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Newsletter

Q2 started on a very high note for us! April was a whirlwind of impactful, eventful and memorable activities!

From the #BeWildForNature Wildlife Sensitization Award Ceremony to our high-level mission in Bayelsa, screening of the #STRIVEJuvenile documentary, our involvement at the High-level African Counter-Terrorism meeting and more, we are delighted about how our interventions continue to empower children, youth, women and communities.

Let's take a look at some of our activities in April!

18 years old Tariq, wins UNODC's #BeWildForNature Wildlife Sensitization and Awareness Campaign

After a keenly contested competition, Tariq Lawal, an 18-year-old champ, won the maiden edition of UNODC's #BeWildForNature Wildlife Sensitization and Awareness Campaign and Competition.

Tariq designed an app, a one-stop shop for everything wildlife. He was awarded alongside 8 other finalists at the UN House in Abuja. More than the glitz and glamour of the award ceremony, the event was a first-of-its-kind that sparked an intergenerational dialogue on wildlife conservation in Nigeria.

More about the award ceremony [here](#)

A Decade of Support to Nigeria's Struggle against Terrorism

Addressing the evolving threats to terrorism in Africa demands a multilateral counter-terrorism approach with African-led and African-owed solutions.

At the High-Level African Counter-Terrorism Meeting organized by the Nigerian Government and the United Nations Office on Counter-Terrorism, we reflect on our decade-long partnership with Nigeria in its struggle against terrorism.

Read about our reflection [here](#).

Join us in Protecting Children: Apply to be a UNODC Youth Peace Champion

Are you a young person between the ages of 18-29 or do you know one? Ready to be a catalyst of change and contribute to peace-building efforts in the North-east? Apply to be a UNODC Youth Peace Champion (YPC) in Yobe or Adamawa.

You will build capacity; gain access to mentors; engage stakeholders and a lot more.

Find details about the application [here](#).

Empowering communities for sustainable peace in the Niger Delta

Communities aren't just beneficiaries of interventions; they are architects of change fostering lasting transformation.

At the historic high-level mission to Bayelsa where we had the EU Ambassador to Nigeria and the ECOWAS; the Finland Ambassador, the Danish Ambassador and the Deputy Consul General of the German Embassy in Lagos, we visited Otuan - a riverine area supported by UNODC and the Government of Germany for impact assessment and to engage children, youth, women and the community.

We also launched a new project, funded by Denmark, to strengthen the Niger Delta Peace Architecture. More about it [here](#).

Thank you for reading. Don't forget to engage with our work and follow us on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to get the latest updates.