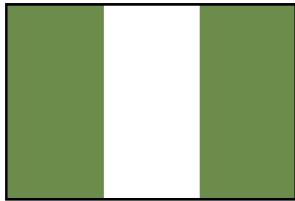


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The Nigerian Government, through the office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, recognise the value of a robust and transparent dispute resolution culture and the very positive impact such processes add to increasing investor confidence in Nigeria.

ADR Group was invited to deliver an International Mediation conference together with a series of interactive workshops entitled "**ADR and Mediation in Nigeria – Growing Investor Confidence**". The Conference was held to promote the development of mediation in Nigeria with particular emphasis on engaging the judiciary, legal profession and key stakeholders. The Abuja Conference was run over one day in June 2006 and the London conference over 3 days in October 2007.

The London Conference was opened by The High Commissioner for the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the United Kingdom, His Excellency Dr Christopher Kolade, CON with the conference Opening Address given by The Rt Hon Sir Brian Neill, Chair of the Civil Mediation Council and former Justice of Appeal.

A one-day mediation skills programme was delivered as part of the Conference by Mr Paul Gale, ADR Group's Senior Training Consultant.

There was overwhelming support from delegates for additional mediation training. It was widely accepted that a sustainable mediation culture in Nigeria would assist in making the country more attractive for foreign investment as it provide a platform for the resolution beyond the court system.

As we raised awareness of Nigeria's progressive stance on mediation we also delivered training in terms of communication and project management. We are continuing to explore development programmes to help realise the mediation culture within Nigeria. We have held discussions with the Nigerian Government in realising mediation potential to help economic and legal practices. It is envisaged that a long-term training and mediation support programme should be run in association with the Nigerian Government and other international agencies.

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