Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken met with Nigerian President Buhari in Abuja. They discussed U.S.-Nigeria cooperation on the shared priorities of climate and the COVID-19 pandemic, including U.S. support for Nigeria’s renewable energy sector and the delivery of nearly eight million Pfizer and Moderna vaccine doses provided by the United States. They noted the importance of strengthening democracy in West Africa and reinforcing the democratic principles of a free press and digital freedom, peaceful protest and dissent, as well as respect for human rights. They further discussed Nigeria’s security challenges and efforts to protect civilians. The Secretary reaffirmed with President Buhari the strong partnership between the United States and Nigeria, which is founded upon shared democratic ideals and a spirit of transparency and cooperation.
Sec. Blinken and Nigerian Foreign Minister, Geoffrey Onyeama sign a five-year, $2.17 billion development agreement.

Sec. Blinken visits Innov8 Tech Hub which hosted partners who encourage innovation, research and development in Africa.

Sec. Blinken and Foreign Minister, Geoffrey Onyeama speaking to Nigerian and American journalists during a joint press availability.

President Muhammadu Buhari receives Secretary Blinken in the presidential villa in Abuja.

Secretary Blinken delivers a policy speech - "The United States and Africa: Building a 21st Century Partnership".

Sec. Blinken and Foreign Minister, Geoffrey Onyeama speaking to Nigerian and American journalists during a joint press availability.

Secretary Blinken holds a discussion with civil society representatives.
Ambassador's Notes

We exist in a world that is constantly changing around us. Some changes occur naturally, and it is human nature to adapt to these. Others occur as a direct result of our actions, individual or collective, and require introspection and course correction. In recent times, humanity has been forced to take stock of the relationship we have with the planet which hosts us, and the undeniable evidence suggests that we are doing extensive harm to our only home. We all have a part to play in reversing these negative effects of human activity. So, in this issue, we address the topic of climate change, our initiatives and actions as the U.S. Mission to Nigeria, and recommend actions and lifestyle changes we can all participate in to help heal the environment.

The breadth of our engagement with Nigeria continues as the world increasingly takes steps to return to some levels of normalcy, leaving behind what we hope is the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. No one is safe until everyone is safe from COVID, and we at the Mission continue to encourage all who are able to get vaccinated.

Perhaps most worthy of note is the recent visit of the U.S. Secretary of State, Antony Blinken to Nigeria last November. This visit highlighted the importance of the U.S. partnership with Nigeria. This is notable as not only was it his first official trip to the African continent since taking office, but also because it is where he chose to deliver a speech laying out U.S. - Africa policy.

There’s a lot to catch up on as you read through this issue. Two of our agencies celebrated landmark anniversaries. We re-introduced American Spaces around Nigeria bringing access to a wide variety of resources. We offered support in a series of workshops and training sessions for media professionals. Finally, we introduce several diplomats who work to strengthen the U.S. - Nigeria partnership.

Please enjoy the read.

Mary Beth Leonard
What can you do at home to protect the environment? How can you make a personal contribution to slowing climate change? One of the best ways is to add value by separating the recyclables from the organic matter in your trash. We can all do this starting today, starting immediately. Yes, plastic bottles are recyclable but so is film plastic, like the ubiquitous drinking water sachets, plastic "nylon" shopping bags, and the protective wrap on items you buy from the store. Include cardboard, drink cartons, cans, and all metals in the recyclables you separate. If you don’t have a recycling service like WasteBazaar in your area, make friends with an informal trash picker and agree to leave him or her your recyclable items.

Of course, even better than recycling is not consuming items in the first place. To do this you have to be ready for shopkeepers and other vendors who are dying to give you a plastic bag for the items you purchased. Just say no! Always keep a reusable bag with you. If you are only going a short distance, consider carrying things in your hands and arms.

Best of all is when you take the time to encourage others to take care of the earth and its resources. Be a good example to your friends and family and you may be surprised at the difference you make!

Our earth is connected and alive. When we take care of the earth, it takes care of us. We can do this. YOU can do this. Mother Earth deserves our respect.
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Akunna Cook led a ProsperAfrica Economic Diplomacy delegation that met with Nigerian creatives, young tech entrepreneurs, government officials and business leaders, highlighting the U.S. government’s commitment to supporting young entrepreneurs who play a critical role in shaping Africa’s future.

The Prosper Africa initiative partners with entrepreneurs and innovators in African countries to drive inclusive growth, bringing together tools from across the U.S. Government to provide businesses and investors with market insights, deal support, financing, and solutions to strengthen business climates.
On November 30, 2021, United Airlines launched its new nonstop service between its hub at Washington Dulles International Airport and Murtala Muhammed International Airport and also marked the arrival of its first flight into Lagos since 2016.

The new flight services will build on United’s expansion into Africa and solidifies the airline’s leadership position from Africa to the U.S.

The airline will operate three weekly flights with state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. Some of the features of the aircraft include United’s award-winning United Polaris Business Class Cabin and United Premium Plus Premium Economy Seats.

As the airline welcomed its first customers since 2016, it became the first and only airline serving Washington, D.C. nonstop from Lagos. A water cannon salute marked the arrival of United flight UA612.

U.S. Consul General Claire Pierangelo, United’s Country Sales Manager Nigeria, Oluwatomi Bola-Sadipe and Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) Regional General Manager, Victoria Shin-Aba, welcomed the first arriving United customers at Murtala Muhammed International Airport.

The United States Ambassador to Nigeria Mary Beth Leonard, said “this exciting initiative further expands our economic relationship, promotes people-to-people ties, and creates new opportunities for United, travel companies, and customers alike.”

United’s Senior Vice President International Network Planning and Alliances, Patrick Quayle said the new flight from Lagos reinforces the organization’s ongoing commitment to grow its network in Africa and provide more convenient service to customers.

The much-anticipated airline service will provide a key gateway between Lagos and Washington D.C., as well as easy one-stop connections to almost 80 destinations across the Americas, including Houston and Chicago.

Early in 2021, United launched services between Johannesburg and New York/Newark and between Accra and Washington, D.C. A nonstop service between Cape Town and New York/Newark was also launched in December 2021 with ongoing plans to increase services in Accra from three weekly flights to daily this year.
Creativity, innovation, and technology can transform a piece of trash into a highly prized possession. This is what 15 artists, selected from a competitive pool of applicants, demonstrated over a period of 21 days of working collaboratively at the Innov8 Hub in Abuja. Last year, the International Institute for Creative Development, IICD Center, organized the Upcycling Redefined workshop with support from the Public Affairs Section of U.S. Embassy Abuja. The project commenced on September 1 and ended with a 7-day exhibition at Transcorp Hilton beginning on September 21.

The workshop exposed the creatives to hybrid dialogues around sustainable environmental practices, digitization, material hybridization, and brand management. Armed with discarded waste materials, which they sourced from a junking exercise at a local junkyard in Apo, the artists went into production under three double pop-up canopies situated in the premises of the host, Innov8 Hub. Organized in two separate groups, for the purpose of ease and safety, each artist was tasked to produce three works over a two-week period. Their production days were greeted by occasional guests at the facility, enamored by the transformation, and whose commendation boosted their confidence.

For the artists who participated in the workshop, the experience was novel. It was exciting. It was different. Before attending the upcycling workshop, Hauwa, a textile artist produced her woven school bags with strings of waste nylon materials. Her dream of making a solar powered school bag for underrepresented children was realized through a collaboration with another participant Stanley Anigbogu, a technology artist and recipient of 2021 Anambra State Innovator of the Year.

Creativity, innovation, and technology birthed Antonia. A blue-faced humanoid stylishly clad in black halter top, a statement neck piece with strings of colorful beads dangling down her chest, Antonia was a collaborative work produced by the participating artists and the tech team at Innov8 Hub. Another joint work of the artists "The Face" is an imposing metallic portrait, crafted with junk materials collected from the automobile section of Transcorp Hilton. Its black bulging eyes invites us to imagine a sustainable future. A future in which we reclaim the value of waste. A future in which we are partners in healing and not hurting our ecosystem. What future do you see when you look at "The Face"?

Hauwa, a workshop participant, holds up the solar-powered school bag she fabricated.
Madison Conoley (7th left) and Bella Anne Ndubuisi (5th left) of the US Embassy, Abuja with Ndubuisi ‘NduWhite’ Ahanonu of IICD (centre) and participants of the workshop.

Ndubuisi ‘NduWhite’ Ahanonu of IICD (right) and participants of the workshop.

A workshop participant.

A workshop participant.

Antonia, a collaborative piece.
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established a country office in Nigeria in 2001, with a vision, with a vision of public health excellence for healthy Nigerians. CDC Nigeria is part of the U.S. Government Mission in Nigeria that supports the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), its departments, and agencies. It also works with states ministries of health and several key partners in developing, implementing, and evaluating disease response efforts and programs contributing to Nigeria’s more robust public health infrastructure.

In December 2021, CDC Nigeria celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment, collaborative work, and support to the government of Nigeria to improve disease surveillance systems, build institutional competencies, and expand human resources for health capacities.

At 20, CDC’s work of saving lives was highlighted and recognized as a critical U.S. mission in its support to the government and people of Nigeria. The impact of CDC’s support to Nigeria’s health sector has demonstrated clear evidence of the importance of health diplomacy in bilateral and multilateral relations.

The CDC Nigeria team has shown dedication and commitment to saving lives, improving the well-being of people in Nigeria, and charting a robust public health course for the future. Such commitment is helping to build a healthier and safer Nigeria, the continent of Africa, and the world, despite the challenges of the last several years. The over 100-member team in Nigeria has shown great resolve and accomplished remarkable successes in collaboration with the government and partners.

The collaborative work with the government of Nigeria, CDC’s past and current leadership, foundation, and current staff and partners, had made Nigeria one of CDC’s most prominent country offices around the world. Providing support in HIV and TB epidemic control expanding global health security, assisting with malaria elimination, and reinforcing vaccine-preventable diseases eradication.

From its humble beginning in 2001, the collective work of the CDC team has supported Nigeria to put over one million people living with HIV on life-saving treatment. In addition, it helped Nigeria to eliminate wild poliovirus, advance towards malaria elimination, and support the establishment of a robust public health institute that detects, prevents, and responds to disease outbreaks in Nigeria.

For CDC Nigeria, the last 20 years provided the opportunity to advance its mission to support the national health response in applying health promotion, disease prevention, and control measures to improve the health of people in Nigeria through technical expertise and effective local partnerships and systems strengthening.

The next few years are looking just as promising!
Dr. Adetinuke (Mary) Boyd is the CDC Nigeria country director, appointed to this position on April 11, 2021.

What motivated you to pursue a career in health?

From a young age, I’ve always been curious about science, and it’s as if I had an inner compass for Global health and infectious diseases as I gravitated naturally towards these subject areas. I find tremendous meaning in bringing health and well-being to individuals and vulnerable communities because I believe it’s a basic right that everyone needs and should experience.

What led you to pursue a path less traveled in medicine and focus your work overseas?

I am drawn to careers that allow me to explore diverse experiences. This is why after becoming a pediatrician, I pursued an infectious disease fellowship, to develop proficiency on both the bench (laboratory science), bedside (patient-care), population health, and to translate ideas across the cascade. For example, I along with several colleagues developed a diagnostic assay for diagnosing typhoid fever with only a small amount of blood and had the opportunity to field test it in Karachi, Pakistan, where typhoid fever is endemic. We also designed an antibody assay that helped screen in live virus salmonella vaccine candidates that would eventually be part of clinical vaccine trials. These experiences were not only intellectually stimulating but also helped me mentally connect basic scientific advances to the main goal of improving the lives of people. Throughout my experiences, whether testing diagnostics or supporting the evaluation of candidate vaccines, I was always most fulfilled when I arrived in the field and saw first-hand the impact of that work. Helping to democratize quality science and quality clinical care standards overseas has been extremely rewarding and I am very fortunate to be able to do that every day.

As CDC Country Director, what do you hope to achieve with Nigerian partners during your tenure?

US CDC Nigeria is one of the largest CDC country offices and supports CDC’s collective efforts in global HIV and T.B., global health security, malaria elimination, and immunization. Leading the US-CDC Nigeria office is a big responsibility and an incredible opportunity to save many lives across multiple disease areas. During my tour in Nigeria, my goal is to extend US support to build local expertise in the leadership, management, and control of infectious and non-communicable diseases, which are the main drivers of mortality in Nigeria.

Do you have any words of advice for students wishing to pursue a medical career?

I always tell students that if there’s even a small part of you that is interested in pursuing a medical career, go for it. While challenging, it is truly a gift to wake up every day and do what stimulates you intellectually and helps to improve the lives of others.
STRENGTHENING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY THROUGH MEDIA LITERACY

Words by Adejumobi Adegbite

Fake news undermines good governance, free markets, an independent media, human rights, and democracy. Undoubtedly, it is important that radio journalists acquire skills that would help them identify disinformation quickly, counter it aggressively, and protect democratic institutions to preserve open dialogue among citizens.

Radio in Nigeria is one of the most popular mediums through which citizens get information. Many individuals, especially those living in communities with little or no access to electricity, television and internet rely mostly on radio stations to get updates on national, local and political issues. Information disseminated through the radio is therefore very powerful, as it influences decision-making processes for many communities.

In December 2021, the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General, supported the West Africa Broadcast Media Academy (WABMA) and its partner, the Enugu Literary Society to organize a Media Literacy and Countering Misinformation Project for Radio Journalists and Nigerian Youths across 17 states in Southern Nigeria.

Through the project, more than 170 radio hosts, producers, and reporters acquired fact-checking skills and explored best practices for spotting fake news, disinformation, and misinformation using the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) media literacy curriculum.

U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Officer Stephen Ibelli said during the workshop that a healthy democracy requires both an informed public and an accountable media that provides truthful and objective information.

He explained that promoting media literacy strengthens the principles of transparency, good governance and rule of law that serve as essential cornerstones of democratic systems.

During the workshop, WABMA and ELS also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the management of the 17 participating radio stations to produce and air media literacy and countering misinformation shows over the next 12 months.

The U.S. Consulate, WABMA and ELS at the event donated equipment including computers, digital voice recorders, headsets and microphones to the radio stations to support the production.

A secondary component of “Project Fact Check Nigeria” will teach 1,000 young leaders the basics of digital fact-checking and how to separate fact from fiction and opinion using the existing media literacy curriculum of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).

Participants will be empowered to educate people within their social networks and communities.

For years, the U.S. Mission has funded training programs for hundreds of Nigerian journalists on topics ranging from media fact checking, health reporting, defense and national security reporting, investigative journalism, election reporting, to media ethics, and these have continued to strengthen the bilateral ties between the United States and Nigeria.
Meet Mr. Climate

The IVLP Fellow Who is Advocating for Environmental Consciousness in Nigeria

Words by Doyinsola Apalara
Olumide Idowu, also known as 'Mr. Climate,' is a Nigerian climate change champion. He advocates for environmental consciousness and champions a balanced development and ecological conservation approach. He has over 12 years of experience in climate change advocacy through writing, storytelling, and the new media.

Olumide co-founded the International Climate Change Development Initiative, a non-government institution raising a climate-smart generation in Africa. He is a 2018 alumnus of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP).

Share the highlight of your experience and key learnings from the program you participated in.

My visit to Miami, Florida, was overwhelmingly impactful. I saw in practice many things that I had only read and talked about in Environmnet Sustainability. My IVLP group was welcomed to Miami by the Global Ties Miami. Our visit to the Miami Waterkeepers was full of learning opportunities. It was great to learn about protecting and preserving South Florida's watershed through citizens' participation. Our conversation with Charles Kropke at Global Ties Miami was my highlight. I got vital insights into using citizen engagement and community actions for environmental sustainability. This knowledge exchange has informed a significant part of what I do through the International Climate Change Development Initiative. We also saw the screening of the movie Battleground Everglades. The film was about the struggle to save the world's most reverb wetlands. We also had a community volunteer program to clean a beachfront with a local organization in Miami.

What is the most significant change you have experienced in your personal and professional life due to participating in the exchange program?

The IVLP program is a rich and once-in-a-lifetime experience. It helped clarify my professional goals and set my career priorities as an environmentalist. This clarity remains my biggest takeaway from the program. Another thing that made the program remarkable was the people I met, from the program coordinators to the participants and everyone we met along the way; the human interactions gave me a deep understanding of diversity and why it matters. I spent three weeks with twenty strangers who have now become friends. I got to know myself better, nurtured knowledge, and expanded my dreams.

How are you paying forward the impact of the USG exchange program on your personal and professional career?

Since my return from the IVLP program, I have trained and engaged over 5,000 young people in environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. I aim to position these young people for economic opportunities in environmental sustainability while taking responsibility for the environment. I have also represented Nigerian youth at several climate change conferences worldwide, including the recently concluded United Nations Conference on Climate Change, Conference of Parties, COP 26, in Glasgow, United Kingdom.

What fun or unexpected thing did you experience during your exchange program?

I visited one of California’s private and oldest islands, the Heal the Bay Lab. We also visited the Joshua Trees National Park and went on a boat cruise to the Catalina Island Conservancy. Visiting these places helped me learn about the threats to native and wildlife, ecotourism policies, and how to enable economic success while preserving the natural environment.

List any awards, scholarships, recognition, or promotion that you have received as a result of the impact of the USG exchange program on your personal or professional life.

I have done more impactful work since completing my IVLP program. I became the Youth Focal Point for the National Steering Committee Member on the Small Grant Project for UNDP Nigeria. In this role, I review the proposals submitted by Civil Society Organizations for GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) in Nigeria. I also became the Youth Lead Author of UNEP’s Global Environmental Outlook (GEO6). I joined the World Green Growth Organization as a Board Member. My organization now has a partnership with the Netherlands government for five years funding support to train 10,000 youth across Nigeria. In addition, I got into the Atlas Corps international exchange program in the United States.
USAID Marks 60th Anniversary

by Sanjiva Reddy

In November 2021, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) marked 60 years since its founding by President John F. Kennedy. Nigeria was among the first countries in the world to receive development assistance under the Agency in 1961.

“In 2021, USAID spent $787 million in development and humanitarian assistance in Nigeria,” said USAID Nigeria Mission Director Anne Patterson. “We partner with the government and key non-government stakeholders to help save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen governance, and improve health, education, and economic prosperity.”

USAID supports the Government of Nigeria to advance its goal of vaccinating 70 percent of eligible Nigerians against COVID-19, as well as routine immunization efforts to defeat the pandemic. Today, through support from the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), USAID provides life-saving antiretroviral therapy services for over 620,000 Nigerians living with HIV and comprehensive community-based services for over 430,000 children and families to mitigate the effects of HIV.

USAID provides mosquito nets to protect 65 million people from malaria in 11 states through the President’s Malaria Initiative, which has contributed to the decline in malaria prevalence from 42 percent in 2018 to 23 percent in 2021.

Since 2015, USAID education interventions have helped millions of learners improve their lives and acquire basic literacy skills. In the past four years, USAID has also targeted more than 280,000 out-of-school children whose education was interrupted due to conflict in northeast Nigeria.

In 2021, through Feed the Future, 2.17 million smallholder farmers have benefited from improved products and techniques, access to markets, and financing through USAID agriculture programs.

Power Africa investments have provided access to new on and off-grid power connections to over 11.6 million people in the past three years. USAID is also strengthening the management of water systems to increase access to reliable water and sanitation.

USAID Democracy and Governance programs support credible elections, subnational governments, and 370 civil society organizations, working for more responsive governance and local solutions to ongoing economic and ethno-religious tensions.

USAID is the biggest bilateral donor of humanitarian assistance to Nigeria, donating approximately $316 million in 2021 in the form of commodities and logistical support to ensure that displaced communities have access to food, as well as basic health and human rights.
PROTECTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT
DOING OUR PART

by Chizube Iriemenam

On April 26, 2019, U.S. Embassy Abuja launched the Green Stripe Initiative, a recycling campaign aimed at creating recycling and energy conservation awareness within the Mission and beyond. The Green Stripe Initiative harnesses the influence and ideas of its community members to encourage a proactive and protective behavior to minimize the Mission’s environmental impact in Nigeria.

In the first quarter of 2022, U.S. Embassy Abuja collected a total 1,345 pounds of recyclables from its daily operations, which is equivalent to saving eight trees, taking six cars off the road, and reducing 2.1 metric tons of CO2 emissions.

On April 8, 2022, the U.S. Embassy celebrated World Earth Day by cleaning up Karu Waterfalls near Abuja. The waterfall is a pleasant and serene environment that was marred by left-behind plastic bottles, bags, and other trash. Members of the Embassy community teamed up with students, Old Karu locals, and Ocean Conservancy volunteers to clean up the beautiful area for the enjoyment of all.

The U.S. Mission is working with the Nigerian government, other diplomatic missions, private sector, non-governmental organizations, schools, and other institutions to amplify the major objectives of the COP26 United Nations environmental conference to reduce human activities that cause global warming. The COP27 environmental conference this November will be held in Africa, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

And the next time you visit a lovely site like Karu Waterfalls, join the effort by taking an empty trash bag with you and a full trash bag when you leave!
Classical Music, Anyone?

Visiting Nigeria from March 13–23 at the invitation of the U.S. Mission, world-renown American pianist Pauline Yang performed for hundreds of classical music fans in Abuja, Lagos and Ibadan, including senior officials such as Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama. Commemorating Women’s History Month, her many media interviews, talks and workshops delighted and inspired women artists and young people throughout the country. Pauline accompanied Ambassador Mary Beth Leonard for flute performances and opened each concert with her rendition of the Nigerian national anthem.
U.S. STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A CAREER IN CLIMATE CHANGE

by Malate-Ann Atajiri

EducationUSA advising centers across Nigeria work with students interested in pursuing a degree for a career in climate change. With majors ranging from environmental engineering, agriculture, or even politics, EducationUSA advisers work to help you find the best-fit college/university. In this article, Godsgift Nkechi Chukwuonye, a first-year Ph.D. Environmental Science student at the University of Arizona shares her study abroad journey. Her current research is on the intersection of environmental contamination, environmental justice, and public health on the Arizona-Mexico border, Mexico, and Chile. She hopes to create positive change and make the world a better place through science.

I am an Environmental scientist because I cannot afford not to be. As a Nigerian, I discovered a massive disconnection between the thriving oil economy of Nigeria, and the oil-producing communities in the interior villages. Growing up in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria, my childhood was marred by frequent sights of severely degraded environments, polluted water bodies, economic losses, and the severe public health issues arising from environmental pollution. Therefore, I wondered why the consequences and benefits of industrialization and oil exploration are disproportionately shared and why indigenous people living in resource rich communities suffer most from environmental pollution. This background has shaped my career and was the genesis of my curiosity in environmental science research.

As an Environmental scientist, I am interested in researching how indigenous communities and underserved populations in resource-rich communities are affected by soil and water contamination. As a Ph.D. student in the Ramirez-Andreotta laboratory at the University of Arizona, I am part of a team that asks these difficult, uncomfortable questions and provides answers to help improve communities. I use various scientific methods, including geographic information systems (GIS), to study the health impacts of heavy metals and volatile organic compounds exposures in local communities. By immersing myself wholly in this scientific area of enquiry, I connect with my roots by acquiring valuable skills to help solve the environmental pollution issues in Nigeria.

With climate change threatening resources and the economy, the need for a pollution-free world is becoming even more critical. Hence, by studying soil and water pollution in an environmentally just manner, I have found something I am passionate about that enables me to help others and honour my roots.

Interested in studying in the United States?

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Introducing the new PAS Officers

Adnan A. Siddiqi
Counselor for Public Affairs, Abuja
Adnan A. Siddiqi arrived in Abuja in August 2021 and is the U.S. Mission’s Counselor for Public Affairs. A Department of State senior diplomat, he leads and directs our U.S. Cultural and Press teams in Abuja and Lagos, and also oversees all U.S.-Nigeria people-to-people programs and exchanges. He particularly enjoys meeting with former Nigerian participants (alumni) of U.S. exchange programs, NGO and civil society representatives, business and academic leaders, university students, and women entrepreneurs. His goal in the next two years is to expand American dialogue and engagements with Nigerians in all fields to promote bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding.

Hayley King
Public Diplomacy Officer, Abuja
Hayley King serves as a Public Diplomacy Officer who supervises our Northern region and English language programming. She looks forward to welcoming an English Language Fellow to Nigeria and to exploring innovative ways to strengthen English language teaching in Nigeria. She enjoyed traveling to Lagos and Ibadan with a Cultural Envoy, and looks forward to supporting future cultural and sports diplomatic efforts.

Peter Burba
Asst. Cultural Affairs Officer, Abuja
Peter Burba is the Assistant Cultural Officer, he supervises a network of American Spaces and directs the EducationUSA program, which promotes studying in the United States and assists foreign students with the application process. His goal in the next two years is to expand our network of American Spaces. He also intends to continue Hausa lessons and become more acquainted with Nigerian literature.
American Spaces provide access to general, substantive, accurate and free information about the United States to interested parties. Materials in the American Corners cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to the United States, such as government policy, educational institutions, and American society and culture.

Free, open access is provided to all materials.

Presently there are 19 American Spaces in Nigeria. 2 American Centers are located at the Embassy, Abuja and Consulate General, Lagos respectively, 11 American Spaces and 7 Windows on America spread across the country. Visit us at one of the following Spaces to learn more!

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**IBADAN**
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