

Cultural Celebration and Awards Night

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Inspiring the future

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2024

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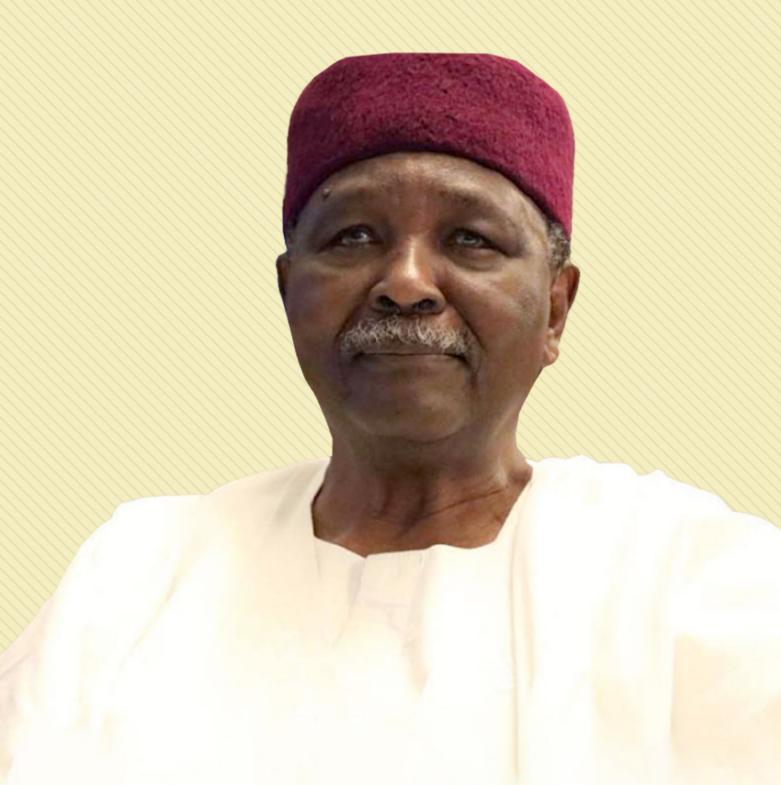
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLATEAU STATE ASSOCIATION (PSA) USA ON REACHING THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE OF 20 YEARS OF IMPACTFUL SERVICE.

# MRS. EVELYN O. GARBA

Wishing you continued success and a bright future as you embark on the next chapter. LONG LIVE PLATEAU STATE.

Mrs. Evelyn O. Garba For the Family.



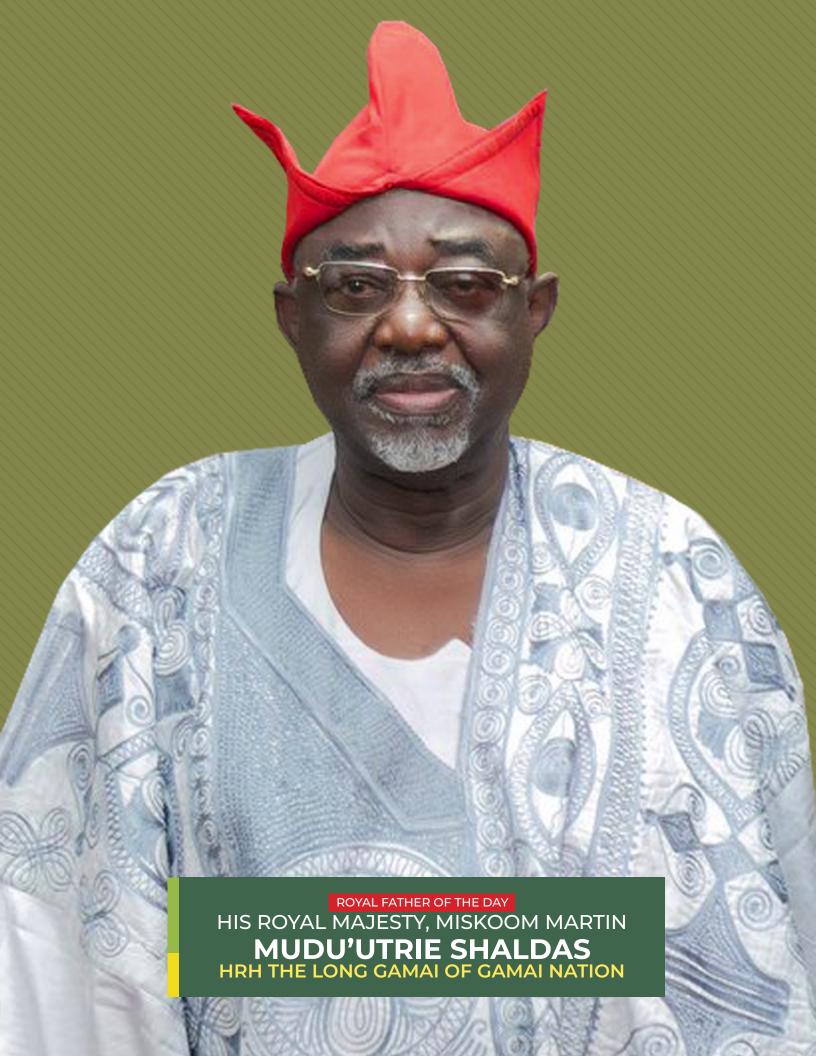


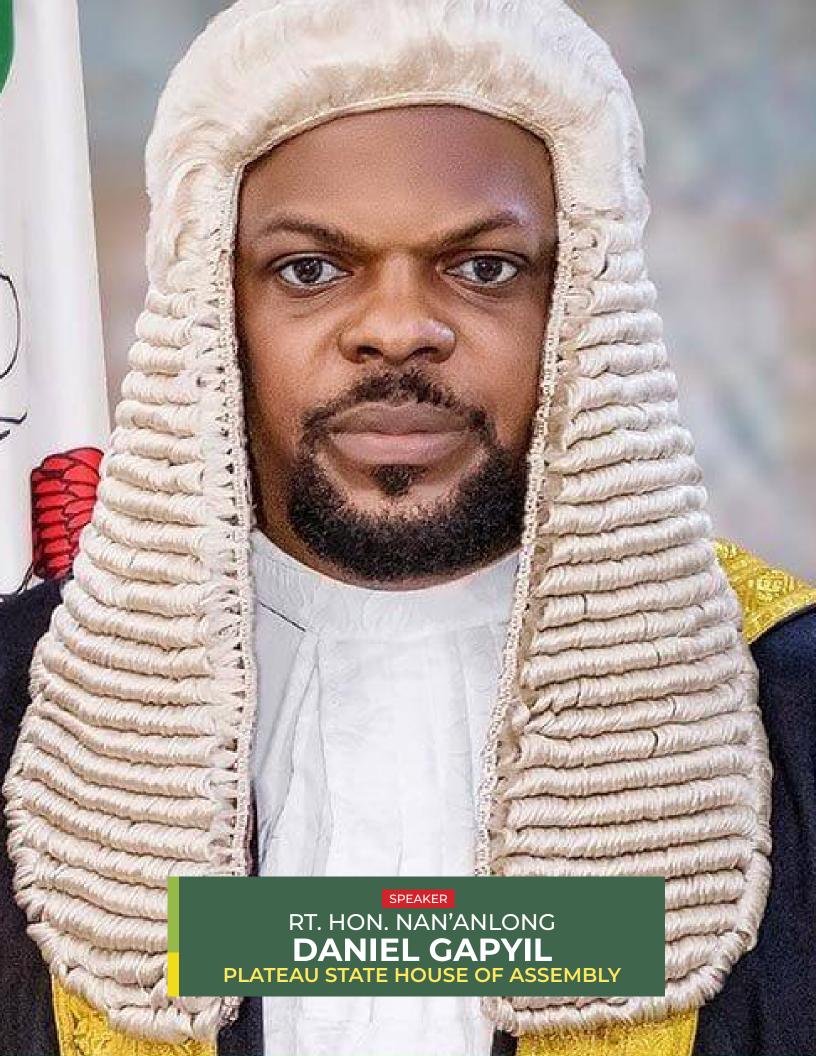
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## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria, we hail thee, our own dear native land,

Though tribes and tongues may differ, in brotherhood we stand

Nigerians all, and proud to serve our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign,

In peace or battle honoured, and this we count as gain,

To hand on to our children a banner without stain.

O God of all creation, grant this our one request:

Help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed,

And so with peace and plenty Nigeria may be blessed.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say can you see, By the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed At the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, Thru the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched Were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night That our flag was still there. O, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free And the home of the brave?

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Welcome Reception: Knoxora Banquet Hall, Laurel, Maryland
An evening of fellowship, cultural exchange, and shared reflection.

Program Highlights
Guest Arrival
Welcome Address – President, PSA-USA
Reflections by Past Presidents & Founding Members
Networking Session with Light Refreshments
Closing Announcements

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SATURDAY SEPTMBER 27TH, 2025 DAY 2

#### MORNING SESSION

Venue: SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Columbia, Maryland

#### **Program Highlights**

- Business Meeting & Ratification of Bylaws (Members Only)
- · Opening Remarks & Recognition of Distinguished Guests
- · Panel Discussion & Fireside Chat
- Theme: "The Future of Plateau: A Diaspora Conversation on Security, Development, and Belonging"
- Strategic Outlook & Takeaways
- Group Photograph & Closing

#### **EVENING SESSION**

Venue: Rovie Event Hall, Lanham, Maryland

#### **Cultural Extravaganza & Award Night Gala**

A signature celebration showcasing Plateau's heritage and honoring exceptional contributions.

#### **Program Highlights**

- · Red-Carpet Reception & Cultural Procession
- Opening Traditional Dance Presentation
- Presidential Remarks
- Keynote Address
- Official Launch of the R64 Diaspora Relief Fund
- · Award Presentations:
  - o Excellence in Community Service
  - o Distinguished Plateau Sons & Daughters
  - o Outstanding Diaspora Leadership
- Dinner Service & Live Cultural Performances
- · Toast to Plateau State
- Special Recognitions & Announcements
- Vote of Thanks
- Closing Invocation
- · Grand Celebration Dance

#### **CLOSING NOTE**

For two decades, Plateau State Association USA, Inc. has championed unity, cultural pride, and service. As we honor our past and inspire the future, we recommit to building bridges, empowering communities, and advancing the heritage of Plateau at home and abroad.



Plateau State Association, USA Inc., is a non profit, non-political, non-religious association exclusively organised for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to engage in education, health, social and economic development activities for the poor, disabled and underprivileged both in Plateau State of Nigeria and the United States of America.

The first ever convention for our beloved Plateau State Association, USA Inc, was held on Saturday November 2, 2005 at Mr. Hubert Shaiyen's residence in Silver Spring, Maryland. Prior to the inaugural convention, it was a decision of like minded individuals with the interest of the Plateau, coupled with the desire to advance the welfare of the less privileged citizens of the state to form the association. Thanks to the selflessness and commitment of the pioneer members, we now have an association that is still thriving after 18 years. Our pioneer PSA officials include;

- President Mr. Hubert Shaiyen
- 2 Vice President Mrs Margaret Gogwim
- General Secretary Dr. Chalya Lar
- 4 Treasurer Princess Zainab N. Sheni (Late)
- 5 Financial Secretary Mrs Zaynab Dabup
- 6 PRO/Social Secretary Mrs Christiana Hata

These individuals tasked themselves with crafting the mission and vision of the association, drafting the By-laws, suggesting programs for the upcoming year, and formally registering the association and obtaining tax-exempt status for the association among other things.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Plateau State association, U.S.A. is an association of Plateau state indigenes and their families, resident in the United States of America who share common goals and aspirations towards the development of Plateau state.

The mission of the association is to achieve the status of being a model association through the collaborative effort of its members and our local community in Plateau State to plan and implement programs geared at fostering positive development in Plateau State, Nigeria in the areas of health, education economy, tourism, arts and culture and community development, e.t.c. Also to promote knowledge in the United States about Plateau state and its people.



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we gather not only to celebrate two decades of existence but also to reflect on the enduring values that have guided our collective journey. This milestone is more than a commemoration of years passed—it is a testament to vision, resilience, and the power of community.

When our founding leaders established PSA-USA in 2005, they envisioned a platform that would unite Plateau sons and daughters in the diaspora, preserve our cultural identity, and leverage our collective resources for the advancement of our people. Today, that vision stands affirmed. From modest beginnings, PSA-USA has grown into a respected diaspora institution—anchored in cultural pride, sustained by volunteerism, and committed to service.

The impact of this Association is evident in cultural preservation, community-building, educational support, humanitarian relief, and policy advocacy. Through our conventions, scholarships, borehole projects, relief interventions, and strategic partnerships, PSA-USA has shown that diaspora communities are not passive observers of history but active participants in shaping the wellbeing of their homeland.

This celebration, however, is not only about reflection—it is also a call to renewed responsibility. Plateau State continues to grapple with the painful realities of insecurity, displacement, and economic challenges. For this reason, our 20th Anniversary is both a moment

of pride and a clarion call to action. The launch of the R64 Diaspora Campaign Fund exemplifies this commitment: a deliberate effort to bring hope, relief, and sustainable development to displaced communities across all 17 local government areas of Plateau State.

As National President, I am deeply conscious that our future relevance depends on how well we translate solidarity into sustainable impact. The next twenty years must be defined by stronger institutions, accountable leadership, and transformative partnerships. PSA-USA must continue to serve as both custodian of heritage and agent of progress, ensuring that our collective voice and resources advance peace, dignity, and development for our people.

On behalf of the National Executive Council, I extend profound appreciation to our founding members and our committed membership whose sacrifices have sustained this Association. We also pause to honor the memory of our departed founding members, whose dedication and sacrifices laid the very foundation we build upon today. Though they are no longer with us, their legacy continues to inspire our mission and future.

I further extend heartfelt gratitude to our partners and friends whose collaboration has enriched our work. Above all, we are deeply honored by the presence of our distinguished guests who traveled from Nigeria to grace this occasion. We especially recognize:

- General Yakubu Gowon, GCFR, Nigeria's former Head of State
- His Excellency, Barr. Caleb Mutfwang, Executive Governor of Plateau State
- Professor Nentawe Yilwatda Goshwe, National Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC)
- His Royal Highness, Miskoom Martin Shaldas, Long Gamai of Shendam
- His Royal Highness, Ponzhi Zini (Gazum), Nimnan Langnim
- Rt. Hon. Na'anlong Daniel, Speaker of the Plateau State House of Assembly
- Our Distinguished Senators and Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, and other eminent dignitaries

Your presence reaffirms the enduring bond between the homeland and the diaspora, and for this we are profoundly grateful.

As part of this celebration, we will also honor men and women who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to humanity. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment remind us of the very ideals we seek to uphold as an Association—service, integrity, and impact.

As we mark this 20th Anniversary, let us reaffirm our shared conviction: that united in purpose and anchored in service, we can shape a future worthy of the Plateau name.

With gratitude and resolve,

Dr. Barthólomew Shepkong

National President Plateau State Association USA, Inc.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Dr. Barth Shepkong
President



Lady Gertrude Longwan-Odoala Vice - President



Mr. Nanjul Wuyep, Esq.
General Secretary



Ms. Francisca D. Keyen
Public Relations Officer



Mrs. Asabe Spencer-Mhya Treasurer



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20th Anniversary of Plateau State Association USA, Inc.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, it is my joy and honor to welcome you to the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Plateau State Association USA, Inc.

This milestone is a testament to two decades of resilience, unity, and service by our members, leaders, and friends. It is also a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together, inspired by our shared heritage and our commitment to the progress of Plateau State.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to our National President, Dr. Barth Shepkong, for his leadership, to my fellow committee members for their tireless dedication, and to our sponsors, partners, and guests for standing with us. May this celebration inspire us all to build on the past, embrace the present, and shape a brighter future for Plateau State and generations to come.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Mrs. Gurumlat Adamu Hassan

Co-Chair, 20th Anniversary Planning Committee



The present State has bare rocks scattered across the grasslands, which cover the Plateau. The altitude ranges from about 1,200 meters (about 4000 feet) to a peak of 1,829 meters (about 6,097 feet) above sea level in the Pankshin and Shere Hills ranges near Jos, the administrative capital. The State has an area of about 26,899 square kilometers and an estimated population of 3,206,531 (2.27% of the nation's population) as per the 2006 National Population Census. The State shares boundaries in the North-East by Bauchi State, in the South-West by Nasarawa State, in the North-West by Kaduna State and in the South-East by Taraba State. The Jos Plateau terrain makes it the 1st order and source of many rivers in Northern Nigeria, including Rivers Kaduna, Gongola, Hadejia and Yobe.

#### **CLIMATE/WEATHER**

Although Plateau State is situated in the tropical zone, a higher and mountainous altitude means that the climatic conditions have a near temperate climate with an average temperature of between 18°C and 22°C. Harmattan winds cause the coldest weather between December and February. The warmest temperatures (between 25°C and 30°C) usually occur in the dry season months of March and April. The onset of the rainy season is in May and the mean annual rainfall varies from 131.75 cm (52in) in the southern part, which is warmer and hotter to 146 cm (57 in) on the Plateau. Peak periods of rains, considerably exceeding these average values are in July and August.

### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA is located between latitude 80°24'North and longitude 80°32' and 100°38' East. It derives its name from the popular picturesque mountainous terrain with captivating rock formations and Plateau. It is the 12th largest of 36 States of Nigeria and located near the center and at the Middle-Belt region of the country (Figure 1); about 313km (3hrs) drive from Abuja, Nigeria's Capital.

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#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Plateau State is a product of half a century of boundary adjustments arising from apparent desire of the British Colonial Masters in Nigeria to create a province to protect the railway line being constructed at that time and guarantee the sustenance of Tin and Columbite mining activities, which began in 1902. In the 2nd guarter of the 20th century, Expatriates and Ethnic Nationalities within Nigeria and outside Nigeria flocked into Jos due to the discovery of large deposits of Tin and Colom-bite. This development made Jos to be the most cosmopolitan State in the whole of Nigeria and this unofficially earned it the name TIN CITY. In 1914 when the Southern and Northern Protectorates of Nigeria were amalgamated and regions were created, Plateau State came under the control of the Northern Nigeria regional Government. The regional Government was divided into provinces and Plateau came under Bauchi province. In 1926, Plateau Province was carved out of Bauchi and Lower Benue Province, having eight divisions when Emirate and Indirect Rule failed to hold sway amongst the people. In the formative years of British colonialism in Nigeria, much of Plateau State was part of Bauchi Province. In May 1967, Benue and Plateau Provinces were merged to form Benue-Plateau State and by 1976 Benue-Plateau State was severed and became Benue and Plateau States, which covered up to the present Nasarawa State and remained as such until 1996 when the present Nasarawa State was carved out of Plateau State. In essence, the old Plateau province has given birth to the present Benue, Kogi, Taraba and Nasarawa states.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

The Administrative Capital of Plateau State is Jos. And consists of 17 Local Government Areas (LGA), namely, Bassa, Barkin Ladi, Bokkos, Jos East, Jos North, Jos South, Kanam, Kanke, Langtang North, Langtang South, Mangu, Mikang, Pankshin, Qua'an-Pan, Riyom, Shendam and Wase. Each LGA is governed by an elected Executive Chairman with other officials. Plateau State is made up of Seventeen (17) Local Government Areas (LGAs) and Three (3) Senatorial Zones, namely, Central, Northern and Southern Zones.

#### POPULATION AND CULTURAL AFINITY

The estimated population of the state is about 4.5 million people (2.25% of the Nation) people. (National Population Commission of Nigeria, 2019 Census figures). The State has about 54 indigenous ethnic groups and the people generally have autochthonous origin and cultural affinity, with many categories of people identified with common language, ancestral, social, cultural, religious (mythology and ritual) experiences, primarily as inherited status. Plateau State is made up of Seventeen (17) Local Government Areas (LGAs) and Three (3) Senatorial Zones, namely, Central, Northern and Southern Zones.

The State is blessed with rich and diverse cultures and festivals, which are celebrated at different times of the year, and to the delight of both local and foreign visitors. Some of these festivals, spread across the about 54 ethnic groups in the State include:

- Bit Goemai, Shendam
- Boghom Cultural Festival, Dengi
- Igoon Izere
- Irigwe New Year Festival
- Ivhivat Ti Fier
- Nzem Berom
- Pan Cultural Festival, Ba-ap
- Pus kaat, Mangu
- Pusdung, Pankshin
- Puuskang Mushere, Mushere
- Resettlement Day, Mabudi
- Ron / Kulere Festival, Bokkos
- Taroh Cultural Festival, Langtang
- Thar Cultural Festival, Wase
- Tukunkun, Anaguta
- Vwang, Lankan
- Zarachi Festival, Miango

An interesting feature of our cultural heritages on the Plateau is the wide range of music and traditional dances which showcase the African Choreography and energetic warrior dance sequence with an amazing sense of balance. Members of the State cultural troupe have travelled worldwide and well acclaimed for their performances.

The State, with its receptive and hospitable communities, is endowed with vast tourism potentials of natural beauty (Plate 1) that if properly harnessed have the capacity to earn huge foreign exchange, as well as potential UNESCO world heritage sites. These attractions / potentials capable of luring tourists / investors to Plateau State include but not limited to the following:

- Enchanting Climate Weather
- Scenic Beauty / Landscape
- Home of Hospitality
- Cultural Tourism
- Spectacular Rock Formations, isolated hills, Mountains ranges and Valleys
- Extinct Volcanic Hills / Craters
- Water Falls
- Lakes / Springs / Mining Ponds / Dams
- Recreational / Amusement / Wildlife Parks
- Museums
- Historic Hotels
- Amurum Bird Sanctuary
- Golf Clubs
- Home to Film / Entertainment / Sports Industry
- Historic Institutions
- Naraguta Leather Works



# WORKSHOP REPORT



### INTRODUCION

On Saturday, February 15, 2025, the Plateau State Association, USA, Inc., (PSA-USA) organized a virtual workshop focusing on recent changes in U.S. immigration policies. The workshop featured immigration attorney, Inna Simakovsky of Simakovsky Law LLC, who provided valuable insights into various visa types, immigration enforcement practices, and challenges faced by immigrants. The session aimed to equip attendees with the knowledge necessary to navigate complex immigration processes in light of recent policy shifts.

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM

### THE WORKSHOP

#### IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT & CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Attorney Inna Simakovsky emphasized the intensifying immigration enforcement under the new Trump administration, particularly the expanded reach of ICE into schools and hospitals. She stressed the importance of understanding children's rights and knowing the difference between ICE and judicial warrants. Attorney Inna also highlighted the risks of deportation, even for individuals with legal status, and the need for vigilance in these uncertain times.

#### PLANNING FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS

Attorney Inna advised undocumented individuals and those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to organize critical documents and identify trusted individuals who could handle personal matters in the event of deportation. She cautioned against relying on unqualified persons and stressed the importance of seeking legal counsel from qualified professionals.

#### **VISA CATEGORIES & IMMIGRATION COURT CHANGES**

Attorney Inna provided a detailed overview of various visa options, including T visas for human trafficking victims, U visas, and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) visas. She also discussed recent changes in immigration courts, such as expedited removal procedures and the reorganization of Ohio's immigration court.

#### ASYLUM PROCESS CHALLENGES

Attorney Inna explained that asylum approval rates are low, with Cleveland's rate around 30%. She highlighted the increased difficulty of obtaining asylum under current policies and stressed the importance of attending court hearings to avoid deportation. She also noted the cessation of the refugee process and potential impacts on asylum seekers.



### U.S. Citizenship & Deportation Risks

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#### **Fiancé Visa Process**

Attorney Inna addressed concerns about the potential revocation of U.S. citizenship, a possibility under current policies. Based on a question asked by one of the attendees, she advised individuals with TPS, such as a recent college graduate from Venezuela, to explore alternatives, including marriage to a U.S. citizen or applying for asylum.

Attorney Inna provided clarity on the fiancé visa process, outlining the three-step procedure, which includes applying for the visa, providing financial documents, and attending an interview. She mentioned that this process can take approximately eight months and advised on the necessary preparations for those interested in obtaining a fiancé visa.



#### **Immigration Consultations & Fees**

Attorney Inna's law firm charges a \$150 consultation fee, which may be waived for individuals facing financial hardship. Responding to a question, she also discussed the length of time it may take to process U-visa applications, which could take up to 8 - 10 years.

# NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS

- The President of PSA-USA, Dr. Barth Shepkong will share Attorney Inna Simakovsky's contact details with PSA-USA members.
- PSA-USA members are encouraged to reach out to Attorney Inna Simakovsky at (614) 695-4605 (office) or (614) 599-0819 (personal cell) for personalized immigration consultations.
- PSA-USA members are invited to visit www.simakovskylaw.com for more information on available immigration services.
- PSA-USA members should regularly check the association's website, www.plateau-usa. org, for upcoming events and updates.

- PSA-USA members are encouraged to email psanational@gmail.com for any inquiries related to the association.
- Undocumented individuals should prepare documentation proving their presence in the U.S. for over two years.
- Asylum seekers must work closely with their attorneys to prepare for potential credible fear interviews.
- PSA-USA members are urged to share information regarding U visas, T visas, and VAWA with potentially eligible individuals in their communities.

# CONCLUSION

The PSA-USA Immigration Virtual Workshop provided crucial insights into the evolving landscape of U.S. immigration policies. With legal expertise from Attorney Inna Simakovsky, attendees gained a better understanding of various immigration issues, including visa options, asylum challenges, and enforcement practices. It is essential for immigrants to stay informed, seek professional legal guidance, and take proactive steps to protect their rights in light of ongoing policy changes.

#### **Contact Information**

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### INTRODUCTION

In a meeting held on December 30, 2023, the President of Plateau State Association, USA, Inc. (PSA-USA), Dr. Barth Shepkong, was tasked with visiting victims of the Christmas Eve attacks in Mangu, Bokkos, and Barkin Ladi in Nigeria. On January 26, 2024, Dr. Shepkong visited the central Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp at the Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN) in Bokkos to assess conditions, interact with residents, and review relief efforts.

During the visit, Dr. Shepkong expressed condolences to the victims and offered hope for their eventual recovery. Hon. Zakka Akos, former Local Government Chairman of Bokkos, highlighted the widespread nature of the crisis, noting that similar challenges were faced in Mangu, and emphasized the ongoing support provided to the IDPs.

Rev. Mandong Steven Bitrus, Chairman of the IDP support committee, shared that over 6,000 displaced individuals were being cared for in 13 camps, with a total of 19,000 people displaced from 32 communities in Bokkos. He called for more support for the victims, especially those who had lost everything.

Rev. Steven Saleh, Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in Bokkos, expressed gratitude to PSA-USA for its generosity and solidarity, saying that their support had earned the association a special place in the hearts of the local people. He wished blessings on PSA-USA for their kindness.

#### IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT

The visit to the IDP camp was of paramount importance for our organization to understand the ground realities and the needs of the displaced population. It provided invaluable insights into the challenges faced by the residents and enabled us to tailor our relief efforts accordingly. Additionally, it allowed us as an organization to demonstrate our commitment to supporting vulnerable communities in times of crisis.

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FOOD ITEMS

- Bags of rice
- Gallons of vegetable oil
- Bags of flour
- Cartons of seasoning
- Bags of salt
- Bags of sugar Hygiene Kits:
- Bath and washing soap.
- Sanitary pads

#### **FINDINGS**

During the visit, several key observations were made:

- There are 13 IDP camps.
- There are currently over 6, 000 displaced persons excluding those seeking shelter in the homes of relatives.

#### LIVING CONDITIONS

The living conditions in the camp were dire, with overcrowded shelters, limited access to clean water, and inadequate sanitation facilities.

#### **HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

There was a pressing need for medical assistance, especially for women, children, and the elderly, with reports of malnutrition and preventable diseases.

#### **EDUCATION**

Access to education for children was severely limited, highlighting the need for educational support and resources.

### PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Many residents exhibited signs of trauma and psychological distress, indicating the need for psychosocial support services.

#### RELIEF EFFORTS

In response to the identified needs, PSA-USA allocated significant resources towards providing relief assistance to the IDP camp. The following relief materials and logistics have been donated and utilized:



#### PSA-USA'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE:

The future plans of Plateau State Association, USA encompass a variety of initiatives aimed at enhancing community engagement, promoting cultural heritage, supporting development efforts in Plateau State, and fostering collaboration with relevant stakeholders.



#### 1. Youth Empowerment and Development:

Develop programs and initiatives targeted at empowering and supporting youths in Plateau State.



#### 2. Collaboration with Plateau State Government:

Strengthen ties and collaboration with the Plateau State government to support development initiatives in Plateau State.



#### 3. Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building

Many members of the diaspora have acquired advanced education and training in various fields. Leveraging their expertise through knowledge transfer programs, mentorship, and collaborative projects can help build the capacity of local institutions, businesses, and communities in Plateau State.



#### Dr. Barth Shepkong

National President for; Plateau State Association, USA, Inc.











# BOREHOLE PROJECTS

#### **Transforming Lives Through Clean Water**

**Communities Reached:** Jos Jarawa (Jos North LGA), Bet (Barkin Ladi LGA), Gwamlar Shiwer (Kanke LGA), Bangkur (Langtang North LGA)

#### THE CHALLENGE

For decades, communities in Plateau State have struggled with:

- Severe water scarcity.
- Long daily treks (especially for women and children) to fetch water.
- High incidence of cholera, typhoid, and other waterborne diseases.

#### THE INTERVENTION

With the generous support of the Axelrod Foundation, PSA-USA executed 4 borehole projects across Plateau State.

#### Key Features:

- High-yield boreholes fitted with submersible pumps.
- Safe water certified through quality testing.
- Community sensitization on hygiene and sustainability practices.

#### THE IMPACT

- 4 Communities Served: Jos Jarawa, Bet, Gwamlar Shiwer, Bangkur.
- Thousands of Beneficiaries now have consistent access to safe drinking water.
- **Time Saved:** Women and children no longer trek long distances, improving school attendance and household productivity.
- **Health Gains:** Reduced prevalence of cholera, typhoid, and diarrhea.
- Community Ownership: Local maintenance committees formed to ensure sustainability.

#### **GRATITUDE**

- Community Leaders & Local Government for their collaboration.
- PSA-USA Members & Donors for their unwavering commitment and sacrifices.

### TOGETHER, WE MADE IT POSSIBLE

These boreholes are not just infrastructure — they are lifelines of hope, dignity, and opportunity for Plateau State communities.



### **BARKIN LADI**



### **SHIWER**



### LANGTANG NORTH



### **JOS JARAWA**





### **GOVERNMENT OF PLATEAU STATE**

CABINET OFFICE, OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE RAYFIELD, P.M.B. 2055 JOS - NIGERIA

#### Goodwill Message

From the Secretary to the Government of Plateau State On the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary Celebration and Award Night of Plateau State Association, USA, Inc.

On behalf of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Plateau State, Rt. Hon. Barr. Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang, the Government, and the people of Plateau State, I extend warm felicitations to the Plateau State Association, USA, Inc. (PSA-USA) as you commemorate your 20th Anniversary Celebration and Award Night.

Over the past two decades, PSA-USA has demonstrated exemplary commitment to fostering unity, promoting our cultural heritage, and advancing the cause of development for Plateau State. Your consistent efforts in mobilizing resources, extending humanitarian support, and sustaining linkages between our diaspora community and the homeland are commendable and deeply appreciated.

This anniversary represents not only a celebration of your achievements but also a testament to the enduring value of diaspora partnerships in shaping the progress of Plateau State. The Government recognizes the important role of associations such as yours in complementing our efforts to build a more peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive State.

As you mark this historic milestone, it is our earnest expectation that PSA-USA will continue to strengthen its noble initiatives and broaden its impact for the greater good of Plateau State and her people.

I convey, once again, the best wishes of the Government and people of Plateau State for a successful 20th Anniversary Celebration and Award Night.

Arc. Samuel N. Jatau FNIA, FCIML
Secretary to the Government of Plateau State

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PLATEAU STATE INDIGENES IN THE DIASPORA



I count it a rare privilege to join in celebrating this enduring and purposeful relationship among Plateau indigenes in the diaspora. This gathering is not merely a cultural celebration and award night; it is a reaffirmation of our shared values and a testament to the deliberate choice of Plateau sons and daughters to emphasize what unites us rather than what divides us. It is always heartwarming to stand with those who believe in the beauty of Plateau and who are making deliberate efforts to strengthen its unity.

The unity, prosperity, and security of Plateau and Nigeria as a whole depend on our collective resolve to stand together against hunger, illiteracy, and all forms of division that threaten the foundations of peace laid by our founding fathers. The material and intellectual investments you continue to channel back home are deeply appreciated. They are rekindling hope and restoring confidence among many Plateau indigenes.

This laudable humanitarian initiative to provide a relief fund in support of the resettlement of internally displaced persons, occasioned by decades of perennial attacks on innocent people in Plateau State is in full alignment with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, implemented through the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction.

The Federal Government has developed a distinctive and practical policy framework that seeks not only to provide relief and resettlement for IDPs, but also to restore their psyche and dignity while reintegrating them into society with the skills and resources to pursue their dreams.

Your action has not only provided relief to IDPs, but also renewed hope and strengthened Nigeria's image before the world as a nation blessed with citizens whose conscience and love for humanity remain undistorted by distance or location. This is the true measure of the premium Nigeria places on humanity at the global stage.

It is my earnest desire that this purposeful relationship, born out of love for Plateau and humanity, will be sustained and passed on to the next generation.

Professor Nentawe yilwatda Goshwe. National chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC)

# GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of the Plateau State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency (PLASCHEMA), I extend heartfelt congratulations to the Plateau State Association-USA (PSA-USA) on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary Celebration and Award Night.

Your unity, commitment, and impact over the past two decades are truly commendable. As you celebrate this milestone, we urge you to consider the pressing healthcare needs of the most vulnerable in Plateau State—widows, orphans, and those without means who need your help now more than ever.

With as little as \$10, you can give someone back home a lifeline—access to doctors, medication, and life-saving care. We invite you to partner with us to make this vision a reality.

We look forward to working closely with PSA-USA and all Plateau indigenes in the diaspora to build a healthier, more equitable Plateau State.

Congratulations once again, and may your legacy of service continue to grow.

Warm regards,

#### Dr. Agabus Nanfwang Manasseh

Director-General

Plateau State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency (PLASCHEMA)





Our dear esteemed members of the Plateau Association USA.On behalf of Plateau United Football Club, I extend our warmest congratulations to you on this momentous occasion of your 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, cultural celebration and Awards night. This milestone not only marks two decades of steadfast commitment to the Plateau community in the USA but also reflects the rich cultural diversity, heritage and spirit of unity that Plateau state embodies.

The Plateau State Association USA has played and continues to play a pivotal role in promoting the culture, values and traditions of Plateau State, serving as a beacon of hope and pride for our people in the diaspora. We are not unmindful of the giant strides in the personal and professional lives of Plateau citizens in the USA which we view with a real sense of pride. Your dedication and commitment to fostering community ties and supporting one another in different endeavors is truly commendable and we are grateful for your sustained contributions.

Together as we commemorate this anniversary, cultural celebration and award night, let us strengthen our bond while cultivating a spirit of collaboration for the good of our communities both at home and abroad. We wish you a celebration filled with joy and cherished memories, cultural pride and continued success in all your endeavors.

Once again, congratulations on your string of remarkable achievements.

Warm regards,
Gideon Izang
Sporting Director/MD





The Chairman Plateau State Association USA, Inc 28th July, 2025

#### Goodwill Message From PZAFAAMA Helping Hands Foundation

On behalf of the entire team at PZAFAAMA Helping Hands Foundation, we extend our warmest appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to the Plateau State Association-USA, Inc. (PSA-USA) on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary Celebration and Humanitarian Impact Awards.

We are deeply honored and humbled by the recognition extended to our Co-founder, Amb. (Dr.) High Chief Usman Ahmed Abdul-Dimka, and we thank you for acknowledging his lifelong dedication to service, humanitarian development, and community empowerment.

Your unwavering commitment over the past two decades to the advancement of underprivileged communities in Plateau State and the United States is truly commendable. The launch of the R64 Diaspora Relief Fund is a remarkable and timely initiative that reflects your compassion and shared vision for sustainable resettlement and holistic support for internally displaced persons in our beloved Plateau State.

As you mark this significant milestone, we celebrate with you and pray for the continued growth and impact of PSA-USA. May this anniversary event be a resounding success, inspiration, and renewed energy for the noble work that lies ahead.

With gratitude and goodwill,



Amb. (Dr.) High Chief Usman Ahmed Abdul-Dimka Co-Founder, PZAFAAMA Helping Hands Foundation



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# CHIEF PHOUHL MBHWUKE

Chief Paschal Mbawuike sends these heartfelt messages in solidarity with Plateau State Association-USA as we celebrate its 20th Anniversary. He shares these reflections as one who proudly calls Plateau State his adopted home state.

# LATE CHIEF SOLUMING LAR

"As we gather to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Plateau State Association-USA, I fondly remember the towering legacy of our late leader, Chief Solomon Lar. He was not only the 'Father of Democracy' in Nigeria but also a beacon of hope for Plateau State and beyond. His vision for justice, fairness, and unity continues to inspire us all. May his memory forever remain a guiding light."

— Chief Paschal Mbawuike

# APPRECIATING LATE OF LEFT TO THE LEFT TO

"I wish to honor the memory of my mentor and friend, late Chief J. T. Useni. His wisdom, generosity, and leadership played a vital role in my personal growth and development. He was a man who nurtured many and stood tall for his people. Today, I celebrate his enduring impact and the seeds he planted in my life and in the lives of countless others."

— Chief Paschal Mbawuike

# APPRECIATING THE OVERNOR OF PLATE OF STATE & SUPPORTING NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

"I extend my heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency, the Governor of Plateau State, for his dynamic leadership and commitment to peace and progress in our dear state. I also salute the vision of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, whose Renewed Hope Agenda is charting a new course for our nation. My gratitude equally goes to Chief Orji Uzor Kalu for his unwavering contributions to national development. May God continue to guide our leaders as they serve with dedication."

Chief Paschal Mbawuike

# CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE FIRST LADY OF PLATEAU STATE

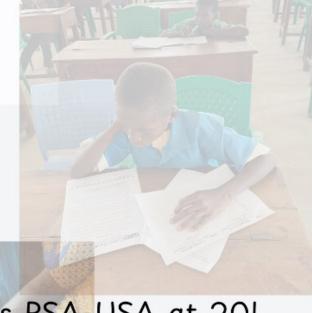
"On behalf of my adopted home state of Plateau, where I have been privileged to spend much of my life, I joyfully celebrate the warm friendship between Senator Oluremi Tinubu, First Lady of Nigeria, and Her Excellency Barr. Helen Mutfwang, Wife of the Governor of Plateau State. Senator Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda is rekindling optimism across Nigeria, particularly for women and children, and it is encouraging to see this spirit of collaboration reflected in Plateau State.

I congratulate Plateau State Association-USA on this landmark 20th Anniversary and pray for continued unity, peace, and prosperity."

— Chief Paschal Mbawuike







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## JOS OASIS LIMITED

Dear Members and Leaders of Plateau State Association, USA, Inc.,

Please accept warmest congratulations from Jos Oasis Limited on the landmark occasion of your 20th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Night. As you convene in Laurel, Maryland, to honor two decades of unwavering service, unity, and cultural advancement – your milestone stands as an inspiring testament to the enduring spirit of the Plateau diaspora.

Since its founding in 2005 with that very first convention in Silver Spring, Maryland, PSA USA, Inc. has exemplified the highest ideals of community, charity, and heritage preservation in both Plateau State, Nigeria, and the United States. Your mission – advocating education, healthcare, economic and cultural development – has uplifted countless lives and built tangible bridges between continents.

As you gather on September 26th and 27th at Knoxora Banquet Venue to commemorate your vibrant journey, may every handshake and toast reaffirm the unity, hope, and resilience that define your work. Your focus on innovation, unity, and welfare has strengthened Plateau identity across generations and borders.

Jos Oasis Limited echoes your vision: building trust, promoting excellence, and delivering development grounded in integrity. As you celebrate your achievements – educational scholarships, healthcare outreach, community empowerment – we look forward to the possibility of collaborating on initiatives that elevate Plateau's growth and well being.

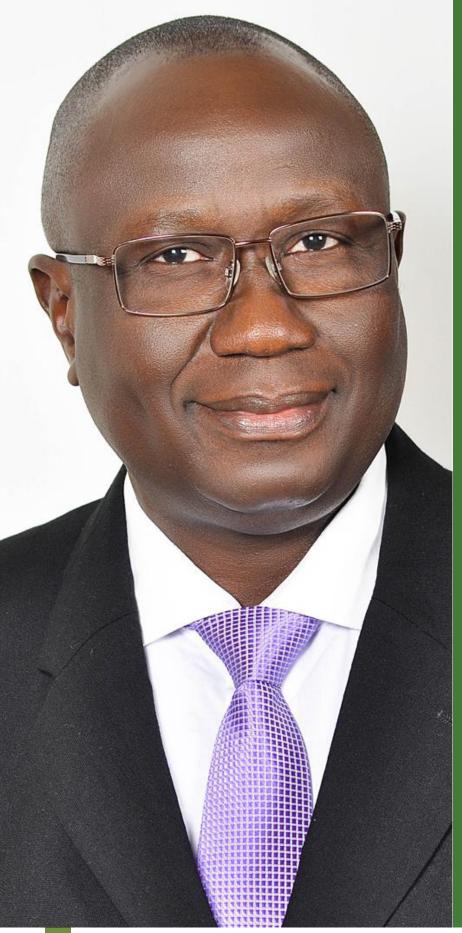
On behalf of our leadership team – Fred Lipdo, Bisoye Gofwen, and Nanjul Wuyep – we extend our heartfelt respects to your current and past leadership, and the many volunteers and supporters who have steered PSA USA's mission forward.

As you honor excellence through awards and fellowship, may the next twenty years surpass your past in impact and innovation. May your unity continue to shine as a beacon of hope for Plateau State and its diaspora.

With profound admiration and warmest felicitations,

Fred Lipdo, CEO
Jos Oasis Limited
Bisoye Gofwen, CFO
Jos Oasis Limited
Nanjul Wuyep, Company Secretary & Legal
Counsel
Jos Oasis Limited

Wishing you a joyous and memorable 20th Anniversary filled with celebration, gratitude, and renewed purpose.



### RETIRED AIR VICE MARSHAL | Note the content of th

It is with deep honour and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Plateau State Association USA, Inc. (PSA-USA), on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary Celebration and Award Night.

This milestone is a profound testament to the resilience, vision, and enduring commitment of Plateau sons and daughters in the diaspora. Over the past two decades, PSA-USA has exemplified unity and service—preserving our cherished heritage, providing humanitarian support, and contributing to the growth and well-being of our people at home and abroad.

As you celebrate this remarkable anniversary and recognise individuals who embody excellence, leadership, and service, may your collective journey inspire even greater achievements in the decades to come. Your work reflects the highest ideals of patriotism and community spirit.

Congratulations once again, and may the Association continue to thrive in unity and purpose.

Retired Air Vice Marshal

Napoleon Bali



#### SENATOR HEZEKIAH AYUBA DIMKA

#### **Federal Republic of Nigeria**

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly

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**Date**: 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

GOODWILL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLATEAU STATE ASSOCIATION- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (PSA-USA)

It is with great joy and profound respect that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Plateau State Association - United States of America (PSA-USA) as you mark your 20th Anniversary. This milestone is a testament to your collective dedication, enduring unity, and unwavering commitment to promoting the values and cultural heritage of our dear Plateau State in the diaspora.

I am deeply satisfied with the peaceful disposition, resilient spirit, and exemplary conduct of the Plateau man and woman abroad. Your devotion to fostering peace, unity, and development within your communities in the United States is commendable and reflects the true character of the Plateau people - proud, principled, and peace-loving.

As you commemorate two decades of purposeful existence, I want to assure you of my continued support and solidarity with your noble efforts. PSA-USA has become a shining example of how diaspora communities can contribute meaningfully to the development of their homeland, and I encourage you to sustain this momentum.

May this anniversary renew your zeal to remain united, to uphold the values that make Plateau great, and to bring pride to our beloved State and Nigeria at large. Together, let us continue to build bridges of harmony, promote excellence, and preserve our legacy for generations to come.

Congratulations once again, and may the next twenty years be even more impactful and inspiring.

God bless PSA-USA.

God bless Plateau State.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Distinguished Senator Hezekiah Ayuba Dimka.



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Goodwill Message On the 20th Anniversary of Plateau State Association USA, Inc.

Warm congratulations on your 20th anniversary! Today, I, Dr Patrick Dakum on behalf of my family, and the Daniel Dakum Foundation, join you in celebrating two decades of unity, service, and impact.

Your mission to build a strong diaspora community and support charitable and educational projects in Plateau State deeply aligns with our values. Like you, we are committed to uplifting the poor, disabled, and underprivileged through education, healthcare, and community-based support.

Our foundation was created to honor lives like that of Daniel Dakum — a life marked by courage, compassion, and commitment to community. His legacy continues to inspire our work, and we see that same spirit reflected in your dedication over the years.

We proudly pledge our support to PSA-USA, Inc. and urge the Executive to continue leading with vision—executing programs and activities that benefit the Plateau community both in the diaspora and at home. Your continued efforts to project the Plateau story positively to the wider world are not only timely but essential.

As you honor your past and build for the future, know that you do not walk alone. We stand with you, and we look forward to meaningful collaboration in service of our shared goals.

Congratulations once again!

Signed,

Dr Patrick Dakum

**Executive Director** 

Daniel Dakum Foundation



#### Plateau State Internal Revenue Service

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#### **GOODWILL MESSAGE**

On behalf of the entire Management and hard-working staff of the Plateau State Internal Revenue Service, I wish to extend our heartfelt felicitations to PSA-USA on this momentous occasion of your 20th Anniversary Celebration, Award Night, and Official Launch of the R64 Diaspora Campaign Fund. For two decades, PSA-USA has served as a vital bridge between Plateau's diaspora and our cherished homeland, championing education, health, youth development, humanitarian relief, and cultural preservation — work that mirrors the development priorities of Plateau State.

At the Plateau State Internal Revenue Service, we are inspired by the R64 Campaign Fund's mission to mobilise global support for displaced and vulnerable communities across all 17 Local Government Areas and 64 Development Wards. We see a strong alignment with our drive for fiscal innovation, broadened domestic revenue and accountable governance. We look forward to exploring partnerships that translate diaspora generosity into tangible improvements in tax administration capacity, financial inclusion, and public service delivery.

Plateau State is on the path of regaining its lost glory due to the visionary and deliberate leadership of Governor Caleb Mutfwang's administration and its progressive agenda which prioritises strengthening infrastructure, expanding access to quality health and education, improving security and governance, and advancing digital-enabled public service— our shared goals of a prosperous, transparent, and resilient Plateau. PSIRS appreciates the opportunity to continue dialogue on how our institutions can collaborate to accelerate these efforts.

May this milestone anniversary deepen friendship between Plateau State and the Plateau diaspora and may our collaboration yield measurable benefits for communities across all Local Government Areas and Wards. PSIRS remain committed to working with PSA-USA to explore joint initiatives in revenue administration, youth development, humanitarian relief and cultural preservation; aimed at delivering real improvements for the people we serve.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

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### ENUGU STATE WOMEN ORGANIZATION ATLANTA, GEORGIA



Wish to congratulate PSA [USA] on her 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, AWARD NIGHT & THE SPECIAL LAUNCH OF THE R64 DIASPORA CAMPAIGN FUND FOR DISPLACED COMMUNITIES in Plateau State, Nigeria in Laurel, Maryland, September 26 – 27, 2025

We felicitate with your organization on this milestone which is indicative of your dedication, unity and commitment to the progress and development of the good people of your dear State. We wish you a memorable and successful convention.

God bless Plateau State, Nigeria! God bless the United States of America!!

ESWO, Atlanta Georgia



#### OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PLATEAU STATE

Chief Technical Adviser,
Development Partnerships, Strategic Linkages and
the Diaspora to the Governor, Plateau State



GOODWILL MESSAGE BY HON. MANJI WILSON, CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISER ON DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS, STRATEGIC LINKAGES AND DIASPORA ENGAGEMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF PLATEAU STATE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLATEAU STATE ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES (PSA) 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS NIGHT

It is with immense pride and deep admiration that I extend my warmest congratulations to the Plateau State Association-USA (PSA-USA) on the occasion of her 20th Anniversary and Awards Night. This is a celebration of legacy, love for homeland, and the unbreakable spirit of our people, wherever they are in the world.

This milestone is a testament to two decades of unwavering commitment to unity, service and impact, a journey that has not only strengthened the Plateau diaspora community in the United States but has also left an indelible mark on the lives of countless people back home in Plateau State, Nigeria. To all members of PSA-USA, thank you for choosing to stay connected to home, for giving selflessly to uplift our communities, and for carrying Plateau in your hearts even while oceans away.

The theme, "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," resonates deeply with our shared vision for a more prosperous and inclusive Plateau. It is a call to remembrance, a call to honour the selfless sacrifices and visionary leadership that laid the foundation for PSA-USA, and equally, a call to action, challenging us all to continue building bridges of opportunity, collaboration, and development. I see the PSA-USA as a model of what is possible when our people in the diaspora are meaningfully connected to the progress of their homeland. Your continued advocacy, philanthropy, and innovation are vital pillars in the transformation agenda of our dear state.

On behalf of the Government of Plateau State, I celebrate your legacy, applaud your leadership, and encourage you to keep advancing the cause of unity, development, and global partnerships. May this celebration ignite new ideas and strengthen the bonds that tie us together, across generations and across continents. Let this anniversary reawaken our collective resolve, to do more, to build stronger, and to remain deeply rooted in the values that make Plateau truly special.

Congratulations once again and may the future be even brighter than the past.

Long live PSA-USA. Long live Plateau State. Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Sincerely,



Manji Wilson

Chief Technical Adviser, Development Partnerships, Strategic Linkages and the Diaspora

Office of the Governor, Little Rayfield,

Jos. Plateau State.

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## GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM MR. FHRIIJUI CUNDHY CHOU

(RETIRED PERMANENT SECRETARY, PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA)

It is with profound joy that my family and I wish to congratulate the national Executive Council and the entire membership of the Plateau State Association USA, Inc. (PSA-USA), on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary celebration, Award Night and official launch of the R64 Diaspora Campaign fund. The Festival portrays the rich cultural values of the Plateau People and also bring about unity, love, development, progress and successes to its people.

It is in this vain that our forefathers sought to portray and preserve our culture and traditions, hence we are witnesses to the 20th celebration of the PSA – USA today.

On behalf of my family and I, I wish you well in your endeavours and hope and pray that the festival will grow from strength to strength and also be sustained to reap the fruits it is intended to bear.

Long live PSA-USA

Long live the good people of Plateau State

Long Live Nigeria

May the good Lord bless us all.

Mr. Farmson Sunday Choji



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We felicitate with your organization on this milestone which is indicative of your dedication, unity and commitment to the progress and development of the good people of your dear State. We wish you a memorable and successful convention.

God bless Plateau State, Nigeria! God bless the United States of America!!

Chief Ben Obiofuma CEO; BETI Engineering Nigeria Ltd

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## PROF VICTOR IBERNUSI



Congratulations to Plateau State Association

Wishing you the best in your efforts as you organize in providing solutions to your state I grew up in Jos

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Remain focused on your efforts

Prof Victor Ibeanusi

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THE SPEAKER, PLATEAU STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, ON THE OCCASION OF PLATEAU DAY IN MARYLAND, USA



Distinguished sons and daughters of Plateau State, esteemed guests, on behalf of the Plateau State House of Assembly, As the Speaker, I thank you sincerely for your love, commitment, and unwavering belief in our great state. Also, it is a privilege to witness the 20th Anniversary Celebration of PSA-USA today in Maryland, United States of America.

As we gather here, not only as a diaspora community but as one family bound by heritage, culture, and a shared commitment to a brighter Plateau, your resilience, determination, and pursuit of excellence in this land of opportunities inspire us greatly. We celebrate your achievements and deeply appreciate the impact of your contributions—through remittances, expertise, and philanthropy—which continue to touch lives and open doors of opportunity back home.

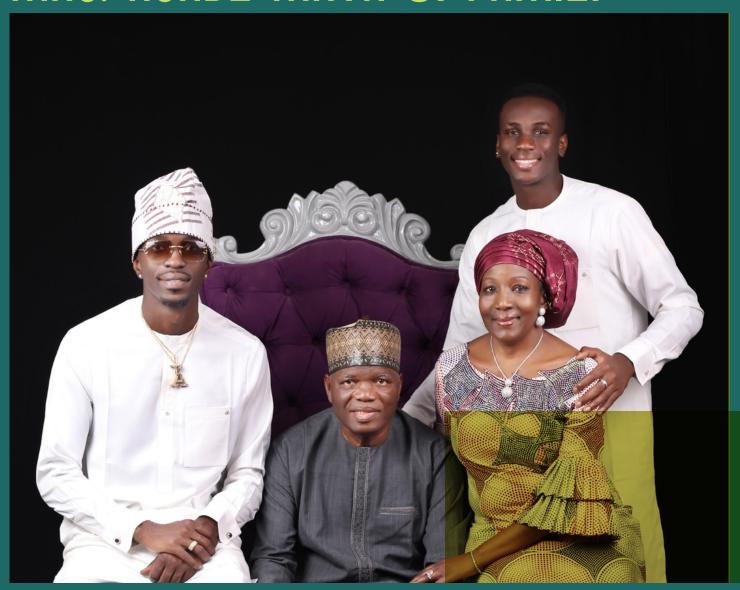
Yet, as we celebrate progress, we must confront our shared pains on the incessant violent attacks on communities in Wase, Mangu, Bokkos, Barkin Ladi, Riyom, and Bassa which remains a great source of sorrow. These tragedies have left trails of displacement and grief. However, with your prayers and support, we shall address the root of these challenges, and secure peace and stability across the land of Plateau State.

Distinguished compatriots, the Plateau of our dreams. Let us harness our collective potential to stimulate entrepreneurship, attract investments, drive innovation, and create opportunities for our people. With your continued support, we can accelerate development, deepen unity, and guarantee a brighter future for generations to come.

May God bless you all.

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We extend our profound congratulations to Plateau State Association, USA, Inc. on its 20th Anniversary. Guided by the exemplary leadership of the National President, the Association has remained steadfast in advancing development, unity, and service. The borehole initiative launched in December 2024—already delivering four completed projects—stands as a testament to this enduring legacy of impact.

God bless PSA-USA, Inc. God bless Plateau State. God bless Nigeria.

# AMINGI FOUNDATION HILL MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION



As PSA-USA celebrates its 20th anniversary, Aminci Foundation extends heartfelt congratulations to an organization whose values beautifully mirror our own: fostering community, nurturing growth, and standing as a beacon of support for Nigerians in the diaspora.

For two decades, PSA-USA has united Plateau State indigenes across the United States, building a resilient network grounded in shared heritage, progress, and collective wellbeing. Your commitment to cultural preservation and civic engagement is an inspiration to all who believe in the power of connected communities.

At Aminci Foundation, our mission is to champion early childhood education in Nigeria and uplift Nigerian students facing challenges in U.S. colleges. Just as PSA-USA empowers its members through fellowship and opportunity, we strive to instill a love for learning and provide the support young minds need to thrive.

Together, we celebrate this milestone—and the promise of all that lies ahead.

With deep respect and enduring partnership, Aminci Foundation

# CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE OKUES LIZE WOMEN CLUB OF NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL, DMV CHAPTER



We joyfully congratulates the Plateau State Association USA, Inc. on its 20th Anniversary Celebration.

We warmly welcome His Excellency, Barr. Caleb Mutfwang, Executive Governor of Plateau State, and other distinguished leaders gracing this historic milestone with their presence.

We celebrate with you and wish PSA-USA continued growth, unity, and success.

Okwesilizie Women Club of Nigeria International DMV Chapter

### THE WESSAGE FROM

[ WELI-AMADI ROYAL FAMILY OF ELIOZU, OROIGWE, OBIO/AKPOR LOCAL GOVT AREA, R/S]



Wish to Congratulate, PLATEAU STATE ASSOCIATION [USA]

On the Occasion of her 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, AWARD NIGHT & THE SPECIAL LAUNCH OF THE R64 DIASPORA CAMPAIGN FUND FOR DISPLACED COMMUNITIES in Plateau State, Nigeria in Laurel, Maryland, September 26 – 27, 2025

THEME: HONORING THE PAST; INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Wishing PLATEAU STATE ASSOCIATION [USA] a very successful convention and memorable celebration of HER PEOPLE & Culture!

Hon. Tamwakat & Hon Dr. Nyema Weli for The Family

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### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

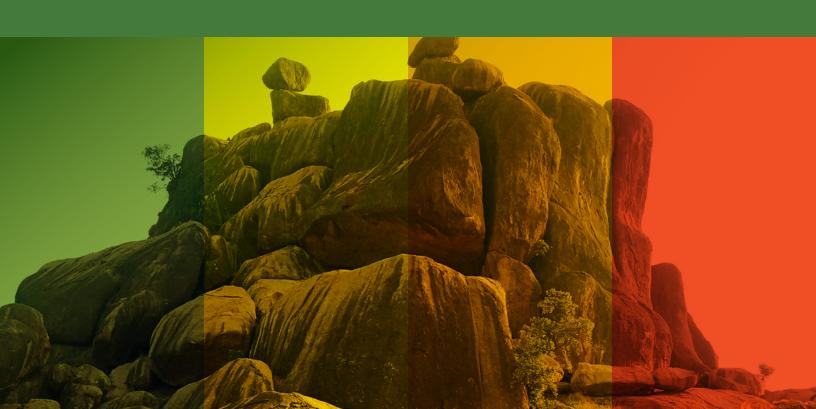
The Shiwer Development Association (SDA), Kanke Local Government Area, Plateau State wishes to acknowledge with gratitude, your kind gesture of providing a motorized borehole for our Community. This project will no doubt go a long way in alleviating the hardship of our people in terms of water supply.

On behalf of the District Head and the entire people of Shiwer Community, we extend our deep appreciation to the leadership of your Association for this deep show of love

It is our fervent prayer that the Almighty God will bless and strengthen your Association as you continue in the service of our dear Plateau State and humanity at large.

Thank you, Shedrach Golen (Sgd) Chairman (SDA)

Yilchini Iliya( Sgd) Secretary (SDA)



### THE MAPIS FAMILY

The Mapis family rejoices with and proudly identifies with the Plateau community (PSA). It is truly a privilege to be part of this vibrant and resilient community. To God be all the glory!

A heartfelt congratulations to PSA on your 20th Anniversary! May this celebration be filled with joy, reflection, and renewed dedication to the values that unite us. May we continue to inspire one another and work together to make meaningful, lasting contributions to the Association and to Plateau State.

As we say in Naija, "when fingers join together, they make a mighty fist." In that same spirit, may our unity continue to grow, bringing peace, progress, and pride to the Plateau. I pray that God

gives us the wisdom and heart to truly move as one people.

I deeply commend the leadership and all the organizers for your unwavering dedication and commitment in making this milestone celebration a remarkable success.

God bless PSA.
God bless Plateau State.
Amen.

With gratitude, Ngo Mary Mapis

### OFFIRELI & FAMILY.

Congratulations, PSA-USA, on twenty years so bright - a journey marked by purpose and guided by the light of love. May your mission flourish with each rising sun, and in every gathering, may hearts beat as one.

Let peace, unity, and love be the ties that bind, as you leave behind a legacy of brethren-hood and harmony.

With heartfelt congratulations and best wishes, Mr. Kenneth and Dr. Mrs. Rita Offiaeli & Family

## MODWILL MESSAGE FROM MILL MESS



On the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary & Award Night of Plateau State Association USA, Inc. It is with great joy and admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the leadership and members of Plateau State Association USA, Inc. on this historic 20th Anniversary.

For two decades, PSA-USA has stood as a beacon of unity, cultural pride, and community service—bringing together sons and daughters of Plateau State in the diaspora and contributing meaningfully to the progress of our people both in the United States and in Nigeria.

I especially recognize the presence of the Executive Governor of Plateau State, His Excellency Barr. Caleb Mutfwang, the APC National Chairman, Professor Nentawe Yilwatda Goshwe, and the Long Gamai, Miskoom Martin Shaldas, who graciously serves as the Royal Father of the Day. Your support adds profound significance to this celebration.

This milestone is a testament to the Association's vision, resilience, and dedication. As you celebrate your journey and honour deserving awardees, may this event inspire greater achievements, stronger partnerships, and a renewed commitment to the noble ideals upon which this Association was founded.

With warm regards,

Mrs. Joyce Jack







The Plateau State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency (PLASCHEMA) is a government Agency established to ensure that all residents of Plateau State—regardless of income, status, or location can access quality, timely, and affordable healthcare without financial hardship.

Through the Plateau State Health Insurance Scheme, we offer comprehensive healthcare coverage for as little as \(\frac{1}{2}\),000 (about \(\frac{1}{2}\)) per person per year, covering consultation, tests, treatments, surgeries, maternal care, and medications at accredited facilities across the state.

We have tailored plans for various groups including the formal and informal sectors, the elderly, children under five, persons living with

disabilities, pregnant women, and more. Our goal is universal health coverage (UHC), especially for those who need it most.

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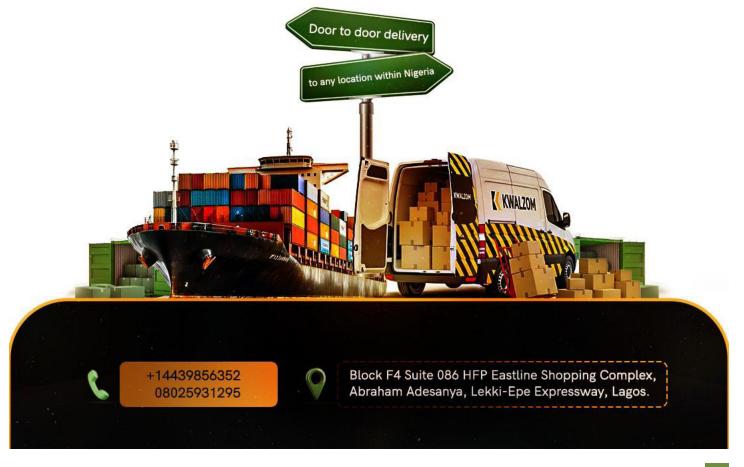




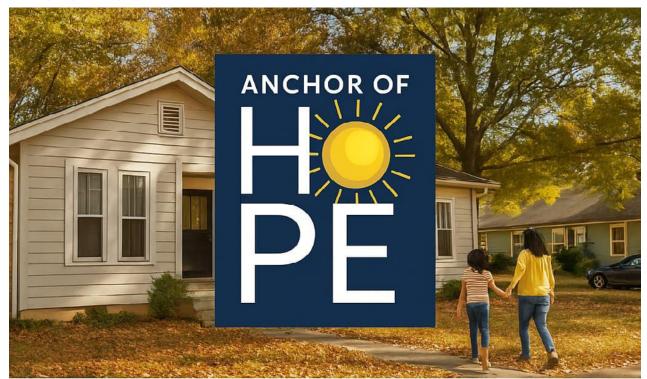
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### GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM FORK IN NIGERIA



Dear Members of the Plateau State Association, USA,

On behalf of Fork in Nigeria, Columbus, it is with great joy and pride that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Plateau State Association, USA, on the occasion of your 2024 National Convention and Award Night.

This event is a testament to the unity, resilience, and strength of the Plateau State community in the United States. As you gather to celebrate your achievements, honor distinguished members, and raise support for meaningful initiatives, we are reminded of the enduring bond that connects us all—our shared heritage, culture, and commitment to progress.

At Fork in Nigeria, we are deeply inspired by your dedication to preserving our rich traditions while fostering development both in the diaspora and in our beloved Plateau State. Your efforts not only uplift our people but also contribute to the greater good of our global community.

We wish you a successful convention filled with insightful discussions, joyful celebrations, and impactful outcomes. May the bonds of friendship and collaboration you strengthen during this event continue to thrive, bringing about positive change for many years to come.

Congratulations once again, and here's to a bright and prosperous future for the Plateau State Association, USA.









On behalf of Zora Lending & Financial Services Ltd., we extend our profound congratulations to the President, National Executive, and the entire membership of Plateau State Association USA, Inc. (PSA-USA) on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary and Award Night.

This milestone is a living testament to vision, sacrifice, and collective resolve. For two decades, PSA-USA has exemplified the power of diaspora unity—preserving heritage, advancing education, championing humanitarian relief, and strengthening communities across Plateau State.

At Zora, our commitment to financial inclusion, enterprise growth, and sustainable development aligns with your enduring legacy of service. We are inspired by your achievements and remain confident that the next twenty years will unlock even greater possibilities for Plateau and its people.

With admiration and solidarity,

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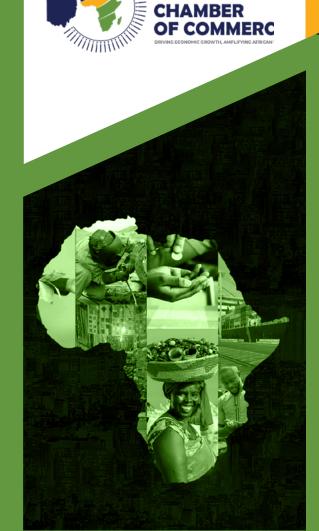


The Ohio African Chamber of Commerce warmly congratulates the Plateau State Association USA, Inc. on the joyous occasion of your 20th Anniversary and Award Night. This milestone is more than a celebration of years; it is a testimony to the power of vision, unity, and service.

For two decades, PSA-USA has embodied the resilience and creativity of the Plateau diaspora. Through your investments in education, humanitarian assistance, cultural preservation, and community development, you have demonstrated that diaspora associations are not merely social networks, but vital institutions shaping progress at home and abroad.

Your legacy affirms the enduring truth that collective action, when guided by purpose, can transform societies. The Ohio African Chamber of Commerce salutes your achievements and looks forward to continued collaboration in fostering economic empowerment, cultural exchange, and sustainable growth for our communities.

Signed: Management Ohio African Chamber of Commerce Empowering African Businesses, Building a Stronger Ohio



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