



# MURYA

#Voices for Impact

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

CLOSE OUT OF VOICE PROGRAM IN  
NIGERIA

DATE: 16TH MAY, 2024

VENUE: ABUJA CONTINENTAL HOTEL  
(FORMER SHERATON)



## MURYA - VOICES FOR IMPACT

**"Murya"** is the official theme representing the culmination of Voice in Nigeria. Murya means Voice in Hausa language - one of the three most widely spoken languages in Nigeria and Africa. The Murya theme celebrates Voices for Impact because it signifies the collective power of projecting Voice to achieve a positive social change. The "Nothing for us without us" (NOW-Us) mantra of the Voice project is a testament to the fact that in the realm of human rights - Everyone has a voice, ALL voices matter, Voices can and should be amplified, Voices can be collectively projected to ensure representation and influence decision making. After eight years of Impact, the Voice project is coming to an end. During this period, Voice has funded over 50 projects while strengthening the capacities of the grantee partners to support positive outcomes for rightsholders across the length and breadth of Nigeria. Murya celebrates all of the Voices that have.



## ABOUT VOICE

**Voice** is an innovative grant facility that supports access to resources, participation, and rights of marginalized rightsholder groups in Nigeria, including persons with disabilities (PWDs), indigenous groups and ethnic minorities, women facing exploitation, violence and/or abuse as well as age discriminated groups such as youth and elderly. Implemented in ten countries across Southeast Asia and Africa – including Nigeria, Voice-funded projects empower rightsholders to come to the awareness of their voice, amplify voices for themselves and others like themselves and influence positive action for issues they care about whilst ensuring representation for a more responsive and inclusive society under the **“Nothing for us without us (Now-Us)”** principle.



## ABOUT LINKING AND LEARNING

Referred to as the heart and soul of Voice, linking and learning is the process enabling the sharing of experiences and lessons from innovative approaches to program implementation. Linking and learning, within Voice refers to all the activities, processes and pathways towards boosting collaboration, exchange, learning, innovation and application of new knowledge with the aim to stimulate transformative change for the most marginalized and discriminated groups. It allows successful projects and approaches to scale out and scale up. It is learning from setbacks and being open to solutions that propels rightsholders and partners out of their comfort zones to explore possibilities that fuel positive social change. Voice actively promotes linking and learning as a process that organizations commit to when they join Voice as grantees, which has become the highlight of the Voice journey.

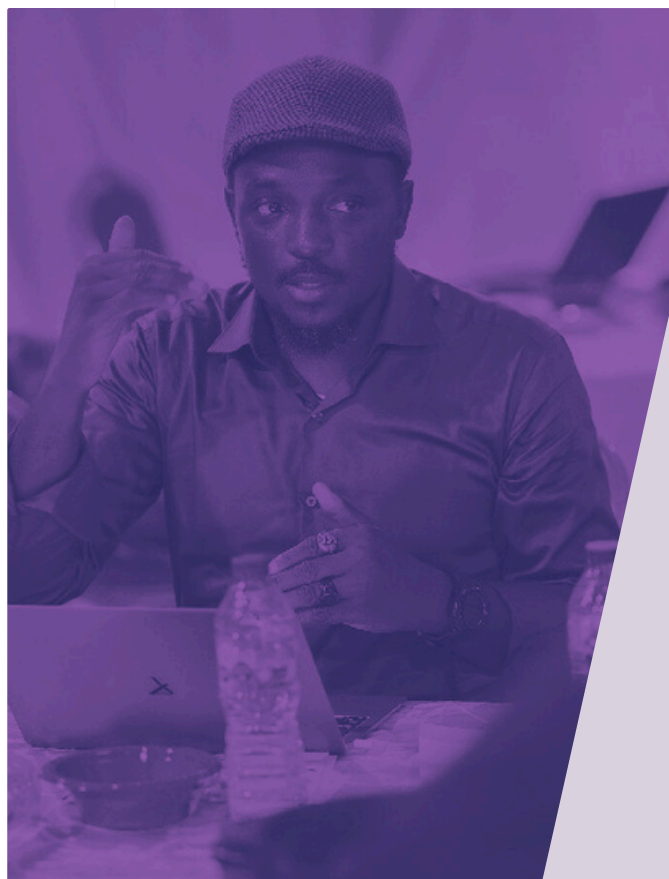


## COGNITO - THE LINKING AND LEARNING FACILITATORS (LLF) FOR VOICE NIGERIA



Cognito is a social enterprise that uses unique facilitation techniques, creative communication strategies, knowledge management, and technology to amplify the impact of development programmes and enterprises, highlighting innovative learnings and using these learnings for improved programming geared towards addressing critical development issues and improving the wellbeing of target populations.

Our approach employs research and human-centered design to understand development programmes we implement, challenge assumptions, redefine problems and create innovative solutions to prototype and test. Co-creation and collaboration are at the core of our work. See more about the work we do [www.wearecognito.org](http://www.wearecognito.org) and [www.voicenaija.org](http://www.voicenaija.org)





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Close out event of the Voice Program in Nigeria, 16th May 2024

## AGENDA



### CELEBRATING INCLUSION 9.00 - 11.00 AM

- Welcome & remarks
- Murya - the documentary
- Panel discussion - "Celebrating Inclusion"

### 12.00 - 3.00 PM INCLUSION JOURNEY



Video and discussion sessions:

- Empowering Rightsholders
- Rights & Social Justice
- Influencing for Change
- Linking & Learning journey
- Open space session



### EXHIBITION/MARKET FAIR 3:30 - 5.00 PM

- Exhibition showcase by rightsholders



#celebration8yearsofimpact!  
#thepowerofinclusion

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# MEET OUR SPEAKERS





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 <b>GABRIEL OKEOWO</b> COUNTRY DIRECTOR AT RUGBY	 <b>AISHA BARDE</b> PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	 <b>OLALEKAN OSHUNKOYA</b> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITIZEN COMBOSING INTERNATIONAL	 <b>NDUDI BOWEI</b> CONSULTING PARTNER WITH K360/DEPUTY CHAIR, AFRICA CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENT	 <b>CHRISTY ASALA</b> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE COGNITO PROJECT	 <b>AGATHA NNAJI</b> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEW DROP FOUNDATION	 <b>RUDA NGWAN CHINKA</b> FARMER, PROJECT LEADER HOUMEN WOMEN FARMERS
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 <b>SUZAN OCHANYA AGADA</b> DESI EXPERT	 <b>HAMZAT LAWAL</b> CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONNECTED DEVELOPMENT (CDK)	 <b>AYINLA HAKEEMAT OLUWATOYIN</b> STUDENT	 <b>KALU LAZARUS</b> CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, CSAAR	 <b>AKOM ITA</b> COORDINATOR, VOICE NIGERIA	 <b>FRANCISCA CHINELO EKWONU</b> CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, CSAAR	 <b>MRS PAT OJEME</b> LAWYER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FCT HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE





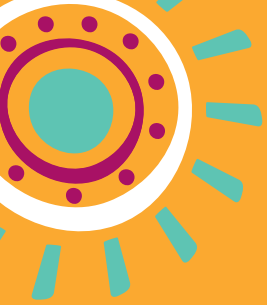
## EXHIBITION

To access the virtual exhibition visit [www.voicenaija.org](http://www.voicenaija.org) and learn more about Voice in Nigeria.



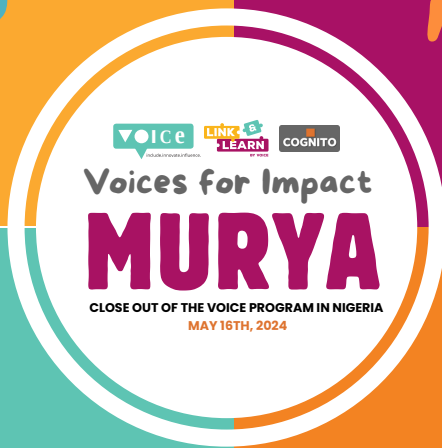
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## Rights and Social Justice

## Influencing for Change



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## Celebrating Inclusion

## Empowering Rightsholders



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