UNODC’s Country programme for Nigeria addresses drug and crime control priorities and focuses on partnerships with key stakeholders. CONIG’s expanding programme portfolio centers around judicial and prison reform, anti-corruption, drug control and the fight against other transnational organized crime. It also aims at better services for victims of human trafficking, drug abusers, and HIV/AIDS risk groups. UNODC Nigeria is located at Old Central Bank of Nigeria Complex, Prefab 5, P.M.B. 2851, Garki, Abuja.

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Special Edition Newsletter:
CONIG mourns Ms Sa’adetu Une Yahaya (1980 – 2013) and Mr. Suleiman Babangida Adamu (1977 – 2013),
Our two colleagues who lost their lives in a tragic car accident on February 28, 2013 in Minna, Niger State, Nigeria.

Sa’adetu joined UNODC in April 2008 as an Intern and was later engaged as the Communications and Outreach Officer from April 2010 to the date of her untimely death. She was a competent lawyer and an outstanding Communications Officer.

She pioneered the Country Office’s communications efforts and deployed her skills to support UNODC’s interventions in anti-corruption, justice sector reform, drug control, trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.

She spearheaded the “I am Priceless” campaign against human trafficking. She was also the editor of the CONIG monthly Newsletter – an assignment she pioneered and executed with passion and professionalism until her tragic death. In honor of her memory, CONIG is committed to sustaining the publication of the monthly newsletter. She also facilitated the emergence of the UNODC choir in December 2010.

All of us who had the privilege of meeting and working with Sa’adetu recognized and admired her hardwork, humility and exceptional commitment to the delivery of her official duties. She was our shining star. She brought brightness with her to the Office every day. She was a dynamic and vibrant colleague with a passion for photography.

As we grieve over the loss of Sa’adetu, we also celebrate the life she lived surrounded by the love of her family and friends, and the admiration and affection of her colleagues within UNODC and the entire UN System in Nigeria.

We pray for the peaceful rest of her soul.

Suleiman joined UNODC in July 2012 as a project driver/clerk until his untimely death. He started his career with the services of the Nigerian Government as a Personal Assistant in the Sokoto State Government House, from where he moved to the State Universal Basic Education Board, and subsequently joined the Sokoto Office of the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA.

Since joining UNODC, Suleiman distinguished himself as a good team player who was always ready to go the extra mile, and to be of service to the Organization. Suleiman was a gentleman whose gentility, professional disposition and calm demeanor permeated the entire office environment. Everyone who knew him would remember him for his easy-going nature and unwavering politeness. It was in keeping with his exemplary dedication to duty that he drove the joint UNODC-NAPTIP team to Minna on a pre-activity advocacy visit to key stakeholders on the fateful day of the accident.

Suleiman will be dearly missed not only by the UNODC family but also by colleagues in UNFPA and the entire UN Family in Nigeria.

We pray that his soul rests in perfect peace.