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Who We Are

Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPPA) was founded on January 22, 2020. CAPPA works to advance human rights, challenge corporate abuse of our natural resources and build community power for inclusive development and participatory governance.

CAPPA is passionately devoted to working with African communities and building partnerships with them towards taking collective social action for the promotion and defense of the rights of peoples. It challenges the abuse of natural resources, the environment and people via unjust corporate and state policies and practices. Working through our team of dedicated staff, community volunteers, coalitions and leveraging networks, we are committed to policies and actions that would help redress the inequality crises on the African continent and enable a socially just and equitable human civilization.

We work with communities and place emphasis on the organising and mobilizing capacities of citizens and relevant social groups – including workers unions in public service, in agriculture, in the extractives industries and other relevant sectors.

We believe that when we leverage proactive support for communities and citizens organisations to challenge inhumane corporate and state practices, we can gain the momentum and traction to cause positive change to happen and ensure that the human rights of citizens and residents are observed, protected, and guaranteed by the state.

CAPPA operates two offices: Lagos (Headquarters) and Abuja, and currently has 18 full time staff and hundreds of volunteers.

CAPPA Thematic Programme Areas

- Social Justice and Public Services
- Public Health Advocacy
- Climate Change
- Extractives and Environment
- Democracy and Governance



Acknowledgment

We thank our partners, supporters, and volunteers for making 2021 a successful campaign year. We appreciate US-based Corporate Accountability, our strategic partner, for its sustained support for our water justice and climate justice campaign. Our deep thanks go to Strengthening Accountability in the Global Economy (SAGE), Public Services International (PSI) and Transnational Institute (TNI) also for supporting our resistance to water privatization not only in Nigeria but across Africa.

We remain grateful to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (CTFK) and the Africa Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA) for their support for our tobacco control works; and the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA) for our #TransfatfreeNigeria Campaign.

Our profound thanks to the Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE) for collaborative work to stop water privatization in Nigeria, and the Network for Health Equity and Development (NHED) on our #TransfatfreeNigeria campaigns.





Executive Director's Message

On June 1, 2021, CAPPa marked its first year as an organisation but has within this short period, played the biblical David in the fight against corporate Goliaths plaguing our thematic areas of our work. Despite palpable impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic, we stood firmly in solidarity with impacted peoples and grassroots communities not only in the water struggles but in the climate movement and other campaigns. It was a year that we escalated our anti-water privatization campaign beyond Nigeria's shores and birthed the **Our Water Our Right Africa Coalition** to confront threats of privatization in ten African countries. The highpoint of this effort was the convening of the first ever **Africa Week of Action Against Water Privatization** with active participation of water justice activists from Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, as well as four other countries outside Africa including the United States and the Netherlands.

The Afro-wide solidarity we built on the water campaign was replicated in the climate campaign, especially in ramping up our **Make Big Polluters Pay** movement. Our activists base across African countries were actively deployed in demanding that Shell own up to the impacts of oil extraction on the climate and stop its Net Zero deceptions. To this end, we initiated a protest march to coincide with Shell shareholders meeting in The Hague, Netherlands. The momentum built around these activities were escalated to international levels with our participation at the COP26 meeting in Glasgow.

The high pitch regional and international activities did not dampen national struggles as we remained resolute in opposition to attempts to resurrect and re-present the toxic National Water Resources Bill at Nigeria's parliament. To ensure this never happened we organised national townhalls in Lagos and Abuja, to reiterate our opposition to the anti-water justice Bill. Our advocacy paid off as the Bill did not see the light of the day. In Lagos we sustained pressure on all the levers of power to stop the Public Private Partnership (PPP) plans in the state water sector from going forward.

In the public health space, we successfully convened a national stakeholders roundtable on smoking in movies with major entertainment stakeholders in attendance. Progress was also recorded in the **#TransfatfreeNigeria** campaign with sustained engagements on the need for the prompt gazette of the Oil and Fats Regulations. Our recap of 2021 will not be complete without mentioning publication of the book: **"Lies and the Hail of Bullets: #ENDSARS The Story of Lekki Shootings by Survivors"** which is a catalogue of victims' accounts of the October 20, 2020, night of horror at the Lagos Lekki toll gate.

In all this, we thank our funders and partners who trusted us to champion those causes we passionately commit ourselves. We also praise the courage and determination of the CAPPa team and our teaming volunteers who despite the odds, are fired by an irrepressible hope for a transformative world.

-Akinbode Oluwafemi



Africa Rises Against Water Privatization

Movement building, cross-regional solidarity, and collective action were all the buzzwords that characterised CAPP's campaign against water privatization in 2021. Determined to fulfil our mission to nurture active movements across Africa that will work shoulder to shoulder to end social inequalities and corporate water grabs, we escalated the struggle for water justice to 11 countries in Africa.

In February and March 2021, CAPP convened three virtual strategy meetings that brought together labour activists, human rights defenders, and civil society organisations from Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Uganda. The primary considerations for mobilising the selected cross-regional water advocates hinged on the identification of the threat of water privatization, the presence of an enabling environment to cultivate resilient civil society organizations, working-class unions, and labour movements in the recognised countries.

The strategy meetings organised with support from, and in partnership with our allies, Public Services International (PSI) and Corporate Accountability (CA), set out as a coalition-building process that ultimately paved way for the launch of a region-wide campaign to oppose water privatization. While PSI supported the process by stimulating relationships with labour actors in selected countries, Corporate Accountability offered

technical and strategic research assistance to the coalition building process - all of which inspired the birth of a new coalition tagged '**Our Water Our Right Africa**'.

Water Action Week: Afro-Wide Resistance to Water Privatization

Our Water Our Right Africa picked up steam by organising the first-ever Africa Week of Action Against Water Privatization (AWAAPW) which was held from the 11th to 15th of October 2021. Activities during the Africa



■ Protest march against water privatization in Lagos, Nigeria



■ AWWASHNet march during the Africa Week of Action

Week of Action Against Water Privatization focused on forging formidable partnerships between civil society organisations and labour unions to undertake campaigns against water privatization on the African continent, articulating a collective advocacy vision for water justice, exploring rich learning experiences from the campaigns and struggles against water privatization in member-countries of the coalition and offering collective support and solidarity for countries in Africa at risk of a range of water privatization schemes.

Participants at the Week of Action walked the talk by organising protest marches, an

international press briefing, stakeholder engagement meetings, media interviews, and social media campaigns that amplified pressure on African governments to discard all plans and forms of water privatization, including the obnoxious Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) schemes promoted by the World Bank, and International Finance Corporation (IFC). The highpoint of the week was the endorsement of the coalition's position statement which outlined demands to African governments, regional bodies, the World Bank, and big water corporations by over 100 organizations.

Country-level Actions

NIGERIA: Activities to mark the Week of Action were held in Lagos and Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory. In Lagos, water justice advocates started the week by marching along major roads with placards and banners that displayed messages targeted at African governments, the World Bank, and big water corporations like Veolia and Suez. Marchers also chanted solidarity songs and shared handbills to the public that explained the harms of water privatization while positing real solutions to water challenges in Nigeria and Africa. The demonstrations climaxed with a petition delivered to the Lagos State government. The huge turnout of activists and concerned citizens at the office of the Lagos State government forced state authorities to schedule a meeting with water justice groups in order to exchange ideas and chart the way forward to resolve the water crisis in the state. For instance, the Lagos State Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources, Engr. Olalere Odusote, convened a meeting in Lagos, with the Our Water Our Right Africa Coalition on Friday,



October 15, 2021. At that meeting, the coalition reiterated its opposition to the privatization plans of the government and offered alternative solutions which are contained in its report – **Lagos Water Crisis: Alternative Roadmap for Water Sector**. The Commissioner promised to study the recommendations and discuss them further with the state governor. Other documents presented to the Commissioner at the meeting include **Africa Must Rise and Resist Water Privatization** report, and **How Acute Water Shortage May Jeopardize COVID 19 Response in Lagos**, among others.

The Africa Week of Action also featured activities from women groups on the platform of the Africa Women Water Sanitation and Hygiene Network (AWWASHNet) who mobilized across the state for a march to the office of the Lagos State Governor on October 14, 2021, demanding an end to the state's water privatization plans. The resolve of the women to remain within the perimeter of the governor's office if he refused to come out to address them forced the Governor, Babajide Sanwa-Olu to send top-level representatives of the state government to address the women and receive their petition.

In Abuja, the Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE) also congregated with placards that denounced the Nigerian government's sympathy for privatization in the water sector.

The groups also coordinated campaigns on social media platforms that displayed water justice advocacy messages, and enlightened citizens on the harms of water privatization.



■ Some moments during the Africa Week of Action



CAMEROON: Civil society organizations, water unions, and human rights activists marched on the headquarters of Veolia/Seureca in Yaounde demanding that the water multinational hands-off Cameroun and Africa's water. The activists also staged a protest in front of the World Bank's office in the Camerounian capital.

The protest march which was coordinated by the Africa Centre for Advocacy (ACA) created awareness among the Cameroonian public on the dangers of water privatization via printed handbills and placards. The activists urged the government not to repeat economic and social mistakes of the past that ironically stemmed from poor privatization policies. It urged the government to protect citizens from the pressure of the World Bank that places profit over the wellbeing of the people.

SENEGAL: Civil society actors organised a workshop focussing on the challenges of public water in the country. The meeting, facilitated by the Senegalese Water Trade Unions (SATES) restated opposition to the water privatization agenda of the Senegalese government even as it called for remunicipalisation.

The activists also used the opportunity to begin mobilisation for the Alternative World Water Forum which will hold in Dakar, Senegal in March 2022.



■ Activists in Senegal

KENYA: The *Our Water Our Right Africa* coalition in Kenya organised community engagements to sensitize local communities on the dangers inherent in water privatization, the need to demand that the Kenyan government recognise water as a right and make robust investments in the water sector. The week of action activities in Kenya was coordinated by the Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya (BIBA Kenya) formerly known as the Kenya Biodiversity Coalition (KBioC).



■ Activists in Kenya



MOZAMBIQUE: Water Justice advocates in Mozambique published a full-page newspaper advertorial of the ***Our Water Our Right Africa*** coalition position statement which was signed by over 100 organisations across Africa. The position statement demanded that international financial corporations stop imposing water privatization, commercialisation, and financialization on African states through advisory services, loans, grants, and other programs.

UGANDA: The ***Our Water Our Right Coalition*** in Uganda led by the Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development and Uganda Public Employee Union of Public Services International organised a string of media engagements to mark the Africa Week of Action. Dr. Everline Aketch, Sub-regional Secretary for English-Speaking Africa of the Public Services International (PSI), who spoke at the International Press briefing to mark the week of action coordinated the engagements in Uganda.

GHANA: Activists organised twitter storms and other social media advocacy to mark the week of action in Accra and other cities of Ghana. The Twitter storms were spearheaded by the Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC), which is also a coordinating organisation of the Alternative World Water Forum.

Joint Press Briefing on October 13

On October 13, 2021, civil society and labour activists on the platform of the ***Our Water Our Right Africa Coalition*** organised a joint press conference that called on African governments to reject water privatization and return water systems seized by private corporations to full public ownership, management, and democratic control.

The briefing also served as the platform for the unveiling and launch of the report – ***Africa Must Rise & Resist Water Privatization***. The report unveils the threats and dangers of privatization of water systems even as it spotlights case studies of



■ Vice Chair, Joint Action Front (JAF), Achike Chude, CAPPA Associate Director, Aderonke Ige and CAPPA Director of Programmes, Philip Jakpor, at the International Press Briefing



the failures of water privatization from other developed systems around the world. The briefing attracted water activists and justice groups from Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda, all of whom represented parts of the African continent presently under acute threat of water privatization.

At the briefing, the ***Our Water Our Right Africa Coalition*** stated that African governments must invest in public water systems and encourage meaningful public participation in water governance. Most importantly, state authorities must operate an inclusive system that acknowledges the perspectives of women, low-income earners, rural communities and other marginalised groups that are often left out in decision-making processes.

A position statement shared at the press event reinforcing the coalition's opposition to water privatization and voicing demands to governments, corporations, was endorsed by over 100 organisations from around the world.

The briefing also featured solidarity statements from Prof. Sofiri Joab-Peterside of University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria; Anne Le Strat, Former Deputy Mayor of Paris and President of Eau de Paris; Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (2014-2020); Léo Heller, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation (2014-2020); US Congresswoman, Gwen Moore.



AUPCTRE members participating in Africa Week of Action Activities



On Water Privatization in Nigeria, It Is Aluta Continua

CAPPA and her Nigeria partners in the '**Our Water Our Right**' coalition proceeded full throttle on the Lagos and national tracks of the anti-water privatization campaign in 2021. We intensified our solidarity actions, pushbacks, and engagements that frustrated water privatization plans at all levels of government in Nigeria.

In Lagos State, we expanded our grassroots community mobilisation against water privatization via 'Water Parliaments' that worked to educate local communities and informal settlements on the impacts of water privatization on public health and democratic rights. We recorded success in our community mobilisation as ten (10) new communities in Lagos State joined the '**Our Water Our Right**' coalition. The communities include Abule-Egba and Cardoso in Ojokoro and Mushin local government areas of Lagos State among others.



■ Participants at the Abuja National Townhall on the National Water Resources Bill

During the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic in 2021, CAPPA in collaboration with the Water Parliaments documented testimonies of several community members who struggled to access potable water to curb and manage the spread of COVID-19 in their localities. The information gathered from this activity formed the nucleus of the second edition of our water and covid 19 monitoring titled: **One Year After Damning Report, Water Shortage Persists in Lagos**. CAPPA unveiled the report on March 22, 2021, on the commemoration of the World Water Day 2021. Copies of the report were also made available to the Lagos State Government to inform policy interventions.

To ensure that women in Lagos are abreast and actively involved in the fight against water privatization, the Africa Women Water Sanitation and Hygiene Network (AWWASHNet) hosted by CAPPA, organised several meetings and outreaches across Lagos. On March 23, 2021, AWWASHNet convened a Women Open Conversation Against Water Privatization which brought together women activists, women-led groups, civil



society groups, labour and community representatives to discuss concerns around the Lagos water privatization bid. Also in attendance at the event were representatives of the Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE), Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Centre for Childrens Health Education Orientation and Protection, CEE-Hope, Child Health Organization (CHO), and women leaders from Agege, Yaba, Agboyi Ketu, Shomolu, Mangoro, Ogba, Ojuelegba, Ajegunle, and Ijora communities in Lagos.



■ Women activists converge on Alausa, the seat of government in Lagos

AWWASHNET also visited Ifelodun community in Amukoko LGA on June 24th, 2021, to educate women and girls in the community on the threats posed by water privatization, and the need to organise for collective action against water privatization. Beyond Lagos, cells of the Our Water Our Right Coalition in Plateau and Bauchi states continued to stave off attempts to introduce water privatization through legislation in the aforementioned states. The CAPPA team also took its anti-water privatization advocacy to Kaduna and Benue states where it enlisted the commitment of labour, civil society, and community activists to work together to defend the rights of citizens against the attempts of state authorities to privatise water.

Matching Advocacy with Accountability Action-Engaging The Lagos State Government

CAPPA embarked on high-level engagements with key officials of the Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu led administration on workable solutions to the Lagos water crisis. The CAPPA team alongside members of the **'Our Water Our Right'** coalition held meetings at the instance of Gov. Sanwo-Olu with state officials, including that with the Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources, Olalere Odusote on October 15, 2021. The meeting provided an opportunity for the CAPPA team and **Our Water Our Right** Coalition members to present solution documents to the Lagos State Government. The documents presented at the meeting include **Lagos Water Crisis: Alternative Roadmap for Water Sector**, Water and COVID 19 reports, as well as **Veolia, Metito, and Abengoa Cannot be Trusted with Lagos Water**, among others.



On October 18, 2021, CAPPa met with the Chair, Lagos House Committee on Environment and Water Resources, Ministries and Parastatals, Hon. Desmond Elliot. The Honourable Member promised to convene a broader meeting with relevant state government officials, and management of the Lagos State Water Corporation (LWC) to explore the feasibility of the recommendations proffered at the meeting.

Still on the Controversial National Water Bill

Along with our labour partner AUPCTRE and PSI, we started the year by reaffirming our opposition to the controversial National Waters Resources Bill. This we did through a national townhall hosted in Lagos on February 10, 2021.

At the townhall, civil society, labour unions, grassroots movements, and women leaders re-echoed their aversion to the controversial Bill plagued with obnoxious provisions that push for the Public-Private Partnership model of water privatization. Through the townhall which had as its theme as “The National Water Bill in the Age of Remunicipalisation and the Democratic Control of Water Resources”, the coalition called out the Federal Ministry of Water Resources for attempting to reintroduce the stepped down bill.

Prof. Sofiri-Joab Peterisde, the Keynote Speaker at the convening, insisted on a fresh bill and process that will have the input of Nigerians. He expressed concern that the consequences of the contentious bill would no doubt, worsen the plight of Nigerians if re-introduced and passed into law as it requires Nigerians to secure license before drilling domestic boreholes. He further added that the solution to Nigeria's water problems lies in the effective management of the country's water resources.

The successful outcomes of the townhall in Lagos informed the need to enlist more groups to ramp up pressure against the re-presentation of the National Water Bill at the National Assembly. There was the urgency to convene another national townhall when media reports in July 2021, indicated that President Muhammadu Buhari while commissioning the Zobe Regional Water Supply scheme in Katsina, urged the National Assembly to pass the controversial bill.

In response, CAPPa and AUPCTRE convened a broader National Townhall on September 20, 2021, in Abuja. The meeting reinforced recommendations from the previous Townhall held in Lagos.



The Townhall in Abuja focused on the theme - ***Resources Dialogue Within a Federal State Versus National Water Bill***. It also featured panel sessions and robust discussions that concluded with a communique that called on the Federal government to discard the unpopular National Water Bill.

Other resolutions reached at the meeting include:

- The Federal Ministry of Water Resources must respect the genuine wishes of Nigerians expressed through the media and other public channels and stop its promotion of the toxic National Water Bill.
- The Federal Government must embrace public sector solutions in addressing the water challenges of Nigeria including the Public-Public-Partnership model and National Water Trust Fund which have been tested and found effective in other climes.
- Privatisation, including the Private-Public-Partnership model of water management has been proven to be a false solution worldwide that will only enrich a few, impoverish, and burden citizens with endless debts.
- The need for comprehensive data on both water infrastructure investment and access to, aid planning for the now and the future.
- Government at all levels must embrace democratic decision-making in addressing water shortages.
- Women and vulnerable groups should be accorded priority in decision-making plans to facilitate their access to water.
- The Nigerian governments must invest in public infrastructure and embrace democratic, participatory, and transparent management of water investments that fulfill the human right to water through the public sector.
- Civil society, labour, and community groups must continue to engage the legislature to ensure that the will of the people is respected.
- There is need for more public enlightenment on dangers inherent in the current Bill and mobilisation of Nigerians across board to support an alternative Bill that incorporates all the concerns of communities.
- In addressing Nigeria's water challenges, government at all levels must include issues of workers' welfare and capacitation.
- Civil society, labour unions, and communities must actively participate in, and contribute to any Public Hearing on National Water Bill hosted by the National Assembly in order to propose alternative solutions to the discourse.



Making Big Polluters Pay While Climate Gains

2021 was a strategic year for CAPP in advancing the **"Make Big Polluters Pay"** campaign across Africa. Being the year of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP26), CAPP started the buildup months ahead of the conference and then leveraged the global event to amplify concerns of frontline communities and interact with policymakers all over the world. CAPP also joined other global climate



organisations to demand climate justice and accountability from corporations that have fueled the climate crises. Some of the different fronts of our climate work in 2021 are:

❖ **Engagement of Frontline Communities**

CAPPA visited several frontline communities in 2021 to document the climate impacts they face and amplify their voices in the growing **“Make Big Polluters Pay”** movement. Elegushi, a coastline community in Eti Osa Local Government Area of Lagos was one of the most climate-impacted communities documented. The visit to Elegushi on September 24, 2021, afforded CAPPA the opportunity to document testimonies of community members, especially on the threats, and socio-economic impacts of the Eko Atlantic City project which has worsened the climate impacts faced by the over 10,000 residents in the community. CAPPA subsequently prepared and disseminated a comprehensive report on the Elegushi community which drew media attention and inspired a report by the UK Channel 4, Cable News Network (CNN), and indigenous news organisations.

❖ **Expansion of Our Ally Base in Africa**

CAPPA gained new allies in Africa. Some of the new allies in the climate space include the African Center for Advocacy in Cameroon, BlueGreen Initiatives in Sierra Leone, Youth Go Green Network in Liberia, and 350 Ghana Reducing Carbon Initiative, among others. The expansion of our ally base was largely informed by the interconnectedness of our struggles for climate justice and the need for region-wide solidarity actions. The recruited champions played very visible roles in challenging Shell's Net-Zero, greenwash, and championed engagements that made Africa visible at COP26 in Glasgow.

❖ **Confronting Corporations Behind the Climate Crisis**

CAPPA staged virtual and physical protests to expose big fossil fuels corporations and their false solutions. For instance, on the 18th of May 2021, CAPPA marched on Shell Headquarters in Lagos to express rejection of the company's Net-zero pledges. The protest coincided with and took the shine off Shell's Annual General Meeting in The Hague. The protesters had banners and placards with inscriptions such as ***Shell must own up!, Clean Up and Pay up! Shell is Hell!, Net Zero is a Scam!*** The Shell action was amplified on various social media channels. Our allies in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, and other parts of Africa also organised similar actions and sit-ins at facilities owned by fossil fuel corporations.

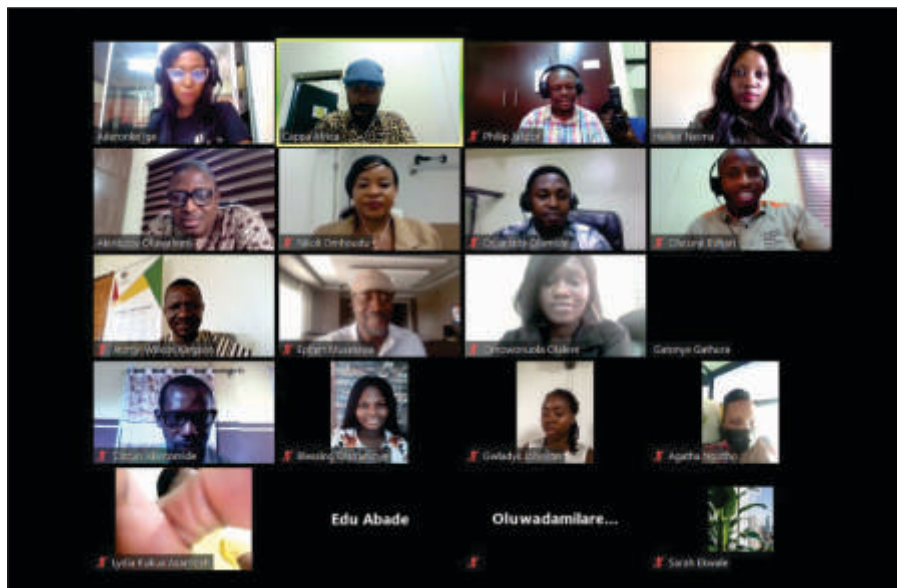
❖ **Government Dialogue and Policy Track Analysis**

We deepened our engagement with the Nigerian government, especially by sharing our analyses and review of the climate change challenges of local and informal communities. To ensure that Nigeria is on track in meeting its climate commitments under the Paris Agreement, CAPPA accessed and analysed the Interim Report of Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). We made crucial recommendations on how the contributions can be strengthened and implemented. Our position paper sent to the federal government on July 24, 2021, urged state authorities to make provisions for domestic research and data gathering on climate change, and eschew over-dependence on foreign explanations for local challenges. CAPPA also urged the government to adopt provisions of the Liability Roadmap to demand climate justice and halt environmental infractions of big polluters.

On September 23, 2021, the CAPP team had a face-to-face meeting with officials of the Impact and Mitigation Unit of the Department of Climate Change Federal Ministry of Environment in Abuja. At the meeting, we presented copies of our resource materials ahead of the UNFCCC COP26 meeting in Glasgow. Some of the documents presented at the meeting include ***Liability Roadmap and the Big CON***, all of which are vital resources for advancing real and relatable climate solutions.

❖ Cultivating African Journalists for Climate Reporting

Our understanding of the importance of communicating the right message on climate change to policy makers and the international community informed the decision to identify and cultivate a crop of young journalists reporting climate change in different countries of Africa.



■ Screen shot from Journalist Training



We also felt it was the right time for African journalists to tell the climate change story from the African lens. From our pool of allies on the continent, we trained twenty (20) journalists on the different tracks of climate reporting such as differentiated impacts of climate change among genders with specific focus on women, understanding the UNFCCC and other international conventions, and the role of the media in climate reporting, among others.

We organised two trainings for journalists drawn from Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. They include the virtual journalism training on climate change reporting in Africa which was held on April 28-29, 2021, and the Media Training on BIG CON and COP26 hosted on September 29, 2021.

Resource persons at the trainings comprised of climate justice champions on the continent including Nnimmo Bassey of Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Ndivile Mokohena of GenderCC South Africa – Women for Climate Justice, and Rachel Rose Jackson of Corporate Accountability. CAPPAs Director of Programmes, Philip Jakpor; Associate Director, Aderonke Ige; and Programme Manager, Climate Change, Ogunlade Martins.

Taking Climate Campaign to the Global Stage

CAPPA mobilized climate change activists and climate justice CSOs to develop a joint position paper shared with African governments. The position paper became known as the Afro-Climate-Change Demands.

CAPPA also shared the jointly developed demands with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, African Group of Negotiators, Heads of Government delegations, accredited states, and party heads. The demands conveyed the climate change concerns of Africans especially, indigenous peoples and marginalised frontline communities.



Giant Leap Towards #SmokefreeNollywood

2021 was the dawn of a new era in our Tobacco Control campaign. A major milestone was achieved when practitioners in Africa's biggest movie industry, Nollywood, reached a consensus to enforce the ban on Tobacco Advertising Promotion and Sponsorships (TAPs) in movies.

The milestone was recorded at a Stakeholder Roundtable on the National Tobacco Control Act 2015 and Tobacco Control Regulations 2019 organised by CAPPA in collaboration with the National Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB) on December 10, 2021.



■ Alhaji Adedayo Thomas
Executive Director of National
Film and Video Censors Board

The meeting attracted contributions of over seventy (70) ace filmmakers and notable practitioners in the industry such as Olorogun Zeb Ejio, Fred Amata, Keppy Ekpeyong Bassey, and Hilda Dokubo, and pioneer Nollywood distributor, Igwe Gabriel Okoye popularly known as Igwe Gabosky, among others. Representatives from key professional bodies in Nollywood such as the Motion Picture Practitioners' Association of Nigeria (MOPPAN), Theatre Arts and Motion Pictures Practitioners Association of Nigeria (TAMPAN), the Association of Movie Content Owners and Producers/Distributors of Nigeria (AMCOD), and the Directors Guild of Nigeria (DGN). Others were the National Association of Nigerian Theatre Arts Practitioners (NANTAP), Actors Guild of Nigeria (AGN), and the Cinema Exhibitors Association of Nigeria (CEAN), among others, also featured at the meeting.

Key presentations delivered at the event by Akinbode Oluwafemi, Executive Director, CAPPA, and Michael Olaniyan, Technical Officer, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, focused on ***Smoking in Movies and Urgency of Regulatory Action: Lessons from other Film Hubs and Highlights of the NTC-ACT 2015, and the NTC Regulations 2019 Provisions on Smoking in the Entertainment Industry.***

Research has shown that movies have a major impact on the lifestyles and cultural attitudes of people as audiences adopt the behavior of on-screen characters. In the context of health-risk behaviors such as tobacco use, unhealthy lifestyles excessively portrayed by screen celebrities in movies cause viewers especially, young impressionable adults to pick up smoking, vaping, and other detrimental tobacco-use habits that diminish the



■ Adedayo, Oluwafemi with top Nollywood stakeholders

quality of their lives. Even in the global movie industry, the number of famous actors, singers, and producers who have immensely suffered from tobacco-induced illnesses is almost endless. In Nigeria, prominent entertainers like Tyna Onwudiwe known at the time as African Oyinbo, and Steve Kadirir who got hooked to tobacco use during their teenage years eventually succumbed to the cold hands of death at the prime of their lives.

Further speaking on CAPPA's recommendations for controlling the use of tobacco in movies, Oluwafemi advised stakeholders to assign adult ratings for

movies with smoking scenes, certify no payoffs, develop a code of practice for a **#smokefreenollywood**, embark on mass media campaigns that educate the society on the negative effects of tobacco work with the NFVCB to enforce provisions of the NTC Act 2015, and the NTC Regulations 2019 which prohibits tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorships in movies and entertainment.

The Executive Director of the NFVCB, Alhaji Adedayo Thomas pledged to escalate sensitization activities of the Board, and work with relevant stakeholders in the movie and entertainment industry to ensure: a functional and proper film rating system especially for movies with scenes that depict tobacco use, compliance with national regulations concerning the ban of tobacco advertising promotion and sponsorships, and smoking in movies, and promote an enabling environment for the growth and development of the film industry in Nigeria. Adedayo also noted that the effective operationalisation of the Tobacco Control Fund captured in Nigeria's National Tobacco Control (NTC) Act, 2015, will empower practitioners in the entertainment industry with resources and opportunities to promote the advocacy against tobacco use and depiction in movies. Section 8 (2) of the NTC Act 2015 provides for the creation of a Tobacco Control Fund to enhance the efforts of all stakeholders to work collaboratively against tobacco use. The fund consists of monies from annual budgetary allocations, gifts, donations, testamentary dispositions, subventions, license fees, and proceeds from the sale of forfeited items.

While we are quite excited about the big win in the **#smokefreenollywood** campaign, we must share that we did not arrive at this milestone overnight. CAPPA flagged off the **#smokefreenollywood** campaign in 2019, working



■ CAPPA and other Nigeria partners at a technical meeting with the National Film and Video Censors Board in Lagos

together with partners in the tobacco control community to forge and promote a working collaboration between stakeholders in the entertainment industry and national regulators in the fight against tobacco use. CAPPA worked especially with key entertainment players in Ibadan, Lagos, and Kano, where the Kannywood Women Association of Nigeria (K-WAN) became an indispensable ally in the campaign against tobacco use in movies.

On June 17, 2021, CAPPA organised a Stakeholder Summit on Smoking in Movies which had over 40 participants in attendance, representing regulatory agencies such as the

National Film and Video Censors Board, (NFVCB) Broadcasting Organisation of Nigeria (BON), Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), Nigeria Police, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), practitioners in the movie and entertainment industry among others.

Beyond the #smokefreenollywood campaign, CAPPA made great strides in other tracks of the tobacco control campaign. Under the Graphic Health Warnings (GHW) campaign, we utilised media power and advocacy resources to pressure for enforcement of the GHW provision of the National Tobacco Control Act. The NTC Act mandates tobacco companies to include pictorial health warnings that cover 50% area on both sides of a tobacco product package.

In addition to a pictorial warning, companies are required to display a text-only health warning on the lateral sides of tobacco packs. Cigarette cartons must bear text-only warnings that cover 50% of front and back surface areas. This past year, following our relentless campaign for the implementation of the provisions of the NTC Regulations, 2019, Nigeria finally created a Tobacco Control Fund account which is domiciled with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).



Nigeria on the Verge of Actualizing Trans - Fat Regulations



■ Group photograph of participants at the Journalists,

Bolstered by the tremendous successes recorded in the previous year, CAPPa increased engagements towards achieving a Trans-Fat Free Nigeria. We worked with policymakers to speed up the approval and gazette of Nigeria's trans-fat regulations. We also embarked on sensitization programs that educated the public on the dangers of consuming oils and processed foods laden with trans-fatty acids. The CAPPa appointed and spotlighted trans-fat acids (TFA)

champions, and intensified engagement with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), the body that supervises the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

On August 2, 2021, CAPPa inaugurated Mr. Babatunde Irukera, Executive Vice Chairman, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Council (FCCPC) as a champion of its #TransFatFreeNigeria campaign. The FCCPC is a consumer rights agency of the government charged with the important role of working together with sector regulators such as the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Federal Minister of Health (FMoH) to facilitate citizens' access to safe products, secure the protection of rights of all consumers in Nigeria, and ultimately ensure compliance of all stakeholders to the provisions of the country's proposed trans-fat legislation among other obligations. CAPPa also led a strong delegation of partners working to achieve a #TransfatFreeNigeria on a working visit to the Minister of State for Health, Sen (Dr.) Olorunnimbe Mamora, on August 3, 2021. Where we urged the Minister to work with NAFDAC, to finalise the review of the Oils and Fats Regulation, 2021.

One huge outcome of CAPPa's engagements is that NAFDAC to finalize the review of the Oils and Fats Regulation, 2021. Done with its work on the regulation, the Agency transmitted the draft to the Federal Ministry of Health for final inputs and subsequent approval.



The implementation of the regulation on Trans-Fat will mandate food manufacturers to comply with the provision that the total TFA intake be limited to less than 1% of total energy intake. Consistent with its commitment to work with the media for public good, CAPPa invested in its media advocacy by organising trainings that empowered public health journalists and media practitioners with the requisite knowledge and skills to embark on TFA reporting.

With support from Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAi), and Network for Health Equity and Development (NHED), we hosted two trainings; Journalism Training on Transfats Reporting in Lagos and a Journalist, Digital Media Training on Transfat Reporting in Abuja. The training in Lagos was held on March 16th and 17th while that of Abuja happened on November 16th and 17th 2021.

The trainings equipped the journalists with the knowledge needed to properly frame messages on TFA. Participants were also exposed to relevant advocacy and digital media skills required to scale up reporting on TFA. CAPPa also bridged the generational and talent gap in the media by incorporating a pool of young Digital Media Volunteers into its trainings.

Emerging from 2020, a year when the #COVID19 pandemic showed the enormous importance of virtual engagement, the huge digital media component of our trans-fat campaign remained vibrant despite the ban on Twitter, by the Muhammadu Buhari led government. Regardless of the media gag, CAPPa strategically deployed Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stimulate conversations on the need for regulation, stakeholders' engagement, sensitisation, and mobilization of public support for the #TransFatFree Nigeria cause.



■ CAPPa Director of Programmes, **Philip Jakpor** and Nigeria Coordinator of GHAi **Joy Amafah** at the training in Abuja



#ENDSARS : Justice for Lekki Shooting Victims

CAPPA's role in the #EndSARS movement progressed into further actions in 2021. The organisation had in previous year taken series of steps to demand justice for victims of the suspected state sponsored Lekki toll gate killings of October 20, 2020, including spearheading a petition to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The petition to ICC in November 2020 gained wide support locally and within international communities, garnering 10,027 individual signatures and 154 organisational signatures from across 75 countries. Following up, CAPPA in 2021 delivered subsequent petition to the new Prosecutor of the ICC, Karim A.A Khan QC, referencing the initial petition, with a call for the Court to launch an inquiry into the killing and maiming of peaceful protesters in Nigeria.



■ Media presentation of Lies and Hail of Bullets – Stories of #EndSARS Lekki Survivors

Fresh call to action was also launched by CAPPA to the office of the ICC President, now occupied by a new judge, Piotr Hofmański and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet Jeria, seeking urgent intervention and demanding Justice for victims of crime against humanity in Nigeria, through an inquiry into the killing and maiming of peaceful protesters during the #EndSARS protests and the gruesome Lekki shootings carried out by the Nigerian Army.

Lies & The Hail of Bullets

On October 21, 2021, a year, and a day after the inhumane #LekkiShooting, CAPPA published a report, '***Lies & the Hail of Bullets- Stories of #EndSARS Lekki Survivors***', which was a compilation of first-hand account of victims of Lekki shooting and an accompanying video documentary, detailing the events leading up to the agitation of the Nigerian people against police brutality, culminating in the youth-led #EndSARS protests.



"Lies and the Hail of Bullets" was a product of fact-finding efforts of CAPPa to uncover the truth behind the October 20, 2020 massacre at the Lekki tollgate. We located and conducted interviews with the survivors under the most difficult circumstances. Moved by the agony and depth of misery that these young Nigerians were facing, CAPPa sought their consent to publish their stories and amplify their voices through the publication of the book and production of an accompanying video documentary.

On October 21, 2021, ***"Lies and the Hail of Bullets- Stories of #EndSARS Lekki Survivors"*** was unveiled at a press briefing in Lagos, which also had some of the victims in attendance. The report received lots of media attention and threw open once again unanswered questions about the mayhem on protesters. Some of those questions include:

- *Who invited the army to a peaceful protest?*
- *Who ordered the Nigerian army to shoot at protesters?*
- *Why was there no investigation into the physical assault and gruesome attacks on protesters by persons who have been alleged to be government apologists?*
- *One year after Lekki shooting, why were there no answers?*

Following the launch of ***"Lies and the Hail of Bullets"***, CAPPa did a follow-up petition to the United Nations Human Rights commissioner to request update and demand action, one year on.

Lekki Shooting Victims Suffer Violent Attacks, Threats

CAPPa on November 26, 2021, organised a press briefing following a brutal attack on Kamsiyochukwu Ibeh, one of the survivors of the Lekki shooting. Ibeh had testified at the judicial panel of enquiry set up by Lagos State Government to probe the Lekki shooting and other atrocities of the Police and the Military against citizens.

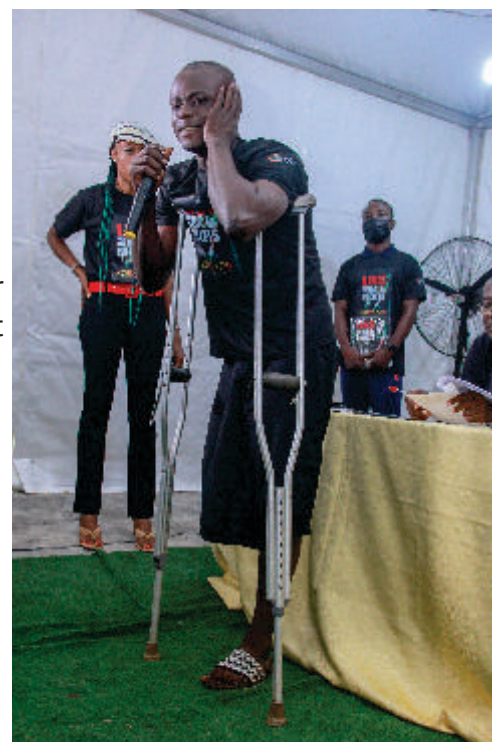


After Ibeh was attacked on November 22 on her way home from a fitness training, another survivor, Dabiraoluwa Adeyinka, who had also prominently appeared before the panel received a threat letter the following day, November 23, 2021, with a marked picture of her face while standing before the panel of enquiry, and red ink markings with the words **"YOU ARE NEXT, GAME ON"**.

CAPPA insisted that the government must ensure the protection of lives and livelihood of these system-exposed victims. Preceding these attacks and threats, the "Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Restitution for Victims of SARS Related Abuses and Other Matters" had submitted its report to the Lagos state governor, with recommendations for compensation for named victims of police brutality and Lekki shooting. The panel described the Lekki incident of October 20, 2020 as "massacre in a context".

CAPPA at the press briefing made specific demands, including:

- Thorough investigation into the attack on Kamsiyochukwu and threats to Dabiraoluwa and other #EndSARS activists.
- Expedited arrests and prosecution of the unmasked perpetrators.
- Immediate prosecution of state officials and military personnel indicted for human rights abuses and killings before, during and after the brutal anti-climax of October 20, 2020, at Lekki.
- Appropriate sanction for all individuals, agencies and departments of state involved in the criminal event of October 20, 2020, including the Nigerian army, police and government officials.
- Consideration of corporate sanction on Lekki Concession Company, being vicariously liable for the actions of its personnel.
- Adequate compensations for all victims of the #EndSARS protests in the hands of security operatives.
- Honouring the struggle and memory of the victims of Lekki shooting, mostly the Nigerian youths, by making the Lekki tollgate a national monument.
- Immediate halt to the commercialisation of the Lekki tollgate.



■ Olalekan Faleye, one of the #EndSARS victims at the media unveiling of the report



National Day of Mourning

The National Day of Mourning and Remembrance (NDOM) is a citizen-led initiative that seeks to mourn victims of violent killings across Nigeria and to express solidarity, and demand accountability for the security and welfare of all Nigerians. On May 28, 2021, CAPPa led the network of civil society and rights activists in Lagos state to undertake symbolic actions to commemorate the National Day of Mourning tagged "**Nigeria mourns**".

By April 2021, the rate of insecurity, incessant killings, police brutality, state-sponsored mayhem, kidnapping and general unrest had increased exponentially across the country, throwing Nigerians into despair and a widespread atmosphere of gloom. It was alarming that there were no visible corresponding actions on the part of the Nigerian government to stem the tide of these patterns of violence and needless daily terror and loss of precious lives.



■ CAPPa and other activists march to mark the National Day of Mourning and Remembrance



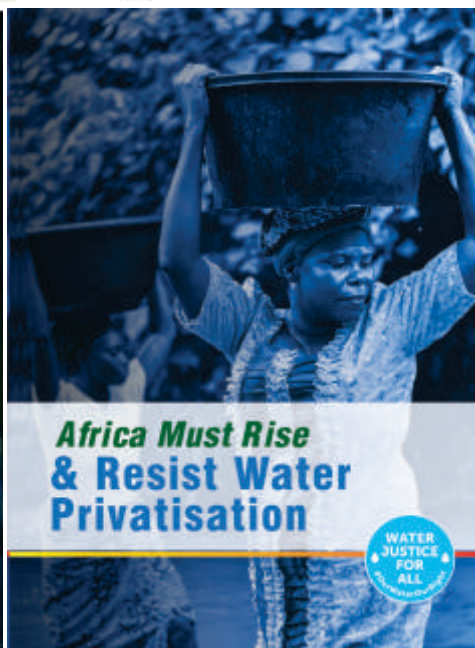
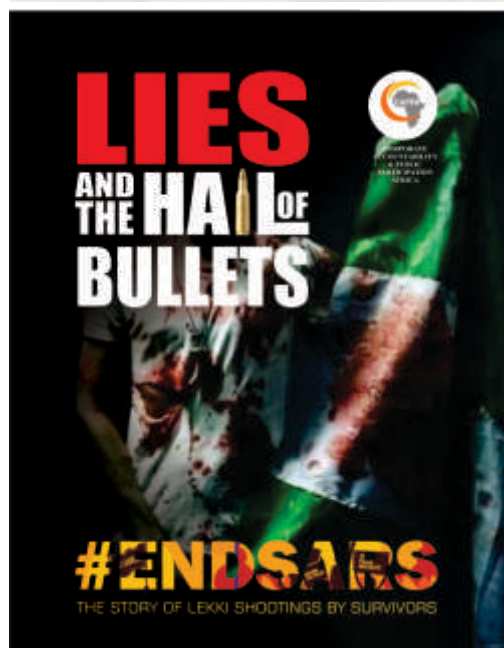
CAPPA alongside other civil society partners, labour allies and well-meaning individual activists under the aegis of "Nigeria Mourns" took to the streets of Nigeria to protest these anomalies and docility of the government in addressing insecurity and other emerging issues of governance. While the National Day of Mourning held across the 36 states of Nigeria, CAPPA led the protests and symbolic actions in Lagos, wielding the cooperation and participation of over 70 civil society and labour groups, with massive turnout of citizens, who were visibly tired of the worsening state of security and the lack of action by the Nigerian government.



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Statement of Functional Income and Expenses for the year Ended 31st December, 2021.

	Naira (N)	USD \$
Support & Revenue	FY 2021	FY 2021
Individual Contribution	3,142,500.00	8,978.57
Grants & Foundations	385,082,407.34	1,100,235.45
Other Income	1,989,828.90	5,685.23
Total Support & Revenue	390,214,736.24	1,114,899.25
Expenses		
PROGRAM		
Grassroot organizing	109,130,317.05	311,800.91
International organizing	95,250,910.51	272,145.46
Program communication	15,047,693.00	42,993.41
Membership development	11,973,855.85	34,211.02
Media organizing	14,473,545.69	41,352.99
Research, development & training	40,532,038.00	115,805.82
Subtotal Program expenses	286,408,360.10	818,309.60
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
Management & general operations	69,945,400.11	199,844.00
Indirect expenses	5,245,164.00	14,986.18
Subtotal supporting services	75,190,564.11	214,830.18
Total Expenses	361,598,924.21	1,033,139.78
Net Assets		
Opening Balance Equity	36,746,079.80	104,988.80
Net Income /Change in net assets	28,615,812.03	81,759.46
End of the year	65,361,891.83	186,748.26





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