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Hello to all our members at NIDOE UK South, and to all our new members, welcome! This monthly newsletter is designed to keep our members up to date on the activities that have occurred over the last month and those that are scheduled for the following month. Also to provide you with an update on what your executive committee have been working on.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all our new Nigerian Mayors, Councillors and MPs. NIDOE UK South intends to send personal congratulatory messages to them all. We have the highest number of councillors in the UK so far, and this is a great achievement for our community. We continue to support you all.

Thank you to all the members who attended the Members Forum held in the Banking Hall of the Nigerian High Commission on Friday 30th April 2010. The event was an informal networking affair to get to know our members. We would like to thank A La Leke Restaurant for providing the food on the night, hampers4you.com for providing the accompaniments and hamper prize for the raffle draw which was won by Mr Alalade, and moreover the Nigerian High Commission for their continued support and assistance in providing us with the use of their

facilities.

We aim to have a bi-monthly networking member's forum at Jewel Piccadilly Bar, please see link <http://www.jewelpiccadilly.co.uk>, and quarterly networking events at one of our many Nigerian Restaurants which we aim to patronise. The first of such meetings will be taking place on **Thursday 24th June 2010** from 6.00pm – 9pm. Please attend and invite your Nigerian compatriots and friends. Attendees will need to pay for their own drinks, but there will be a free drink for the first 10 attendees and Happy Hour is from 5pm-8pm so come early to take advantage of 50% offers.

Interviews and Inauguration of the National Committee members and Executive Representatives have taken place over the last few months from those that responded to requests sent out for members, and the following capacities have been filled:

Mrs Cynthia Eguridu as Executive Representative of Protocols, Mr. Oluseitan as a member of the internal working committee for Media and Publicity Committee, Mr. Tony Oguchi, member of the National Development Committee on housing, infrastructure and urban development. Ms Bukky Taiwo member of the culture and tourism committee, Mr. Samuel Olabode

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Odeyemi member of the IT committee, Mr Sola Oyeleke, Executive Representative – General Duties.

We would like to thank the above for their interest and commitment to serving for NIDOE UK South. We look forward to working with you in the near future. We still require further members for the above committees and the **National Development Committees** are still open therefore interested members should apply. We would ask that you send your requests stating which committee you are applying for and a brief profile with relevant experience to the General Secretary at Info@nidoe.org.uk.

The Land Committee was inaugurated in February and commissioned with the mandate of finding out the areas of lapses with the Land allocation from 2007- date, and providing recommendations for redress. The outcome of these recommendations and conclusions will be published on completion of their work within 3 months.

NIDOE UK South alongside CANUK are very busy working on the Nigeria@50 campaign for Nigeria's Golden Jubilee celebration. Months of planning and preparation have already taken place, and the forthcoming events will be publicised very shortly. For more information you can go to www.nigeriaatfifty.org.uk.

The International Day of the African Child (I-DAY) is an event held to promote the welfare of children and this is taking place on 10th July 2010 at the Banking Hall, Nigeria High Commission, Northumberland Avenue, London. From 10am -5pm. The theme this year is titled 'Health & Educational reform for African children

& Youth: Which way forward?' Please attend and support the cause.

The annual Diaspora Day is taking place from July 24-28 July 2010 in Abuja. To register please go to www.diasporannvs.org. We have been able to secure 10% discounts on tickets flying with Arik Air on Economy Class or 15% on Premier Class for our NIDOE UK South members. To book please e mail the treasurer at tundeolabowale@nidoe.org.uk with the subject reference NIDOE ARIK AIR and he will confirm your membership is up to date and assist you further with the requirements for your booking. This discount is only available for the July event.

The NIDOE Chapter Chairpersons Summit took place in Rome on the weekend of 29-31st May 2010 and the UK South was duly represented by our Chairman Mr Kayode Ogunsola. He informs us the Summit was an informative and successful event; a Communiqué will be issued shortly.

NIDOE UK South requires two people with relevant expertise in the area of Publicity, Media and PR to volunteer for the Media & Publicity Committee. All applications should be sent to the General Secretary Mr Yinka Ajibade at Info@nidoe.org.uk by Friday 25th June 2010 with a brief profile of your relevant experience.

Finally the NIDOE UK South AGM is tentatively due to take place on Saturday 25th July. A formal Notice will be sent to members in due course.

We thank our members and hope to see you at our forthcoming events.

Mrs Janet Latinwo, PRO on behalf of NIDOE UK South Executive Committee