



ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION PROFILE

We plan peace...





BACKGROUND

The Ambassador Bernard Andrew Kaigama (ABAK) Peace Foundation was established out of a deep commitment to addressing the complex humanitarian, social, and developmental crises in conflict-affected communities.

Northern Nigeria, for decades, has been plagued by ethno-religious violence, farmer–herder clashes, terrorism, banditry, political instability, poverty, and large-scale displacement. These challenges have led to:

1. Loss of countless lives and destruction of property.
2. Massive displacement and growth of internally displaced persons (IDPs).
3. Breakdown of trust and social cohesion.
4. High rates of illiteracy and school dropouts, especially among girls.
5. Limited access to healthcare, clean water, and basic infrastructure.
6. Widespread unemployment, especially among youth.

Despite being home to two major faiths, Christianity and Islam, both of which uphold peace as a core value, Northern Nigeria has continued to face deep-seated challenges.

These include entrenched mistrust between communities, the persistence of harmful stereotypes, and the absence of sustainable peace-building structures. Over the years, these issues have contributed to cycles of misunderstanding, tension, and in some cases, violence, affecting not only security but also social and economic development in the region.

In response to these pressing realities, **Pst. Amb. Bernard Andrew Kaigama**, a United Nations Positive Livelihood Award Centre (UN-POLAC) Ambassador for Peace, envisioned an initiative that would go beyond dialogue to deliver practical, sustainable solutions for unity and development.

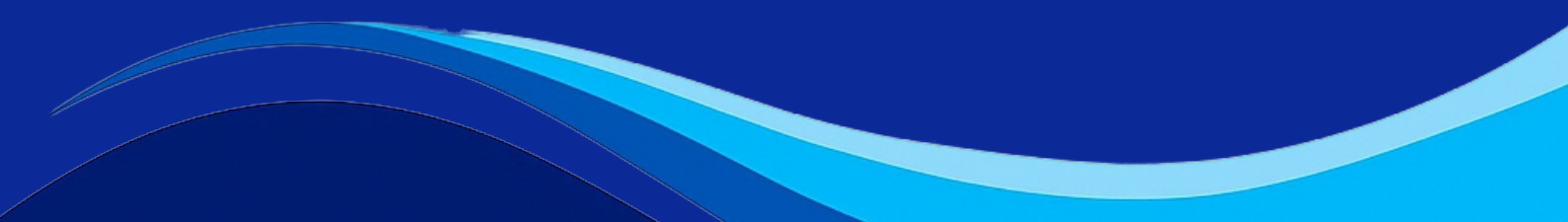
Inspired by a shared vision among peace advocates, he collaborated with other like-minded leaders to bring this dream to life.

The **ABAK Peace Foundation** was thus co-founded by a dedicated network of passionate individuals, notably **Pst. Amb. Bernard Andrew Kaigama** and **Amb. Ishaya Adamu**, a respected voice for equity, justice, and social stability.

Together, they sought to create a platform that addresses the root causes of division, promotes inclusivity, and builds resilient communities through peace education, humanitarian outreach, and capacity-building programs. to restore peace, rebuild livelihoods, empower the vulnerable, and promote inclusive development.

Their combined leadership, driven by conviction and experience, continues to position the Foundation as a beacon of hope, proving that peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of fairness, understanding, and shared progress.

Initially focused on Northern Nigeria, the Foundation's work has grown in impact and demand, leading to expansion across Nigeria and into the African subregion, adapting its peace building and development strategies to diverse cultural and conflict contexts.





VISION

A peaceful and united society where all people live in harmony and enjoy equal opportunities.



MISSION

To foster unity, peace, and self-reliance among diverse communities through conflict resolution and empowerment programs that enhance potential and quality of life.



GOALS

- Facilitate the permanent resolution of lingering community tensions.
- Empower communities through fair and equitable initiatives that reduce poverty and improve the quality of life.

STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES

1

Implement training and capacity-building programs to improve economic opportunities.

2

Promote basic health education and modern Agricultural practices to increase productivity.

3

Provide consultancy and technical support to government agencies for effective service delivery.

4

Rehabilitate, educate, and empower at-risk adolescents, substance abusers, displaced persons, and other vulnerable groups.



Core Values – Strip

1. **Selflessly Serving** – Putting community needs first.
2. **Transparency with Integrity** – Upholding truth and accountability.
3. **Resilience in Community** – Staying committed in the face of challenges.
4. **Innovative Collaboration** – Partnering for creative solutions.
5. **Positive Affirmation** – Inspiring hope and confidence.

Legal Status

The ABAK Peace Foundation is a registered, non-political, non-profit, multi-cultural organisation. It is governed by an Executive Committee of highly respected individuals with proven integrity and diverse expertise. The Foundation is duly incorporated with:

1. Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
2. Adamawa State Planning Commission
3. Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA)
4. Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development.
5. Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources.
6. Ministry of Health & Human Services.
7. Ministry of Education & Human Capital Development.
8. Adamawa State Planning Commission

PRINCIPAL INTERVENTIONS (THEMATIC AREAS)

1. Health and Nutrition

Deliver health and nutrition services in underserved rural and urban areas.
Promote hygiene and disease prevention, including HIV/AIDS awareness.
Address drug abuse through prevention and rehabilitation programs.

2. Protection

Raise grassroots awareness on human rights.
Promote inclusion of persons with disabilities in community development.
Combat human trafficking through training, workshops, and campaigns.
Advocate for gender equality and fight against gender-based violence.

3. Livelihood and Recovery

Support income generation through agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and savings groups.
Empower marginalised farmers, especially women.

4. Education and Skills Development

Provide literacy and basic education to disadvantaged groups.
Support Nigeria's Safe Schools Initiative.
Offer vocational training and entrepreneurship programs.

5. Climate Change and Environmental Promotion

Collaborate with stakeholders to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

6. Peace Advocacy and Good Governance

Promote the rights of women and children through advocacy and legal awareness.
Organise cultural and inter-community events to foster tolerance and coexistence.

7. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Expand access to clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education in vulnerable communities.



PARTNERSHIPS & NETWORKS

The ABAK Peace Foundation works in collaboration with:

- Local and international NGOs
- Faith-based organisations
- Government agencies
- Traditional and community leaders
- Development partners and donor agencies



RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Cross-Border Pastoralism, Environmental Change, and Peacebuilding
In Collaboration with Conciliation Resources | Supported by UKAid

In line with our mission to promote sustainable peace and strengthen community resilience, the **ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION** was privileged to serve as a research partner in a landmark cross-border initiative titled “**Cross-Border Pastoralism, Environmental Change, and Peacebuilding in Adamawa State and Cameroon.**”

This impactful engagement was hosted by Conciliation Resources and supported by **UK Aid, under the XCEPT (Cross-Border Conflict, Evidence, Policy and Trends) Programme**. The culmination of the research was marked by a **multi-stakeholder validation event** held on **May 17, 2023**, at the **American University of Nigeria's Yola Hotel**.

Purpose of the Research

The research was initiated to:

- Understand the conflict dynamics linked to pastoral mobility, climate change, and competition over natural resources.
- Examine the environmental and security challenges affecting herder–farmer relations across borders.
- Promote inclusive peacebuilding strategies rooted in local realities and cultural understanding.

Stakeholder Engagement

The forum brought together a wide range of actors including:

- Herders' and farmers' associations
- Traditional rulers and religious leaders
- Security agencies
- Government officials from both **Nigeria and Cameroon**
- Civil society groups and development stakeholders

This inclusive approach ensured that the findings reflected **diverse perspectives, lived experiences, and practical solutions**.



ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION'S CONTRIBUTION

As a recognized grassroots peace actor in Adamawa State, ABAK contributed meaningfully by:

- Facilitating **community mobilization** for inclusive participation.
- Providing **localized knowledge** to enrich the research framework.
- Supporting **dialogue** and stakeholder engagement throughout the process.

Our team worked collaboratively with local leaders and cross-border actors to ensure the outcomes represented real community needs and actionable pathways to peace.

From Research to Action

Following the research, ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION has been intentional in applying the findings to strengthen its field programs and peacebuilding initiatives. Specifically:

- **Integrating the research insights** into early warning systems to prevent local conflicts.
- **Enhancing advocacy** for policy reforms that support peaceful pastoralism and sustainable land use.
- **Fostering dialogue and cooperation** between Nigerian and Cameroonian border communities.
- **Equipping local actors**, especially youths and women, to serve as peace ambassadors.

A Critical Juncture for Peace in Adamawa State

This engagement came at a time when resource scarcity, environmental pressures such as drought and desertification, and rising tensions between herders and farmers were escalating. The event provided a platform for constructive dialogue among key stakeholders, including industry representatives, NGOs, and cross-border officials.

Through open discussions, participants identified priority actions:

- Establishing **effective communication** and conflict resolution mechanisms.
 - Implementing **sustainable resource** management practices.
 - Exploring **economic diversification** opportunities to reduce competition over dwindling resources.
 - Strengthening **cross-border cooperation** as a foundation for lasting peace and stability.
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CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT

The research phase has laid a solid evidence-based foundation. The next critical step is implementation, turning these recommendations into tangible, measurable actions that transform communities.

ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION is therefore calling on:

Donor agencies

International and local NGOs

Government stakeholders

Private sector partners

Philanthropic organizations and individuals

- to join hands with us in implementing the Cross-Border Pastoralism, Environmental Change, and Peacebuilding project.

We seek technical collaboration, financial investment, and policy support to:

Pilot and scale conflict prevention and mediation platforms in high-tension border areas.

- Support sustainable grazing and farming practices to reduce competition over land.
- Develop livelihood diversification programs to improve economic resilience.
- Strengthen cross-border early warning and response systems for conflict.
- Promote climate adaptation initiatives that address environmental triggers of conflict.
- With the right partnerships, we can move from research findings to lasting impact, ensuring that herders and farmers not only coexist peacefully but also thrive in a shared environment of prosperity, stability, and mutual respect.

CONCLUSION

The “Cross-Border Pastoralism, Environmental Change, and Peacebuilding” initiative represents a significant milestone in **ABAK-PEACE FOUNDATION's** commitment to peace and development in Northern Nigeria. By bringing together diverse perspectives and building collaborative solutions, we have created a blueprint for peace that is practical, inclusive, and sustainable.

We now invite all partners and supporters to walk with us in the implementation journey, transforming research into real-world change and creating a legacy of peace that future generations will inherit.

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Together, we can bridge divides, protect livelihoods, and build a peaceful future.





SUCCESS STORY

COMMEMORATING THE 2023 WORLD PEACE DAY

ABAK Peace Foundation Hosts Distinguished
Conference on Post-Electoral Peace in Nigeria

OVERVIEW

On September 21st, 2023, in commemoration of World Peace Day, the ABAK Peace Foundation convened a distinguished conference themed: “Post-Electoral Peace and Peaceful Coexistence in Nigeria: A Prerequisite for National Development.”

The event, held at the prestigious Murtala Nyako Multipurpose Hall within the State Secretariat Complex, Adamawa State, attracted eminent personalities, including the official representative of the Executive Governor of Adamawa State, Rt. Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, alongside traditional rulers, community leaders, security agencies, policymakers, religious leaders, civil society representatives, and other key stakeholders from across the state.

Why This Conference Was Necessary

In Nigeria, electoral cycles are often marked by violence before, during, and after elections manifesting in clashes between political supporters, destruction of property, inflammatory rhetoric, and in some cases, loss of lives. These tensions are fueled by:

Mistrust in electoral processes and perceptions of injustice in results.

Politicization of ethnicity and religion, deepening societal divisions.

Winner-takes-all politics, where losing parties feel completely excluded from governance.

Weak conflict resolution mechanisms at both community and institutional levels.

Recognizing this recurring pattern, ABAK Peace Foundation organized this conference to break the cycle of electoral violence and promote a culture of peaceful political engagement.

Strategic Choice for Lasting Impact

Rather than organizing rallies or street demonstrations, the Foundation deliberately chose a conference format to provide a platform for informed dialogue, evidence-based discussion, and collaborative engagement.

This approach reflected our belief that peace is best nurtured through intellectual exchange, critical reflection, and consensus-building. By gathering experts, practitioners, and decision-makers in one space, the conference enabled meaningful conversations that addressed the root causes of post-electoral tensions while offering practical solutions for long-term unity.



Key Discussion Topics

The conference featured expert presentations and thought-provoking sessions, including:

1. The 2023 Elections – Pronouncements vs. Perceptions, Actions vs. Innuendos: A critical review of matters arising, with a focus on Adamawa State
2. Mismanagement of Electoral Victory – The Bane of Nigeria's Democracy: Lessons from Adamawa State.
3. Subjectivity and the Religionization of Elections in Nigeria: Challenges and solutions in Adamawa State's context.
4. Objectively Managing Victory – The Anatomy of Peace and Peaceful Coexistence: Practical strategies for building unity post-elections.

Expected Outcomes

From this initiative, ABAK Peace Foundation aimed to:

1. Reduce electoral violence by fostering understanding between political actors.
2. Promote inclusivity in governance and decision-making processes.
3. Encourage constructive political dialogue among parties, stakeholders, and the public.
4. Empower community leaders with conflict prevention tools to mediate future disputes.
5. Strengthen public trust in democratic processes through open engagement and transparency.

Impact and Participant Feedback

The conference recorded overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants, with many describing it as timely, transformative, and deeply inspiring. Attendees highlighted how the discussions:

1. Helped bridge political and ethnic divides.
2. Fostered mutual understanding among different interest groups.
3. Strengthened commitment to peaceful coexistence in Adamawa State and beyond.



Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace is the creation of an environment where all can flourish, regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, class, caste, or any other social markers of difference.

~ Nelson Mandela

A Call for Collaboration and Support

The success of this World Peace Day initiative underscores the need for sustained investment in peacebuilding interventions. ABAK Peace Foundation is therefore calling on:

1. International donors
2. Development agencies
3. Government institutions
4. Civil society organizations
5. Private sector actors

...to partner with us in scaling up this work. With your support, whether through funding, technical assistance, or joint programming, we can expand the reach of such impactful initiatives, deepen community engagement, and strengthen resilience against conflict.

Together, we can build a Nigeria, and indeed a region, defined by harmony, unity, and shared prosperity.



Event Highlights in Pictures





ABAK PEACE FOUNDATION'S PARTICIPATION AT THE 5TH LAKE CHAD BASIN GOVERNORS' FORUM

In a significant stride toward strengthening regional peace and development, ABAK Peace Foundation was honored as one of the three organizations selected from Adamawa State to participate in the 5th Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum, a high-level strategic meeting convened to address the multidimensional challenges facing the Lake Chad region.

Held under the theme of regional cooperation, peace, and sustainable development, the forum brought together governors from Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria, alongside international development partners and civil society organizations. The discussions focused on shared strategies to address security threats, foster social cohesion, and drive long-term development across the region.

Strategic Objectives of the Forum

Key objectives included:

1. Strengthening Security and Stability:

- Empowering the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) to tackle Boko Haram insurgency and transnational criminal threats.
- Securing vulnerable Lake Chad islands and waterways.
- Curbing illicit arms flow and drug trafficking.

2. Rehabilitation, Durable Solutions, and Development:

- Supporting reintegration of ex-combatants.
- Promoting regional trade, infrastructure, and climate-resilient economic opportunities.
- Advancing ecosystem restoration and resilience of the Lake Chad basin.

3. Governance and Social Development:

- Promoting inclusive leadership through the involvement of traditional and religious leaders.
- Prioritizing youth and women engagement in peacebuilding.
- Mobilizing development financing through mechanisms like the Special Multi-Partner Delivery Fund (SMDF) and Nexus Funding Facility (NFF)

4. International Partnerships and Advocacy:

- Reviewing implementation of the Regional Strategy for Stabilization, Recovery, and Resilience (RS-SRR).
 - Building strategic alignment with international donors and agencies for peace sustainability.
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ABAK Peace Foundation's Contribution and Commitment

As a grassroots-driven organization with a strong presence in Northeast Nigeria, ABAK Peace Foundation leveraged this opportunity to share local insights and community-based strategies that align with the Forum's broader regional goals.

The Foundation's presence at this critical gathering is a testament to its growing reputation as a peacebuilding catalyst and development actor in conflict-affected areas.

Since the forum, ABAK Peace Foundation has taken concrete steps to domesticate the lessons learned:

1. Initiated community dialogue platforms engaging youth, women, traditional leaders, and security stakeholders to localize peace efforts.
2. Collaborated with local partners to support reintegration programs for vulnerable populations, including survivors and former insurgents.
3. Integrated climate-smart approaches and livelihood recovery initiatives to empower conflict-affected households, particularly in rural border communities.
4. Actively seeking partnerships to tap into funding opportunities presented during the forum to expand its impact.

Conclusion

The 5th Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum was a defining moment for ABAK Peace Foundation. It not only enriched the organization's understanding of regional stabilization frameworks but also positioned it to play a strategic role in driving sustainable peace, inclusive governance, and community resilience in Adamawa State and beyond.

ABAK Peace Foundation remains committed to leveraging this experience to build bridges of peace, foster development, and amplify local voices in the broader regional discourse on the future of the Lake Chad Basin.



Event Highlights in Pictures





MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY

OUTREACH – MAY 28, 2025

Together for a period friendly world...

As part of its ongoing commitment to health, dignity, and gender equality, the ABAK Peace Foundation commemorated the World Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, 2025, with a strategic outreach to Aliyu Mustafa College, Yola Town. This activity targeted adolescent girls with the aim of breaking the silence and stigma surrounding menstruation, while promoting menstrual health and personal hygiene.

The outreach focused on raising awareness, providing education, and supporting menstrual hygiene management (MHM) among schoolgirls. Through an interactive health session led by professionals, the students were taught about the biological realities of menstruation, hygiene best practices, and the importance of managing menstruation with dignity and confidence.

In furtherance of its humanitarian mandate, the Foundation distributed essential hygiene kits to the girls, which included:

1. Sanitary pads
2. Soap
3. Detergent
4. Underwear

This intervention was both timely and impactful, addressing several challenges commonly associated with poor menstrual hygiene, such as:

1. School absenteeism
2. Increased vulnerability to infections
3. Low self-esteem and psychological distress
4. Social exclusion due to entrenched cultural taboos

The outreach aligns with the Foundation's Health and Nutrition, Education, and Protection pillars, and serves as a practical step toward achieving gender equity and inclusive development in Northern Nigeria.

Key Challenges Identified:

1. Limited awareness and education on reproductive health
 2. Inadequate access to sanitary materials among disadvantaged girls
 3. Persistent cultural taboos discouraging open conversations
 4. Infrastructural gaps in school WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) facilities
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The Way Forward

ABAK Peace Foundation is committed to:

1. Expanding menstrual hygiene awareness campaigns to other schools and rural areas
2. Partnering with public and private stakeholders to improve menstrual health education
3. Advocating for inclusive school infrastructure and sustainable hygiene product access

This activity is one of the many ways the ABAK Peace Foundation continues to demonstrate its vision of building a peaceful and progressive society where every girl is equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to thrive.

Event Highlights in Pictures





ABAK PEACE FOUNDATION

CHAMPIONING A WORLD FREE FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Igniting Change Through Youth Empowerment

Igniting Change Through Youth Empowerment

In a bold demonstration of its commitment to peace, equality, and human dignity, ABAK Peace Foundation played an active and visible role in the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign. Recognizing that GBV is not just a personal tragedy but a societal crisis, the Foundation mobilized efforts to confront this deep-rooted issue and inspire lasting change within communities in Northern Nigeria and beyond.

Why This Campaign Matters in Northern Nigeria

While gender-based violence is a global issue, its manifestations in Northern Nigeria are often shaped by cultural, economic, and conflict-related factors. The region continues to grapple with:

1. Child marriage and forced marriages, driven by poverty and harmful traditional practices.
2. Sexual and gender-based violence exacerbated by insecurity, displacement, and insurgency.
3. Educational exclusion of girls, limiting opportunities and perpetuating cycles of dependency.
4. Social stigma that silences survivors and discourages reporting of abuse.

The 16 Days of Activism provided an important platform for ABAK Peace Foundation to challenge these norms, raise awareness, and mobilize both youth and community leaders to become advocates for change.

Empowering the Next Generation

At the core of ABAK's intervention was youth empowerment. The Foundation visited several secondary schools, delivering interactive workshops that addressed:

1. Understanding human rights and the legal frameworks protecting them.
2. Recognizing different forms of gender-based violence.
3. Practical strategies for prevention and peer advocacy.

This approach aimed to cultivate a generation of young leaders who are not only informed but also confident enough to speak out, challenge harmful traditions, and foster a culture of respect and equality.



When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.

~ Malala Yousafzai

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Building a Culture of Respect and Equality

Through open dialogue, drama performances, and scenario-based learning, students engaged deeply with the topics of respect, equality, consent, and non-violence.

They were encouraged to reflect on their own communities' realities and to commit to personal and collective action.

This investment in young minds reflects ABAK Peace Foundation's belief that sustainable peace begins with education and that when youth lead change, communities follow.

A Catalyst for Transformative Conversations

The Foundation's active marking of the 16 Days of Activism created space for difficult but necessary conversations about entrenched attitudes and behaviors. It helped to:

1. Break the silence surrounding GBV in conservative and rural communities.
2. Challenge the normalization of harmful practices.
3. Encourage community responsibility for protecting women and girls.

By creating safe spaces for dialogue, ABAK Peace Foundation ensured that survivors, advocates, and community influencers could interact openly and respectfully.



Culture does not make people. People make culture. If it is true that the full humanity of women is not our culture, then we can and must make it our culture.

~ Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Expected Long-Term Impact

Through this campaign, ABAK Peace Foundation expects to:

1. Increase community awareness on GBV and its consequences.
2. Strengthen prevention networks by equipping youth with advocacy tools.
3. Encourage reporting and survivor support through partnerships with legal and health institutions.
4. Influence policy discussions at local and state levels to better protect women and girls.

A Call for Partnership and Support

Ending gender-based violence requires a united and sustained effort. ABAK Peace Foundation calls upon:

1. International donors to provide resources for scaling educational outreach.
2. Government agencies to strengthen enforcement of protective laws.
3. Civil society organizations to collaborate on community programs.
4. Private sector actors to invest in gender equality initiatives.

Together, we can break cycles of abuse, dismantle harmful norms, and create a Northern Nigeria—and indeed a world—where every individual can live free from violence, with dignity and respect.

A Brighter Future Together

ABAK Peace Foundation envisions a future where gender-based violence is eradicated, and where women, girls, and men alike can reach their full potential in a peaceful and inclusive society.

Let's stand together, because peace without equality is not true peace.





2024 PEACE CELEBRATION

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF PEACE

Empowering Leaders to Sow the Seeds of Peace

Overview

In commemoration of the United Nations' International Day of Peace 2024, themed “Cultivating a Culture of Peace”, the ABAK Peace Foundation hosted a distinguished celebration at the Banquet Hall of the Adamawa State Government House.

This event was not merely a symbolic gathering, it was a deliberate step toward embedding peace as a societal norm, transforming it from an abstract ideal into a lived reality.

While the global theme emphasizes nurturing everyday habits that reinforce peace, ABAK's adapted theme, “Empowering Leaders to Sow the Seeds of Peace”, focused on equipping key influencers across multiple sectors.

The Foundation's conviction is clear: lasting cultural transformation begins with leaders who guide, shape, and represent diverse communities. When these leaders embrace the values of peace, their influence cascades down to families, congregations, workplaces, and communities at large.

Event Highlights

1. **Venue:** Banquet Hall, Adamawa State Government House
2. **Purpose:** To educate and empower a cross-section of leadership, religious, political, tribal, industrial, women, youth, media, and civil society, on instilling peace within their spheres of influence.
3. **Activities:** Professional lectures, interactive sessions, and open dialogues on how leaders can embody and transmit a culture of peace through their influence, communication, and actions.

Significance of the Gathering

By strategically engaging leaders with broad societal reach, ABAK Peace Foundation is nurturing a multiplier effect: leaders who are transformed in their perspectives on peace become catalysts for harmony in their communities.

This approach helps foster inter-communal trust, build resilience against conflict, and accelerate socio-economic growth through stability.



The man dies in all who keep silent in the face of tyranny.

~ Prof. Wole Soyinka

Context

Northern Nigeria has, for decades, faced complex challenges, ethno-religious violence, farmer-herder clashes, terrorism, and banditry. These recurring issues have fueled poverty, slowed development, and weakened the bonds of unity. Despite the region's predominantly Christian and Muslim population, repeated cycles of mistrust and intolerance have eroded peaceful coexistence.

It is within this challenging landscape that the ABAK Peace Foundation, under the visionary leadership of Ambassador Bernard Andrew Kaigama, recognized the urgent need for deliberate peace education, conflict resolution training, and platforms for dialogue.

Objectives of the Peace Conference

The 2024 Peace Celebration sought to:

1. Promote dialogue and understanding among diverse ethnic and religious groups.
2. Educate participants on practical conflict resolution strategies.
3. Foster collaborative networks among key stakeholders for peacebuilding.

Key Issues Discussed

1. **The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Peacebuilding** – Facilitating dialogue, promoting reconciliation, and amplifying marginalized voices to address root causes of conflict.
2. **The Role of Government in Peacebuilding** – Developing policies, enforcing laws, protecting human rights, and partnering with civil society for inclusive peace efforts.
3. **The Role of Civil Society in Good Governance** – Promoting transparency, accountability, and civic participation to strengthen democratic institutions.
4. **Causes of Conflict and How to Resolve Them** – Tackling political, economic, social, and cultural triggers through mediation, negotiation, and inclusive justice mechanisms.
5. **Consequences of Lingering Crises** – Examining how prolonged instability disrupts economic, social, and community life while perpetuating cycles of violence.
6. **Community Thrives Only in an Atmosphere of Peace** – Emphasizing that peace creates the environment for education, healthcare, and economic progress.
7. **Managing Diversity** – Fostering inclusivity, dialogue, and respect for differences in ethnicity, religion, and culture.

Celebrating Peacemakers

In recognition of exceptional contributions to peaceful coexistence, ABAK Peace Foundation honored select individuals with awards during the event. These awardees, drawn from various walks of life, serve as living examples that peace is not only possible but achievable when pursued with dedication and courage. By highlighting such role models, the Foundation inspires others to embrace peaceful solutions to conflict.

Sustained Impact and Future Plans

If consistently replicated, engagements like the 2024 Peace Celebration will:

1. Strengthen inter-communal harmony and reduce conflict incidence.
2. Foster community trust and participation in peacebuilding.
3. Accelerate socio-economic development through stability and unity.
4. Empower youth and women as active agents of transformation.

Building on the success of the 2024 United Nations' International Day of Peace celebration, ABAK Peace Foundation will:

1. Organize follow-up workshops and seminars to deepen peace education.
2. Launch community-based initiatives to address specific local conflicts.
3. Continue to collaborate with government, private sector, faith groups, and media to sustain peacebuilding momentum.

Invitation for Collaboration

To scale up these efforts across Nigeria and beyond, ABAK Peace Foundation welcomes partnerships with:

1. Government Ministries & Agencies – for institutionalized peace education and supportive policies.
2. International Donors & Development Agencies – for technical and financial support in key thematic areas.
3. Private Sector Leaders & Foundations – to sponsor programs in livelihood, education, and community development that underpin peace.
4. Faith-Based Organisations & Media – to amplify messages of unity and reconciliation.

Commitment to the Mission

Peace remains the core mission of the ABAK Peace Foundation. By proactively addressing the root causes of conflict, building bridges across divides, and empowering leaders to be ambassadors of harmony, the Foundation is laying the groundwork for a united, prosperous, and peaceful Northern Nigeria.

The 2024 Peace Celebration stands as a testament to what can be achieved when vision meets action, and when communities, leaders, and institutions unite for the shared goal of peace.





GREENING HOPE FOR DISPLACED COMMUNITIES

Restoring lives through nature,
one community at a time.

ABAK PEACE FOUNDATION NIGERIA: Greening Hope for Displaced Communities

ABAK Peace Foundation Nigeria remains committed to transforming lives through innovative, sustainable solutions. In one of our recent humanitarian interventions, the Foundation conducted a needs assessment at one of the largest Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Northern Nigeria.

The findings were urgent, strong winds frequently blew off the roofs of shelters, exposing vulnerable residents to harsh weather and further compromising their safety and comfort.

In swift response, ABAK Peace Foundation initiated a self-funded project to address this critical challenge. To protect the camp and improve living conditions, we embarked on a tree-planting campaign, strategically encircling the camp with both wind-breaking and fruit-bearing trees. These trees serve as a natural barrier against strong winds, safeguard lives and property, provide much-needed shade, and contribute to food security through their produce.

The Role of Trees in Climate Resilience

Trees are indispensable in the fight against climate change. They absorb carbon dioxide, release oxygen, and improve air quality while preventing soil erosion and restoring degraded land. By planting trees, ABAK Peace Foundation is not only addressing immediate environmental hazards within the camp but also contributing to broader climate change mitigation efforts.

A Call for Collaboration

To expand the reach of this impactful initiative and ensure its long-term sustainability, ABAK Peace Foundation Nigeria welcomes partnerships from individuals, organizations, government agencies, and community groups who share our vision for climate action and humanitarian service.

Together, we can create safer, healthier, and more sustainable environments for displaced persons, while making a meaningful contribution to protecting our planet.

Let's green the future, protect the vulnerable, and transform lives, one tree at a time.

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