



**SCEPTRE AND PRIMA**  
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# A N N U A L **NEWSLETTER** YEAR 2024

## **“Commemorating One Year of Focus on the Law as it concerns Children”**

The new year kickstarts a new season of work. In reflection, we take stock of the past year, reflecting on the Firm's strides over the past year in achieving the rights and wellbeing of children in Nigeria. With the Firm's focus on the Law as it concerns children, it employed its legal expertise to awareness creation on the position of the Law to both children and adults, resource development and collaboration with duty bearers for improved service delivery and contribution to discourses relating to children.

## MONTHLY SERIES

Following the Educational Series on Birth Registration released in the month of December 2023, the Firm, noting the success of this series in informing the general public on the provisions of the Law, the monthly series continued with other thematic areas such as the Law on Children's Health, Education, Participation and Information. These series provide easier access to information, literally bringing the Law to viewers. Connect with Sceptre and Prima on her social media handles to stay informed through on these topical areas.



**COMING SOON:**  
Podcast on the Law and Children

## LAUNCH OF LAW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND DUTY BEARERS



**PRE-LAUNCH BOOK READING  
EVENT**

Contributing to Literacy and the provision of much-needed resources on the Law concerning children, Sceptre and Prima's Principal Consultant, Chisom Sam-Igbokwue (née Oke-Chinda) in the month of June launched 2 books; for children and duty bearers. The 'MY RIGHTS' Handbook for children, published by Kunda Kids is a fun reading resource for children on their human rights. Where children stay informed, they are better protected and empowered with knowledge to have better living experiences. This resource therefore equips parents and educators with the accurate information as stated in the Law to best inform their little ones of this key information. A fun and engaging book-reading pre-launch event was held for the children in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.



The 'COMPENDIUM OF LEGAL INSTRUMENTS ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN NIGERIA' published by Lexis Nexis is a Comprehensive and an Essential Tool for every practitioner handling matters concerning children from Judicial Officers to Medical practitioners. This resource is well-suited and effective for Administration, Adjudication, Research and Development, amongst others. It is a key resource available in Hardcopy and E-book for purchase and highly recommended. Copies can be purchased via our website [Store](#)



## ADOPTION COURSE

In celebration of Children's Day in Nigeria on the 29th of May, the Firm launched an Adoption Series facilitated by Chisom Oke-Chinda and Florence Koenderink, Author and Consultant on Child Protection Reform. An insightful four-part course attended by adjudicators and educators both within the country and abroad. The series delved into the Legal as well as the psychological and practical implications of Adoption, in recognition of the current lack of procedure to prepare intending adoptive parents on the realities of adopting a child. This preparation is highly relevant to ensure the achievement of the rights and wellbeing of the child, giving the parents a head-start as they understand what to expect and how to effectively parent their child who has previously had a different experience and childhood.

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CHILDREN'S DAY EVENT 2024

## "MY CHILD AND I"

A 4-Part Series on the Rights and Care of the Adopted Child  
(For Adoptive Parents and Persons Considering Adoption)

**OUTLINE**

- What Truly is Adoption?
- Rights of an Adopted Child.
- My Child's Experience Prior to Adoption.
- Moving Forward: Achieving the Best for your Child.

**FACILITATORS**

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REFORM

Every Monday from  
27th May - 17th June,  
2024

8pm -  
9:30pm  
WAT

Via  
Zoom

Registration Fee: ₦50,000

## NAFCJMP EXPERT CONSULTATIVE MEETING FOR THE UN GC 27.

The Firm in its objective to seeing to Government's successful service-delivery, particularly as it concerns children, collaborated with the Nigerian Association of Family Court Judges, Magistrates and Other Practitioners (NAFCJMP) to organize its Expert Consultative Meeting for the United Nations Draft General Comment No. 27 on Children's Rights to Access to Justice and Effective Remedies. With the Meeting being well attended by duty bearers from across all 6 geo-political zones in Nigeria and sectors of industry that handle issues regarding children, the robust and deeply insightful



submission of the Association from Nigeria was submitted in August of 2024. This document is now featured on the United Nations' website and can be accessed here: [SUBMISSION](#)

## LAUNCH OF THE GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In May of 2024, the Graduate Internship Program was launched to provide students and professionals with hands-on experience and skills development through our work at Sceptre and Prima in Nigeria. By engaging in tasks and working alongside the team of experts, the graduate intern gains insight on legal practice and service delivery on child-related issues in Nigeria. The Program saw the introduction of Ms. Emma Mumma, advocate from Kenya and Masters student at the University of Leiden, Netherlands who joined the team Virtually for ten(10) weeks, after which she participated in a Training Session on Child Safeguarding to co-facilitate: this is in view of her expertise on the topic through her work in Kenya and her knowledge gained from the Advanced Masters in International Children's Rights.





*Asked about the Firm's Culture and Work Environment.*

**“Transparent, connected, nurturing, and motivating”** - Emma Mumma (Former Intern at Sceptre and Prima)



Stay informed on the next Graduate Internship Program through our Social Media Handles.

## **YOUNG PERSONS SUMMER PROGRAM (YPSP)**

In the summer of 2024, over the students' long-holiday, Sceptre and Prima launched the inaugural Young Persons Summer Program for children aged 13 to 18 years, providing an interactive learning experience on topical areas directly concern children. With the topics including: The Law and the Digital Environment the Law and Human Rights, and the Justice System, participants were insightfully informed with interests keenly piqued.

**“It was educative, interesting and it is a must for children who want to know more about their rights and to know what is right and not right, good and not good, I learnt a lot from the program.”** - Miss Immaculate

In the year 2025, we look forward to hosting sessions and interviews with industry professionals from different fields as well as excursions to key institutions dealing with children's issues in Nigeria.

Wish to Sponsor a Graduate Intern or Young Person on their Learning Journey through the Programs? Contact us at [admin@sceptreandprima.com](mailto:admin@sceptreandprima.com) or +234(0)8075595575.

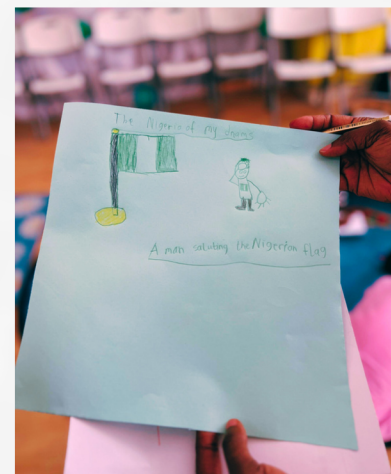


## ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Miss Immaculate, a participant of the Young Persons Summer Program in September was appointed Youth Ambassador at Sceptre and Prima, following her amazing performance during the program and keen interest in the human rights and well-being of children. Immaculate's presentations and assignment submissions truly brought an understanding of youth's perspective on issues concerning them. She is well committed to her role and brings innovation to the position. In the course of her tenure thus far, she has brilliantly released an animated story titled 'ON THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD', highlighting the interconnectedness of children's rights. Access the story here: **ON THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

## BOOK READING FEST IN NIGERIA'S FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA

The 'My Rights' speed train arrived in the FCT on the 5th of October 2024 in commemoration of Nigeria's National Day. With amazing volunteers from the Capital and Staff of the Firm in collaboration with ELG Education Consult and Brainyville School, the second of many reading sessions for children was organized and all children gifted the 'My Rights' Book. This event was particularly remarkable as the children, in addition to interactively learning on their human rights, experienced a practical application on their Right to Identity as they spoke on their dreams for Nigeria, as citizens of the country.



A man salutes the Nigerian flag in a hopeful artwork by Tinu, a child participant in the "Nigeria of My Dreams" segment at the FCT Book Reading Fest.



The Sceptre and Prima Team with Volunteers at the FCT Book Reading Fest.

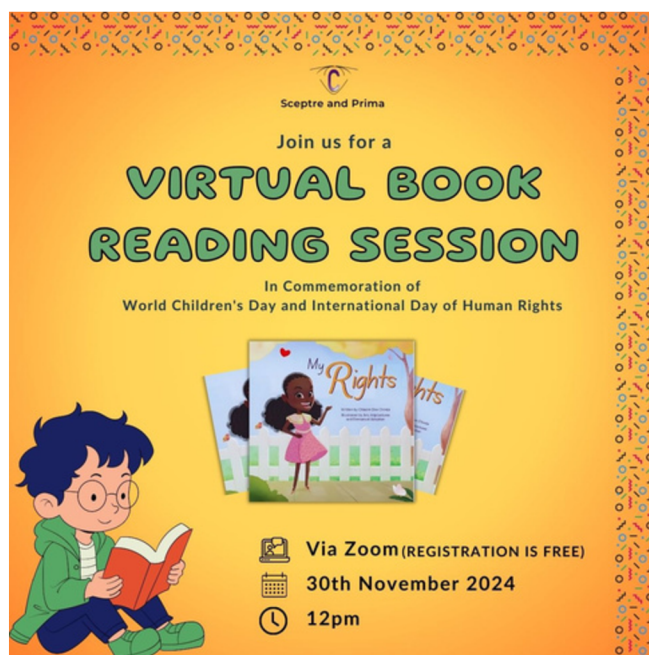
To see more on our Book Reading Events held in Abuja and Port Harcourt : [Click Here](#).

Want us in your location or wish to support a Reading event? Contact us at [admin@sceptreandprima.com](mailto:admin@sceptreandprima.com) or +234(0)8075595575.



## THE 'MY RIGHTS' TRAIN GOES DIGITAL

The 'My Rights' Train also visited the Digital Environment organizing a Virtual Book Reading event in November in commemoration of World Children's Day and Human Rights Day. The Virtual event creates the opportunity for children across different locations to learn about their human rights.



## SCEPTRE AND PRIMA TRAINS ALPHA NIGERIA (South South) in CHILD SAFEGUARDING

**"Your willingness to assist us in gaining access and the valuable safeguarding training for our Port Harcourt staff were instrumental to our success.**

**This support greatly facilitated our engagement with the children at The Safe Home and The Port Harcourt Remand Home."**

**NIKE EYO-BASSEY**

**(National Director, Alpha Nigeria)**

In preparation for their transformative work with children at the Rivers State Government Safe Home and Remand Home: institutions for the placement of victims of violence and children in conflict with the Law respectively, Alpha Nigeria undertook the very crucial step to learn on the human rights of children and safeguarding measures to working with children of both groups. The Training session was tailored to practically attend to the realities the staff of Alpha Nigeria would attend to at the locations with children. Hence, the session proved to be useful, with thoughtful feedback and updates received from the team.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

- **AFFIONG ENEOBONG LAUNCHES 'MIRACLE IN OUR HEARTS':** On the 30th of October 2024, Research Associate and Author, Affiong Ene-Obong released her most recent publication 'Miracle in Our Hearts'; an enriching book that gives insights on the importance of empathy, kindness and respect for all humans particularly persons with special needs. The book can be purchased via Amazon and bookstores across the country.
- **CHIOMA WOBO SPEAKS AT 'GIRLS' VISION FOR THE FUTURE':** During her leave from office, Research Associate, Chioma Wobo still geared by her passion and commitment to the rights and wellbeing of children spoke at schools during the 'Girls' Vision for the Future' Program hosted by Libr8 Nigeria in Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child. Upon her return, she mentioned the impact of the sessions on the school girls as well as her sensitization of other facilitators on child-friendly language and the law as it concerns children.

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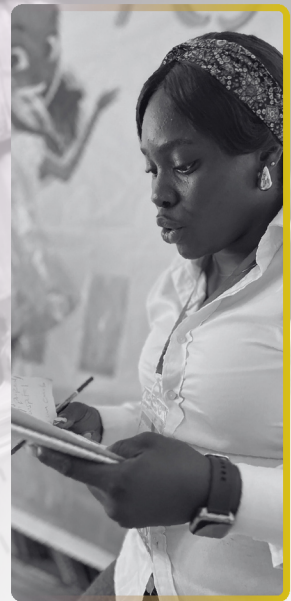
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## INTO THE YEAR 2025

For the year 2025 at Sceptre and Prima we will work towards increased resource development and advocacy, for duty bearers and for children, providing written resource as well as events and other digital resources on the Law as it concerns children to the end that duty bearers are well-equipped to knowledgeably and effectively deliver on their services on matters regarding children; likewise, that children are protected and empowered with the knowledge on their human rights, towards a safe and improved society.





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