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JCI IBADAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rights. Justice. Action.
For ALL Women and Girls.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader,

What does it really mean for a woman to be bold today?

Across many leadership spaces, women still have to negotiate their way into rooms that were not originally designed with them in mind. Yet within JCI, the story has often been different. From its earliest days, the organisation has created pathways for women to step forward, take responsibility, and lead with conviction.

Unlike many leadership organisations where women still struggle to rise, JCI Nigeria has consistently proven to be a platform that supports and empowers women to lead and create meaningful change.

In our sixty-nine years of existence, JCI Nigeria has produced eight female National Presidents, a powerful reflection of the inclusive and progressive spirit of our organisation.

These women did more than just hold titles; they expanded possibilities and changed industries and organisational settings. Their courage, vision, and service continue to inspire others to step forward, accept responsibility, and make their voices heard.

JCI Ibadan has also contributed to this legacy of women in leadership, producing 3 female Presidents whose leadership has shaped the direction and strength of our organisation over the years.

This year's International Women's Month theme "Rights. Justice. Action." reminds us that progress does not happen by chance. It requires courage, conviction, and the willingness to act.

In this edition, we celebrate women who inspire, spotlight businesses shaping impact, and share voices that continue to strengthen the culture of leadership within JCI Ibadan.

Because when women lead boldly, communities grow stronger.

Warm regards,

Olubunmi Apantaku

Editorial Chairman, JCI Ibadan



MARCH BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

If you missed the March Business Meeting, you missed a session that moved quickly from routine into real engagement.

The meeting opened on a steady note, with the usual business formalities observed and the agenda adopted without delay. From there, the meeting moved into what has now become a continued thread of deepening members' understanding of parliamentary procedures through parliamentary discourse.

Building on the February session, the General Legal Counselled a continuation of the discussion on motions, bringing more clarity to how members engage within formal proceedings. The conversation remained practical, with references that connected past discussions to present application.

A major highlight of the meeting was the induction of **13 new members — 8 men and 5 women** from the Directorate of Membership, marking a strong addition to the chapter's growing community.

The meeting also featured a Personality of the Month spotlight on **JCI Senator Dr. Olanrewaju Sulaimon**, Special Adviser (Media) and Chief Press Secretary to the Oyo State Governor, as well as the 2003 President of JCI Ibadan.

JCI Amb. Adeola Adelabu delivered a training session on Personal Branding for Impact, sharing practical insights on how members can position themselves for influence and growth.

Across the meeting, directors, project managers, and chairmen presented their project reports and proposals, reflecting ongoing work across the chapter, including the Gender Advocacy Project. Worthy of note were the **SABS 2026** and the **2026 Valentine's Hangout** projects, both executed with strong delivery and leaving the organisation with impressive book balances.

The Directorate of Business and International Opportunities also unveiled the **new JCI Ibadan jersey** in preparation for FOSC 2026, available in both long and short sleeve versions.

Updates were also shared on the upcoming **JCI Nigeria Southern Conference (WAFFI 2026)** scheduled to hold in Delta State from **April 11–12, 2026**.

It was an experience of another meeting held as a reminder of how structure, learning, and execution continue to shape the direction of JCI Ibadan.



In the Middle of the Room

Boldness is not always what we like to imagine it to be. It is not always the loudest voice in the room or the person with the perfect words.

Most times, it is much simpler than that.

It is the moment you decide to speak instead of keeping quiet. The moment you take responsibility for something and actually see it through. The moment you step forward, even when you are not completely sure how it will go.

You see boldness all the time. In meetings, in projects, in the small spaces where things are happening, when someone asks a controversial question that shifts the training sessions into an in-depth conversation, when someone volunteers for something new, or someone shows up prepared and does the work without needing to be pushed or asked.

Within JCI Ibadan, this is how a lot of things move forward. Not just through big ideas, but through people who choose to participate, to contribute, and to stay present.

So this month, as we celebrate women whose actions have shaped legacies in this organisation, women who have stepped into roles once assumed to belong to men, taken decisions, held positions, and delivered on responsibilities others believed they were not best suited for...

And also the men who have taken on roles and responsibilities often considered "for women," and have carried them with equal commitment and excellence...

In that boldness, we raise a toast.

To those who chose to step forward, regardless of expectation.

To those who proved that capacity is not defined by gender.

To those who showed up and did the work.

To these legends, we tip our hats and celebrate.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Gender Advocacy Project

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JCI Ibadan Amplifies IWD Through Gender Advocacy

For **Junior Chamber International (JCI)** around the world, International Women's Day is more than a symbolic date. It is a moment for the global movement to reflect on the rights of women and girls, the justice they deserve, and the actions communities must take to create equal opportunities for all.

Across Nigeria, JCI Chapters joined that global call, aligning with the **2026 International Women's Day theme: "Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls."**

JCI Ibadan, the Chapter chose to carry that conversation beyond meeting rooms. From **March 6 to March 13 2026**, JCI Ibadan implemented a week-long **Gender Advocacy Project** led by **JC Evelyn Ohiolei, Chairman of the Gender Advocacy Project**.

This project combined media advocacy with youth engagement, ensuring that the message reached both public audiences and the next generation.

The conversations started in schools before moving into the wider community, travelling across the airwaves to reach an even broader audience of Oyo state.

On **March 8, 2026**, JCI Ibadan was at **St. Louis Junior Grammar School, Ibadan**, where more than **700 Students** were empowered and engaged in discussions on **equality, respect, and responsible citizenship**.

The chapter also took the conversation across **32FM 94.9, Yes FM 101.7, and Dominion FM 106.1, in English, Yoruba, and Pidgin**, allowing the message to reach listeners across Oyo State in languages they understand best.

These forums featured voices such as **Temiloluwa Oyeniyi, Programmes Manager at Ominira Initiative**, and **Karimot Odebode, Founder of the Black Girls' Dream Initiative**, who spoke about the barriers women still face in political participation and policy representation.

During the Yoruba edition, **JCIN Amb. Oluwaseun Ajayi, First Vice-President of JCI Ibadan**, encouraged women to support one another in leadership spaces. **JCIN Amb. Oluwadamilola Oladoyinbo, 2025 Director of Skills Development for JCI Southwest**, emphasized on raising boys and girls with equal responsibility and life skills.

In the Pidgin forum, **JC Victoria Olatunde, Chairman Access to Justice**, described women as "multipliers," noting that empowering women ultimately strengthens society.

Together, the voices on radio and the conversations in schools amplified a clear message to impact everyone of us: rights must be known, justice must be pursued, and action must follow.



Letter to the Next Woman

Dear JCI Woman,

First off, I am beyond glad that you have found your way to this noble organization. I want you to know that you are not here by accident. Every room you walk into, you belong there, fully and unapologetically!!! Leadership will stretch you in ways you never imagined but it will also reveal a strength you never knew you had. There will be days of doubt. Push through them! There will be voices that question your place. Let your results answer them! You carry the dreams of every woman who came before you and the hopes of every girl watching you now. Lead with courage, lead with grace, support fellow women and above all lead with love!!! The seat was always yours. Own it.

With Pride and Sisterhood,
Olájùmòkè Adélabú
2025 President, JCI Ibadan



Joining JCI Ibadan, step in boldly and own your space. You don't have to have it all figured out because growth is what happens in the process.

Be open to learning, build genuine relationships, and never underestimate the value you bring to the table. There will be challenges, but let them shape you, not limit you. Show up consistently, support other women, and remember that your voice matters. JCI Ibadan is not just an organisation; it's a community where you can thrive, lead, and become the best version of yourself."

Warm Regards,
JCIN Amb. Adeola Ogechi Tejumade



Walk in with confidence, but stay rooted in your values. In a world where pressure can come in different forms, let your integrity guide you and speak louder than your words.

Learn to say no without guilt, set clear boundaries, and never compromise your standards just to belong or succeed.

Embrace a growth mindset, keep learning, keep showing up, and keep improving. Pursue greatness intentionally set clear leadership goals for yourself.

Carry yourself with dignity, stay true to who you are, and remember that your morals are your strength, not your limitation. Let your presence always command respect.

JCIN Amb. Oluwafisayomi I. Ajileye
2026 General Secretary, JCI Ibadan



Dear Women,

As the threads of our stories intertwine, I want you to know that your chapter in JCI Ibadan is a vital part of our collective narrative. To the next woman joining our ranks, I say you've arrived at a crossroads where purpose meets potential.

The compass that will guide you through uncharted territories is the believe you have in yourself and your abilities. In this space, you will be challenged to push beyond boundaries; take calculated risks, we will support you as you soar, and celebrate every victory along the way. You have a seat at the table, so be bold and take charge, because your voice is a unique melody in our symphony, don't be afraid to let it resonate.

Growth awaits at every turn; embrace it with courage and curiosity. You're part of a sisterhood that thrives on empowerment, innovation, and heart. Uplift others as you climb, shine bright and leave your mark.

NOTE: Always learn from failure instead of dwelling in it.

Warm Regards
JCIN Amb. Halimah Adeniran
Director of International Affairs, JCI Ibadan.



You are not just joining a group - you're becoming part of a legacy. This is your space to shine, learn, and grow into the leader you want to be. Your strengths are valued, and your voice matters.

JCI Ibadan has had some amazing female presidents. Who knows, you might just be the next big thing!

JC FOLAKEMI OLUWASEGUN

REFLECTIONS ON Leadership After Office

JCI Senator Adelayo Abass

Serving as President of JCI Ibadan was a transformational journey that continues to shape my decisions and actions. My progression through various leadership roles exposed me to different leadership styles, strengthening my mindset and approach to leadership.

The experience helped me understand that leadership goes beyond position, it is a lifelong responsibility to serve and influence others. The challenges I faced built my confidence, resilience, and decision-making skills, positively impacting my career, relationships, and personal growth.

I also learned that success is collective, reinforcing the importance of teamwork, trust, and effective delegation.

Serving as President connected me to a lasting legacy, and I find fulfillment in seeing new leaders grow and succeed.

Above all, the journey leaves me with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity, the people, and the experience.

Continued Connection with JCI Ibadan after Presidency

After serving as President, I remained actively connected to JCI Ibadan, including serving as Immediate Vice President to President Kayode Adedayo.

I have continued to contribute through mentorship, guiding new leaders and members by sharing experience, offering advice, and supporting smooth leadership transitions.

I also stayed involved in programs and projects, contributing through advisory roles and active participation—serving as Chairman of the Alumni Reunion (2019) and Natcon Fundraising (2022), and sharing insights at monthly meetings.

Additionally, I maintain a strong commitment as an active alumni member and JCI Senator, helping to sustain the organization's culture, values, and legacy.

Thoughts on the Role of a Past President in Sustaining Culture, Values, and Continuity

The role of a past president extends beyond holding office to preserving the organization's culture and values, ensuring continuity and stability, and mentoring future leaders.

In essence: A past president serves as a bridge between the past, present, and future, ensuring the organization's purpose and values endure.

Advice for Current Leaders and Aspiring Members

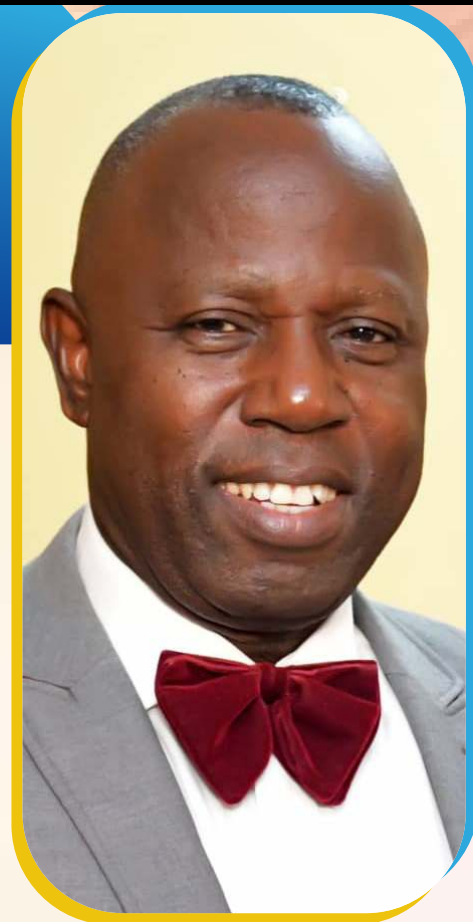
Whether you are currently leading or preparing to lead; serve, grow, empower others, and make a meaningful impact.



PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

JCI Senator Dr. OLANREWAJU SULAIMON

Sulaimon Olanrewaju is a subject matter expert in strategic communication. A former Group Business Editor and Senior Manager, Business Development and Strategy at the Nigerian Tribune, Olanrewaju, who bagged a PhD in Mass Communication and Media Technology from Lead City University, Ibadan, and a Master's degree in Media and Communication Studies from Pan-Atlantic University (Lagos Business School), had his undergraduate studies at the University of Ibadan.



A 2006 Reuters Fellow, Olanrewaju won the Nigeria Media Merit Award (NMMA), the highest award for Nigerian journalists, seven times in different categories. He is a Member of the National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (MNIMN), an Associate of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (anipr), a Fellow of the Institute of Information Management, Africa (FIIM), and a Fellow of the Institute of Management Specialists, UK ((FIMS).



He served as the Junior Chamber International Nigeria's National Director of Programmes and Projects in 2001 and became the National Vice President in 2002.

In 2003, he served as the President of Junior Chamber International Ibadan. He currently serves as the Special Adviser (Media)/Chief Press Secretary to Oyo State Governor.

He is married to Odunayo and they are blessed with children.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Welcome to JCI Ibadan

JC Abioye O. Idowuwoho Farmer & Agric. Entrepreneur	JC Joshua Opeyemi Gbadebo Photography	JC Hassan Abiodun Olassunkanmi Mechanical Engineer/Teacher	JC Oluwakayode Mustapha Sales (FMCG Industry)
JC Aminat Adepoju Adedoyinsola Creative Fashion Designer	JC Rahmat Temitope Akande Product Manager	JC Nelly Monday Founder, Coach & Sales Global Ltd & GSI, Content Marketing (online), JCI	JC Martha Abodunrin CEO, Safe House
JC Kehinde Akinola Branding & Signage Production	JC Emmanuel Donald Atim Mining Technologist	JC Ibukunoluwa Zainab Oluotanni Research & Programs Coordinator	JC Jubril Olanrewaju Lasisi Sales & Operations Expert
JC Blessing Akpan Sales & Training Specialist			

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It was a full month in March, the best of months.

We inducted 13 new members in JCI Ibadan and as such there was a new flow of energy, curiosity and potential.

Welcome once again, to our latest Jaycees.

JCI is not short of opportunities, and the thing is that this is the organisation that a person will only enjoy when engaged. Present, engage, inquisitiveness, role playing. Indifference will never deliver the whole experience.

Our Games Night also came back with its own blend of fun, tension and the ability to think on the spot. There were laughs, close calls and almost correct answers as usual. At the end of it all, JCIN Amb. Adedapo Akinola became the winner and got both the prize and the bragging rights of the month.

Another event that we organized was another Meet a Jaycee where we hosted JCI Senator Iyiola Folayan. It was one of the sessions when you could sense that people were listening

more carefully - not only listening, but thinking.

He was not secretive of what his journey had been like and how JCI has enriched his life and how one must remain committed even after the hype of joining.

In retrospect, March reminded us of what this organisation is run by - people who come up, participate and be deliberate about their development.



JC Adewale Adegunju
2026 Director of Membership Services,
JCI Ibadan.

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DIRECTORATE OF MEMBERSHIP
presents
Meet a Jaycee 3.0
with
JCI Senator Iyiola Folayan
2013 President, JCI Ibadan

Thursday, 26th March, 2026
8:00pm | ZOOM

JC Uzor Adizua
HOST



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VGC Tech Consult is a Nigerian Technology and Security Solutions company working with individuals, businesses, and event organisers who need their environments to be safer and more efficient.

The company started with a simple idea: to offer solutions for security, power, and technical support that people can actually depend on. Over time, that vision has grown into services across CCTV system installations, solar installations, home automation, POS support for businesses, electrical services, and event security.

A large part of VGC Tech's work centres on CCTV systems and solar installations. For many homes and businesses, power supply is not always reliable, so combining surveillance with solar power means monitoring doesn't stop even when electricity goes out.

Their solar inverter and panel setups also support clients looking for more stable energy alternatives. They also support businesses with POS systems and technical maintenance, helping to keep operations running without unnecessary interruptions.

Beyond energy solutions and technical support, VGC Tech Consult also handles event security. Whether it's a wedding, a birthday, or a corporate gathering, the focus is simple — keep things in order and make sure people feel safe while the event is ongoing.



**JC Victoria
Ebunoluwa
Olatunde**

At the centre of VGC Tech Consult is **JC Victoria Ebunoluwa Olatunde**, the **Founder of the Technology and Security Company** and a passionate entrepreneur committed to advancing technology-driven security and energy solutions in Nigeria.

Her journey into the technology and security industry was inspired by a desire to help individuals and organisations operate in safer environments while using modern technology to solve everyday challenges. Through dedication, practical experience, and continuous learning, she has developed expertise in surveillance technology, solar energy systems, POS support infrastructure, and event security coordination.



As a woman working in a field that is still largely male-dominated, Victoria is intentional about breaking barriers and demonstrating that women can thrive in the technology and security space. Her leadership reflects resilience, innovation, and a strong commitment to delivering reliable services to clients.

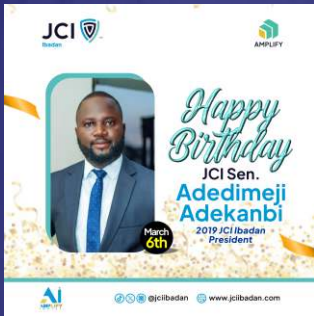
Beyond her work as an entrepreneur, she remains actively involved in initiatives that promote leadership development, professional growth, and youth empowerment, inspiring others, especially women, to explore opportunities within the technology and security industry.

Through her work with VGC Tech Consult, she continues to contribute to improving security systems, technology adoption, and energy solutions for businesses, homes, and event organisers across Nigeria.

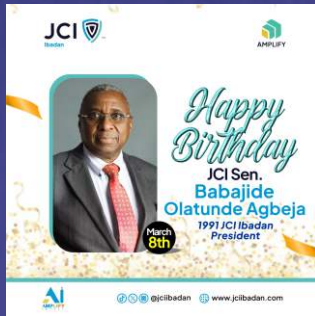


CELEBRANTS OF THE MONTH

PAST PRESIDENTS



Happy Birthday
JCI Sen. Adedimeji Adekanbi
March 6th
2019 JCI Ibadan President



Happy Birthday
JCI Sen. Babajide Olatunde Agbeja
March 8th
1991 JCI Ibadan President



Happy Birthday
JCI Sen. Iyiola Folayan
March 30th
2013 JCI Ibadan President



Happy Birthday
JCI Amb. Olajumoke Adelabu
March 30th
2026 NVP JCI Nigeria
2025 JCI Ibadan President



Happy Birthday
JC Khadijat Ladoja
March 10th



Happy Birthday
JC Jubril Olanrewaju
March 10th



Happy Birthday
JC Moruf Lawal
March 16th



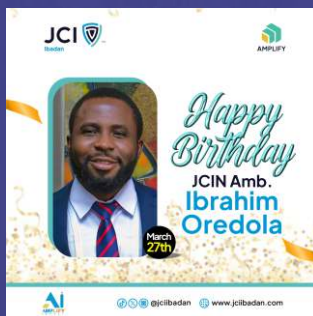
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JCI Amb. Ibukun Okedare
March 12th



Happy Birthday
JC Kehinde Akinola
March 15th



Happy Birthday
JC Dolapo Obisesan
March 18th



Happy Birthday
JCI Amb. Ibrahim Oredola
March 27th



Happy Birthday
JCI Amb. Oluwaseun Ayedogbon
March 25th
2026 JCI Ibadan President



Happy Birthday
JC Omolola Agbabiaka
March 30th



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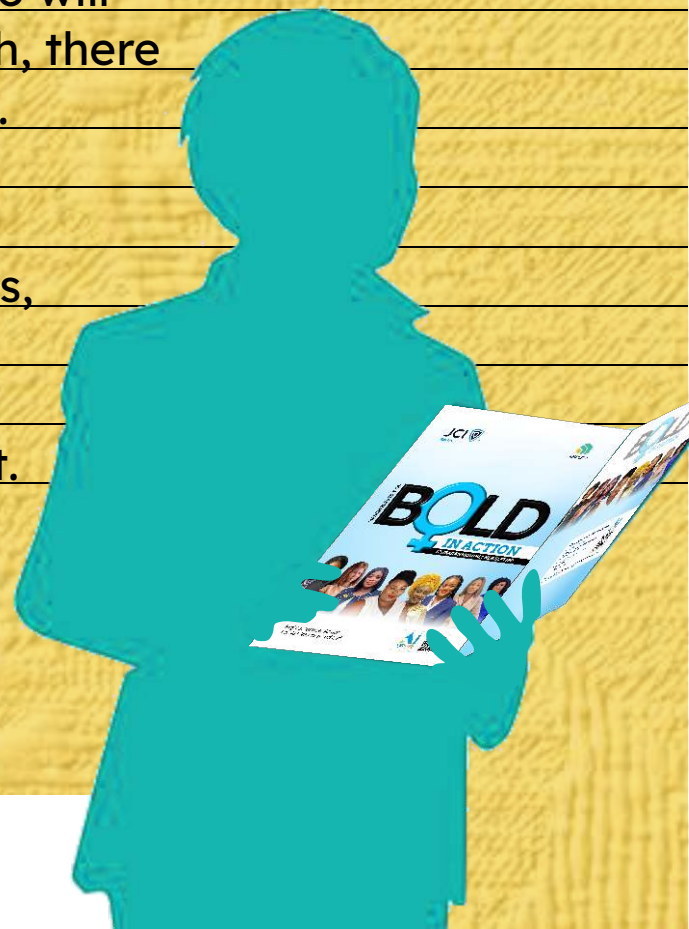
Dear Reader,

Now that you are at the end of this edition, I want to leave you with one simple reflection. March was not just about humanitarian activities, or marking International Women's Day, or even just celebrating women.

What we have tried to do in these pages is something slightly different — to pay attention to boldness. The kind that shows up in decisions, in consistency, in taking responsibility, and in choosing to step forward when it would be easier not to.

And to the next woman in JCI who will be bold enough to follow that path, there is already something here for you. In the stories, in the people, in the work that has been done, there is proof that the space exists, and that you can take it.

The rest is simply showing up to it.



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