

THE NIGERIA YOUTH TALENT HUNT EXHIBITION AND TOP 12 AWARDS 2ND EDITION



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Narrative Report on The Nigeria Youth Talent Hunt Exhibition And Top 12 Awards 2nd Edition, Funded By The Federal Ministry of Youth Development, Abuja, Nigeria.

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DETAILS

I) PREAMBLE

In the beginning, British Council funded the earlier phases and activities of this project which included publishing the “How to...” a youth capacity building publication which was launched in 2007 and circulated nationwide. Training using the handbook was conducted in 15 states of Nigeria and afterwards over 100 projects by youths reaching tens of thousands of youths have since then been reported as sustained impact nationwide by youth organizations.

Thus in 2009, a platform was created for young people to showcase their various impact projects under the name Nigerian Youth Hunt Exhibition and Top12 awards, this is because the best 12 projects were recognized and given brand new laptops by the Federal Ministry of Youth Development Nigeria in Nov, 2009. The 2nd edition was held on December 2nd at the Conference Hall of Chelsea Hotel Abuja.

II) SELECTION PROCESS

In January 2010, announcement was made via flyers and different social media platforms inviting youths who have conducted impact projects to submit their reports as entries for considerations. Over a hundred reports were sent to Youngstars Foundation, an independent panel of 3 judges reviewed all applications using these criteria; social relevance, innovation, implementation, reach, impact, sustainability and replicability of the projects.



Based on the screening, 40 projects were pre selected and the judges physically visited 17 states of Nigeria to meet with those who conducted the projects as well as physically verify claims in their entries.

In March 2010, their final reports were submitted from which nominees and winners emerged in 8 categories instead of 12 this time around, because in some projects there weren't suitable qualified projects to give awards.

Note: it is noteworthy to state here that this is probably the only youth award in which projects are physically verified before winners emerge.

III) EXHIBITION AND AWARD PROGRAMME

The 2nd edition of the Nigerian Youth Talent Hunt Exhibition and Top12 Awards held on December 2nd, 2011 at the conference hall of Chelsea Hotel, Abuja from 9am to 1pm. Arrival and registration started at 9am,



thereafter different youth organizations set up their stands and began exhibiting their projects for guests present.

The Hon Minister of Youth Development Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi was ably represented by Mr Bitrus Zoaka, Deputy Director Department of Network and Social Mobilisation, on his arrival immediately commenced a round visit of all the exhibitions to the excitement of the young exhibitors.

After the round visits, all the special guests were invited to the high table namely

- Special Guest of Honour - The Hon Minister of Youth Development Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi represented by Mr Bitrus Zoaka, Deputy Director Department of Network and Social Mobilisation

- Other dignitaries present included The Special Adviser to the President on Social Development Mrs Sarah A. Pane, represented by her Media Assistant Hon. Garba Yedimakudon
- Mrs Aver Maagbe - North Central Coordinator, Women for Change Initiative
- Mrs Galina Chus- Programme officer, United Nations Volunteers Office, Abuja.

After the guests were welcome, the moderator invited Youngstars Foundation Team Leader / Founder Kingsley N.T. Bangwell who gave the welcome speech and program overview, followed by a goodwill message from Special Adviser to the President on Social Development Mrs Sarah A. Pane able represented by her Media Assistant, Hon. Garba Yedimakudon. This was followed by the tense and exciting moment of announcing the nominees per category and the winners. Each winner took home a certificate, a brand new laptop, a plaque and a Skype teleconference equipemt donated by Skype United Kingdom. Below are names of winners:

WINNERS OF THE NIGERIA YOUTH TALENT HUNT EXHIBITION & TOP12 AWARDS 2nd EDITION

	Name	Project/ State	Category
1	Adeola Austin Oyinlade	Know your Constitution/Lagos	Democracy and Good Governance
2	Ndueso Young Akpan	Chastity Enlightenment and Equipping/ Akwalbom	Adolescent Reproductive health
3	Abdullahi Mohammed Yakubu	Hailam Memorial Academy/Kano	Promoting Literacy Development
4	Erisa Danladi	A Breath of Fresh Air/Gombe	Community Development
5	Femi Oye	Solar Powered FIFA 2010 World Cup/Lagos	Sustainable Environment
6	Aliyu Abubakar Chika	Mobile Phone Contact Back-up/Sokoto	Youth and ICT development
7	Nkiruka Stella Nnaemego	Volunteer For Life	Leadership and Value Reoriented
8	Kelvin Orumor	Free Skill Acquisition and Capacity Building/Delta	Youth Entrepreneurial Development

Highlight of the event was a special message from the Hon. Minister of Youth Development presented by his representative Mr. Bitrus Zoaka during which he assured participants of the commitment of the Hon. Minister to Youth Development by using young change agents to drive the change Nigeria needs for nation building and accelerated development.

Miss Ndueso Young Akpan and Abdullahi Mohammed Yakubu spoke on behalf of the winners and expressed their deep joy and appreciation.



IV) APPRECIATION

- ❖ Federal Ministry of Youth Development, Nigeria
- ❖ Nigeria Youth and Emerging Change Makers
- ❖ SKYPE United Kingdom
- ❖ Office of the Special Adviser to the President on Social Development
- ❖ North Central Coordinator Women For Change Initiative
- ❖ Press
- ❖ United Nations Volunteer Unit
- ❖ Youngstars Board, Team members and Associates.