Goal

“To make legislature accessible and responsive to all”

Vision
A Nigeria where legislators and policy makers are safeguarding citizens’ rights and welfare while citizens effectively demand accountability.

Mission
To engage state and non-state actors for improved policy and legislative frameworks, transparency and accountability in governance for people oriented development.

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To make government accessible, responsive and accountable to citizens.

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THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is vested with the day-to-day running of the organization. It implements the decisions of the Board of Trustees. It is headed by an Executive Director who oversees the day-to-day running of the organisation while a Senior Program Officer oversees programmes implementation along with other programme staff.

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In the year under review, CISLAC within its mandate implemented several activities ranging from survey of the public perception of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in Nigeria, publication and researched and published a Policy Brief on Oil Theft, primarily to promote transparency, accountability and address loopholes in the oil and gas revenue.

We also sustained the implementation of our programmes and activities to strengthen core Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) systems and its capacity to deliver public services, with the overall goal of a more capable and accountable Government of Nigeria.

The underlined programmes and activities were sustained towards strengthening Nigerian citizens’ participation in policy development, domestication, implementation and monitoring of various international and regionally ratified protocols, treaties and conventions with a nationwide launching of ‘My Africa My Future campaign’.

In collaboration with National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs, we organized a National Summit on Internally Displacement to commemorate the 2015 World Humanitarian Day in Nigeria.

We continued various activities involving media mobilization towards galvanizing advocacy in child and family health across Bauchi, FCT, Nassarawa, Niger, Kano, Kaduna, Lagos and Oyo states.

As part of the effort to improve legislative oversight on maternal and child health in four focal states—Kaduna, Kano, Katsina and Jigawa states, we paid advocacy visits to the relevant Committees in the State Houses of Assembly to present legislators with fact-findings and recommendations from various implemented activities in the states.

During the year under review, with support from Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBF), we commenced the implementation of programmes and activities on promoting gender
democracy towards ensuring “more female aspirants and legislators (women & men) have knowledge of gender-sensitive legislation and budgeting on issues that relate to socially inclusive, sustainable growth in times of increasing climate stress”.

On military-civil relations in promoting peace and security in the country, through the established Peace and Security Forum, we implemented activities targeted at addressing various challenges bedeviling the nation’s security by providing commentary on the nation’s security situation from diverse viewpoints. The issue of peaceful electoral process was as well considered as critically important to nation’s peace building and stability process with relevant activities implemented to promote peaceful electoral process.

More importantly, through our extensive campaign on tax justice at international, regional and national levels, CISLAC was appointed into the membership of STOP THE BLEEDING CAMPAIGN—a Pan-African campaign against Illicit Finance Flows from Africa.

*Auwal Ibrahim Musa (Rafsanjani)*
Executive Director, CISLAC
PROJECT A: STRENGTHENING NEITI IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA

The Department during the year under review engaged several activities in line with its mandates to promote transparency, accountability and good governance in the extractive sector. With support from Oxfam, it carried out a survey of the public perception of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in Nigeria. The survey aimed at establishing a baseline, empirical information and data of the public perception of the NEITI. The study was designed to assess, analyse and evaluate the perception of NEITI by the citizens of Nigeria in relations to its mandate and objectives as defined by the NEITI Act and the EITI standard.

PROJECT B: FACILITY FOR OIL SECTOR TRANSPARENCY

The Department with support from Oxford Policy Management Limited continued in its implementation of the Project which commenced in 2014. The Department engaged a consultant on a research and published a Policy Brief on Oil Theft; as organised oil theft and bush refinery were reportedly inflicting serious political, economic, social and environmental costs on Nigeria with no fewer than 1000 lives were lost to oil theft and bush refinery annually from 2004 to 2007. The Policy Brief was developed to address the issue of Oil Theft in Nigeria. It provides actionable recommendations directed as specific relevant institutions and agencies empowered to implement the recommendations of the
“Criminal Crude Report by Chatham House” and “Communities Not Criminals Report” by the Stakeholders Democracy Network.

PROJECT C: TRAINING OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATES ON ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

The Department with support from National Endowment for Democracy (NED) continued the implementation of programmes and activities towards achieving the Project’s objectives. These were series of organized Training Sessions for Civil Society Organizations on Active Engagement across the focal states—Gombe, Taraba, Adamawa, Bauchi, Yobe and Borno; Capacity Building Programmes for Civil Society on Institutional Strengthening.

PROJECT D: PROMOTING INCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES AND EFFECTIVE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA

The Department with support from Federal Public Administration Reforms (FEPAR) continued the implementation of underline activities to strengthen core Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) systems and its capacity to deliver public services, with the overall goal of a more capable and accountable Government of Nigeria. The Department engaged students’ bodies of universities on public service reforms. It organized a Policy Dialogue on the Reduction of Cost of Governance, Public Service Reforms and Job Creation; Policy Dialogue Sessions on Public Sector Reforms in Nigeria; Stakeholders Strategic Meetings.

The Department engaged series of radio activities such as development and airing of Radio Jingles on Good Governance, live interview of experts and high level personalities on Public Reforms. The Department conducted and published a Policy Audit on Reforms Policies and Coordination from the Citizens’ perspective. The Publication examines performance of reform efforts by the Nigerian government in key sectors such as education, health, petroleum, power.
During the year under review, the Department continued its programmes and activities towards strengthening Nigerian citizens’ participation in policy development, domestication, implementation and monitoring of various ratified protocols, treaties and conventions of the African Union (AU), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) instruments, and WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

**PROJECT A: STATE OF THE UNION**

The Department launched My African Union, My Future campaign across the South South, North West, North Central, South West, and South Eastern parts of the Nigeria. The campaign championed by the State of the Union (SOTU) Coalition seeks to mobilize Nigerian citizens to be the voice that calls on Nigeria governments to implement the commitments they have adopted in the form of legal instruments and policy standards at the African Union (AU). It hoped to give Nigerian citizens enabling platform to act/do/engage/speak-out on matters that affect their development, freedoms and rights.
The Department held SOTU Coalition meetings across the aforementioned geo-political zones. It organized Media Roundtable to promote the Nigerian government compliance to implementation of various ratified protocols, treaties and conventions of the AU. Through exchange visits to SOTU member organizations, the Department networked with other Coalitions.

It conducted, validated and published a study on the level of compliance to the implementation of various ratified protocols, treaties and conventions of the AU in Nigeria. The Department developed, produced and disseminated information, education and communication materials to enhance the campaign messages among relevant stakeholders.

The Department organized series of Press Conferences to address emerging and topic issues affecting the country level of compliance. It deployed massive social media campaign to compliment the advocacy efforts. It held series of weekly dedicated live radio programmes to discuss and sensitise citizens.

**PROJECT B: ADDRESSING THE PLIGHTS OF IDPs**

The Department with support from Ford Foundation continued its engagement with state and non-state actors for effective and full participation towards an accountable and efficient development of Internal Displacement Policy and administration of internal displacement in Nigeria. It organized Zonal Consultation on the Draft National Policy on Internally Displaced Persons in the North Central, North West, North East, South South, South East, and South Western regions.

The Department in collaboration with National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs organized a National Summit on Internally Displacement to commemorate the 2015 World Humanitarian Day in Nigeria. The Summit served as an enabling platform for critical reflections among relevant stakeholders on the plights of IDPs, calling for the adoption and implementation of African Union Convention on Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria. The Summit observed and lamented absence of frameworks to
provide holistic approach in supporting IDPs’ search for durable solutions, and in preparing for and preventing future displacement.

On related development, the Department organized a Side Event during the United Nations General Assembly to amplify advocacy and share experience on the plights of IDPs in Nigeria.

**PROJECT C: PROMOTING BETTER MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION IN NIGERIA**

The Department with support from International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the European Union (EU) commenced the implementation of a Project aimed at promoting migration for national development in Nigeria through advocacy, capacity building and awareness.

The project actively engaged stakeholders in the migration sector through capacity building and awareness on the existence of the National Migration Policy (NMP) across the country. The project adopted a mix of methodologies in achieving identified project objectives. These included workshops, interface meetings for the capacity development of MDAs relevant in the implementation stages of the NMP as well as media awareness on migration in the country.

The Department actively engaged Nigerian government agencies such as the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), National Orientation Agency (NOA), and National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI).

The Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to intensify citizens’ awareness on NMP. This will in effect mean leveraging on the Agency’s existing structure across the 774 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the country for the popularization and sensitization of citizens on both the NMP and the promotion of regular migration.
A network of media practitioners wholly dedicated to migration related issues was established and trained on techniques in migration reportage. This resulted in enhanced citizens’ awareness on the dangers of irregular migration and benefits of regular migration as contained in the Policy.

The adoption of the NMP in May 2015 marked a milestone achievement in the history of migration in Nigeria as it came as a crowning effort of the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government and a broad number of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC) who formed part of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Migration in the country. Most worthy of note is the sustained financial and technical support from both the European Union (EU) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) through the entire process.
**Project A: Increasing media capacity to advocate child and family health**

In the year under review, the Department continued its activities towards increasing media capacity to advocate for child and family health issues; training and mobilising media to raise policy consciousness on fund mobilisation for child and family health across focal states; training media on accurate reportage in child and family health; tracking, analyzing, reporting and documenting media reportage in child and family health.

The Department implemented series of activities towards achieving the Project objectives. These were: media advocacy training assessment needs, advocacy meetings with decision makers in the media to introduce the project and the campaign, advocacy media kits and strategies development for the four issue areas—nutrition, family planning, routine immunization, and treatment of childhood killer diseases (pneumonia and diarrheal diseases).

It held media strategy development workshop for the PACFaH partners, primarily to improve the coalition’s media relations and develop all encompassed communication strategy for each issue area. The meeting was part of the underlined mandates of CISLAC to effectively train the partners on workable strategies to engage the media on Child and Family Health related issues in Nigeria. The meeting helped to foster better working
relationship among media and PACFaH coalition as better understanding of the media psychology was achieved. It further equipped partners with the skills to work with the media towards executing programmes and activities.

The Department used mass media, including social media to raise public awareness, knowledge on child and family health; provided regular contents for editorials, articles and commentaries targeted towards decision makers on filling budget gaps and timely release of budgeted funds; organized media-community dialogues and amplified the voices of the grassroots champions through media roundtables, personality interviews including traditional rulers and religious leaders, and testimonial on Nigerian Government’s honouring of pledges and commitments on child and family health.

It organized several training and re-training programmes for the identified media champions on budget tracking and monitoring in child and family health; and making child and family health issues priority in the forefront of the media coverage and reportage.

The Department developed and administered social media accounts as part of the efforts towards amplifying the Project’s advocacy objectives.

**Project B: Strengthening Legislative Oversight on Maternal and Child Health in Kano, Kaduna, Katsina and Jigawa States**

In the year under review, the Department with support from Mac Arthur Foundation continued implementation of programmes and activities to strengthen the state legislators’ oversight role on maternal and child health.

Apart from the legislators, Department engaged the executive, CSOs, and media on series of advocacy activities towards improving maternal and child in Jigawa, Kano, Katsina and Kaduna states.

The Department paid advocacy visits to the relevant Committees in the State Houses of Assembly to present legislators with fact-findings and recommendations from various
implemented activities in the states. The visits assisted in advocating for appropriate action on the legislators’ roles and responsibilities towards effective maternal and child health in the States.

It organized Civil Society Capacity Building Workshop on “Public Hearing in the State House of Assembly” to enhance the capacity of CSOs across the focal states with required practical skills and experience to independently engage policy and legislative process, especially on issues relating to Public Hearing in the State House of Assembly.

As part of the efforts to ensure relevant stakeholders are held accountable to their roles and responsibilities and take well-informed decisions in planning, policy formulation and domestication of National Health Act to provide for effective maternal and child health service delivery in the four focal states, the Department found it essential to further engage Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) in the media to sustain tempo of advocacy.

**Project C: Supporting Strategic Advocacy and Government Partnerships in Nigeria**

During the year under review, the Department with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation continued implementation of programmes and activities to support strategic advocacy and government partnership in three focal areas—Health, Nutrition and Agriculture in Nigeria.

As part of the strategic activities to achieve the above stated objective, the Department engaged Civil Society groups on policy and legislative advocacy workshops on agriculture, health and nutrition in Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna, Niger, Nassarawa, Lagos, and Federal Capital Territory. The workshops aimed at training civil society groups to understand and effectively demand accountability on Nigeria’s legislative and policy process in the focal areas—health, nutrition and agriculture.

The Department engaged consultants on the development of Manuals for training Civil Society on Agriculture, Health, and Nutrition. The Manuals were designed and compiled as resource guides for training Civil Society Organisations on advocacy to design, reform,
and demand accountability on the implementation of policies, laws, regulations and the allocation of resources in the management of Nigeria’s agriculture and rural development sector.

Project D: Engaging Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) legislators for inclusive and gender sensitive budgeting

During the year under review, the Department with support from Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBF) commenced the implementation of programmes and activities on promoting gender democracy towards ensuring “more female aspirants and legislators (women & men) have knowledge of gender-sensitive legislation and budgeting on issues that relate to socially inclusive, sustainable growth in times of increasing climate stress”.

In order to achieve the objective of the project, the Department implemented a number of activities such as research into the composition and functionality of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), identification of citizens’ legislative and budgetary priorities, constituents-legislature dialogue session, and capacity building for AMAC legislator on gender sensitive budgeting.

As related to understanding legislative needs and priorities of citizens across Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), CISLAC carried out a survey covering key sectors such as health, education, security, agriculture, household, transportation, and environment. The survey was conducted across identified focal areas with questions developed, covering citizens’ needs and priorities for legislation.

The Department organized “One Day Legislative-Constituents Dialogue Session on Citizens’ Legislative Priorities/Expectations from AMAC”. The session aimed at projecting citizens’ legislative priorities/expectations from the legislature towards inclusive legislation. The session drew over 30 participants from AMAC legislature (including Honourable Speaker and other Committee Chairs) and Civil Society Organisations.

It also organized One-day Capacity Building for the Legislators on Gender Sensitive Budgeting and Law Making to enhance their capacity towards gender sensitive budgeting and law making.
**PROJECT: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND SECURITY IN NIGERIA**

As part of its efforts to promote peace and stability in the country, the Department with support from the National Stability and Reconciliation Program (NSRP) through a cohesive platform tagged Peace and Security Forum sustained activities targeted at addressing various challenges bedeviling the nation’s security by providing commentary on the nation’s security situation from diverse viewpoints.

The Department carried out several activities towards achieving the project objectives including a one day Town Hall Meeting against Electoral Violence, Corruption and Impunity with the support from Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA). The Town Hall meeting focused on the preventing electoral violence, hate speeches, corruption and impunity before, during and after the 2015 general elections. The Department organized series of Bi-Monthly meeting of the Peace and Security Forum with the support from Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Program (NSRP). It also organized monthly meeting of the National Civil Society Consultative Forum on Peace and Security to review the National Peace Policy and find the entry point for engagement for Non-State Actors and to raise concerns over issues bothering national peace and security.
PROJECT: CAPACITY FOR RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ON FAIR TAXATION

In the year under review, Tax Justice Department continued implementation of the Project in 16 states of Southern geopolitical zone of Nigeria, where the Tax Justice and Governance Platforms were set up. Through the Department’s activities and interventions in tax justice and governance issues at national, regional and continental levels, CISLAC was appointed into the membership of STOP THE BLEEDING CAMPAIGN—a Pan-African campaign against Illicit Finance Flows from Africa. This campaign aims at combating illicit financial flows in Africa.

In partnership with Tax Justice and Governance Platform, the Department co-launched the report on the abuse of the pioneer status in Nigeria which led to the suspension of all pioneer status granted to all indigenous oil and gas companies in Nigeria. It also co-launched the West African Give Away, a report on how the Nigerian government lost billions of dollars to the NLNG incentives, resulting in the repatriation of monies to the government coffers.

As part of the efforts to enhance its capacity in tax related issues, the Department also attended training on tax justice and governance at International Tax Justice Academy in Nairobi.
In the year under review, as part of its mandates to promote the organization’s activities in the sphere of legislative and policy advocacy, the Communication and Information Unit engaged regular media motion in the update and dissemination of legislative and policy advocacy related information among relevant stakeholders. This was achieved through healthy interactions by issuing press releases, and sustaining the publication of monthly Newsletters—*Legislative Digest* and *Tobacco Control Update*.

Apart from organizing Press Conferences and issuing Press Releases to address topical issues in the legislative and policy environment, the Department published and disseminated several publications including: Policy Briefs on: *Internal Displacement in Nigeria: Trends, Strategies and Policy Option*, supported by Ford Foundation; *Ensuring Sustainable Peace and Security in Nigeria*, supported by Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP); Addressing Oil Theft in Nigeria, supported by FOSTER.
Other publications include: Citizens’ Perspective on Reforms Policies and Coordination in Nigeria, supported by Federal Public Administration Reform Programme (FEPAR); Civil Society Training Manuals on Agriculture, Health and Nutrition.
The Department is the nerve centre around which the functions of the organization revolve. The Department assists the leadership of the organization in coordination, development and management of daily routine towards effective utilization of the organisation’s resources.

The mandates of the Department include declaration of vacancies with subsequent advertising, processing of applications for employment, issuance of appointment letters, documentation of newly recruited, vetting, staff welfare, and other staff related matters as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Executive Director. It takes care of corporate affairs and general administrative matters of the organization including office management, office accommodation and allocation, security matter, provision or maintenance of furniture and office equipment, protocol affairs, supplies.

Apart from various internship positions, during the year under review, the Department advertised and recruited new Program Officer for Tax Justice Unit.
The Finance and Account Department during the 2015 financial year leveraged the organisation’s improved internal control system through significant improvement in filling system, real time update of accounting software, timely filling of retirement for regular reconciliation and approval by the mandated authority.

The Department engaged series of activities, all geared towards improving the working condition of staff and productivity to achieving the organisation’s mission and goals. These include regular financial support to Program Officers at pre-, during and post implementation phases of programmes and activities, to ensure compliance and strict adherence to the established internal control system.

Similarly, the Department implemented the recommendations of the Management Letter in the 2014 Audit Report. This has helped to further strengthen the internal control for greater improvement in the Unit’s activities, which to a large extent informs true and fair view of the organisation’s Financial Statements as reported below in the 2015 financial year: