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**EU-SUPPORT TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA (EU-SDGN)**

**Component 4b – Support to Media**

# SUMMARY-OF-EUSDGN-ACTIVITIES 2018-2020

***A Summary of Key programmatic actions/activities implemented  
under the EUSDGN project by IPC***

## • **January – December 2018**

The target groups of the Action are: Reporters, Political Correspondents, Online Journalists/Bloggers, Editors, Female politicians (candidates) and related Media stakeholders.

The final beneficiaries of the Action included Journalists, Editors and other media professionals; management staff of media organisations and associations, female candidates across the political parties, FOI activists and the electorates.

Under the implementation of Project Actions between December 9, 2017 and December 8, 2018, a total of 443 persons, made up of 149 women and 294 men, were directly engaged as targets.

In terms of specific target groups, activities of the project directly engaged 63 online journalists/bloggers and 380 journalists/Media stakeholders.

At a broader level, over 25,000 journalists were reached through the direct distribution of two publications from the Action, namely; the Nigeria Media Code of Elections Coverage (Revised edition, 2018), and the Resource Manual on Elections and Democratic Accountability Reporting at various media forums and through direct delivery to newsrooms and media training institutions. The dissemination of the Code and related resource materials through downloadable links at [www.ipcng.org](http://www.ipcng.org) and [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) as well as through IPC's social media platforms also made them reachable for hundreds of journalists, media and electoral stakeholders as well as related interest groups.

In terms of project visibility, more than 80 media reports (in national print/online and broadcast media) were published on project activities implemented, including media

interviews/special reports by IPC on the EUSDGN project, while over 190 reports were published on the NDR- [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) and related social media channels, thus indirectly reaching thousands of citizens.

- i. **Upgrade and running of NDR:** This entailed the engagement of the NDR Team; editor, reporter and social media officer in January 2018. The NDR portal ([www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng)) was redesigned and upgraded with new fixtures and interactive apps. The posting of stories and reports in line with set objectives commenced in February 2018 and is still running to date with an average of 3-4 stories per week.
- ii. **Baseline Assessment:** This entailed the engagement of 3 consultants in February 2018 to conduct a baseline study on the trends of media reportage of the 2015 electoral process. The assignment was conducted and a report submitted.
- iii. **Roundtable on findings of baseline assessment:** Upon the submission of draft report of the baseline assessment by the consultants, a stakeholders' roundtable to deepen the report and provide clearer indications on exiting trends of media reportage of elections was held in Lagos on Thursday April 12, 2018.
- iv. **Reproduction of FOI Act:** This was carried out in March with 20,000 copies of the FOI Act re-produced. It is being disseminated across various stakeholders groups.
- v. **Meeting of Expert Group on development of Media Resource Manual:** This involved the engagement of four (4) consultants to develop a resource manual on elections and democratic reporting. The expert team was inaugurated in January and thereafter, five editorial/review meetings held. 20,000 copies of the manual was published in October 2018, and is being disseminated to journalists and other media stakeholders across the country.
- vi. **Stakeholders' Meeting to update and publish the Nigerian Media Code of Elections Coverage:** Sequel to the engagement of two facilitators for the process, an inaugural meeting of media stakeholders' on this was held on Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7, 2018. This was followed by a validation meeting on Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Another meeting with a select of key media stakeholders was held on June 13, 2018 after which 20,000 copies of the Code was subsequently published and launched at the IPI congress in Abuja on June 22, 2018.
- vii. **Media monitoring/roundtable of Newspapers/online media:** This entailed the monitoring of media reportage of the electoral process in 10 newspapers and 2 online media publications. The activity was preceded by the engagement of an 8-member team who were trained for the related tasks. The training, held on May 9-11, 2018 in Lagos, was followed by a test monitoring session while actual monitoring started in June, 2018. The outcome/report of monitoring for June-August 2018 was presented/disseminated at a media roundtable in December 2018.

- viii. **Two training workshops for online journalists/bloggers on conflict sensitive reporting online:** This was held in Abeokuta on 18-19 September, 2018 and in Abuja on 20-21 September 2018, respectively.
- ix. **Capacity Building Media Workshop for political correspondents:** This entailed two workshops for political correspondents in reporting the electoral process; held October 17-18, 2018 in Abuja and October 31 and November 1, 2018 in Abeokuta, respectively.
- x. **Production and dissemination of enlightening and informative CVE/ICE (Newspaper advertorial):** Four Full pages newspaper advert with CVR messages were published in August, 2018.
- xi. **Specialized training for female politicians (Female candidates):** This entailed a two-day specialised training for female candidates on effective strategies in engaging the media for visibility during electoral campaigns. Two trainings were held, simultaneously for female candidates from the South-South/South-East in Uyo and North East in Yola on December 12 -13, 2018.
- xii. **Media Training workshop on best practices and professional reporting:** Three (3) trainings held in Kano, Enugu and Oshogbo on October 18-19, 2018, November 7-9, 2018 and December 20-21, 2018, respectively.

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The final beneficiaries of the Action included Journalists, Editors and other media professionals; management staff of media organisations and associations, female candidates across the political parties, FOI activists and the electorate.

Through the implementation of Project Actions between December 9, 2018 and December 8, 2019, a total of 284 beneficiaries, made up of 145 females and 139 males, were directly engaged as targets. In terms of specific target groups, activities of the project directly engaged 119 females who were candidates in the 2019 elections and 165 journalists/media professionals.

At a broader level, over 15,000 journalists were reached through the direct distribution of four publications from the Action, namely; the 'Nigeria Media Code of Elections Coverage' (Revised edition, 2018); the resource manual on 'Reporting Elections and Democratic Accountability'; 'FOI Act' booklet; and FOI manual for journalists on 'Reporting Electoral Campaign Finance'. The dissemination/distribution of the publications involved direct

delivery to newsrooms and media training institutions as well as at media workshops and forums. The publications were also disseminated through downloadable links at [www.ipcng](http://www.ipcng) and [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) as well as through IPC's social media platforms, reaching several hundreds of journalists and electoral stakeholders.

In terms of project visibility, more than 50 media reports (in national print/online and broadcast media) were published on the implemented project activities, including media interviews/special reports by IPC on the EUSDGN project. On the social media aspect, the Nigeria Democratic Report (NDR website- [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) published 224 reports and generated 39,406 page views.

The implementation of project Actions for the period December 9, 2018 to December 8, 2019 was predicated on meeting the overall goal of strengthening the media (print and online media) as catalysts of democratic accountability, credible elections and good governance; particularly to ensure greater media access for women, youths and PWD, as well as media projection of issues of concern to the citizens.

➤ **Running of NDR and posting of at least four model stories/news reports per week.**

Observation on achievement per output: With 224 reports published on the NDR website, the page views of 39,406 as well as the improving engagements on the IPC twitter handles @IPCng, the @NDRNews, the use of the hashtag #EU4DemcracyNG with 63,400 Impressions, 229 Retweets and continued engagement on facebook, the activity had substantially met anticipated output, which states thus:

- Model, investigative and citizens' driven reports are published on the NDR.
- NDR platform provide interaction for citizens' engagement with media reportage of the elections.

➤ **Monitoring of Newspapers, documentation of electoral promises and stakeholders' roundtable on trends in media coverage.**

Observation on achievement per output: The output from this activity which commenced in June 2018 incorporates monthly reports as well as periodic media roundtable engagements on the trends, gaps and shortcomings in media coverage of the electoral process. This is substantially achieving the output objective which states thus:

- There is availability of monthly reports on media performance in covering the electoral process.
- Reports serve as document for key engagement and programmatic interventions.
- Monitoring reports provide basis for critical stakeholders' engagement.
- Documented campaign promises of presidential candidates are available.

NOTE: The final output, which is the publication and dissemination of the entire monitoring report in (hard copy) is planned to be carried out in year 2021

➤ **Conduct of Media Training workshop on best practices and professional reporting.**

Observation on achievement per output: This third workshop (out of four under the project) was held in Oshogbo, Osun State on December 20-21, 2018. The workshop built the capacity of about 44 print/online journalists from media organisations across the southwest region on professional and ethical reportage of democratic processes as well as increased understanding on conflict sensitive, citizen focused, gender focused and digital reporting of the 2019 elections within the context of best practices in prioritizing public interest reporting.

This substantially achieved the anticipated output objective which states thus:

- Journalists acquire skills and commit to professional, conflict sensitive, citizen focused, gender focused and digital reporting of the 2019 elections.
- Participants acquire a very rich understanding on the role of the media and see themselves as agents of change in consolidating democracy, especially through professional reporting of the electoral processes.
- Participants commit to professional, conflict sensitive, citizen focused, gender focused and digital reporting of the 2019 elections.

➤ **Conduct of specialized training for female candidates on strategies in ensuring media visibility and in using the media for electoral campaigns.**

Observation on achievement per output: Four workshops were held for female candidates/politicians across 4 zones. Each of the workshops was for two days, respectively. The workshop for female candidates in the South-South/South-East region held in Uyo while the one for the North East region held in Yola in December 12-13, 2018. The training also held for female candidates in the southwest zone in Ibadan on January 9-10, 2019 while that for female candidates in North Central and North West held in Abuja on January 14-15, 2019. Through the workshops, the participants gained new knowledge on engaging and using different media platforms to advance their political aspirations, including tapping into opportunities via social media platforms and online news media to their advantage.

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- Female politicians have better understanding on engaging the media.
- Female politicians have social media platforms created as well as get increased media visibility through special reports, interviews and media profiling.

➤ **Production /dissemination of 20,000 copies of the FOI Manual.**

Achievement: The production of an FOI manual for journalists on 'Reporting Electoral Campaign Finance' provided requisite information for journalists on using the FOI Act for accountability and transparency reporting of the electoral process and especially to enhance their capacity to conduct investigative reporting, particularly in the context of elections and political campaigns financing.

## • January – December 2020

The target groups of the Action are: Journalists (Reporters, Political Correspondents, Online Journalists/Bloggers), Editors, Female politicians (candidates) and related Media stakeholders.

The final beneficiaries of the Action include Journalists, Editors and other media professionals; female candidates across the political parties, FOI activists and the electorate.

Through the implementation of Project Actions between December 9, 2019 and December 8, 2020 a total of 201 target beneficiaries made up of 110 males and 91 females, were directly engaged or reached through capacity building programmes and roundtable sessions (offline and online).

In terms of specific beneficiaries offline and online, activities of the project directly engaged 113 persons through physical meetings (post-lockdown) while 88 persons were engaged via zoom/online platforms.

At a broader level, over 13,000 journalists and media stakeholders were reached through the direct distribution of four publications under the Action, namely; the 'Nigeria Media Code of Elections Coverage' (Revised edition, 2018); the resource manual on 'Reporting Elections and Democratic Accountability'; 'FOI Act' booklet; and FOI manual for journalists on 'Reporting Electoral Campaign Finance'.

Specifically, the log of the distribution for the period under review was as follows:

- 'Nigeria Media Code of Elections Coverage' (Revised edition, 2018): 157 copies.
- Resource manual on 'Reporting Elections and Democratic Accountability': 3,840 copies.
- 'FOI Act' booklet: 6,075 copies
- FOI manual for journalists on 'Reporting Electoral Campaign Finance': 3,160 copies.

In terms of project visibility, about 50 media reports (in national print/online and broadcast media) were published from the implemented project activities.

On the online aspect, between January-December 2020, the Nigeria Democratic Report (NDR) website- [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) published Two Hundred and Seventy Four (247) reports and generated Ninety One thousand, Seven hundred and Ninety (91,790) page views.

On the social media aspect, the @NDRNews was used to share all IPC's EUSDGN editorial posts published on the Nigerian Democratic Report website. The hashtag #EU4DemcracyNG was included in all tweets.

The total figures of tweets from NDR twitter handle for social media engagements between January and December 2020 were 51,600 impressions, 309 retweets, 197 likes, and 258 link clicks.

In using the IPC twitter handle (@IPCng) to advance the EUSDGN activities, the total figures of the social media engagement between January and December 2020 were 253,700 impressions, 859 retweets, 493 likes, 898 link clicks and 102 replies.

The NDR Facebook page was used to further disseminate NDR's news report and related EUSDGN activities. The total figures between the period of January and December 2020 via the NDR Facebook page were 5,187 page likes and 5,184 page followership.

### Executive summary

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The highlight of activities implemented during the period under review are as follows:

- i. Running of NDR;
- ii. Media monitoring of Newspapers (till April 2020);
- iii. Media workshops on using FOI for investigative reports of campaign finance and Covid-19 accountability issues;
- iv. Webinar on professional, factual, conflict sensitive and safety-conscious reporting' of Edo and Ondo Elections (One webinar for each);
- v. Media Stakeholders' roundtable on "Professional, inclusive and conflict sensitivity reporting of the Ondo elections."

Although there was a slight adjustment in implementation methodologies due to Covid-19 pandemic, the level of achievement of the outcomes remains substantially high and still aligns with the objective of reaching the final targets that are related to the outcomes at the end of the project.

The following are evident.

➤ **Running of NDR and posting of at least four model stories/news reports per week.**

Achievement: The NDR website [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng) which is linked to IPC website [www.ipcng.org](http://www.ipcng.org) as well as related social media platforms on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) handles: [@NDRNews](#) and [@IPCng](#) is sustaining the online reportage of relevant reports on democratic governance issues and citizens' driven media reports on the electoral process. Through the reports on the NDR, the electorate are updated with the details of important news information on democratic and electoral matters for informed decision-making. The NDR engagement also involves dissemination of stories through use of hashtags for social media interaction; twit reach and retweets, facebook posts, etc.

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The summary of IPC's facebook account and the NDR facebook page for the activities for the EUSDGN project are as follows:

- <https://web.facebook.com/ipc.nigeria>
- [https://web.facebook.com/NigerianDemocraticReport/?rdc=8&rd\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/NigerianDemocraticReport/?rdc=8&rd_rdr)

#### ➤ **Media monitoring of Newspapers on democratic governance**

Achievement: This activity entailed a day-to-day survey, assessment and information gathering on media performance in the coverage of the electoral processes and related democratic governance.

The activity involved the monitoring of twelve (12) print/online newspapers, namely, The Punch, The Guardian, Daily Sun, Vanguard, ThisDay, Nigerian Tribune, The Nation, Leadership, Daily Trust, Blue Print (online version), The Cable (published online only) and the Premium Times (published online only), in three phases, over a 24-month period. Also monitored was the INEC's twitter handle

(<https://twitter.com/inecnigeria>) and INEC's website

<https://www.inecnigeria.org/>.

The output from the exercise, which is a report on the trend in media coverage of the electoral process, in terms of indices and reporting gaps such as inclusivity reporting, conflict-sensitivity, ethical and gender balancing, etc, was used as an empirical driven baseline for engaging media stakeholders (journalists and media managers) at periodic media roundtables.



➤ **Media workshop on using FOI for investigative reports of campaign finance and Covid-19 accountability issues:**

Achievement: This two-day media training workshop, which held in Lagos and Abuja respectively, helped to build the capacity of 72 male and female investigative reporters, political reporters, state house correspondents and editors drawn from the public and private print, broadcast, and online media.

The workshop sharpened the investigative skills of participants in reportage that will enable various stakeholders to use the Freedom of Information Act as a tool to facilitate transparent, free, fair, and credible elections and monitor COVID 19 funds.

Relevance/achievement in relation to outcomes: The training contributed to engendering interventions to sensitize and enlighten more Nigerian citizens on the existence, benefits and the use the FOI Act as well as building the capacity of the media to effectively use the FOI Act to hold all relevant agencies accountable in elections and the new realities of operating under COVID-19 pandemic. In the immediate aftermath of the training, some of the participants conducted investigative reports.

➤ **Webinars on professional, factual, conflict sensitive and safety- conscious reporting’ of Edo and Ondo Elections:**

Achievement: This virtual roundtable was held as a one-day webinar/virtual capacity building session for journalists ahead of the Ondo and Edo State governorship elections. The sessions engaged and helped to build the capacity of 88 select journalists and media stakeholders in Ondo and Edo State respectively, on professional and ethical reportage of electoral processes, including issues of inclusivity, accountable democratic practices, factual and conflict-sensitive reporting. The webinar also served as platform to promote media collaboration in mitigating hate speech in the processes leading to the governorship elections, the elections proper and emerging post elections issues, among others. It also enhanced collaborative frameworks for inclusive reporting through partnership with the State NUJ chapters respectively.

Relevance/achievement in relation to outcomes: The webinars contributed to deepening the role of the media (conventional and new/social) in fostering the germane issues of professional and ethical reportage of electoral processes, including issues of inclusivity, fact checking, hate speech and conflict-sensitive reporting (online/offline). Some of the participants did post-webinar stories, which highlighted the key recommendations that emanated from the presentations and discussions.

➤ **Media Stakeholders roundtable on “Professional, inclusive and conflict sensitivity reporting of the Ondo elections.”**

Achievement: This roundtable was held as a one-day sensitization and capacity building interactive forum in line with achieving the broad objectives of deepening the role of the media in promoting credible electoral processes, inclusivity, accountable democratic

practices and to facilitate the professional and ethical media coverage of elections. The roundtable, done in collaboration with the Institute for Media and Society (IMS) engaged 41 journalists and media stakeholders in Ondo State, on professional and ethical reportage of the State's election, including especially issues of usage of the Nigerian Media Code of Election Coverage in the context of being professional, ethical, socially responsible, avoiding hate speech, being conflict sensitive and promoting the inclusive issues of women, youths, PWDs and rural dwellers. The roundtable also facilitated collaborative frameworks for inclusive reporting through partnership with the State NUJ and NAWOJ chapters respectively.

Relevance/achievement in relation to outcomes: The roundtable contributed to strengthening the media to provide fair, accurate, and ethical coverage of the Ondo State governorship election, including issues of inclusivity and conflict-sensitive reporting (online/offline).

➤ **Participation in project visibility/publication dissemination activities**

Achievement: In order to ensure continuous visibility and engage broader democratic issues after the elections, IPC undertook the dissemination of about 13,232 EUSDGN supported publications across the country directly, and through contacts to journalists and media stakeholders participating in media conferences, workshops and forums.

In particular, copies of the publications were taken as sensitization materials by IPC staff in partnership with IMS to engage journalists during the Edo and Ondo elections.

The NDR team also attended a few media-relevant events for the purpose of writing special reports to give visibility to partner's activities through the NDR.

Relevance/achievement in relation to outcomes: The dissemination of the publications and special reports on the NDR (still ongoing) are both enhancing visibility of the project and advancing information sharing on professional reporting of the electoral process by the Nigeria media.

**OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**IPC/ACSPN virtual meetings**

- *IPC and ACSPN Webinar on "Combating Covid-19 Infodemic" for journalists.*

Date: Friday April 24th, 2020, Time: 12pm to 2pm

This webinar, which had over 100 participants from media and communications background was held as a partnership initiative with the Association of Communication Scholars



& Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN) under its online Empowerment series and IPC's capacity building programme for journalists, pursuant to the objectives of Component 4b: Support to Media of the European Union Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria - EU-SDGN.

- IPC and ACSPN Webinar on "Humanizing COVID-19 reporting".**  
 Date: Friday May 1, 2020, Time: 12pm to 2pm  
 The webinar was also held as a partnership initiative under ACSPN's Online Empowerment series and IPC's capacity building programme for journalists, pursuant to the objectives of Component 4b: Support to Media of the European Union Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria - EU-SDGN. Over 60 journalists participants attended the webinar.



- IPC and ACSPN Webinar on "The imperativeness of safety consciousness and conflict sensitivity in media coverage and reporting".**  
 Date: Monday September 7, 2020, Time: 11pm to 1pm  
 The webinar was held under the existing partnership initiative of ACSPN's Online Empowerment series and IPC's capacity building programme for journalists, pursuant to the objectives of Component 4b: Support to Media of the European Union Support to



Democratic Governance in Nigeria - EU-SDGN. About 80 journalists attended the sessions.

### **IPC/NUJ Virtual capacity engagement on EDO and Ondo elections**

- IPC held virtual media training for Ondo and Edo State journalists on ‘professional, factual, conflict sensitive and safety- conscious reporting’ of Elections.

The webinar, organized by the International Press Centre, under component 4b: support to media of the European Union Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria (EU-SDGN) project, engaged and built the capacity of select journalists and media stakeholders in Ondo and Edo State respectively.

The webinar, which held in collaboration with the leadership of the NUJ councils in the two States was aimed at deepening the role of the media (conventional and new/social) in promoting professional and ethical reportage of electoral processes, including issues of inclusivity, accountable democratic practices, factual and conflict-sensitive reporting of the process leading to the governorship elections, the elections proper and emerging post elections issues, among others.

Key remarks was received from Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi, Chief Press Secretary to the INEC Chairman, including perspectives from representatives of disability and gender groups such as Mr Jack Ekpelle of the Albino foundations and Mrs. Mufuliat Fijabi of the Nigerian Women Trust Fund, among other stakeholders.

Mr. Martins Oloja of the Guardian Newspaper and Mr. David Ajikobi of AfricaCheck facilitated the capacity budding sessions for the Ondo webinar, on Zoom platform scheduled which held on Tuesday August 11, 2020, while Mr. Joshua Olufemi of Dataphyte and Mr Lanre Idowu facilitated the Edo capacity building session which held Thursday, August 13, 2020 respectively. Each of the sessions had about 50 journalists.

### **vi. Yiaga Africa-ECES/EU-SDGN virtual roundtable/town hall meeting on electoral reforms**

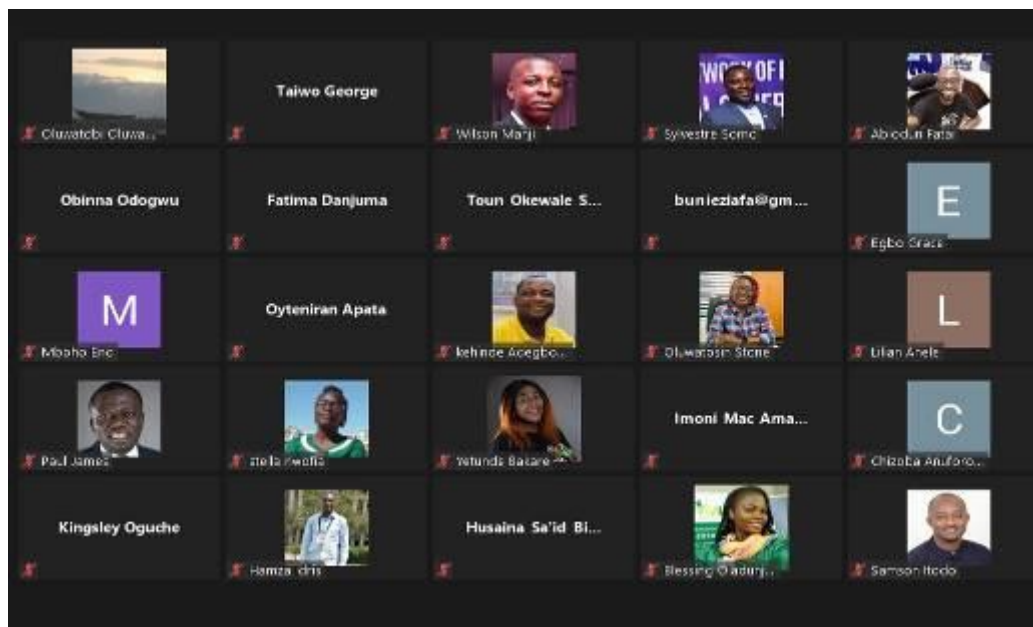
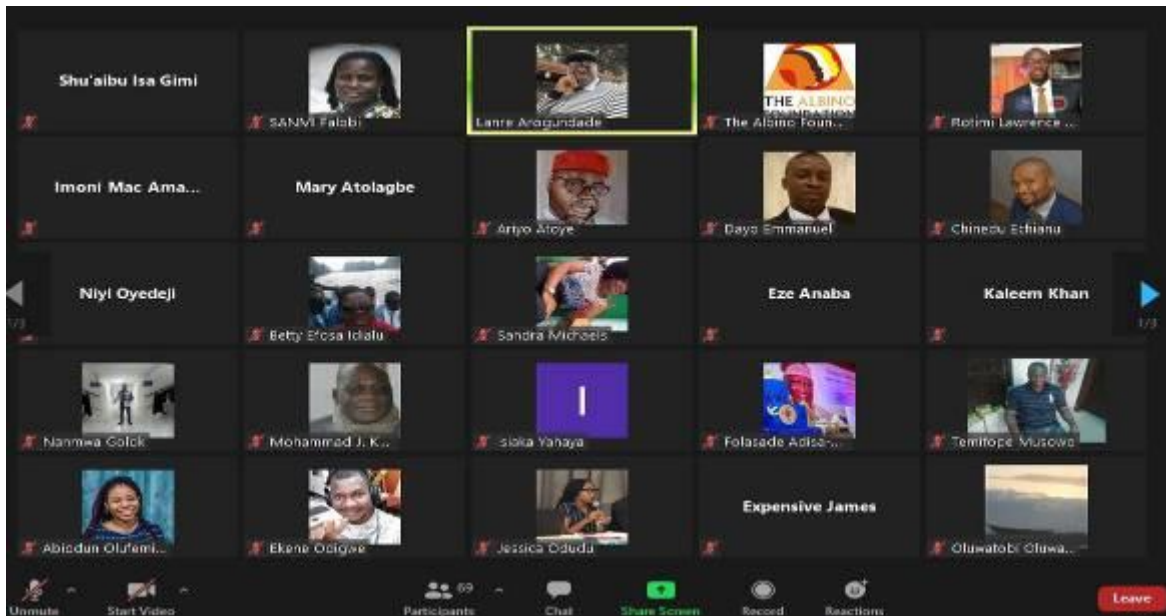
In pursuant to the general objectives of the European Union Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria (EU-SDGN), the International Press Centre (IPC) and the Institute for Media and Society (IMS), partners implementing component 4b: support to media of European of the EU-SDGN project, assisted in mobilizing the media to participate in a virtual roundtable/town hall meeting organized by Yiaga Africa and the European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES) under the EU-SDGN project.

The event, attended by about 90 journalists across Nigeria, held on Thursday June 24, 2020, with the theme, ‘Media as Catalysts of Best Democratic Practices: Yiaga Africa-ECES/EU-SDGN Town hall meeting on electoral reforms in focus’.

The event received welcome remarks from Dr. Akin Akingbulu, Executive Director, IMS; Mrs. Laolu Olawumi, Programme Manager, EU-SDGN; a representative of ECES

while Mr. Samson Itodo, Executive Director of YIAGA Africa gave the background noted.

The event was moderated by Mr. Lanre Arogundade, Executive Director, IPC while the panelists at the webinar were: Mr. Hamza Idris, Editor of Daily Trust; Mr. Gorge Taiwo, Editor of The Cable; Dr. Mrs. Biodun Ogidan, Nigeria Community Radio Coalition; Mrs. Mary Atolagbe, Secretary, Nigerian Guild of Editors/Deputy Director Digital Media Voice of Nigeria (VON); Mr. Imoni Amarere, Executive Director, AIT; Mr. Abdulateef Abubakar Jos, Editor, Freedom Radio, Kano and Mr. Eze Anaba, Editor, Vanguard.





**vii. Media roundtable engagement and LIVE TV show on Edo and Ondo elections in collaboration with IMS**

IPC was active in engaging journalists and media stakeholders ahead of the Edo and Ondo elections via roundtable sessions and LIVE TV discussion programmes in Edo and Ondo state, in collaboration with the Institute for Media and Society (IMS). The opportunity was used to further enhance the capacity of journalists in the two states on the need for professional, conflict sensitive and inclusive elections using the Nigeria media code of election coverage. IPC was guest at TV appearances in Edo and Ondo on issues of professional, inclusive, conflict sensitive and voter sensitization. 50 journalists participated in the Ondo roundtable.





### **Two FOI Capacity building workshops for journalists on using FOI**

IPC held a two-day Media training workshop on using FOI for investigative reports of campaign finance and Covid-19 accountability issues. The workshop organized in partnership with Media Rights Agenda (MRA) is funded through Component 4b: Support to the media of the EU Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria (EU-SDGN) Project.

The thrust of the workshop, was to sharpen the investigative skills of participants to be committed in reportage that will enable various stakeholders to use the Freedom of Information Act as a tool to facilitate transparent, free, fair and credible elections and monitor COVID 19 funds.

The workshop, which held in two locations attracted male and female investigative reporters, political reporters, state house correspondents and editors drawn from the public and private print, broadcast, and online in each location.

The first workshop, which was attended by twenty-eight male and female investigative reporters, political reporters, state house correspondents and editors drawn from the public and private print, broadcast and online media in Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Ondo, Ekiti, Osun and Edo States held on Wednesday August 5 and Thursday August 6, 2020 at Pearlworth Hotel and Suites, Ikeja, Lagos

The second workshop, which attracted twenty-five male and female investigative reporters, political reporters, state house correspondents and editors drawn from the public and private print, broadcast, and online media from parts of the north held on Tuesday September 22 and Wednesday September 23, 2020 at Grand Pela Hotel, FCT, Abuja.

### **Media roundtable with GOSIEC and stakeholders on Gombe LG lections.**

Towards Deepening Grassroots Governance, the European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES), collaborated with IPC, and other partners to build the capacity of the Gombe State independent Electoral Commission (GOSIEC), the Media and CSOs groups on the State's December 19, 2020 Council Polls.

The sessions of capacity training for the key stakeholders, comprising of the Chairman and principal officers of GOSIEC, political correspondents and related media professionals, Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), women groups, and civil Society organizations, was to foster synergy and promote integrity in the conduct of the local government elections. IPC session focused on Conflict sensitive and inclusive communications as well as the use of the Media Code of elections Coverage by journalists and related electoral stakeholders.



**The Nigerian Media Code of Election Coverage**  
*(Revised edition, 2018)*

**The Code can also be downloaded from IPC website @ [www.ipcng.org](http://www.ipcng.org) and NDR news portal @ [www.ndr.org.ng](http://www.ndr.org.ng)**

**THE NIGERIAN MEDIA CODE OF ELECTION COVERAGE**  
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