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AYGF COMMEMORATES WORLD REFUGEE DAY AT THE ECOWAS HQ AND SHOWS SUPPORT FOR MIGRANT INTEGRATION EFFORTS

We are pleased to share that the AYGF had the honour of being represented at the Annual celebration of World Refugee Day, held at the ECOWAS Secretariat on June 20, 2023. This significant event brought together stakeholders, leaders, experts, and refugees from across the continent, united in their call for renewed efforts to support and integrate refugees into society.

The celebration of World Refugee Day is a global event, and we were privileged to have it officially recognised and celebrated in Nigeria at the ECOWAS. This gathering provided a unique platform for key stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions, forge valuable connections, and explore partnerships that promote sustainable integration efforts for refugees in our country. Our organisation was proud to have our Executive Director, Dr. Arome Salifu, and dedicated staff from the Programmes and Communications department represent us at this important occasion.

This year's theme, "Hope Away from Home," beautifully encapsulated the resilience and bravery of individuals who have been compelled to flee their home countries due to conflict or persecution. It celebrated their strength as they sought solace and successfully integrate into the societies of their host countries. During the session, the federal commissioner of the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, delivered a powerful call to action. She emphasised our collective responsibility to unlock the full potential of refugees and empower them to rebuild their lives. Removing barriers and fostering integration and inclusion were highlighted as key priorities to transform the refugee experience into one of hope and resilience.



These mandates align perfectly with our organisation's focus on the migration sector and have inspired us to further develop strategic ideas and redouble our efforts. We are committed to ensuring that refugees are not only included but also properly assimilated into society, both in Nigeria and beyond. It is our mission to ensure their successful settlement and integration into their new homes. The insights gained from this event have reinforced our steadfast determination to contribute significantly towards achieving this important goal.

We encourage you to stay informed about our continued efforts in the crucial area of refugee integration in migration. Together, we have the power to make a lasting impact on the lives of individuals affected by displacement and bring about meaningful change.

