabella Akinseye of Radio Continental and had in attendance over 500 participants.

The event was graced with 6 speakers; Olwaseyi Oyesainu (Talent Manager, Samsung West Africa), Rotimi Mathew (Director General, Institute of Mentoring and Career Coaching Nigeria), Ann Ayinde (Human Resource Manager, RusselSmith), Olalekan Olude (Co-founder, Jobberman), Maureen Iyasele (Founder, JobMag) and Mfon Ekpo (Executive Director, The Future Project).

Partcipants at the event were enlightened on different issues pertaining to employment, career path and leadership. The event also included a job fair where partner companies interviewed participants for staff and intern roles. Partner companies were Andela, RusselSmith, SpeedMeals, Jumia Nigeria, Ynaija and Sterling Business Network.

Participants were also assisted with restructuring their Curriculum Vitae and writing of cover letters. They were also signed up for various trainings on etiquette and employability skills.









## **TFP VOLUNTEERS MEETING**

This quarter also featured a meeting of the volunteers of The Future Project. The meeting focused on informing all the volunteers about upcoming programs/events of The Future Project in the last quarter. It also involved the strategic planning of tasks for each volunteer.



## THE FUTURE PROJECT PARTNERS WITH NATIONAL CAREER FAIR

The capacity building program- National Career Fair, is an initiative of Imperial Integrated Project. This is an annual symposium on career information, business development, employment and economic opportunities for students, young professionals and SMEs in Nigeria. The 2015 edition, which is the 4th edition in a row, was tagged

"Developing an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Driven Economy".





# NOMINATIONS FOR TFAA 2015 EXTENDED

The Central Working Committee (CWC) for The Future Awards Africa announced the extension of the call for nominations for the awards. The nominations which were previously supposed to end on the 11th of September was extended till the 30th of September, 2015.

This development is to give room for more credible nominations from all across Africa.

## THE FUTURE PROJECT PARTNERS WITH FORD FOUNDATION

The Ford Foundation Prize for Youth Employment award seeks individual or group who have demonstrated drive and action by actively tackling youth unemployment with positive impact in their communities.

This award is designed to recognize and support young Nigerians between the ages of 18 and 33 involved in a social program or projects that contribute to the fight against youth unemployment in Nigeria.

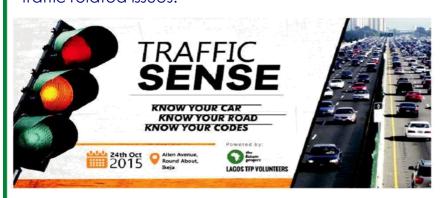
The final winner will be endowed with a \$5,000 prize at the awards. The goal of the Ford Foundation in West Africa is to improve governance systems and livelihood opportunities.

This dovetails with the goal of The Future Africa Awards, which is to inspire the entire continent through the works of her citizenry.



#### TFP TRAFFIC PROJECT

The volunteers of The Future Project, on October 24 2015, organized a traffic project in Lagos. The project focused on sensitizing the citizens of Lagos on highway codes, roads and other traffic related issues.









### THE FUTURE AFRICA AWARDS 2015 IS HERE

"We are celebrating 10 years of TFAA, but more importantly, we are fired up to begin 10 more years of building entrepreneurs, supporting change makers and transforming societies."

The one-year tour, which kicked off in October 2015, has now visited Kano, Banjul, Port Harcourt, Ibadan, Enugu, Abuja, Lagos, Yola, Mubi and Chibok.

"The challenges we saw on this tour are enough to make you worry," said Mohamed Diaby, a member of the Central Working Committee, from Abidjan. "From young people feeling their own communities and countries to communicable diseases from recused individuals coming back into town, rebuilding of clinic/hospital, school, bridge and markets, education, employment, drug use, to cities that urgently demand government reconstruction, there is so much work left to be done. We are determined to lead an army of young people, through our hubs, to do this urgent work, to solve these problems."

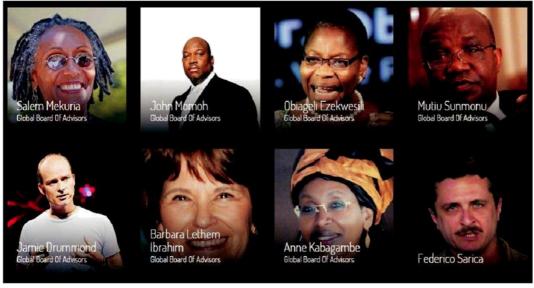
Hubs have now been set up in Mubi with the Initiative for Human Rights, Yola with Centre for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiative (CCEPI) and Chibok with the Red Cross. These hubs will work together with the Global TFAA Secretariat to pull resources and media attention to solve the identified problems in each community.

The next stop for the tour is Johannesburg, South Africa, after which phase one of the tour will conclude.

The Future Awards Africa 2015 is powered by RED and held in partnership with the Ford Foundation, Microsoft, the US Consulate, the Canadian High Commission Nigeria and The Tony Elumelu Foundation. The event will be hosted in Lagos on Sunday, 6 December, 2015.

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