

The objectives of SDG-16 are tridimensional and include:

- a. Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development;
- b. Providing access to justice for all; and
- c. Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Our research activities revolve around the spelt-out targets of SDG-16. The targets include:

- i. Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere;
- ii. End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children,
- iii. Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all;
- iv. By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flow, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime;
- v. Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms;
- vi. Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels;
- vii. Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels;
- viii. Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance;
- ix. By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration;
- x. Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms in accordance with national legislation and international agreements;
- xi. Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime;
- xii. Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development

Our research activities are structured thus:

For adequate coverage of issues, there are three research sub-groups. Members are expected to subscribe to at least a group. These groups include:

- a. SDG-16 Nigeria – Dr. Yinka Onayemi (Coordinator)
- b. SDG-16 Africa – Dr. Solomon Adedire (Coordinator)
- c. SDG-16 Global – Dr. Segun Oshewolo (Coordinator)

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SDG 16 {PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTION}
HELD ON 22ND JANUARY, 2021 AT IEC, LANDMARK UNIVERSITY.**

ATTENDANCE

1. Elder Oguntayo Sunday Adebisi
2. Dr. Abiodun Moses
3. Asamu Festus F.
4. Tunde Adebisi
5. Dr. Arisukwu Ogadimma (Coordinator)
6. Adeniyi Emmanuel (Secretary)

Agenda

1. Introduction of members
2. Development of Concept Note.

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting commenced at 12:41PM with an opening prayer by Dr. Moses Abiodun

COORDINATOR'S OPENING REMARKS

The coordinator welcomed back every member of the group by introducing himself and the secretary as the new leader of the group. He asked the member to introduce themselves as well, which was done accordingly. He said the main aim of this meeting is to introduce ourselves and to know where the previous leader stops and as well to discuss on the issue of the consent note. He proceeded by giving his take on Professor Adebisi's presentation on SDG's which was sent to our mails. He said the presentation gave full details of each SDG main goals. He said based on the presentation, SDG 16 can draft as many topics from each bullet of the SDG16 segment as highlighted from the presentation.

The coordinator gave example of his own research work which he is currently working on with Mr. Tunde Adebisi, that the group can emulate this by developing research topics that will drive the goal of this SDG. His research topic goes thus "Public perception of people towards COVID-19". He said the major issue they are encountering in this research work is that people are not responding to the questionnaire. Finally, he said we have to be serious on the issue of consent note preparation as the Vice Chancellor is serious with it and gave the lifeline of 14th February, 2021 for submission.

DELIBERATIONS

The coordinator stated the main focus of the SDG16 group as follows:

To promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

Provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable inclusive institution for all levels.

He added that each member can draft various topics from this focus in the development of the consent note. He asked the member to suggest on how to move the group forward based on the highlighted points from Prof. Adebessin presentation.

The coordinator suggested that we can develop a research paper from the bullet 4 of the presentation. He said we can compare the transition period in the USA, i.e., the Trump regime and Biden regime (implication on global communities) he also added that the research paper won't require questionnaire since it will be more of literatures. Elder Oguntayo suggested that the topic should be limited to trump regime since Biden has not done anything yet. Mr. Tunde suggested that both regimes can be considered since Biden has been inaugurated and as well singed bills to work on. The coordinator said, we should compare both regime and access them base on COVID-19 response, Immigration, Neto, WHO, religion influence in the global organization among others. He suggested a topic "Trump versus Biden: America and global polices", he said the topic is subjected to changes. The coordinator suggested another topic from bullet 2 of professor Adebessin's presentation "The role of local women in reducing violence". Elder Oguntayo commended the topic as a strong and researchable subject area to deal with violent in our community. The coordinator urge the member to look critically on professor Adebessin presentation and develop more research topics against our next meeting.

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Elder Oguntayo asked the secretary to always send notice of meetings and reminder to every member two or three days prior to the meeting and probably state what is expected of each member in the next meeting day. He also added by suggesting another day for the meeting. He proposed Thursdays instead of the normal Fridays and every member agreed to the new day which means that our next meeting will hold on Thursday 28th January, 2021 by 12noon to 1pm at the same venue.

The coordinator said, Dr. Ndako indicated an interest to be part of this SDG16 and the whole members of the group agreed that he should join us. He added that the secretary should remember to send notice of meeting to him (Dr. Ndako). Elder Oguntayo move motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dr. Moses Abiodun.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Coordinator appreciated everyone present in the meeting and asked that we should get across to the Political Science people for the next meetings.

CLOSING

The meeting ended at 1:31 pm with closing prayer said by Elder Oguntayo.

Dr. Arisukwu Ogadimma
(Coordinator)

Mr. Adeniyi A. E.
(Secretary)