

# OATH OF SERVICE

We the NEC of the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB) having been duly elected on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 for a term of office of four years;

1. Recognizing our individual and collective motivation to
  - i. exercise our passion to serve the blind community in Nigeria
  - ii. further the work of the previous NAB NEC
  - iii. strengthen structures and governance of NAB
  - iv. contribute to leadership transfer for continuity of NAB and institutional memory of NAB
  - v. empower the local government and state chapters to play their role within their communities
  
2. Appreciating the achievement of the previous NAB NEC in namely
  - i. Establishment of a functioning national secretariat
  - ii. Facilitating scholarship opportunities for members such as MTN scholarship scheme, World Blind Union scholarship, etc
  - iii. Introduction of projects such as HIV/AIDS, AYEB Youth project, Braille Reading competition, annual observant of international white cane day and others
  - iv. Conducting a peaceful and self financing general assembly elections
  - v. Successfully conducting a constitutional review to accommodate women and youths
  - vi. establishing relationship with local and international affiliates such as AFUB, WBU, IDP, etc
  - vii. enhancing the profile of NAB through the effective use of the media and website
  
3. And further recognizing the challenges/limitations faced by the previous NAB NEC namely inability to
  - i. raise sufficient funds to finance program
  - ii. facilitate employment and empowerment opportunities for members
  - iii. fully implement NAB strategic plan
  - iv. build a cordial relationship with the MDAs of government
  - v. effectively managed channels of communication between the national office and the chapters of the association
  
4. Seeking to guarantee
  - i. continuity and completion of important programs of the association
  - ii. full implementation of NAB strategic plan
  - iii. infusion of new ideas to achieve organizational objectives
  - iv. succession and leadership skill transfer
  
5. Applying to the service of NAB our competences and experience in
  - i. financial management

- ii. leadership
- iii. Information and communication technology
- iv. use of media
- v. advocacy skills
- vi. entrepreneurship

6. Therefore, commit ourselves to

- i. Expanding membership and creating a database of blind and partially sighted persons.
- ii. Creating harmony between the various organs of NAB.
- iii. Facilitating uptake of ICT among members.
- iv. Ensuring financial sustainability of the organisation.
- v. Creating and strengthening partnership with government, NGOs, and corporate organizations to further the mission of NAB.
- vi. Empowering members to be economically self reliant.
- vii. Advocating for domestication of all relevant international laws and enactment of national legislation on disability.
- viii. Facilitating the participation of blind persons in civic processes and other community activities.
- ix. Raising the profile of NAB as well as public awareness of blindness.
- x. Promoting sports among blind and partially sighted persons in Nigeria.
- xi. Strengthening the capacity of the secretariat to function effectively.
- xii. Promoting access to education and training among members.
- xiii. Facilitating independent living and mobility skills

## List of Members

- Ishaq Adamu (president).....
- David Okon (immediate past president).....
- Calista U. (women leader).....
- Justice Chukwu(secretary).....
- Stanley Onyebuchi (vice president).....
- Afolabi Gboyega (youth leader).....
- Peter Adeshina (south west).....
- Eborhor Michael (treasurer).....
- Musa Kura (north west).....
- Ayowale Peter (north central).....
- Ilya Adamu (north east).....
- Ubong Daniel (south south).....

- Lawrence N. (south east).....
- Abdukadir Usman (asst secretary).....
- Abdulhassan Lawal (pro).....
- Opeolu Akinola ( ICT consultant).....
- Muyiwa Fatobi(Sport).....

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Venue: Lukham Crown Hotel, Okeletu, Ikorodu – Lagos, Nigeria