



AFRICAN WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AWLA), NIGERIA CHAPTER

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To whom it May concern,

REBUTTAL TO DISCLAIMER CIRCULATED BY A BREAKAWAY FACTION OF AWLA NIGERIA

The attention of the authentic leadership and members of the African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), Nigeria, has been drawn to a misleading statement signed by one Dr. Grace Ajaegbo, who falsely parades herself as the Public Relations Officer of AWLA Nigeria against the circular signed by AWLAN Toyin Ndidi Taiwo-Ojo, the authentic General Secretary of AWLA NIGERIA

We wish to set the record straight and inform the general public and esteemed members of AWLA that the ongoing preparations for the AWLA International Conference, including proposed photoshoots and coordination activities, are being duly carried out under the mandate of the legitimate Country Representative, Oluwatoyin Falilat Orire and her duly appointed executive team which are the only AWLA team recognised by the International President Mandy Asagba and her team.

Contrary to the claim in the circulated notice, the international conference is a recognized initiative of AWLA's broader international agenda to strengthen professional networks and foster global advocacy on gender justice and the rule of law. All activities relating to the event are in tandem with the association's objectives and with the knowledge of the relevant international officers.

It is both unfortunate and regrettable that a small breakaway faction, driven by personal interests, continues to engage in acts of misinformation, distraction, and division within the noble body of AWLA. Let it be known that no individual or group has the monopoly of representation or the authority to invalidate legitimate AWLA initiatives carried out in good faith and transparency.

We urge all members to disregard such defamatory disclaimers and to verify all information via the official channels of the Country Representative's office. AWLA stands for unity, professionalism, and the collective advancement of African women lawyers—not internal sabotage.

We remain committed to the values of truth, collaboration, and progress.

Signed,

Toyin Ndidi Taiwo-Ojo
General Secretary,
AWLA Nigeria