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Welcome to this vibrant edition of the JCI Ibadan Newsletter, proudly themed “Where We Gathered.” It’s more than a nod to event halls—it’s a celebration of every room, moment, and memory that brought us together in purpose and progress.

In just six months, we’ve achieved what some might call a full year’s worth of impact. From high-energy General Assemblies and transformative trainings to bold community projects and national recognition—JCI Ibadan has truly raised the bar.

This issue takes you on a journey through the spaces that held our laughter, leadership, and legacy-in-the-making. It’s a reminder that while walls may host us, it’s people, passion, and purpose that make every gathering unforgettable.

As we turn the corner into the second half of the year, one thing is clear—where we gather, great things happen.

Let the stories inspire you.

Yours in service,

JCIN AMB OLANSILE A. OLANREWAJU
2025 Editorial Board Chairman, JCI Ibadan

Editor's Note



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Where We Gathered: A Journey of JCI, Chairs And Cheers



At JCI Ibadan, physical interaction is more than just a routine; it's a defining part of our identity. While the world has embraced virtual tools for communication and collaboration, the irreplaceable value of face-to-face connection still stands tall. In JCI, every handshake, every side conversation, every shared laugh during General Assembly holds weight. These are the moments where ideas are born, networks are built, and friendships blossom.

That is why the venue of our General Assembly is not a mere logistical detail—it is an extension of our brand. It defines the ambience of our meetings, sets the tone for engagement, and leaves a lasting impression on members and guests alike.

For many years, Premier Hotel, Ori Oke Mokola, proudly stood as the face of JCI Ibadan. From the 1990s into the early 2020s, it was more than a venue—it was a landmark of leadership, service, and shared memories. Generations of members recall walking into its halls as fresh faces and walking out inspired, empowered, and ready to take action.

One of such members, JCI Senator Ayo Abolusodun, who served as the Local Organization President in 2006, shared how his first experience at a JCI Ibadan meeting in 1995—held at Premier Hotel—marked the beginning of a transformative journey. His story echoes that of many who found purpose, confidence, and lifelong connections within those walls.

But even the best traditions evolve. In 2022, Premier Hotel temporarily suspended operations due to renovation. It was a bittersweet moment, but JCI Ibadan rose to the occasion and charted a new course. That new home became BON Hotel, Bodija, which hosted our General Assemblies from 2023 to 2024.

BON Hotel brought a fresh sense of class and modernity. Its aesthetic appeal gave our events a renewed energy. From business sessions to photo moments, it was a place where members showed up, showed out, and soaked in the beauty of leadership in motion.

As the curtain closed on 2024, JCI Ibadan once again made a strategic move—this time to The Citron Hotel, Onireke, our current meeting venue for all General Assemblies in 2025. The venue has so far offered comfort, functionality, and a professional environment befitting the ever-expanding vision of our Local Organization. The growing number of participants at each General Assembly is a testament to the vibrancy of our programs and the attractiveness of our new space.



In fact, our meetings have become so well-attended that members have begun proposing the formation of a new Local Organization to accommodate the growing interest, with name suggestions such as JCI Apata, JCI Ibadan Metro, JCI Layipo, and JCI Oke Ado

As we reflect on where we've been and where we're headed, one thing is clear: in JCI, where we gather matters. It's not just about chairs and microphones. It's about the atmosphere, the energy, and the legacy built within those walls. Wherever we gather next, the spirit of JCI Ibadan will always follow.



Six Months Strong: 'Raising The Bar' In Review

On January 1st, 2025, a new chapter began in the history of JCI Ibadan as JCIN Amb. Olajumoke Victoria Adelabu assumed leadership as the 3rd female President in the chapter's 57-year legacy. Her emergence was not only historic—it sparked renewed hope, bold expectations, and a united commitment to excellence. With the theme “Raising the Bar,” her administration set out to build on the labors of our heroes past while stretching the boundaries of what’s possible.

Six months later, the results speak loudly.

The year started strong with a comprehensive Joint Officers Training School for the 2025 Board Members—organized in collaboration with other Local Organizations in Ibadan. This powerful retreat became a launchpad for effective leadership, strategic planning, and internal synergy. Project Chairpersons were not left behind; the Project Mastery Summit followed shortly after, delivering advanced training in project management and execution.

What has followed is a chapter culture marked by consistent empowerment. From January to June, JCI Ibadan’s business meetings featured insightful training sessions led by seasoned facilitators such as JCI Senator Iyiola Folayan and JCI Senator Nneka Itabor, among others. Each session added value, sharpened leadership skills, and renewed the commitment of members to service and growth.

Innovation has also been a key focus. In a move to deepen engagement and storytelling, JCI Ibadan brought back the Monthly Newsletter, now richer and more dynamic. Even more groundbreaking was the launch of “The Chamberz” Podcast—a vibrant visual platform projecting the JCI Ibadan brand to a broader audience while spotlighting the personalities and projects that define our impact.





On the growth front, JCI Ibadan welcomed 13 exceptional new members after a thorough and merit-based recruitment process. These professionals didn't just join; they were embraced and equipped to thrive. With an active mentorship system and the introduction of the "Member of the Month" award, the chapter has sustained high levels of engagement and motivation among both new and existing members.

The past six months have also been defined by impactful and visible projects. From the Sina Adegunle Business Summit to Access to Quality Health, Gender Advocacy initiatives, the Foluso Oluleye Sports Competition, and the Annual Roundtable, every project delivered meaningfully on JCI's mission of creating positive change. These projects didn't just tick boxes—they improved lives and deepened the relevance of JCI Ibadan within and beyond the community.

Our presence on the national scene has been nothing short of inspiring. At the 2025 JCI Nigeria Southern Conference, over 30 delegates represented JCI Ibadan with excellence, unity, and spirit—making a lasting impression and setting the pace for even greater participation in future events.

The journey continues...

Six months in, it's clear that "Raising the Bar" is more than a theme—it's a lived reality. Under President Olajumoke's visionary leadership, JCI Ibadan has stepped into a new era of strength, impact, and innovation. The energy is high, the bar is higher, and the journey continues—with excellence as our compass and greatness in sight.



JCI Ibadan Hosts “The Future of Enterprise”

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The sixth General Assembly of JCI Ibadan in 2025 became a landmark gathering of forward-thinking professionals, entrepreneurs, and policy enthusiasts. With a commitment to bridging the gap between enterprise and governance, the assembly created a platform to discuss strategies, policies, and the political dynamics shaping Nigeria's business landscape.

The keynote address was delivered by Hon. Seyi Adisa, Founder of the African Governance Institute for Development (AGID), on the theme: "The Future of Enterprise: Strategies, Policies, and Politics." He emphasized that government policies are critical to business growth, investor confidence, and economic stability. He highlighted the impact of policy on the stock market's 21% growth since January and called for young entrepreneurs to be proactive, informed, and ready to leverage emerging opportunities such as the \$500 million Creative Fund.

Hon. Adisa also stressed the importance of government-enterprise collaboration, participatory governance, and policy advocacy as vital tools for shaping the future of enterprise in Nigeria. The session featured a stimulating panel discussion with three distinguished speakers: Azeez Adediran (venture capitalist), Jumoke Olowookere (entrepreneur), and Olamide Agbomeji (pharmacist and event planner)—who each shared practical insights on navigating enterprise in a policy-driven economy.



OLAJUMOKE AGBETANMIJE

2025 Convention Chairperson

“Her work champions climate action, employee well-being, and community impact—making sustainability a core business priority.”



Spotlight: Olajumoke Agbetanmije — Where Purpose Meets Perfume And Planet

Olajumoke Agbetanmije is a dynamic entrepreneur and sustainability professional who blends innovation, empathy, and enterprise into everything she does. Her journey began as early as junior secondary school, where her business instincts turned everyday student challenges into creative opportunities—from selling pens to curating accessible meals in the hostel.

Today, she leads Agsperfumery, a growing fragrance brand that helps people discover scents aligned with their personal identity and space. Through personalized consultations and thoughtful recommendations, she empowers clients to express themselves with confidence. Her latest venture, Toi Homi, focuses on transforming homes into warm, inviting spaces through curated scents—reminding us that fragrance is more than luxury; it's a lifestyle.

Olajumoke also serves as a Corporate Sustainability Analyst at a leading food and beverage company, where she integrates global standards like the UN SDGs, GRI, and TCFD into corporate strategy. Her work champions climate action, employee well-being, and community impact—making sustainability a core business priority.

In July 2024, Olajumoke joined JCI Ibadan, bringing her vibrant energy, strategic thinking, and global consciousness to the organization. With a background in History and International Studies, and experience in diplomacy and advocacy, she is a true reflection of purpose-driven leadership.



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Babatunde Ojobaro

2025 General Legal Counsel —

“Mister Rain’s creative spark ignited early, winning dance competitions and entertaining crowds long before the fame...”



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Spotlight: Babatunde Ojobaro

#MisterRain — The Corporate Entertainer

Bridging Laughter, Learning, And Legacy

For Babatunde Ojobaro, widely known as Mister Rain (#TheCorporateEntertainer), the stage was never just a platform—it was a calling. From dancing in primary school corridors to commanding high-profile events across Nigeria, his journey reflects purpose, creativity, and reinvention.

Mister Rain's creative spark ignited early, winning dance competitions and entertaining crowds long before the fame. At Olabisi Onabanjo University, where he studied Marketing, he transitioned into comedy and stage performance, finding his true voice as an MC and actor. This passion led him to study Theatre Arts at the University of Ibadan—where he became a campus sensation.

After university, Mister Rain soared in media, earning acclaim as an award-winning On-Air Personality and media mentor. His accolades include OAP of the Year (2015–2017), Top 50 Influential Youths in Ibadan, and more. He's trained over 100 aspiring broadcasters and empowered 200+ SMEs with digital marketing skills.

A cultural visionary, he founded Theatre Hub Africa, reviving stage drama in the Southwest, and became a household name through roles like Uncle Kata in *Awon Aladun De* and appearances in *ITURA*, winner of an AMVCA award.

Now Festival Director of the Ibadan International Film Festival, and Supervising Producer at Expnd Music, Mister Rain continues to elevate African talent globally.

From classroom stages to continental screens, Mister Rain is not just an entertainer—he's an ecosystem builder, mentor, and cultural force.



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Portable: Controversy, Talent Or Strategy

I've thought about this many times. I believe there's something we're missing when it comes to Portable.

Despite all his controversies and drama, he keeps getting gigs and still works with top-rated artists.

Someone like me would naturally want to stay away from his kind of personality. But somehow, people still pay him big money for features, performances and promotions.

The most surprising one was Ric Hassani's recent interview, where he confirmed that Portable is featured on his new album. He even said it was easy working with him. Portable also confirmed he got paid N10,000,000 for the gig.

This got me thinking—why am I so curious?

There are so many other artists out there who are hardworking, talented, and doing everything right to avoid bad publicity. Yet, they haven't achieved even 5% of what Portable has done.

So, what exactly is working for Portable?

Is it talent, grace, strategy, or just nature?

I'd really like to hear your thoughts.

You can send me a mail here: Olanshileey@gmail.com

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A Tribute To Our Fathers - JCI Ibadan Celebrates You

On this special occasion of International Father's Day, we pay heartfelt tribute to the incredible fathers within JCI Ibadan—men who wear many hats with grace, wisdom, and unwavering strength.

You are more than leaders in your homes—you are mentors, role models, and nation builders. Whether you're guiding your children through life's lessons or nurturing younger members within our organization, your presence continues to shape a legacy of service, integrity, and excellence.

We see the sacrifices you make, the values you uphold, and the balance you maintain between family, career, and active civic engagement. You prove that fatherhood is not just a role, but a calling—one that reflects in how you lead, love, and uplift others.

To our JCI Ibadan fathers—past, present, and future—thank you for standing tall as pillars of strength and compassion. Your everyday efforts inspire us to be better individuals and responsible citizens.

Today, we celebrate you. Your impact goes far beyond your homes—it echoes through the walls of our community, our organization, and our hearts.

Happy Father's Day!



Access to Justice: Freedom, Hope, and a Fresh Start

The Access to Justice Project by JCI Ibadan continues to make meaningful impact, restoring hope one life at a time. We are pleased to share that two more young men, Waris and Adesina, have regained their freedom and are now reunited with their families.

Beyond securing their release, JCI Ibadan provided both individuals with financial support to help them navigate their first week outside custody, with a focus on basic needs and reintegration.

An unexpected yet inspiring moment came in court, where Alhaji Ahmed Ishola, a respected Mogaji and real estate consultant, offered to help by providing employment or trade training opportunities. Waris accepted the offer and has promised to follow through. Adesina, on the other hand, expressed his desire to return home and continue his butchering business with his grandmother's support.

As part of our commitment, both young men were re-sensitized on the importance of positive choices and making the most of their second chance.

They expressed deep appreciation for the support received and are determined to begin again with dignity.

Together, we press on—one case, one life at a time.



Access to Quality Health: JCI Ibadan Brings Vital Care to Agbeni Market

On June 28th, JCI Ibadan successfully concluded the 2025 edition of its annual Access to Quality Health Project, delivering critical medical care and health education to over 200 market women at Agbeni Market, Ibadan North West LGA.

This year's project was a two-day initiative designed to reach underserved communities with essential medical services and vital health awareness. The program kicked off with a virtual session on Maternal and Newborn Health, empowering pregnant women, nursing mothers, caregivers, and young adults with knowledge to improve maternal and child well-being—aligned with the 2025 World Health Day theme.

The on-ground medical outreach brought free consultations, dental care, and a range of basic medical tests—including blood pressure, blood sugar, malaria, HIV screening, BMI checks, eye screening, and oral health services. Each beneficiary received personalised advice and treatments to address immediate health needs and promote early detection and preventive care.

This impactful project was made possible through strategic partnerships with renowned health-focused organisations, including the Young Pharmacists Group, Dental Students' Association (UCH Chapter), Association of Young Physiotherapists, and the Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH).

By reaching vulnerable traders who form the backbone of the local economy, JCI Ibadan reaffirms its commitment to building healthier, more resilient communities—one outreach at a time.



Meet our member of the month

- 2025 Chairman for
Sina Adegunle
Business Summit
(SABS)



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Welcome to JCA Ibadan

June Inductees



Tola Thomas
Building Contractor



Oluwapelumi Aladeyelu
Civil/Public Servant



Titilope Ariyo
Business Manager



Francis Nduamaka
Tech Personnel

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JCI Ibadan June Celebrants



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Upcoming Events

July 6, 2025

General Assembly (Virtual)

Human Duties Day

July 10, 2025

July 26, 2025

July Confab

Q3 Diaspora Dialogue

July 2025

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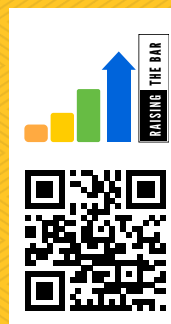
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