



**UNITED NATIONS OF YOUTH(UNOY)NIGERIA  
&  
GLOBAL ALERT FOR DEFENCE OF YOUTH AND  
THE LESS PRIVILEGED(GADYLP)**

**PARTICIPATORY/INTERACTIVE  
SESSIONS WITH  
STUDENTS/YOUTHS ON  
VARIOUS THEMES ON  
CLIMATE CHANGE.**

With MR.GREEN from Denmark

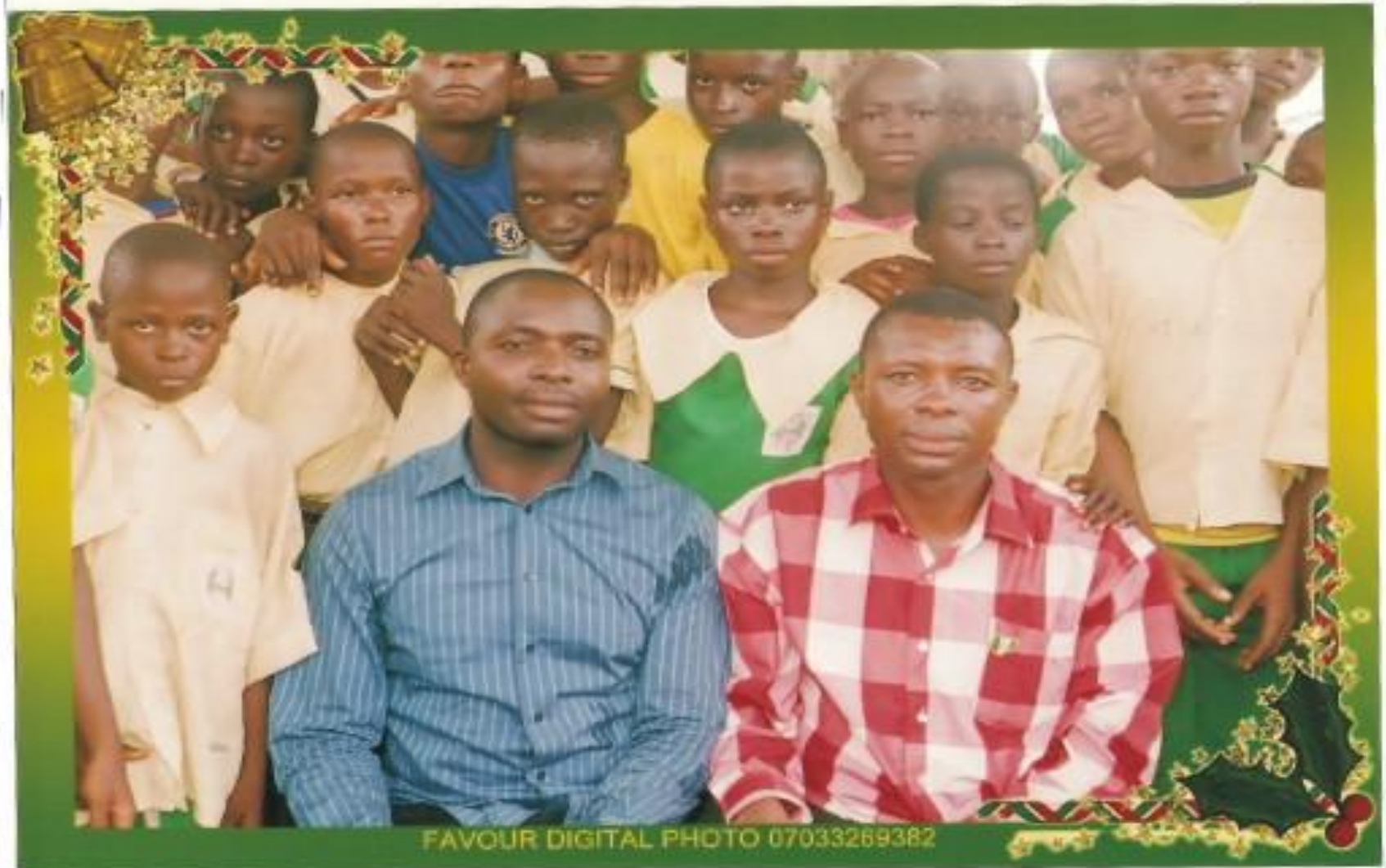




# Mr. Green with Students



# The National President with Students





# Educating the Students during the Tree Planting

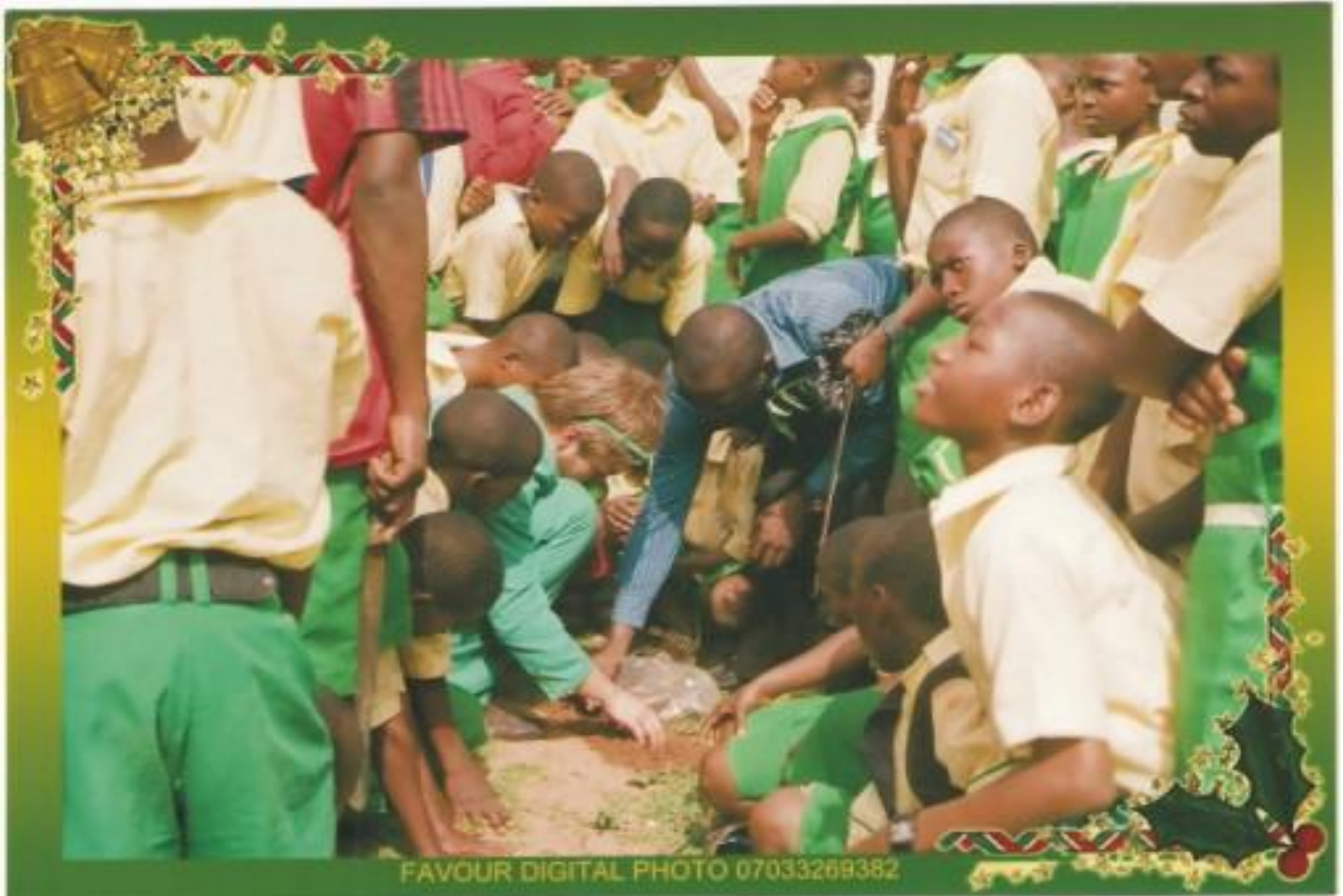


# The Participants before the Tree Planting



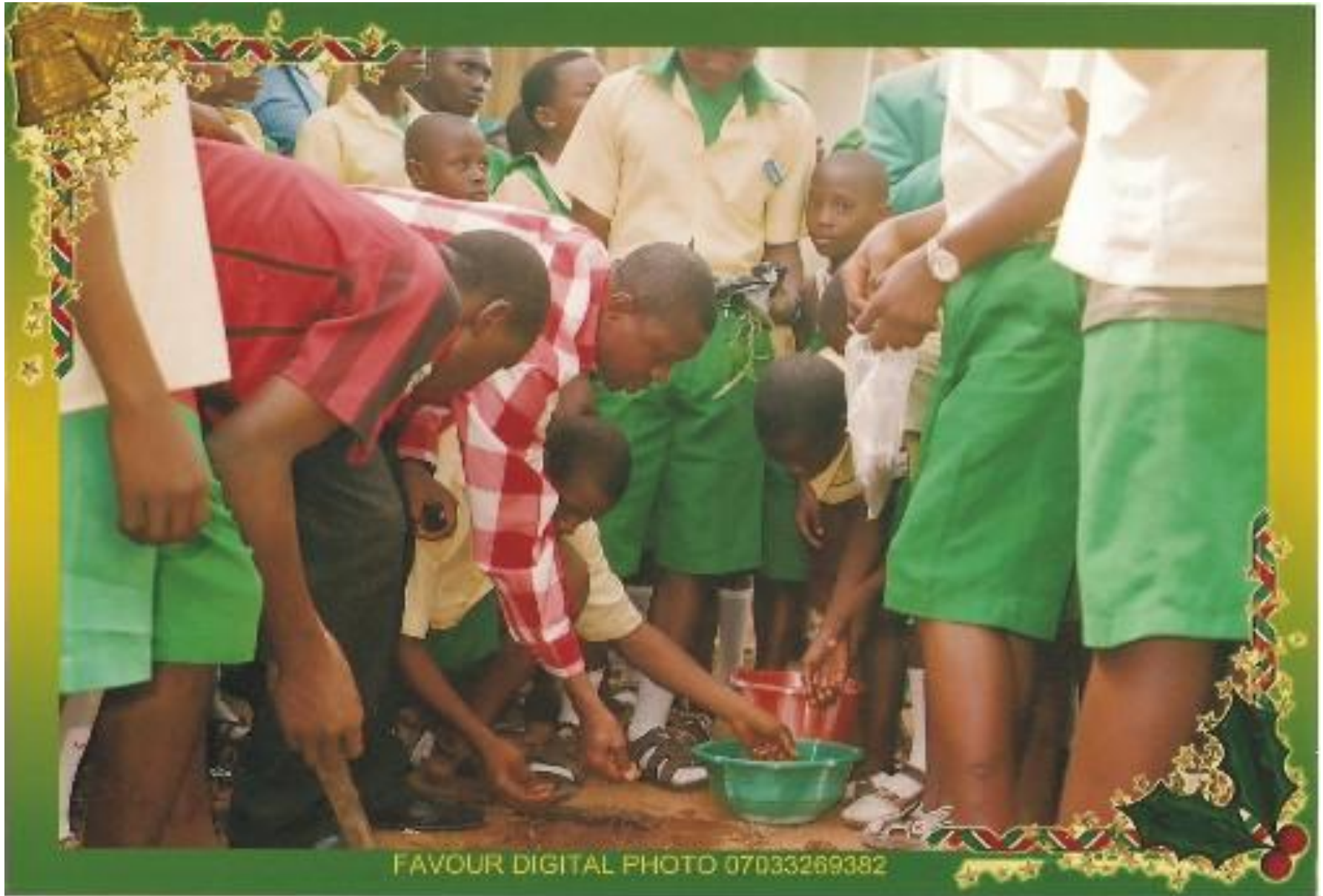


# Teaching the students on how to plant trees





During the tree planting with the students



# **PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**



# At COP 15 in Copenhagen, Denmark



# With other Delegates at COP 15





# Award Presentation



# MEDIA AWARENESS



# Climate Change, A Threat To Human Health

*The rate at which climate change affects people especially Africans is becoming alarming as nurses across the borders, set to find a lasting solution*

By **Nsikan Ikpe**

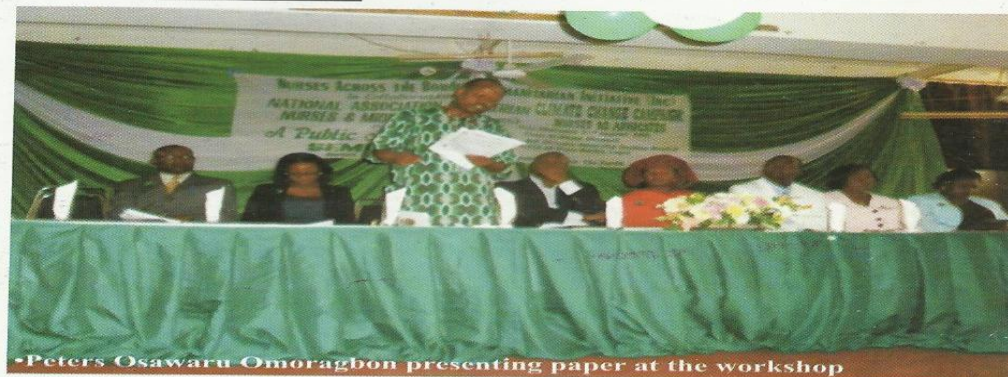
**N**o fewer than 60,000 people die of climate related natural disaster annually, mostly in the developing countries. The increasing natural disasters, the people affected have become worrisome and the situation has become a threat to man.

Speaking at the workshop on climate change campaign for nurses and midwives at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, LUTH, Idi-Araba, Lagos, was Peters Osawaru Omoragbon, the President, Nurses Across the Borders. He said climate change has negative effect and is capable of destroying fundamental requirements for health, by the year 2090's, "Climate change may likely widen the area affected by drought and is the greatest public health disaster facing us today", he said. Adding that, the number of reported weather-related natural disasters has tripled since 1960, saying that these disasters automatically result in more deaths particularly in Africa.

Omoragbon who expressed fear over high proliferation of threat pose by climate situation called on government, international agencies and respective authority to find lasting solution on climate situation in Africa, Nigeria inclusive.

In 2009, the World Health Assembly endorsed a new World Health Organisation work plan on climate change and health such as advocacy to raise awareness that climate is a fundamental threat to human health.

On the challenges and risk on climate change, he said, it has no limitation, being a national issue it affects the total populations, but some are more vulnerable than others. He added that people living in small



•Peters Osawaru Omoragbon presenting paper at the workshop

Island, developing states other coastal regions, mega cities, mountain and polar regions are particularly vulnerable.

In a chat with *Scroll Nigeria*, Omoragbon identified low awareness as one of the challenges of climate change, explaining that awareness is important in the life of an individual.

On the purpose of the workshop, he said, it was to bring together stakeholders in health sector to discuss health related matters and to find lasting solution to it.

Raising awareness on the effect of climate change on health, in order to prompt action for public health provide a better understanding of the risk and effects of climate change on health, and facilitate both behavioral change and societal support for actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

He advised participants that improved awareness will help healthcare professionals in carrying out their respective responsibilities.

Speaking in similar manner, Moshood Oluwole Ojikutu, Chairman, Local Government

Service Commission, Lagos State, commended the organizer of the workshop. He said climate change has become an indisputable reality across the world and according to experts the entire world is under a very serious threat as a result of this change in nature. Apart from the warnings from experts from several parts of the world on the dangers posed to man by the climate change, we can also perceive that there are changes in weather conditions and such noticeable signs are not positive. But as laymen, most members of the public are not aware of the extent to which climate change can negatively affect their lives and inflict pains on mankind.

"As mothers and fathers and as professionals in the health sector, Nurses and Midwives must, therefore, look beyond the present and have a strategic view of the future implications so that they could be well placed to bring the possible health hazards that may arise on account of climate change under control, thereby saving humanity from an imminent calamity". Ojikutu advised.

It should also be noted that Lagos State is one of the governments in the country that have taken practical steps to stem the tide of climate change through a massive tree planting campaign that was launched by the State Government in collaboration with the various local governments and local council development areas.



•A cross of participants at the workshop



# NAOWA SUPPORTS CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

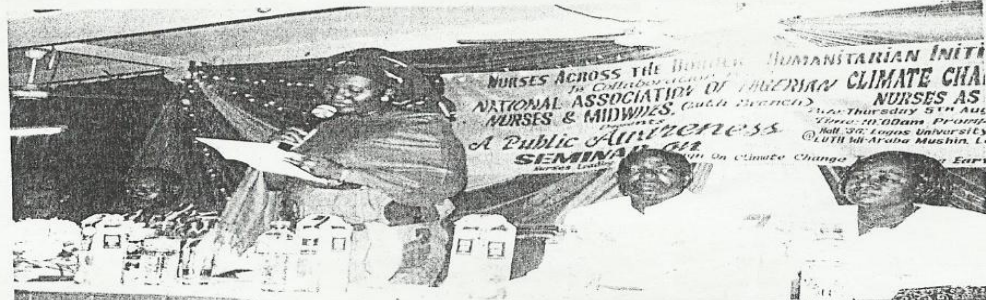
The Nigerian Army Officers' Wives Association (NAOWA), has advocated positive climatic change in the country.

The Association made its position known recently at a programme organized by Nurses Across the Borders Humanitarian Initiative Inc, at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH).

In a message presented on behalf of NAOWA by the Ikeja Area Coordinator Mrs Aisha Muazu, who represented the then National President Haji Hadiza Bello Dambazau, the Association suggested that all hands must be on deck in order to check further damage that could be caused by climate change.

According to the Association's representative, NAOWA would continue to take all necessary steps to check the menace of climate change. She also stressed a point that NAOWA had been aggressively involved in tree planting campaigns and other related measures as part of ongoing efforts aimed at ensuring a stable climate in the country.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Nurses Across the Borders Humanitarian Initiative Inc, Pastor Peters Omoragbon, who presented a paper on the implications of climate change in the world, quoted the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate change (UNFCCC) which stated that the idea involves "change of climate which is directly or indirectly attributed to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and



Representative of the NAOWA National President, Mrs Aisha Muazu giving her keynote address at University Teaching Hospital Lagos (LUTH) during the occasion.

which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over a comparable time period". According to him, these changes were originally described as "global warming".

Pastor Omoragbon stated further that the impact of climate change on health, seen in extreme high air temperatures are contributing directly to deaths from cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, particularly among elderly people. He gave the example of the earth's wave of summer 2003 in Europe, during which more than 70,000 excess deaths were recorded. High temperatures also raised the levels of ozone

and other pollutants in the air which exacerbated cardiovascular and respiratory diseases contracted through urban air pollution causing about 1.2 million deaths every year.

The CEO also warned that the rising sea level and increasingly extreme weather events would destroy homes, medical facilities and other essential services. According to him, more than half of the world's population lives within 60 km of the sea and that people may be forced to move which could in turn heighten health risks ranging from mental disorders to communicable diseases.



Representative of the National President NAOWA, Mrs Aisha Muazu (7<sup>th</sup> from left), with some nurses during the event



# **PARTICIPANT**



## **National Carbon Credit Train 2010**

**The LAGOS STATE CARBON CREDIT  
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

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