

# ICAN@UK Newsletter

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## ICAN-UK FAMILY PICNIC WAS FUN-FILLED!



ICAN UK & District Society's annual family picnic was held on Saturday 13th August at Valentine's Park in Ilford. It was a lovely sunny day and very well attended.

There were lots of park activities for the children to do as we pitched close to the children's play area. There were swings, tennis courts, a fitness gym and even a lake to feed the ducks. We also had a live DJ playing all the golden oldies tunes from the 80s and 90s as well as Afro beat. The music was so irresistible that people had to dance with the floor being opened by our Past Chairs who were present. Both young and old were able to boogie down to DJ King's music after eating all the scrumptious food.

The afternoon kicked off with the delicious food and lots to drinks. After eating and dancing, our senior ICAN-UK members were invited to challenge the Junior members (younger generation) to a football match which the Junior ICAN members won.

Overall it was a wonderful day with good weather and delicious food, drink and music. It was well attended by about 80 people. It was nice to experience the friendly, warm and social interaction amongst our members both old and young. The networking and interactions lingered on till late evening around 9.00 PM, but we had to end it so we could get out before the park gates were closed.

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## COURTESY VISIT TO THE NIGERIA HIGH COMMISSION



The Executive Committee of our District (ICAN UK and District Society) made a courtesy visit to The Nigeria High Commission (NHC) London on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 1.00 PM. The meeting was attended by seven members of the executive committee and one past chair who happen to be at the High Commission for another meeting before our scheduled time and joined in for our visit. Ten officers of the High Commission were in attendance, including the Acting High Commissioner Mr. Adah Simon Ogah.

Mr. Funso Ajayi, Chair ICAN UK & District Society was invited to give his remark. He thanked and appreciated the AHC and his team for making out time to receive ICAN UK Executives and delegates. He mentioned the Annual September ICAN UK Seminar, which holds in NHC's Tafida hall and made an informal request to use the hall in September 2016. He extolled past and present collaborations between NHC and ICAN UK and called for closer ties going forward. He subsequently introduced ICAN UK Executive committee members and the past chair in attendance.

The Acting High Commissioner (AHC) welcomed ICAN UK delegates and gave a brief talk on the extensive functions of the High Commission and limitations as to what should be expected by Nigerians in the diaspora. He introduced NHC officers in attendance and emphasised that High Commissions have rather strict coverage areas (usually the country of location) and are unable to operate in any other location. He further elaborated that High Commissions monitor trade relations, economic developments, sporting developments, government policies and practices in the host country and recommends as appropriate to the home country on how to best protect her interests. He highlighted that issuance of travel documents is only a small part of the High Commission's functions.

The AHC replied to question from Austin Akhuemokhan on voting during elections by Nigerians in the diaspora, that this has been discussed severally and extensively, but no firm plan is being pursued at present; he further mentioned that the current Nigerian constitution does not allow voting from outside Nigeria, hence an amendment will be required for voting outside Nigeria to happen; a massive deployment of resources (voting centres etc.) would also be required.

The Vice Chair – Bim Osunsami gave the vote of thanks and thanked the AHC & NHC officers for their time and support.

## COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Ensure financial control in the District's affairs and facilitate revenue generation.

### SOCIALS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Facilitate Members' social wellbeing and organise all district social events.

### MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** To deliver all media and communication needs of the district - Print, Email, Web, Social media etc, as well as deliver all Information Technology needs of the District.

### MEMBERSHIP AND COHESION COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Manage and safeguard membership database; reach out to dormant members and expand District's membership base; ensure cohesion among members and provide adequate mentorship programmes.

### ZONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Organise and deliver the District's annual Zonal Conference.

### TECHNICAL, CCAB AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Organise technical sessions which are accredited by The Institute, with aim to fulfil skills and professional development needs of members; ensure harmonious relationship with other CCAB bodies.

### ETHICS COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Develop code of conduct for members of the ICAN UK and District Society and ensure protocol at all meetings (including timeliness); deliver appropriate and relevant Bye-Law concessions to ensure continued harmony - ensure concessions granted to previous Caretaker Committee is extended for at least 3 years.

### REGIONS COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** Reach out to and involve members located in other United Kingdom regions in District activities.

### BENEVOLENT FUND

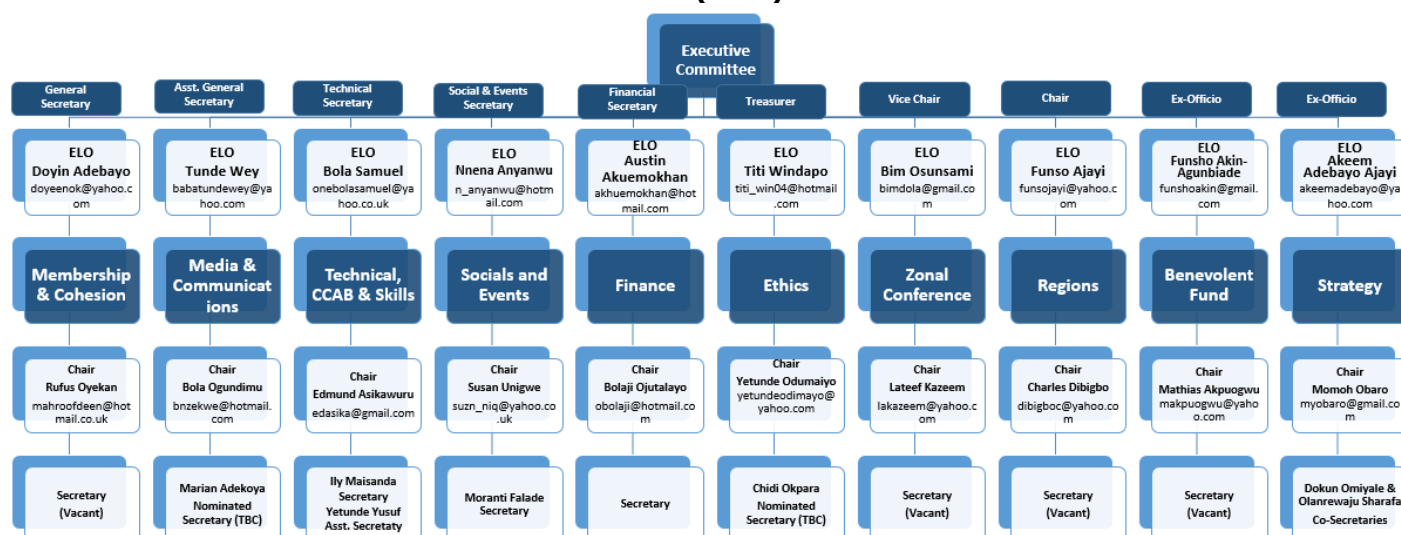
**Purpose:** This fund was set up by the pioneers of ICAN UK and District Society in 2014. It is to serve as a practical way of demonstrating the District's commitment to part of its mission to "... help our members achieve professional excellence and social well-being ..."

### STRATEGY COMMITTEE

#### Purpose:

- Develop strategic framework to ensure proactive positioning of ICAN UK & District Society to continuously enrich and extend the District's relationships and networks.
- Facilitate linkage of individuals and organisations in the UK desirous of dealing with ICAN, and also provide a reliable channel to the District for transmitting ICAN professional events and activities.
- Research and initiate strategies for the development of the Accountancy profession and ICAN professionals in the public and private sectors, including members in practice, paid employment and the self-employed.

## STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE EXECUTIVE LIAISON OFFICERS (ELOs) and COMMITTEE CHAIRS





## Institute News

### 46th Annual Accountants' Conference



**THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA**  
(Established by the Act of parliament No 15 of 1965)

**46th**  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTANTS' CONFERENCE

Theme:  
**Accountability. Now. Nigeria**

**October 10-14, 2016**  
International Conference Centre and Sheraton Abuja Hotel, Abuja



Visit [www.icanig.org/aac](http://www.icanig.org/aac) for details

### The Doyen of Accounting in Nigeria – Mr. Akintola Williams celebrates 97th Birthday. ICAN launches Akintola Williams Foundation in celebration!



Mrs. Toyin Olakunri, the first female chartered accountant in Nigeria will serve as the chair.

**Objectives of the foundation include:**

- 1) To promote and advance education in the areas of professional Accountancy, Information Technology, Music Arts and Culture;
- 2) To organise annual lectures on topical issues and promote public policy discussions;
- 3) To institute scholarship award on merit or need basis, to intelligent and or indigent students of the institute.

DISTRICT CHAIR AT DINNER WITH ELOs, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES

#### OUR SPONSORS



## District Calendar of Activities

	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
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2		USA Conf						*	
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10					*2nd Breakfast Mtg				
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12			Annual Accountants Conference Abuja						
13	Pinic in the Park								
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23		*Seminar @ High Commission							
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26	Gen Mtg			ADD					
27						Gen Mtg			AGM
28			Gen Mtg & Evening Outing						
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### Happy Birthday to AUGUST Celebrants!

Mr. Samie Agiri

Mr. Adebayo Fagbenro

Mr. Taiwo Gbadamosi

Mr. Henry Okoli

### Annual Dinner & Dance

**DATE:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**VENUE:** Crowne Plaza Docklands

**TIME:** 6.00pm – Midnight

**TICKET:**

- **Members Rate** £55 (£100 for 2 tickets); **Non-members** £60
- Parking is free

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Great Britain came 2nd in Rio Olympics with 67 medals: 27 Gold, 23 Silver and 17 Bronze – a landmark achievement!



Nigeria came 78th with one Bronze medal which was won the prestigious Olympic Football tournament.

Nigeria can learn from the impact of lottery funding on Great Britain's success.

The Acting High Commissioner of the Nigeria High Commission – London (Mr. Adah Simon Ogah) and The Chair of ICAN UK & District Society (Mr. Funso Ajayi) during courtesy call to the NHC.

