

REPORT OF THE 2018 NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON CRIME PREVENTION HOSTED BY AFRICAN YOUTHS INITIATIVE ON CRIME PREVENTION (AYICRIP) ON 31ST MAY 2018 AT THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, KOFO ABAYOMI STREET, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS.

INTRODUCTION:

The 2018 National Youth Summit on Crime Prevention was successfully hosted and held on 31st May 2018 by the African Youths Initiative on Crime Prevention (AYICRIP) in conjunction with International Centre for Leadership Development at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island Lagos State. The theme of the summit was “Hate Crimes Prevalence and Challenges in Nigeria; the Preventive Role of The Youth”.

OVERVIEW:

The summit had the presence of many dignitaries from professional organizations, faith based groups, academicians, students, youths, security and government representatives. The President of US Exchange alumni Dr. Jude Ememe presided over the summit while the Executive Director and founder of the African Youths Initiative on Crime Prevention Comrade Chris C. Ibeh delivered a well-articulated welcome address. Other dignitaries and Participants of the summit made various speeches, contributions and comments on the occasion. The summit extolls the preventive roles of the youth on hate crime in Nigeria and across Africa, it also encourages youths to become pace-setters in promoting sustainable peace and unity.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS:

The President of the United States Exchange Alumni, Lagos State Branch gave the opening remarks as the Chairman of the occasion. He thanked the Executive

Director of AYICRIP and his staff members for organizing the 2018 edition of the National Youth Summit on Crime Prevention. He remarked on the dangers that hate speech is posing in our societies and urged participants to dedicate time and resources towards preventing any form of violence that may cause the disintegration of the country. He cited examples with war-torn countries where hate speeches play adverse roles in ripping societies apart. He concluded the remarks by wishing participants fruitful deliberations.

In his welcome address, the Executive Director of AYICRIP, Comrade Chris C. Ibe outlined the success stories of the organization and the impact of its activities on 22,000 young people across Nigeria. He commented on how the organization was able to overcome numerous challenges to promote preventive approach to security issues in Nigerian societies. He further stated how the organization was able to earn partnerships and support from both local and International organizations such as the Nigeria Police Force, the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, National Orientation Agency, Office of the Nigerian Attorney General and Minister for Justice, United States Embassy, United Nations Office on Drug and Crime, United Nations Information Centre, World Federation against Drugs, United Religious Initiative, International Youth Federation, International Society for Substance Abuse Professionals, Economic Commission of West African States, International Association of Police Academics, International Substance Abuse Association Coalition among others. The speech also highlights the dangers of the internet in propagating hate speech and how recent social media furries informed the choice of this year's theme.

The speech was rounded up with appreciations to partner organizations and a final call to young people in attendance to send messages of peace that would halt the growth of hate speech before the upcoming 2019 general election.

The President of the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) Mrs.

Omorale Ogunride made a presentation on the dangers of hate speeches among young people, she urged the participants to utilize the knowledge shared at the occasion for the betterment of Nigerian Society.

The Commissioner of Police Lagos State Command represented by CSP Ejiofor Obiora appreciates the organizers of the summit and commended the various groups of people in attendance. He encouraged youths to inculcate the habit of providing useful information to police and other security agencies in order to prevent the prevalence of hate speeches and other forms of crimes in the society. He also assures absolute confidentiality of all informants and the treatment of every bit of information with the attention it deserves.

In his presentation the Executive Director of Community Agenda for Peace Barr. Philip Obuesi encouraged youth to participate in crime prevention initiatives. The CAP's executive director also advocated for inclusion of young people and all citizens in developmental opportunities as a means to prevent them from developing their own opportunities that could be antisocial & antigovernment. He concludes the remarks with call on parents/guardians to ensure good moral upbringing and adequate supervision of their wards.

Another technical paper was presented by Mrs. Seyi Popoola from the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). She established a nexus between corruption and hate crime and also outlined physical violence and other forms of hostilities targeted at any particular group as hate crime. She went ahead advocate for proper monitoring of social media and other communication tools as a preventive measure against hate crimes. She advocated for religious communities' collaboration with police and other security agencies as a preventive measure against hate speeches which begets hate crime.

The Parish Priest of St. Andrew Catholic Church Ojo, Rev. Father Nobert Opara focused his presentation on the role of religious devotion in preventing hate

crime. He advocated for religious tolerance, dialogue and inclusion as preventive measures against hate speeches and hate crime.

The Acting President of National Youth Council of Nigeria, Comr. Abdurrahman Agboola remarked on the role of Nigerian Youth in crime prevention. He called for inclusive governance with young people at the helm of affairs as the ultimate solution to hate crime.

Another presentation was delivered by a human rights activist and a United Nations Ambassador of Peace, Prince Goodluck Obi, who traced the history of fundamental rights and made his submissions in line with the universal declaration of human rights. In his presentation, Prince Obi reiterated the need for the respect and promotion of human rights as rudiments of peaceful coexistence. He advocated for the acknowledgement and punishment of persons or groups engaged in hate speeches of any form.

The Parish Pastor of RCCG, Pastor Sonny Bello Osuigwe extended the definition of hate crimes to include nepotism, tribalism, among other related vices. He submitted that, hate crimes cannot be dismissed from supremacists' tendencies of some groups of people. He advocated for young people to believe in themselves and rise above hate crime.

CRIME PREVENTION AWARD PRESENTATION:

The Award was designed to recognize and celebrate those Nigerians, non-Nigerians, Organizations and Institutions who have exhibited great sense of ingenuity, leadership dexterity and are at the forefront of youth development and community safety in Nigeria, Africa and the World at large.

The award salutes exemplary contributions towards the creation of a conducive and crime free society through Youth Empowerment Neighborhood Watch. It also serves as a motivation to the awardees to continue with their good works, as well a challenge to other members of the society towards improving their social

responsibilities in the area of youth development and crime prevention.

Lagos state was rated high above other states in crime prevention and safer community projects considering the numerous youth development and crime prevention projects embark upon the state.

The establishment of Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps, sustainance of the Lagos State Security Trust Fund and numerous support given to the different security formations and agencies in the state has really supported the security architecture and crime prevention programmes of the state.

The high point of the award was the emergence of the Lagos State governor, His Excellency, Mr Akinwumi Ambode who got the highest vote for the Crime Prevention Personality Award, 2018 while Lagos State also won the Safer City Award for the most Business Friendly State in Nigeria.

EVALUATION REPORT

AFRICAN YOUTH INITIATIVE ON CRIME PREVENTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The National Youth Summit on Crime Prevention is an annual project of AYICRIP. This year, the 9th edition was anchored on the theme, '**Hate Crimes Prevalence and Challenges in Nigeria; Preventive Role of the Youths**'. The project is funded through donations and support from the Nigerian Ministry of Defense. The major partners of the project include International Centre for Leadership Development and Community Agenda for Peace.

The main objective of the project is to educate and sensitize youths and young people on the impacts, challenges and consequences of hate driven crimes in Nigeria. Also, it equips participants on the preventive mechanisms that should be

adopted to reduce the prevalence of hate related crimes.

Scope and Limitations

The summit was carried out in Lagos, Nigeria. However, through the planning the scope cuts across the 36 states of the country. This implies that invitations were sent to universities and constituency leaders across the country. The scope is wide due to the nature of the summit and the need for the involvement of every region.

However, the limitations of the summit include insufficient funding, lack of interest by most constituency leaders and university heads to send delegates for the summit. Also, lack of interest by most government agencies limits the planned interactive and engaging sessions of the summit.

Evaluation Findings and Conclusions

The purpose of this evaluation is to properly assess the general performance of the project in terms of – Relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, and impact. As an annual project, its sustainability has been ascertained by the consistency in carrying it out.

The relevance of the annual summit is to bring to fore issues that affect youths and societal development. Majorly on crime, security, value based skill development and many more. For this year, the choice of the theme is due to the growing tension, insecurity, youth restiveness and violent activities within the Nigerian polity. These crimes are propagated mostly by hate speeches, hate comments as a result of the divisiveness that has plagued the country of recent. Thus, this year's summit is not only relevant but timely as it brings together youths and young people to interact and discuss on the way forward.

The effectiveness of the summit lies in the ability to coordinate, mobilize and implement the work plan of the summit. Thus, it was considered satisfactory as

the participants responses reveals quality output and the eagerness to adopt the preventive mechanisms addressed in the event.

The efficiency of the project lies in the ability to start and complete the detailed programs of the summit as proposed. The summit was scheduled to begin by 9.00 am and to end by 2.30pm.

Evaluation Methodology and Process

To ensure the achievement of the objectives of the summit, the evaluation team adopted the use of post-test evaluation through the administering of questionnaire to the participants. The questionnaire was shared out to the guest, and delegates that attended the summit.

Groups	Number of Participants
Secondary school delegates	86
University students delegates	20
Media (Newspapers and television journalists)	10
Community youths delegates	10
Guest participants	36
Civil Society organizations delegates	5
Awardees and speakers	20
Total	187

The table above shows the total number of participants at the event excluding the volunteers and the staff of AYICRIP. A total of 150 questionnaires was distributed, 121 was collected while 87 was properly filled. Therefore, 34 were poorly answered and were categorized as invalid while 29 were not retrieved from the participants.

This entails that the evaluation analysis is based on the 87 questionnaires that were retrieved and valid.

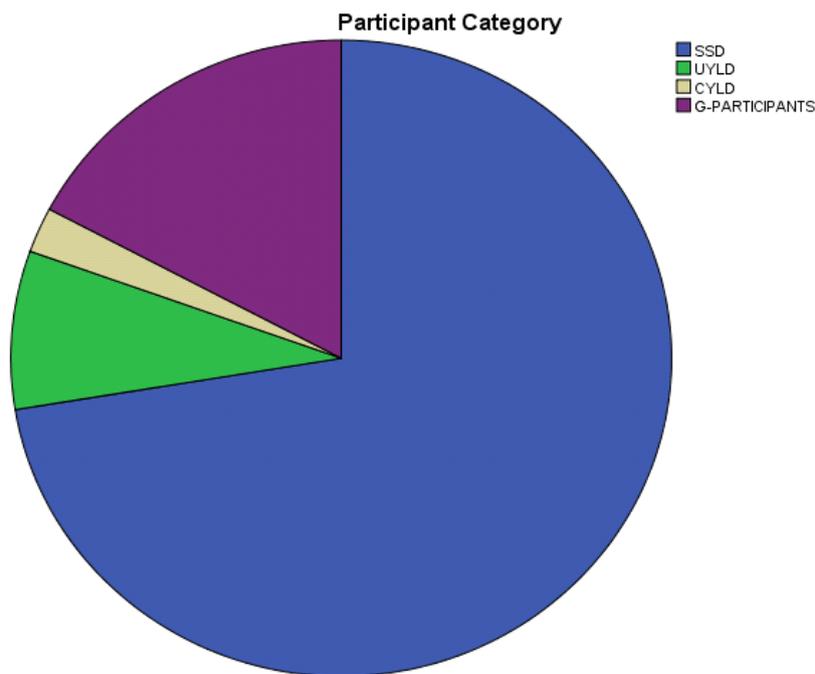
Evaluation Analysis

The responses collated from the questionnaire administered to the participants

were analyzed using the SPSS software. The evaluation team made use of descriptive statistics in other to properly analyze the data from the questionnaires. Each of the responses to the questions as revealed by the analysis can be seen below;

- **Participant Category**

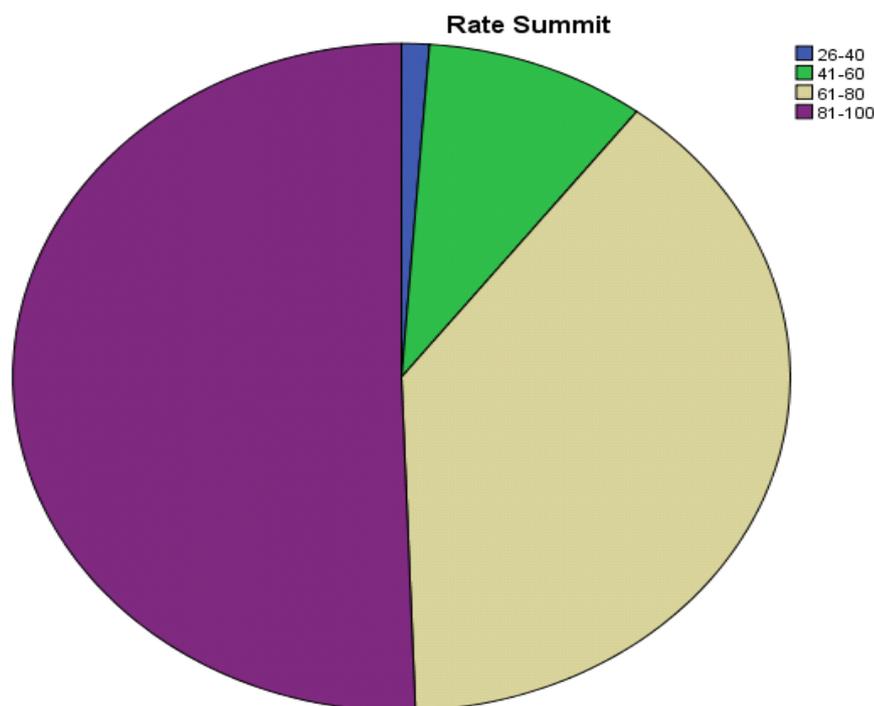
	Frequency	Percent
SSD	63	72.4
UYLD	7	8
CYLD	9	2.3
G-PARTICIPANTS	15	17.2
TOTAL	87	100



The table and chart above reveals the frequency and percentage distribution of the participants at the summit. There are 63 responses from the secondary school delegates, 7 from the University youth leaders delegates, 8 from community youth leaders delegates and 15 from the guest participants at the summit.

- **Rating the Efficiency of the Summit**

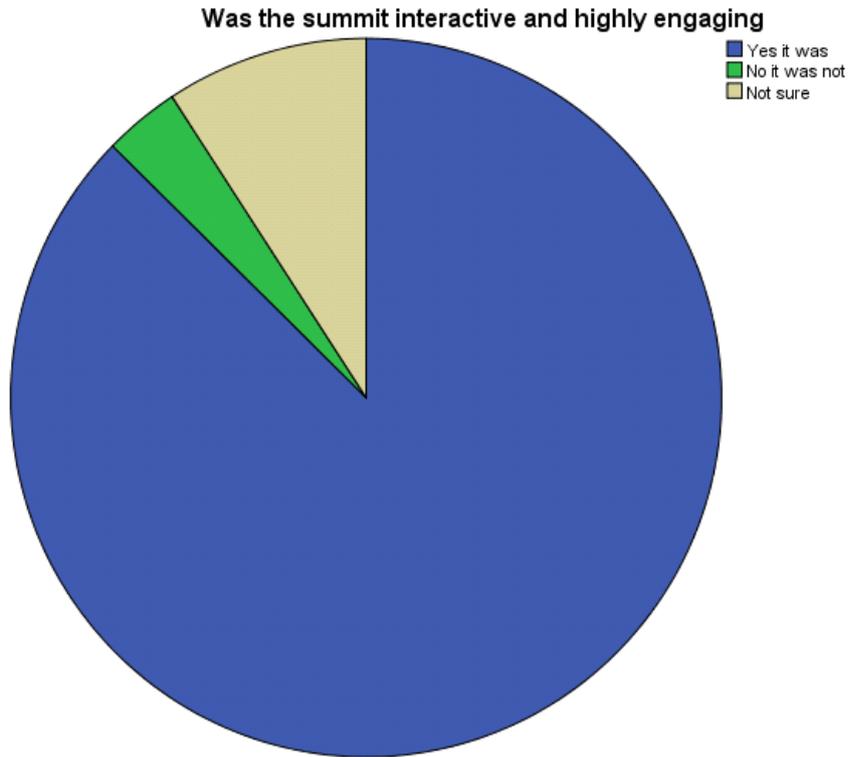
	Frequency	Percent
10-25	-	-
25-40	1	1.1
41-60	8	9.2
61-80	34	39.1
81-100	44	50.6
TOTAL	87	100.0



From the analysis above, the participants rating of the efficiency of the summit according to the rating intervals reveals a 0 response from 10%-25%, 1 response from 26%-40%, 8 response from 41%-60% , 34 responses from 61%-80%, and 44 responses from 81%-100%. Based on the responses, the efficiency of the summit was satisfactory.

- **Effectiveness: Was the summit interactive and highly engaging?**

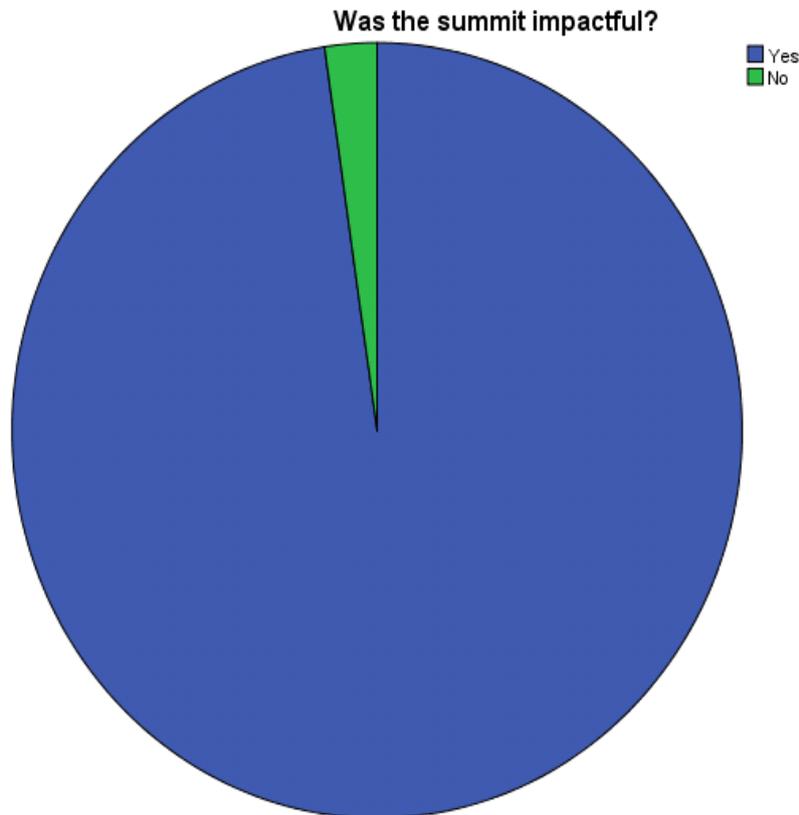
	Frequency	Percent
Yes it was	76	87.4
No it was not	3	3.4
Not sure	8	9.2
Total	87	100.0



The effectiveness of the summit was evaluated based on the how interactive and engaging the summit was. From the analysis gathered 76 participants responded to the ‘Yes it was’, 3 responded to ‘No it was not’ and 8 responded to ‘Not sure’. Therefore the outcome of the summit according to the responses is categorized as highly satisfactory.

- **Impact: Was the summit impactful?**

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	85	97.7
No	2	2.3
Total	87	100.0



Assessing the impact of the summit, the response from the participants shows 97.7% affirmative and 2.3% negative. This shows that the summit has high impact on the participants.

Recommendations

From the opinions of the participants in respect to the questions on recommendations for better outcome in the future, there were several responses. These responses were summarized as follows

- Intensifying the education and sensitization on hate crimes across different sectors of the country
- Using the social media and other media platform as preliminary in creating awareness on the impact and consequences of hate crimes in Nigeria.
- Engaging government security agencies in the move to reduce hate

crimes

- Creating a coalition of youths saddled with the responsibility of holding the government security agencies and other necessary agencies accountable for any form of hate crimes in Nigeria
- Participants' expresses serious concerns on the growing rate of hate speeches among young people in Nigeria. The summit called on the continuation of stakeholder engagements to address the worrisome trend of hate speeches in Nigeria.
- Government was urged to make policy adjustments and allocate more resources towards proactive policing.
- Other states were encouraged to emulate Lagos state on their crime prevention and security management design.
- The summit also recommends attitudinal change among young people to ensure that patriotism comes above any tribal, ethnic or religious sentiments.
- Various presenters advocated for community engagement, dialogue, tolerance and other strategies for promoting unity, peace and progress of Nigeria.

Lesson Learned

Valuable lessons emerged in the cause of implementing the project. They include;

- Including the youths as speakers in the summit
- Ensuring the summit at all cost starts at the proposed time and ends at the proposed time
- Dividing the participants into groups for panel discussion rather than embarking on the speaker participants sessions

- The projector screen should be used by all the speakers and not some
- Reducing the number of speakers and making sure each speaker localizes their presentation for more clarity and understanding.

PHOTO SPEAKS:





