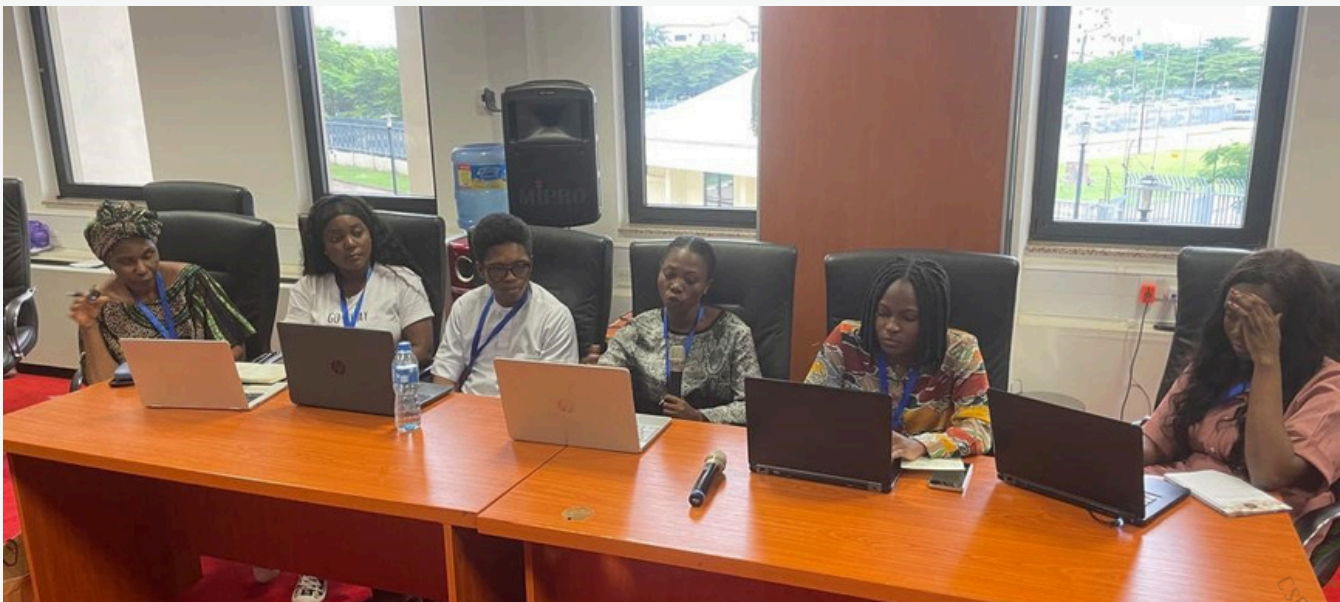


# CSONETMADE NEWSLETTER

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# CSONETMADE VISITS INSTITUTE OF PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (IPCR): BUILDING BRIDGES FOR PEACE AND COLLABORATION

DATE: April 17, 2024



On April 17th 2024, CSOnetMADE, alongside the Augustinian Centre for Advocacy, Justice and Peace (ACAJP), extended a warm courtesy visit to the Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR). Led by Dr. Emeka Obiezu, the delegation was warmly welcomed by Dr. Joseph Ochogwu, the Director General of IPCR.

The meeting, held in Dr. Ochogwu's office, focused on pivotal topics of peace-building, partnership, and collaboration. Both parties engaged in meaningful discussions aimed at fostering mutual understanding and exploring avenues for future cooperation. Notably, plans for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between IPCR and the visiting civil society organizations are currently underway.

This visit marks a significant step towards strengthening ties between CSOnetMADE, ACAJP, and IPCR, highlighting their shared commitment to advancing peace and development initiatives within our community.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to forge meaningful partnerships in pursuit of a more harmonious society.



# CSOINETMADE AT THE ABUJA REINTEGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: May 23, 2024

On May 23, 2024, representatives from CSOnetMADE joined key stakeholders at the Abuja Reintegration Committee Meeting held at the Reiz Continental Hotel. The event, organized by the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), focused on reviewing the previous quarter's reintegration activities, addressing emerging issues, and planning future actions.

The meeting featured opening remarks highlighting the challenges faced by migrants, including unsafe migration routes and high unemployment in Nigeria, with NCFRMI addressing the nation's 33 million unemployed individuals. GIZ announced the extension of their programs for another three years and emphasized the importance of regional stakeholder engagement and inclusivity, particularly for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

Attendees adopted the report from the previous meeting. GIZ presented updates on ongoing initiatives, including skills development programs and collaborations with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment. Other organizations, such as IRARA, ITF, and CYID, shared their progress and insights.

The committee proposed key recommendations, including the formation of a funding committee to attract resources and the development of a new work plan for future meetings. Mr. Simon Idoko was appointed Co-Chair for the North Central Zone of the Reintegration Committees. The meeting concluded with a look ahead to the Working Group on Return and Readmission and Reintegration Meeting (WGRRR) set for May 30-31, 2024.

# CSONETMADE JOINS PUSH FOR A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE

DATE: July 3, 2024

On July 3, 2024, the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), in collaboration with the United Nations, organized a critical national stakeholder consultation at the UN House Auditorium, where CSOnetMADE was in attendance. The event, attracted prominent figures such as Dr. Joseph Ochogwu, Director General of IPCR, Dr. Chris Ngwodo from the Office for Strategic Preparedness and Resilience, and Dr. Kimairis Toogood, the UN Peace and Development Advisor in Nigeria.

Dr. Ochogwu kicked off the meeting with a compelling welcome address, highlighting the critical need for unified efforts to tackle global challenges and promote peace ahead of the Summit for the Future scheduled for September 2024. Dr. Toogood provided an insightful overview of the New Agenda for Peace, emphasizing its focus on prevention, peacekeeping, and leveraging technology for peace.

In a powerful keynote speech, Dr. Ngwodo emphasized shifting the focus from mere conflict resolution to conflict prevention and transformation. A dynamic panel discussion followed, stressing that peace should also encompass access to livelihood like basic necessities, food, education, and justice.

The consultation aimed to engage diverse stakeholders in discussing Nigeria's potential contributions to international peace and security, while identifying key priorities and challenges.



# CSONETMADE AND NHRC JOIN FORCES TO PROTECT MIGRANT RIGHTS



DATE: July 25, 2024

CSONetMADE recently met with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to discuss a potential partnership on a new project called "**Strengthening Migrants Rights: Fostering Collaboration and Awareness in FCT, Nasarawa and Benue States**".

CSONetMADE was warmly welcomed by Jennifer Suoyo Aga, the Deputy Director of NHRC.

The project seeks to build on the success of the previous Migrants and Us Protection (MUP) project by addressing migrant exploitation, enhancing access to justice, and fostering social cohesion.

The NHRC expressed keen interest in the project, recognizing the need to address the rights of domestic migrants and refugees. Both organizations are optimistic about the potential impact of the collaboration and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) draft is currently under review by the NHRC's Executive Secretary and legal team.



# CSONETMADE ZONAL COORDINATORS GEAR UP FOR ELECTION SEASON

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DATE: July 30, 2024

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, CSOnetMADE held a virtual meeting with its state and zonal coordinators to discuss the upcoming elections. The meeting, hosted by Assistant Programs Officer Jide Afonja, included updates on recent activities, such as the annual Civil Society Forum (CSF) on internal migration in December 2023, the AGM meeting in 2023 where the decision to postpone the elections to 2024 was made and a post-CSF review meeting that mapped out advocacy plans for policy reform.

Jide reminded everyone about the upcoming election. He also outlined the criteria for eligibility, including having a physical address, a functional website and email, registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission, and evidence of migration-related activities for at least two years.

During the meeting, the coordinators highlighted the need for simplifying the membership process, discussed re-election possibilities, and emphasized better collaboration within the network.

The meeting ended with Jide expressing his gratitude to the coordinators for their service and encouraging them to stay actively involved in the network's activities.

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# NIGERIA AND GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION (GCM): STAKEHOLDERS DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

DATE: August 22-23, 2024

CSOnetMADE participated in the 2024 National High-Level Stakeholders Consultation on the GCM sub-regional and regional review. The two-day event evaluated Nigeria's GCM implementation, aiming to strengthen national engagement and optimize contributions for the upcoming regional reviews in September and October 2024.

The Diverse Stakeholders, ensuring active participation and inclusive dialogue, were drawn from Technical Working Group (TWG) members Government agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Private sector representatives and due to their relevance and expertise in migration issues.

Dr. Emeka Obiezu, CSOnetMADE's National Coordinator, served as a resource person, facilitating discussions. His extensive experience in migration at the national, regional, and international levels provided valuable insights into the consultation process. Rapporteurs drawn from CSOnetMADE did an excellent work in articulating the key findings of the review, highlighting successes and proposing practical recommendations.

The GCM, adopted by UN member states in 2018, mandates periodic reviews of its implementation. The review process, which involves state-led efforts and stakeholder participation, is conducted every four years at the international level, with the next forum scheduled for 2026.



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Regional reviews, held every two years, complement this process, with the upcoming one slated for October 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Additionally, sub-regional engagements, such as the ECOWAS meeting in early September, contribute to ensuring comprehensive GCM implementation.

Nigeria's participation in these reviews is vital, given the multifaceted nature of migration and Nigeria's position and role at different levels of migration governance. The outcomes of these consultations will shape Nigeria's stance in the sub-regional and regional forums, underlining the importance of this national stakeholder consultation in partnership with the UN Network on Migration.

The event featured a panel discussion moderated by Miss Mary Osato, focusing on Nigeria's role as a GCM champion country. Nigeria is one of the fifteen champion countries globally recognized for its commitment to the GCM. The panel was followed by an interactive Q&A session where stakeholders shared their views and provided input.

The national consultation in preparation for the regional review focused on the three thematic areas for the regional review:

1. Free movement and other ways to enhance regular migration pathways and predictability in migration procedures within the ECOWAS region

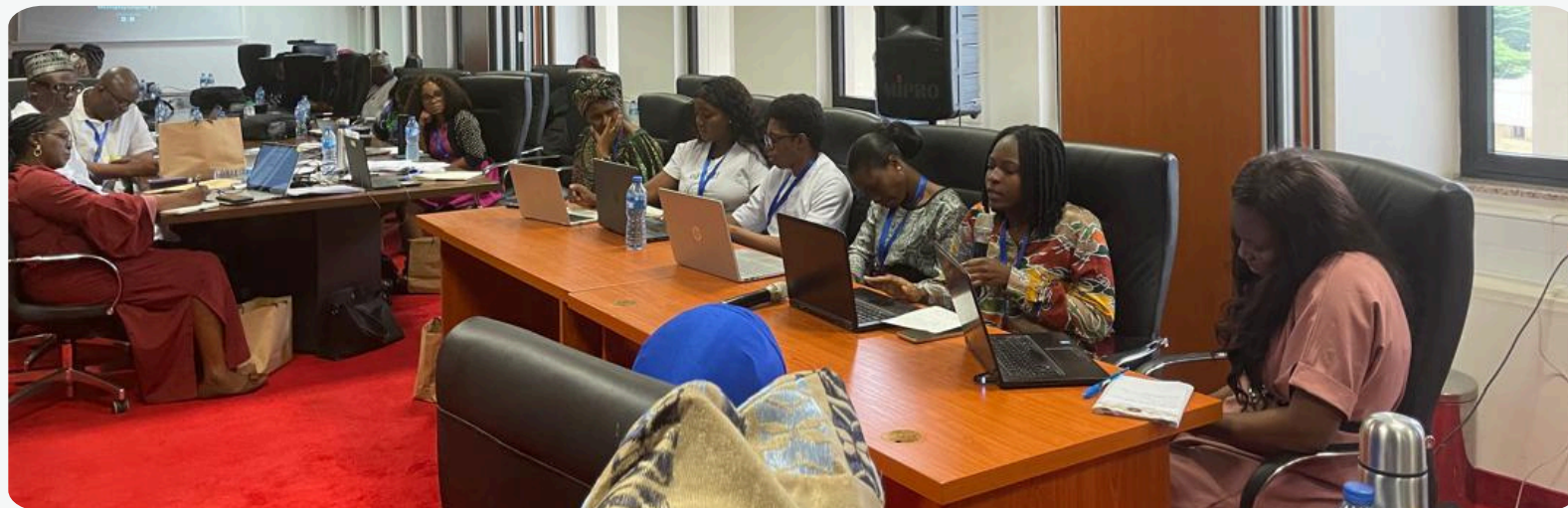




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- 2. Migration movements and protecting migrants including through integrated border management measures
- 3. Regional and national cooperation and partnership initiatives to advance on GCM objectives



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