

## The International Day Of Peace 2013, Celebrating in Nigeria

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#### NIGERIAN YOUTH AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE (NYACC) PROJECT REPORT

***GLEANINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE (IDP) COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZED BY NYACC 2013***

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We owe the success of this year's international day of peace colloquium to a spectrum of help from many quarters. Here are just a few who made this event a success:

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Following the rise in conflict and strife all over the world, The Nigerian Youths Against Climate Change (NYACC), a youth-based, non-governmental organization, seized the opportunity of the celebration of the international day of peace to host a colloquium which brought students from different backgrounds together with peace as the subject at the center of events on the day.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE EVENT**

**Theme:** Education for peace.

**Sub-theme:** Youths, Peace and the future.

**Venue:** Medical Rehabilitation classroom, college of Health Sciences, Nnewi.

**Time:** 2.00 pm.

**Key note Speaker:** Barr. Nwankwo.

The occasion was a brief, exciting and impacting one as the participants were thrilled by an article on peace presented by Miss Ezeuduji Oluchi on behalf of the club as an eye opener to what we were commemorating—*The International Day of Peace*.

Following this was a charge by the president of the club, Master Ejeguo Ogheneovo. The president also elucidated on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post 2015 agenda where he enjoined all participants to be active players in realizing the MDGs, with emphasis being laid on MDG 7(maintaining a sustainable environment). He highlighted the importance of trees while making specific mention that trees help to clean the atmosphere and make the air safe by absorbing about 40% of CO<sub>2</sub> that is being released daily. He concluded by saying that the planting of trees would be commenced around the school as soon as the provost of the college endorses the club's request.

On the sub-theme: Youth, Peace and the Future, the key note speaker, Barrister Nwankwo quoted **“if we joke with peace, then violence will joke with us”**. He also emphasized that

peace is possible and attainable, however, the youths will continue to be in conflict until the economic structure of our society (Nigeria) puts the youths into consideration citing their use as machineries of war. His parting words were, **"the best asset is not wealth but investing in humans/lives"**.

The curtain was drawn on the occasion by snapping of group photographs.

***Attached to this report are some photographs taken during the event.***

Long live United Nations,

Long live Africa,

Long live Nigeria,

Long live NYACC.

*The event in brief:*

- ❖ Prayer for peace.
- ❖ Comedy
- ❖ An article on peace.
- ❖ Speech on preservation of climate and environment.
- ❖ Talk on Youths, Peace and the future.
- ❖ Group photographs.
- ❖ Vote of thanks.

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