

# **SPACES FOR CHANGE**



**2016 Annual Report**

# Foreword



Through research, policy analysis, public advocacy, youth engagement, public interest litigation and community action, SPACES FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE (SPACES FOR CHANGE| S4C) works to increase the participation of Nigerian youth, women and communities in the development of social and economic policy, and also help public authorities and corporate entities to put a human rights approach at the heart of their decision-making.

Looking back on 2016, it was a year of research action, policy engagement and community empowerment. Our research on the energy and urban sectors which we conducted both independently and in collaboration with local and international research institutions, helped to advance the reform debates, and expand the spaces for the often-excluded target groups to get involved in setting and reshaping policy direction and outcomes.

We are grateful to many individuals and organizations who share our passion and support the work we do. We share the report of our activities in 2016 and extend our appreciation to our staff, partners, donors, members of S4C online networks whose support throughout the year afforded many successes.

*Thank You!*

VICTORIA OHAERI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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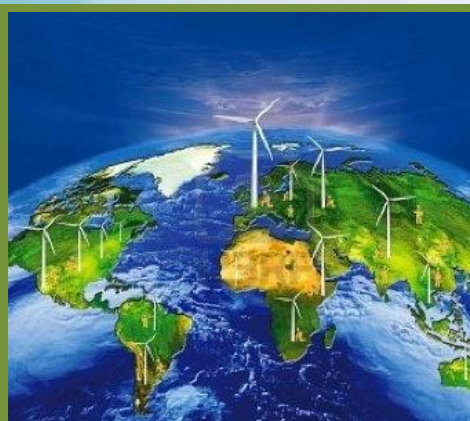
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## “Women clamor for cleaner cooking fuels”



### ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Spaces for Change's Women-Kitchen-Energy (WKE) forum is a platform for participatory action research targeting low-income women in rural areas and urban slums, to understand how they use, access and experience energy for cooking and lighting, including for other domestic and non-domestic purposes.

Under the auspices of the organization's gender and energy research, S4C researchers conducted fact-finding visits to several filling stations across Lagos State to understand consumer attitudes towards frequent price changes for predominantly-used cooking fuels (such as kerosene and LPG). Long queues with many women holding jerry cans, some with infants strapped to their backs, tell the stories of women's clamor for cleaner cooking fuels. Important exchanges and findings at such sites inspire the WKE forum.

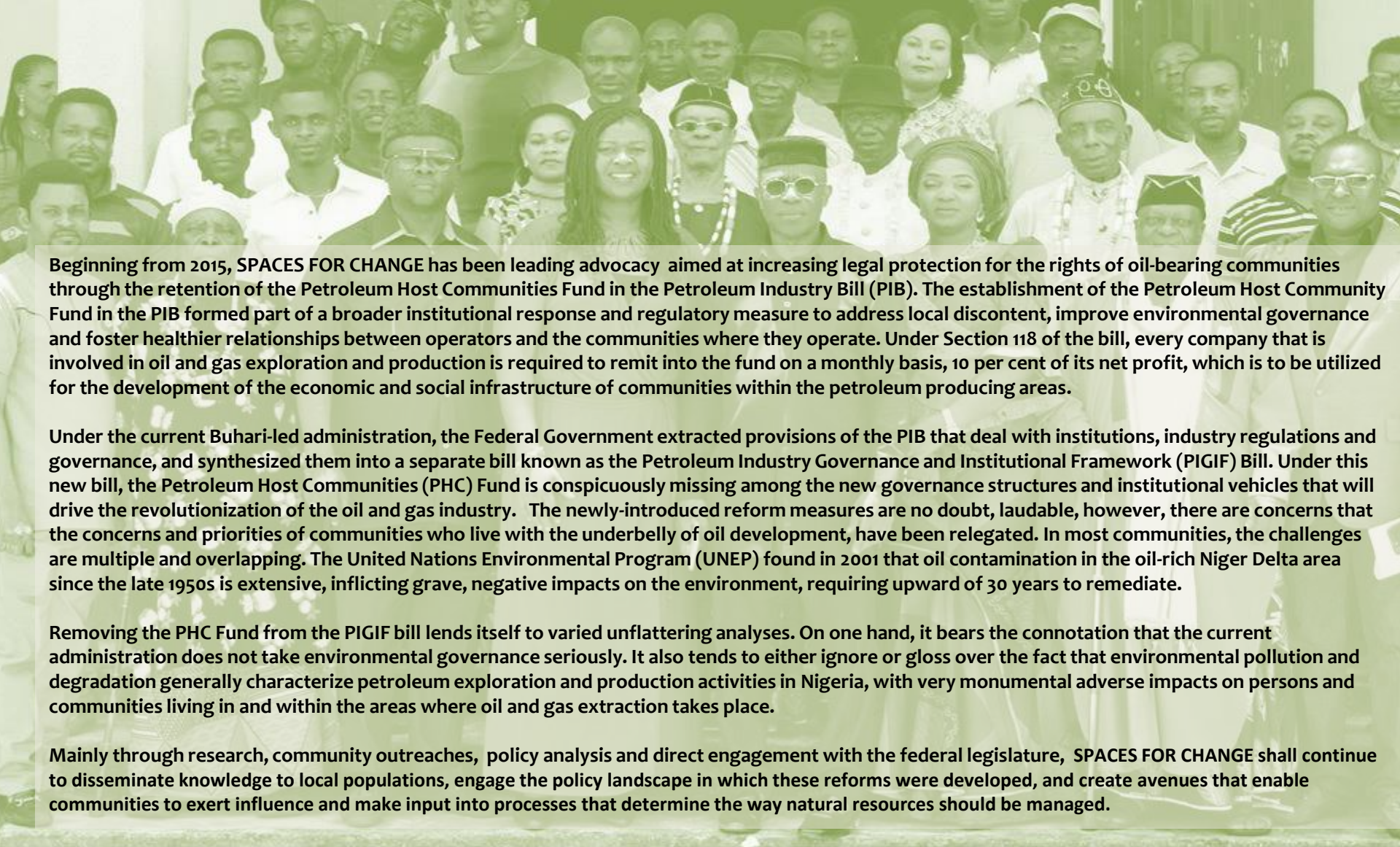
Through the WKE, Spaces for Change increases target group's understanding of how they are directly and indirectly impacted by energy subsidy reforms.



In Badia and Ebutte Metta communities in Lagos State, and in Uzoagba, Ikeduru Local Government Area (LGA), Imo State, S4C has studied the potentials that exist for rural women to switch from traditional biomass to cleaner cooking fuels. This is necessary for informing policy interventions for promoting women's transition to cleaner energy in rural and urban areas.



# BRING BACK THE PETROLEUM HOST COMMUNITIES FUND



Beginning from 2015, SPACES FOR CHANGE has been leading advocacy aimed at increasing legal protection for the rights of oil-bearing communities through the retention of the Petroleum Host Communities Fund in the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB). The establishment of the Petroleum Host Community Fund in the PIB formed part of a broader institutional response and regulatory measure to address local discontent, improve environmental governance and foster healthier relationships between operators and the communities where they operate. Under Section 118 of the bill, every company that is involved in oil and gas exploration and production is required to remit into the fund on a monthly basis, 10 per cent of its net profit, which is to be utilized for the development of the economic and social infrastructure of communities within the petroleum producing areas.

Under the current Buhari-led administration, the Federal Government extracted provisions of the PIB that deal with institutions, industry regulations and governance, and synthesized them into a separate bill known as the Petroleum Industry Governance and Institutional Framework (PIGIF) Bill. Under this new bill, the Petroleum Host Communities (PHC) Fund is conspicuously missing among the new governance structures and institutional vehicles that will drive the revolutionization of the oil and gas industry. The newly-introduced reform measures are no doubt, laudable, however, there are concerns that the concerns and priorities of communities who live with the underbelly of oil development, have been relegated. In most communities, the challenges are multiple and overlapping. The United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) found in 2001 that oil contamination in the oil-rich Niger Delta area since the late 1950s is extensive, inflicting grave, negative impacts on the environment, requiring upward of 30 years to remediate.

Removing the PHC Fund from the PIGIF bill lends itself to varied unflattering analyses. On one hand, it bears the connotation that the current administration does not take environmental governance seriously. It also tends to either ignore or gloss over the fact that environmental pollution and degradation generally characterize petroleum exploration and production activities in Nigeria, with very monumental adverse impacts on persons and communities living in and within the areas where oil and gas extraction takes place.

Mainly through research, community outreaches, policy analysis and direct engagement with the federal legislature, SPACES FOR CHANGE shall continue to disseminate knowledge to local populations, engage the policy landscape in which these reforms were developed, and create avenues that enable communities to exert influence and make input into processes that determine the way natural resources should be managed.

## OIL PRODUCING COMMUNITIES' WORKSHOP ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY GOVERNANCE BILL



*Expatriating on PIGB provisions at Ibeno.*

How can local communities gain more control and make input into natural resource management? And with the resurgence of violent militant activities in the oil-rich Niger Delta region of Nigeria, lowering oil production and Nigeria's revenue earnings, how can local leaders resolve conflicts through policy-based negotiations for increased benefits to the region such as social programs, community projects and physical infrastructure? These questions framed conversations on August 2016, when S4C's advocacy train moved to Ibeno Local Government Area of Akwa-

Ibom State, the host community of Exxon Mobil.

Over 50 years of oil exploration and exploitation have occasioned environmental degradation, pollution, poverty, unemployment, health hazards and countless deaths of hapless inhabitants. There, we educated indigenous women, youth, traditional rulers, and local government representatives on the provisions of the PIGB.

Recognizing participation as integral to realizing social and economic development in Nigeria, SPACES FOR CHANGE initiated public discussions with local leaders in the grossly under-developed Niger Delta region, to increase their awareness of the latest developments in the ongoing energy sector reforms, and apprise them of the benefits of certain policy measures that they can invoke to maximize social welfare in their communities.

## 'PIGB' public hearing presentation

Building on feedback from the engagement with oil-producing communities and other stakeholders, Spaces for Change developed and presented a policy memorandum to the Senate Joint Committee on the Petroleum Industry Bill, highlighting proposals for energy sector reform. Our memorandum to the Upper Chambers of the Nigerian federal legislature advocated five key issues for parliamentary reconsideration:

- Address women's under-representation in energy sector decision-making
- Establish Host Communities Fund to improve community participation and environmental protection
- Check the powers of the petroleum minister
- Enhance independence of regulatory agencies and new entities
- Foster public participation in oil sector governance.

## **NEW CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NEITI BOARD EMERGE**

New civil society representatives were voted into the Board of the National Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in December 2016. The successful candidates were selected from among 45 candidates shortlisted from a pool of 96 nominations that the Selection Committee received. SPACES FOR CHANGE's Victoria Ohaeri chaired the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee sought nominations from a broad spectrum of civil society stakeholders to fill the four (4) openings in the Board. In shortlisting candidates, nominations were grouped into four (4) categories: Youth, Women, Niger Delta and the General Advocacy. Every nomination for an individual was entered as a single entry and names that appeared multiple times were entered as a single entry under one category. The Selection Committee further adopted a number of obligatory qualification criteria such as: Strong knowledge of human rights principles relating to extractives; attendance at meetings; consultation and engagement with key stakeholders without conflict of interest.#

Only 4 of the 10 top vote getters who satisfied ALL the listed criteria and also achieved a minimum of 2% or more of the vote within the respective category were selected.

## **FOI REQUEST: S4C DEMANDS DISCLOSURE OF OVER-RECOVERY EARNINGS ON PMS AND HHK**

SPACES FOR CHANGE submitted an FOI request to the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA), requesting for the status of over-recovery earnings on premium motor spirit (PMS) and household kerosene (HHK). Substantiated media reports, including the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency's (PPPRA's) pricing template, showed that following the revision of the petroleum products pricing template, the Nigerian government was already making N13.81 on every litre of petrol as at Tuesday, February 16, 2016. While the federal government had reportedly saved N2.6 billion in six weeks as a result of the price modulations, the amount realized from over-recovery remained unknown and undisclosed.

In light of the foregoing, we demanded that the PPPRA provide details of the earnings generated from negative subsidy on PMS and HHK, the periodic disclosure of the funds realized from over-recovery as is the case with subsidy savings on PMS and HHK and that we be furnished with relevant documents, reports and other supporting documentation that will elucidate the extent of savings made so far, as a result of the products' price reviews.





*Launched in April 2016, 'Petrofacts' Nigeria is an online advocacy tool developed by S4C, offering tidbits on the petroleum sector using info-graphics to reach wider audiences on social media.*

## E-CONFERENCE: INTERROGATING POWER SECTOR TARIFF REGIME

Through our e-conferencing system, we bring together diverse stakeholders to discuss issues of national importance. The February 2016 e-conference on "Electricity Tariffs Hike Disputes: The Issues Within" interrogated the new tariff regime set by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) which sparked protests by labor unions.



Among other reasons, labor leaders protested the non-consultation of stakeholders as required statutorily, NERC's non-compliance with court orders by NERC and the DISCO's perceived preference for estimated billing. Spaces for Change's e-conference brought together the Trade Union Congress (TUC) Chairman of Rivers State Chapter, Mr. Chika Onuegbu, and the 11, 200 members of Spaces for Change's Discussion Forum on Facebook. E-conference debates and conversations enables us to transform data crowdsourced online into offline advocacy action.



# Picture Stories



At the June 16, 2016 World Bank's workshop on the poverty and social impact analysis (PSIA) of power sector reforms in Nigeria, S4C commented on the effects fossil fuel subsidy reform could have on the proposals for improving men and women's access to electricity services. The meeting brought together policy makers, civil society groups, development practitioners, researchers, local and international energy policy analysts from leading public and private institutions



S4C joined other panelists to discuss the legal and regulatory impediments to states' exploitation of solid mineral resources on Sunday, January 24, 2016 on Radio Continental, 102.3 FM Radio, Lagos. This discussion came on the heels of a statement credited to Dr. Kayode Fayemi, the minister of Mines and Steel Development who declared that state governments in Nigeria are now free to explore and exploit the mineral resources in their domains. The power vested on state governors by Section 1 of the Land Use Act, 1978, to hold land in trust and administer for the use and common benefit of all Nigerians, does not extend to the extraction of solid minerals on the bedrock of the soil.



Victoria Ohaeri, the executive director of S4C made a keynote address at the #MakeEconomicGrowthWorkforWomen Stakeholders' Forum held on July 29, 2016 in Lagos. The Centre for Public Policy Alternatives (CPPA) Nigeria organized the forum as part of its IDRC GroW (Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women) Project in Nigeria and Ghana, with support from DFID.



ENERGIA, the international network on gender and sustainable energy, in its May 2016 newsletter, features S4Cenergy and gender research in Nigeria. S4C, along with project partners' research focuses on understanding the way energy subsidy policies and reforms do or do not bring about improved access to cooking and lighting fuels - liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), kerosene and electricity - and what this means for women in low-income households.



S4C prepared a Policy Brief on Kerosene Subsidy Reform and the Burden of Supply- Ending Kerosene Pricing and Supply Gaps. The brief notes that removing subsidy on kerosene is not enough; though necessary to reduce the fiscal burden of fuel subsidy on the government deficit, it that subsidy reform, without governance strengthening, ... is a journey towards ineffectuality.

## HOUSING & URBAN GOVERNANCE

### RESEARCH ON URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED DISPLACEMENT BEGINS

S4C commenced an urban sector research in collaboration with the Bartlett Development Planning Unit of the University College London (UCL-DPU). The research aims to understand how engagement between civil society groups and planners in Nigerian cities can protect the interests of the poor in the context of urban infrastructure development. This research project is part of the 'Urbanisation Research Nigeria' (URN) programme, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The coordinating team comprising UCL-DPU, Spaces for Change, Department of Urban Studies at University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State



are identifying and profiling cases in which engagement between planners and urban residents affected by displacement appears to have had some measure of success in protecting the interests of more vulnerable groups of citizens, and exploring the governance and arrangements and citizens claims which gave rise to these successes. We want to understand what worked, how they did it and how to replicate those best practices across the board.

### The Abuja Declaration: UNHABITAT Africa Regional Conference

S4C joined advocates, urban experts, city managers, urban policy makers, activists and political leaders drawn from 52 African nations at the UNHABITAT Africa Regional Conference on Habitat III held in Abuja, Nigeria, between February 24-26, 2016. Seven priorities areas – christened the Abuja Declaration – were unanimously adopted as core issues requiring strategic intervention which African nations must tackle in order to address Africa's housing deficit. One such priority area is "the enhancement of people-centred urban and human settlements through access to affordable and adequate basic services, housing and land, urban safety and security, and upgrading of slums."

## UNHABITAT : THE ABUJA DECLARATIONS

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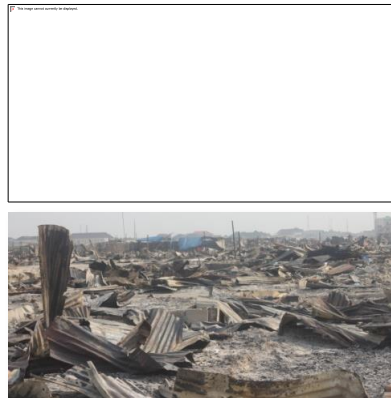
## ENHANCING RESPONSIBLE LAND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA

S4C’s Ndutim Enang joined development practitioners and land rights advocates from all over Africa at the two-day international conference on LAND GOVERNANCE organized by the African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Kenya. The conference held on November 23-24, 2016, responds to the growing interest in land tenure regularization by many African countries and their development partners. During discussions, panelists shared country experiences and at the plenary sessions, participants reviewed, critiqued and further enriched the Centre’s draft “Guidelines For Gender in Land Tenure Reforms in Africa”, drawn from studies showing that ... the majority of women do not own the lands they live and farm on.

Ms. Enang participated in the discussions elaborating on the need for the rights of women to land to be acknowledged ... within the contexts of their local customs and in consonance with national law. She shared Spaces for Change’s experiences and documentations ... policy engagements around urban land reform, and increasing housing delivery to the urban poor. The review reports presented at the end of the sessions hope to build on the shared best practices in order to amplify the use, ownership and access rights of landholding communities, women and other vulnerable groups, more effectively.



## STOP FORCED EVICTIONS, S4C URGES GOVERNOR AMBODE!



Days after it convened a joint press briefing demanding an end to forced evictions in Lagos State, Spaces for Change petitioned the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode on November 15, 2016, urging him to launch an independent enquiry into the fire incident in Otodo-Gbame waterfront community in Eti-osa Local Government Area of Lagos State. We also urged Lagos Governor Ambode to stop the continuing destruction of lives and properties in Lagos waterfront communities. Beginning from the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, the residents of Otodo-Gbame fishing community came under heavy attack from vandals, arsonists, and security operatives who brutalized and forcefully evicted them from the land they have occupied for many years. Tens of thousands have already been displaced and many more face the risk of homelessness. S4C continues to advocate for the displaced.

## BADIA EVICTIONS: FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LANDS...WADES IN

In response to S4C-led advocacy on behalf of the evicted community in Badia, the Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development sent a high-powered delegation to visit the demolished site of Ijora Badia East on Thursday, January 28, 2016. The delegation pledged their commitment to ensure an amicable resolution of issues and interests on the land. The leader of the delegation, Mr. Mr. Agboa, stated that identifying the exact expanse of land in Ijora Badia under Federal Government control was a necessary first step towards the resolution of the conflict. In October 2015, S4C requested for a copy of the survey plan, land demarcation surveys and aerial maps showing the boundaries between the portions of land in Ijora that is still under the control of the Nigerian Railway, and those that are privately-owned by the Ojora Chieftaincy. Spaces for Change continues to follow-up and take concrete action to secure the quick resolution of the multifaceted issues arising from the displacement of the community.

## Empowering Workshop on Landlord and Tenant Relationships



S4C's one-day sensitization workshop on "*Landlord and Tenant Relationships*" benefitted 22 landlords in Ebute-Metta, Lagos Mainland area of Lagos State. With many overcrowded housing facilities dotting the very dense informal settlements in Ebute Metta, landlord-tenant infractions are routine, and form the bulk of the legal assistance requests Spaces for Change receives on a regular basis. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Rural and Urban Development Initiative (RUDI).

In attendance at the workshop included the Baale Idir of Ebute Metta and notable community chiefs. S4C's legal officers Aizighode Obinyan (BL '08) and Godwin Ogla (BL '12) sensitized participants on the applicable legal rules governing forms of rental contracts, tenancy agreements, issuance of adequate notices, duties and responsibilities of parties to a tenancy agreement, recovery of premises and so forth. In response to these concerns, S4C legal representatives exhaustively discussed the Tenancy Law of 2011, with special focus on the provisions imposing a duty on the landlord to effect major repairs on the premises. Participants received free news bulletins and leaflets highlighting the concerning issues and the operative laws in force that govern them.

## S4C SPEAKS AT LAGOS HOUSING FAIR

Focusing attention on local content in the provision of housing is the theme of the 2016 Lagos Housing Fair (LHF) held in Lagos. Spaces for Change's Head of Advocacy, Ms. Aizighode Obinyan announced the commencement of the organization's collaborative research with University College London on urban infrastructure-related displacement in Nigeria. In order to translate the research goals into action, building strategic partnerships with key stakeholders in the land and housing sector is a necessary step. Apparently, S4C's statement gives effect to the importance of developing multi-stakeholder partnerships in research engagements and urban policy reform.

The event brought together city planners, urban experts, state officials, exhibitors, and manufacturers of local building products in Nigeria. LHF's core objective is premised on the National Housing Policy of 2011, which aims to hasten the development of appropriate capacities to achieve sufficiency in the production of basic building materials and components of acceptable qualities from local sources. For 15 years, the Fair has been a veritable avenue to create awareness on designs and indigenous materials in housing construction.

## Picture Stories



In May 2016, SPACES FOR CHANGE filed a lawsuit to challenge the September 18, 2015 forced evictions and demolitions in Badia-East community which rendered thousands of families homeless at the peak of the torrential rainfall. With the free legal support from SPACES FOR CHANGE, Badia evictees are determined to enforce their fundamental human rights to human dignity, fair hearing, liberty, property, and privacy, guaranteed under sections 34, 35, 36(1), 43 and 46 (1) & (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Beyond offering free legal representation to Badia evictees, Spaces for Change has been working together with the community and other concerned groups to advocate for justice, compensation and resettlement. S4C's avowed commitment to the pursuit of justice has seen it initiate several meetings and public engagements with both state and federal government departments.



In conjunction with other civil society groups, S4C convened a Press Briefing in direct response to the Lagos State Government's executive order for the demolition of densely-populated informal settlements along the creeks and waterfronts in the state. The groups called for a halt to the government's demolition plans until meaningful engagement is had with stakeholders and adequate housing provided for all that would be affected.

S4C stands in solidarity with retired lecturers, professors and administrators of Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education (AICE) Owerri, Imo State who are under threat of eviction by Governor Rochas Okorocha. On Saturday, 23 January 2016, demolition officials acting on the orders of the State Governor, invaded Alvan Staff Quarters where the retirees live. They were accompanied by heavily-armed security operatives, and bulldozers. Pensioners watched as the bulldozers threatened to destroy their homes.



'Street Trading and the Law' was the topic of the legal workshop organized by S4C to enlighten the public and members of the Federation of Informal Workers of Nigeria (FIWON) on the provisions of Lagos state street trading laws, existing obligations as well as social and economic rights. We also signed a joint Press Statement condemning government ban on street trading and the military-style crackdown on informal sector workers and street traders in very strong terms, describing it as "anti-poor, anti-people and capable of further impoverishing the urban poor"...



## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND THE LAW IN NIGERIA: RESEARCH ON FAMILY LAW

S4C commenced an 'Advocacy Based Research on Family Law Reform to Challenge Gender-based Violence' to comprehend why domestic gender-based violence, persists in Nigeria despite the plethora of laws and policies that are in place to address them.

This was implemented under the auspices of a cross-cutting program of policy research support from the United States based Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace (WLP).

In ascertaining how reforms could be best structured to effectively protect women and ensuring that they fully benefit from legislative reforms, it is important to understand

the increasing vulnerabilities women face despite legislative reform initiatives, policies, and international human rights treaties which Nigeria has ratified.

In the course of the research, Spaces for Change staff paid a courtesy call on the officials of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT) at their Lagos office on December 7, 2016. The agency operates a Public-Private-Partnership comprised of several bodies including the Nigeria Police, Office of the Public Defender, State Ministry of Justice, non-governmental organizations (such as the Mirabel Centre), among others. They discussed the plans underway to push for policy changes based on evidence-based research findings.

## SECURITY & CONFLICT

### EXAMINING OVERSIGHT REGIMES IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR

In November 2016, Spaces for Change received a grant from Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) in support of an advanced legal research on closing spaces for civil society operations in Nigeria. The research focuses on the generation of in-depth evidence on the (in)adequacy of the legislative and regulatory systems for preventing the exploitation of charitable resources in Nigeria through money laundering and financing of terrorism. It will also generate evidence on the deleterious impacts of the tightening environment for civil society, including the restrictions on fundamental rights of expression and assembly.

### NATIONAL GRAZING ROUTES AND RESERVATION BILL 2016: PUBLIC DISCOURSE



Spaces for Change's legal opinions on the herdsman-farmers clashes were published in a number of national dailies. Drawing from these legal opinions, the organization moderated public discussions on the menace ravaging several states, while interrogating the Federal government's plans to use the force of legislation to establish grazing reserves and routes across the country.

S4C's recommendations include the setting up of an elaborate specialised dispute resolution mechanism that would obviate the desire of feuding parties to resort to violent self-help to settle their grievances. The proposed grazing commission should rather negotiate for long leases where the communities still retain the reversionary interests in the acquired land.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Through support from Spaces for Change, the youth living in Ajeromi Community at Badia-East, are using arts, music, dance, drama, skills acquisition and other positive initiatives to challenge popular narratives that label them as *criminals, hoodlums, miscreants*. They knew that if they didn't do anything about the negative tags attached to them and their hovels, the threats of forced evictions and forced displacements will likely never end.

Many displayed messages that depict the work that they do. For instance: *"My name is Ophelia. I am 35 years old. I am a fashion designer. I made this dress I am wearing today. I live in Badia. I am not a miscreant."*



Another inscription read: *"My name is DJ Osh. I dance, rap and entertain. I am 36 years old. I live in Badia-East. I am not a criminal."*














Showcasing their wares such as craft and bead works, fashion designs, DJ bands, singing and dancing exercises, talent shows, the youth in Badia East came out en masse on March 30 to affirm that they shun violence and crime. Through these displays, they demonstrated their commitment to rebuild their lives, and draw public attention to their brave struggle for survival despite the daunting challenges they face everyday.



## ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

## KEY PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

We appreciate the support and cooperation of our esteemed donors, research and project partners whose invaluable contributions have over the years helped us succeed. In 2016, we were proud to add the following organizations to our list of research partners and donors:

-  African Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development
-  Barlett Department of Planning Unit, University College London
-  Energia (International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy)
-  European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL)
-  Fund for Global Human Rights (FGHR)
-  Global Subsidies Initiative
-  Heinrich Boll Stiftung Foundation (Nigeria)
-  International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
-  Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Community Innovators Lab
-  Open Society Foundation/Human Rights Initiative
-  Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)
-  United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Global Energy Team, Istanbul Regional Hub
-  Women's Learning Partnership (WLP), USA

## CSO-SPACE: PARTNERING FOR CSO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA



S4C and partnering organizations facilitated a special panel session on **Civil Society Organizations: Synergies, Partnership and Amplified Civic Engagements (CSO-SPACE Nigeria)** held at the international conference of the Association for Research on Civil Society in Africa (AROCSA). The Association for Research on Non-Profit Organisations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), with support from the Ford Foundation, organized the 3-day conference in Lagos, between May 19-21, 2016, to create a platform for knowledge-generation, meaningful interactions and collaborative action among African scholars, researchers, practitioners, business and policy makers propelling development on the continent.

## OFFICE RELOCATION & IN-HOUSE CAPACITY BUILDING



To accommodate our growing staff strength, serve our target audiences better, and effectively respond to the needs of our increasing number of client communities, S4C moved into a bigger office space, instilling energy into team members.








The office located at 7, Independence Street (1st Floor), Anifowoshe, Ikeja, Lagos state consists of a 26-seat conference room, spacious rooms for staff and management, as well as a digital studio overlooking a long, breezy balcony. The Spacious facility enabled us hold larger meetings as well as in-house capacity building in the following areas:

- 📌 Research – Training conducted in 2016 targeted institutionalizing global best practice on referencing for intellectual property rights etc.
- 📌 Accounts – Key team members received technical training on finance management to meet donor requirements.
- 📌 Media Relations – Team members were trained on strategies that give an edge in advocacy (print and online) the competitive media horizon.



## ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF TARGET AUDIENCE

Here are some of the exciting new ways in which we grew in 2016:

-  Our research papers were presented at Nigeria's federal legislature, as well as national and international forums where urban and energy policy standards are conceptualized and monitored for implementation.
-  Our target audiences have tripled from what it used to be. We extended the reach of the organization's advocacy on environmental justice to 11 new communities in the Niger Delta region.
-  We witnessed a rise in government policy departments, media organizations, local and international civil society and research institutions seeking our views, opinions and collaboration around urban, energy and environmental issues.
-  S4C Director chaired NEITI CSO Board Selection Committee: This committee selected civil society representatives on the Board of the National Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
-  S4C's Victoria Ohaeri, Esq. became a Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow with a continent-wide network of mentors.
-  Recruitment of Godwin Ogla, Fisayo Ajala, and Aizighode Obinyan in 2016 strengthened work in litigation, research, advocacy & administration departments.
-  Several administrators have been enlisted to manage the organization's social media platforms giving the group members and public a better experience. With your support, we can do more!







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## MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

During the year, one of the ways S4C grew her audience was by continually engaging with the public through media chats, press briefings and as special guests on radio and television programs which were broadcast to millions of Nigerian homes. A number of our policy statements and publications were published in online and print publications read by thousands of Nigerians. S4C maintains strong media ties with radio and television Stations like TV Continental (Radio Continental), Channels TV, Silverbird TV, Sahara TV etc. Below are links to some videos amongst featuring S4C's views on Energy and Climate Change as well as Housing & Urban Justice



[CLICK HERE: Fuel price increases not backed by any meaningful engagement with Nigerians](#)



### **S4C Launches Media Campaign Against Mass Evictions in**

**Lagos:** S4C-led advocacy for urban justice was featured on diverse news electronic and print platforms challenging demolitions in Lagos, and seeking redress through litigation, community organizing and media advocacy. [See videos here](#)

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