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MRS. LAGI ODINAKAONYE

I am a development professional and human rights advocate with over 19 years experiencing promoting human rights-based programming in Nigeria. Currently the Program Director, NULAI Nigeria, a network of law clinics in Nigeria promoting access to justice, justice education, legal aid and public interest lawyering. The leadership I provided led to the development of clinical law programmes across law faculties from nothing to over 50 campus-based law clinics; securing institutional approval and inclusion of university-based legal aid clinics into the community of statutorily recognized legal aid services in Nigeria through the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria Act. also serve as the Co-President and Board member with the [Global Alliance for Justice Education \(GAJE\)](#) and Board member with [Action4Justice International](#) as part of my global engagement in promoting human rights protection. I was an Open Society Justice Initiative fellow, have a Master of Art in human rights from Central European University, and a Master of Adult Education from St Francis Xavier University, Canada.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

1. Master of Adult Education -Women Leadership and Community Development, 2023
2. Diploma in Development Leadership, 2017
3. Diploma Social Innovation, 2015
4. Master of Arts -Human Rights, 2009
5. Bachelor of Science (Hons) Human Anatomy, 1997

Awards:

Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award 2023-2024 Saint Francis Xavier University Antigonish, NS, Canada

EDUCATION

| INSTITUTIONS | QUALIFICATION | DATE |
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| Saint Francis Xavier University Antogonish, NS, Canada | MAEd. Women Leadership & Community Development | 2020-2023 |
| Coady International Institute Saint Francis Xavier University Antogonish, NS, Canada | Diploma Development Leadership | 2017 |
| United Nations University of Peace Center for Executive Education | Diploma Social Innovation | 2015 |

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| Central European University, CEU Budapest Hungary | MA Human Rights & Open Society Justice Initiative Fellow | 2008-2009 2008-2010 |
| University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State | B.Sc (Hons) Human Anatomy | 1993-1997 |

B) CERTIFICATES

1. Advancing Women's Leadership in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding for Community Development: Coady International Institute, Saint Francis Xavier University, Canada October 19 – December 8, 2019
2. Action Research for Citizen-Led Change: Coady International Institute, Saint Francis Xavier University, Canada. November 6– 23, 2017.
3. Community-Based Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding: Coady International Institute, Saint Francis Xavier University, Canada. October 17–November 6, 2017.
4. Impact Assessment Training, International NGO Training and Research Center, United Kingdom. 5th -7th September 2011.
5. International Human Rights Training Program: International Centre for Human Right Education-Equitas, Canada. June 5th to June 24th, 2011.
6. Development and Human Rights: Implications for the Globalized World: Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) and the University for Peace Human Rights Centre. February 9th –March 22, 2011.
7. Project Development for NGO Sector: HREA (Human Rights Education Associates). Sept-Dec 2007
8. Strategic Financial Management for NGOs – Managing for Financial Sustainability: MANGO (Management Accounting for Non- Governmental Organizations). 19th – 21st Nov, 2007
9. Clinical Legal Education Teacher Training: The Workshop Focused on Teaching Skills and Methodology Guidelines for Street Law. University of Kwazulu Natal, Durban & Open Society Justice Initiative. 20th – 21st Nov, 2006

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Work Experience

Current

Program Director

Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI), Nigeria.

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- Administrative and Human resource management.
- NULAI Program and Strategy Work: Developing organizational Programming and Strategy plan. Build and maintain partnerships with government/International agencies and CSOs.
- Develop and monitor impact assessment framework and theory of change
- Facilitates human right education training.
- Facilitates project management and capacity training.
- Develop and implement research projects.
- Programmes/Projects developed include Institutionalization of clinical legal education; citizens-security relations research; reforming pre-trial detention in Nigeria; Freedom of information and civic spaces; peace and conflict transformation; child rights; case management systems; reflective practice & learning organizations; prevention of gender-based violence amongst others.

January 2020 – Date: International Expert,

The Oruka Project & Impact of EU Externalization Policies

Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI). Via Gerdil 7, Turin

- Publication of a COI (Country of Origin Information) report regarding the condition of women in Nigeria, the survivors of trafficking and the risk of re-trafficking for returnees in Nigeria.
- Coordinate and facilitate an on-line think tank of experts on push backs and returns from Italy and Libya of trafficking survivors to foster collective reflection and common advocacy and juridical actions on the issue.
- Collaborate to submit a complaint against Italy and Libya to the CEDAW on the condition of enslavement of two young trafficking survivors returned from Libya to Nigeria due to the externalization agreement between Italy and Libya that blocked migrants in this latter country.

Current.

Associate, Nigeria & West Africa.

Edify Learning Forum Africa. <https://www.elfa-training.com/>

- We are a multi-disciplinary team of training management professionals, consultants, and associates with diverse experience in training learning and development systems.

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- 2015-Date** ***Co-President – Executive Board (Voluntary position)***
Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) www.gaje.org
- Maintain all records and Board Resolutions. Prepare and post on the GAJE website reports of Steering Committee meetings. Serve as a Member of the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Membership Committee charged with overseeing collection and maintenance of GAJE membership in consultation with Chair of Communications Committee.
- 2021-Date** ***Board Member (Voluntary position)***
Action for Justice International. <https://action4justice.org/about/>
- An international platform building partnerships across the globe to equip individuals and communities with the practical information needed to help them uphold their human rights and protect their environment through legal action and advocacy.

PUBLICATIONS

Lagi O. (2023). Reflective Practice and Its Potential to Enhance Clinical Legal Education and Support Social Justice Work of Law Clinics in Nigeria: A Case Study. Thesis Saint Francis Xavier University. Stfx Scholar

Lagi et al. (2021). Strategies to Advance Pretrial Reform: An overview of gaps and opportunities in the Federal Capital Territory pretrial legal framework and practice. <https://tinyurl.com/9be2h9zf>

Lagi, O., Elendu O. (2021). Street Law Manual: Peace & Conflict Transformation for Law Clinics. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/dm57xasf>

Lagi O., Yusuf M., Kabir C., Elendu O., Agwu K., Uwais A., Ogunkunle S. (2020) COVID-19 Pandemic: Human Rights & Access to Justice in Nigeria. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/4c9wbafm>

Lagi O., Akhigbe E.E, Ibe S., Oke T., Maduafor J., Onuche S. O., Chukwu S., Bernard A., Emmanuel C.E. (2019). Campus-Based Law Clinics in Criminal Justice Administration in Nigeria. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/yxxjkh7c>

Lagi, O., Agwu K., Uwais A., Elendu O. (2018). Indicators and Monitoring Framework for Pretrial Provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA). NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/ye25hts8>

Lagi, O. (2017). Chronicling the developments of clinical legal education in Nigeria. In S. Erugo, & O. C. Adekoya (Eds.), *Lawyering with integrity: Essays in Honour of Ernest Ojukwu*, SAN (pp. 13–28). Lulu Press.

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Ojukwu E., Adekoya C., Erugo S., Oke-Samuel G., Olatunji O., Ayeni V., Sule I., Lagi O. (2016). Street Law: Freedom of Information Manual. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/yc82jzy9>

Ojukwu E., Akhigbe E.E., Eyo I., Omaka A., Lagi O., Madu C. (2014). Street Law: Child Rights Manual. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/2p947vx7>

Ojukwu E., Lagi O., Erugo S. (2013). Impact Assessment of Clinical Legal Education in Nigeria. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/4vwb2m3b>

Ojukwu E., Lagi, O. (2012). Manual on Prison Pre-trial Detainee Law Clinic. NULAI Nigeria. <https://tinyurl.com/3za2bayk>

Odinakaonye, L. (2009). Human Rights and Poverty Reduction: Exploring the Relevance Of Legal Empowerment Of The Poor In Poverty Reduction In Nigeria. Thesis dissertation, Central European University. <https://tinyurl.com/5n974h2x>

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