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Newsletter

As 2023 winds down, we would like to thank you for your partnership and cooperation in making Nigeria safer from drugs, crime and terrorism. We wish you and your loved ones all the very best for a peaceful and prosperous new year!

Thanks to the great work we did together, we achieved some remarkable results in 2023. Let's take a look at some of them!

Line Up Live Up: Transforming Lives in Bayelsa Communities through Sport

To support overcoming challenges young people face, the LULU programme provides valuable insights into managing emotions, developing crucial life skills, and gaining knowledge to navigate the complexities of their daily life.

At the heart of the programme's reach, 17-year-old Rachel from Ayamasa community exemplifies its influence, stating, "The strength gained from the programme has instilled in me the courage to pursue my goals unabashedly."

Sport in this context is used as a platform to engage and empower young people, building their important life skills and enhance learning and instill values that can transfer and apply to their daily live. More about this [here](#)

Uniting the World Against Corruption: UNODC Supports Nigeria in her Participation at the Global Anti-Corruption Conference in Atlanta, USA

The Nigeria Delegation joins over 150 member states for the 10th Conference of States Parties in Atlanta to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Led by the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation (HAGF) and Minister of Justice, HE Mr. Lateef Fagbemi, SAN, the Nigerian delegation included representatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission, the Code of Conduct Bureau, the Corporate Affairs Commission, the Police Service Commission, the Nigeria Police Force, the Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-corruption Reforms (TUGAR), in addition to the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his statement, the HAGF says "Nigeria has suffered from the damaging effects of corruption including the loss of billions of dollars to foreign..." More [here](#)

Saving Wildlife through Multilateral Cooperation in Africa

Since 2020, UNODC has stood with the Government of Nigeria, offering crucial support in combatting wildlife crime. "Prioritizing interagency and inter-regional cooperation and strengthening the legislative framework are

indispensable tools to effectively investigate and prosecute wildlife crime perpetrators.” Folusho Ajayi Adelekan, UNODC National Programme Officer, Wildlife and Forest Crime.

Learn more about how we are supporting the Government of Nigeria in combatting wildlife crime [here](#)

Fifty-two people lost their lives to homicide globally every hour in 2021

More people were killed due to homicide than armed conflict and terrorism combined in 2021, with an average of 52 victims per hour around the world, according to the *Global Study on Homicide 2023* from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Details [here](#)

Job Vacancy

An opportunity to work with UNODC Nigeria as a Procurement Officer in Abuja. Please find details [here](#). You should also share with your network.

Thank you again for an eventful 2023. Let's do more in making Nigeria safer from drugs, crime and terrorism in 2024. Don't forget to check more of our work on [our website](#) as well as [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).