The vision of the International Committee on Nigeria (ICON) is to create a community where rule of law guides every facet of societal interactions in Nigeria. ICON promotes religious freedom, human dignity, right to live, and protection of the vulnerable against ethnic and religious persecution.

Our Mission

standwithnigeria.org
Engagement & Action

Urgent action is needed because certain ethnic groups and religious faiths are being persecuted which threatens the stability of Africa's most important nation, Nigeria. Actions include:

- Engaging the United States Government on behalf of the victims and vulnerable people in Nigeria.
- Affirming Nigeria’s importance to the international community, notably the USA, UK and EU, by outlining political, religious, economic, and security developments that impact their bilateral relationship.
- Promoting actions that bring dialogue, transformation, and positive change.

Many thanks to our supporters for your continued confidence in ICON.
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What We Do:
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What We Are Doing:
ICON continues to help Nigeria by effectively engaging across various sectors in Washington D.C. to increase advocacy and accuracy in the U.S. and Nigeria. ICON gathers evidence, data, and reports to change the false narrative, arising from Nigeria—that there is only a simple “farmer vs. herder” conflict rather than an ongoing battle with Boko Haram and continuous threats to religious freedom and safety. We have seen measurable success in reaching those in D.C. and other nations, but we are now seeking to expand our effort to address those who promote this false narrative. We continually work to enhance our investigation, analyzation, and reporting, and as such, have developed several strategic partnerships to enhance these efforts.
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<td>JAN-DEC</td>
<td>Ongoing Participant (and Facilitator) IRF Roundtable</td>
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<td>Ongoing advocacy for “Special Envoy to Nigeria and Lake Chad Region” to Vice President Pence, Congress, Senate, and dedicated non-profits.</td>
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<td>FEB</td>
<td>“Global Coalition Working to Defeat Persecution and Violence in Nigeria”, hosted by ICON and 21Wilberforce.</td>
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<td>APR</td>
<td>Participated in drafting position letter to POTUS to engage President Buhari of Nigeria, “Nigeria Terrorist Violence Beyond Boko Haram.”</td>
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<td>MAY</td>
<td>Hosted “Terrorism in Nigeria” General (Ret) TY Danjuma, Governor Darius Ishaku at Heritage Foundation.</td>
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<td>NC / NJ / NY / TX</td>
<td>Hosted Town Hall meetings for mobilization with Nigerian Diaspora community members.</td>
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<td>Engagement with UK Parliament and House of Lords with Lord Alton and Bss. Cox.</td>
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<td>OCT</td>
<td>“Nigeria Critical Point Group Consultative Meeting” with International Organization of Peacebuilding and Social Justice (PSJ).</td>
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<td>Informational meeting “Solutions to Atrocities &amp; Human Rights Issues in Nigeria” with Nominee for Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights &amp; Labor, Professor Robert Destro.</td>
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<td>Dec</td>
<td>Co-hosted “March 4 Democracy” with PSJ and A New Nigeria Group (ANN).</td>
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<td>Jan 2019</td>
<td>Co-hosted “International Religious Freedom Roundtable Nigeria” with IRF Roundtable (DC) and 21Wilberforce.</td>
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<td>Facilitated launching of Leah Foundation to aid the family of Leah Sharibu.</td>
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<td>Partnership with Oxford Analytical, Genocide Watch &amp; Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA) to effectively document and train field workers.</td>
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ICON will continue to partner with like-minded legislators, advocates, individuals, and organizations that desire a prosperous Nigeria and for Nigerians to flourish. ICON will continue to build on their actions and activities that continue to produce results.

As Africa’s most populous state and largest economy, Nigeria is crucial to the stability of Western Africa, Europe, and the United States. Rising violence and terrorism committed by Boko Haram and Fulani militants throughout the country threatens this stability and the lives of thousands. ICON stands for freedom of religion and the eradication of terrorism and is calling on the U.S.A. to appoint a Special Envoy to address the atrocities in Nigeria and prevent a global humanitarian crisis.
ICON 2018 Financial Report

ICON has developed strategic partnerships and led diverse initiatives to foster engagement and action in both the U.S. and Nigeria to promote religious freedom and human rights and to end terrorism throughout Nigeria. We will continue to use evidence, data analysis, and reporting to drive awareness and action to prevent a global humanitarian crisis.

Nigerians in the U.S.

While there are roughly 32 (Vermont +/- 29) Nigerians in each U.S. state, the majority of Nigerians are located only in a few states. Nigerians are one of the most educated immigrant populations in the USA with at least 66% of Nigerian immigrants holding a bachelor’s degree.

1. Texas  60,173
2. Maryland  31,263
3. New York  29,619
4. California  23,302
5. Georgia  19,182
6. Illinois  15,389
7. New Jersey  14,780
8. Florida  8,274
9. Massachusetts  6,661
10. Pennsylvania  6,371

EXPENSES

- $29,450 Travel
- $18,450 Projects
- $18,300 Engagement
- $16,680 Research
- $14,700 Media
- $9,870 Promotion
- $9,450 Legal
- $7,150 Equipment

INCOME

- $188,000

- $17,500 Start-Up Funds
- $10,000 Anonymous
- $8,000 BWA Grant
- $2,500 Donors

$8,420 Total Remaining

$55,530 Admin

$150,000 Anonymous

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