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Concept Note

On

The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children within the African Family Unit (emphasis on Nigeria)

A Conference focusing on the African response to impact of domestic abuse on children by engagement and participation of key stakeholders in Promoting Safety for Children within the African Continent with emphasis on Nigeria under the framework of the International Women's Day

Virtually every year since 1911 when it was first held, the International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 of March. The occasion is used to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day. Power to Choose Nigeria in partnership with Nchekwa Oha took the decision to take forward the theme of IWD 2018 which is **#PressForProgress#**, by bringing together relevant African stakeholders in promoting the general welfare of children. The focus of this summit will aid all relevant stakeholders in having a coordinated response to the impact of domestic abuse on children within the African Family unit. The summit will aim to Press for Progress in light of relevant legislations available in many different African countries with particular emphasis on Nigeria in ending domestic abuse on children. Power to Choose Nigeria and Nchekwa Oha are calling all participants in the conference to identify the key issues, the solution to the issues; the implementation of the solutions; the sustainability of the solutions and the on-

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going structure in evaluating the articulated solution thus safeguarding the general welfare of children within their homes.

SUMMIT PERTINENCE

There are some who will argue that over the years the African Social Welfare Structure has made significant progress. However, in reality for the African nations are still far behind when compared with their western counterparts. One will want to question why these vast disparities exist between African and Western nations. Having good understanding around the social welfare structure of the African nations will support any intervention to be implemented in supporting children who are victims of domestic abuse. Therefore, under the auspices of the theme of International Women’s Summit 2018, Power To Choose in partnership with Nchekwa Oha are calling for all stakeholders to work together for a common purpose towards eradication of domestic abuse on children.

The founder for Nchekwa Oha Advocacy Foundation and co-founder of Power to Choose Megan Clement summed up the essence of 2018 summit as follows:

“Together as Professionals, we need to recognise the differences that exist between us, and find ways to bridge the gap that will enable all Stakeholders to work together in eradicating Domestic Abuse and its Impact on Children and their guardians”.

SUMMIT THEME

The general theme for the 2018 International Women’s Day is **#PressForProgress#**. Keying into that, Power to Choose Nigeria and Nchekwa Oha have proposed to give theirs its unique slant and has opted for the following specific theme: **The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children within the African Family Unit (emphasis on Nigeria)**

AIM OF THE SUMMIT

The summit aims to bring the Stakeholders of African Nations to articulate the problem, identify the solution, identify ways of implementing the solution, sustainability of the solutions and ways to evaluate the success of the solutions within the African Nations with emphasis on Nigeria.

MODE OF DELIVERY

Presentations from Key speakers and Deliberation from all Participants.

Confirmed KEY SPEAKERS

- Atteh Festus Olusegun (Keynote Speaker) – Permanent Mission Nigeria, Vienna, Austria
- Hon. Dr. Collins Nweke – Honorable Member in Belgium Council
- Evelyn Azih – Educational and Business Consultant



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- Prof. Jo Ukaemenam – Professor in Criminology, UK
- Fela Bright – Coordinator International Federation of Social Workers (ECOWAS)
- Dr. Monica Emmanuel – CEO of Moniques Glocal Community Initiative (MGCI)
- Olajide Fashikun – Child Psychiatrist and Parenting Expert

SUMMIT FRAMEWORK

The summit is being arranged in 5 clusters:

- Articulation of the problem
- Identification of the solution
- Identifying ways of implementing the solution
- Sustainability of the solutions
- Ways to evaluate the success of the solutions

TARGET PARTICIPANTS for the CONFERENCE

- Decision Makers within these organisations:
 - Education - Teachers
 - Legal Practitioners
 - Police
 - Researchers
 - Social Workers Educators
 - NGOs
 - Medical Practitioners – Doctors, Nurses etc.
 - Politicians
 - University
 - Social Welfare Regulators
 - Religious Groups

POST-SUMMIT ACROSS AFRICA

The ultimate output will be Power to Choose supporting the Welfare Department in establishing coordinated services among all stakeholders with particular emphasis on development and regulation of services for children who are victims of domestic abuse and their primary guardians.

Power to Choose Nigeria will aim to support other NGOs in the development of their services in line to government regulations bearing in mind the international accepted practices in this area of work.



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Power to Choose Nigeria will aim to support researchers in identifying potential areas in need of more knowledge by sponsoring studies in relation to domestic abuse on children and their guardians.

Power to Choose Nigeria will aim to support universities in developing programs for students that want to study social work or train on domestic abuse.

Power to Choose Nigeria will aim to support different stakeholders with effective domestic abuse training with particular emphasis to police and teachers.

Power to Choose will aim to develop an on-going forum at continental, national and regional level across Africa and the objective will be evaluating practice across each community in Africa.

SUMMIT TIME, DATE and VENUE

The summit is being facilitated by Nchekwa Oha Advocacy Foundation in conjunction with Power To Choose Nigeria with support of different stakeholders including African Diaspora organizations.

Time: 8am to 6pm

Date: 7th March 2018

Venue: Fidelma Hotel, Independence Layout, Enugu, Enugu State.

Time: 8am to 4pm

Date: 8th March 2018

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All Participants MUST register on or before 24th of February 2018, to enable the host to make adequate provision for all.

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