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**"As a leader... your principal job is to create an operating environment where others can do great things."**  
-- Richard Teerlink

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# RADIO CONNECT

e-newsletter of the **FEDERAL RADIO CORPORATION OF NIGERIA (FRCN)**

## FRCN Defends 2022 Budget



The Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, FRCN, is projecting the sum of one point three billion naira as Internally Generated Revenue for the 2022 financial year.

The Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, FRCN, Dr Mansur Liman, disclosed this during the 2022 budget defence session of the Corporation at the National Assembly.

While presenting the 2021 budget performance of the Corporation, the Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, FRCN, Dr Mansur Liman, said ten billion, two hundred and ninety-six million seven hundred and eleven thousand and thirteen naira was appropriated.

Dr Liman explained that out of this, 9,748, 566, 28 was for personnel cost, 193, 953,449 for overhead and 984,258,047 was for capital.

He explained that the capital, overhead and the personnel cost have been fully released, all ongoing projects in the 2021 budget would be completed at the end of the year.

The DG said the total budget proposal for the Corporation for 2022 is 10 billion 926 million, 777 thousand 766 naira, comprising of personnel cost totaling 9.748, 566, 028 naira, overhead cost of 193, 953,449 naira and a capital of 984,258,047 naira.

Dr Liman also revealed projected revenue of 1.308,643,693,062.

The DG however disclosed some of the challenges of the Corporation to include dilapidated structures and obsolete equipment.

Dr Liman gave the assurance that by next year, the two remaining FM Stations in Taraba and Delta States would be ready making each of the 36 States of the Federation to have an FRCN FM Station.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Olusegun Odeunmi, said the licensing of Radio Stations belonging to some MDAs is jeopardizing the work of FRCN.

Mr. Odeunmi urged the government to increase the budgetary allocation of the Corporation to enable it discharge its mandate effectively.

Other Agencies that participated in the session includes, NTA and NOA.

## MultiChoice CEO, FRCN DG Sworn in as BON Executives

The Executive Officer, MultiChoice Nigeria, John Ugbe, has been sworn in as the Chairman of the Broadcasting Organizations of Nigeria (BON), while the Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria Dr Mansur Liman, was sworn in as the Vice Chairman.

Mr Ugbe emerged Chairman last month after defeating Sir. Godfrey Oluwabunwa of Multimesh Limited by 63 to 35 votes in a keenly contested election at the Coronation Hall of the Kano State Government House, Kano.

The election was part of the 75th General Assembly and 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BON.



The ceremony was well attended by relevant Government Agencies including the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Voice of Nigeria (VON) and Nigerian Television Authority (NTA).....**Contd...Page 2**

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Speaking after he was inaugurated, Ugbe promised to reposition BON.

Goodwill messages were delivered by dignitaries led by Governor of Kano State, Dr Abdullahi Ganduje.

Also at the event were Senator Francis Onyewuchi, who represented Senate President, Senator Ahmad Lawan; and Senate Minority leader, Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe. Other dignitaries in attendance were Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya, Senator Ayogu Eze, Senator D. A. Sankara (Chairman, Senate Committee on Information) and Honourable Segun Odeunmi (Chairman, House Committee on Information).

The NBC Director- General, Alhaji Balarabe Ilesah, Dr Olalekan Fadolapo (Registrar APCON), Mr John Momoh (Chairman of Channels Media) Prince Nduka Obaigbena (Chairman of This-Day Media Group) and Mr Femi Adesina (SA Media and Publicity to President Muhammadu Buhari).

The Outgoing Chairman, Hajia Sa'a Ibrahim, charged the new Chairman and Vice Chairman to continue to unite BON members and focus on professionalism.

She also harped on training and preservation of the core values of



BON.



## FRCN Lecture: Imperative of Disability Inclusion in National Transformation



Over the years, the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria also known as

Radio Nigeria has put in place yearly lecture series, which has significantly contributed to promoting discourse on burning national issues thereby living up to its motto: Uplifting the people and Uniting the Nation.

No doubt, this has made the Corporation achieve the nation's development goals through qualitative and development-driven network programmes which have added impetus to governance.

For example, in 2018, the Annual Lecture, which had its theme, Fake News, Hate Speech and the 2019 General Elections; The Redemptive Role of The Nigerian Media, was to prepare Nigerians irrespective of ethnic or religious differences for the 2019 General Election. Participants in the lecture spoke with one voice to condemn fake news and hate speech which was almost synonymous with the Nigerian election.

Also, in 2019, the Annual lecture Chronicles, Extremism: A threat to National Unity. The Minister of information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, who could not hide his feelings at the occasion, commended the Management and Staff of FRCN for ensuring the sustenance of the lecture series which he said had contributed a lot to the promotion of National discourse.

He noted that some of the tools of choice for extremists to propagate their dangerous ideas include unbridled propaganda, fake news and hate speech. These are potent tools in the hands of extremists, whether they are Secessionists, Ultra-nationalists, Religious extremists or even insurgents.

Some distinguished personalities that have served as guest lecturers under the Annual Lecture included the late Dan Masani Kano, Dr Maitama Sule,

former Imo State Governor, now a distinguished Senator, Owelle Rochas Okorochoa, a Presidential Candidate, Dr Obadiah Mailafia, of blessed memory, Prof. Ango Abdullahi, Prof. Pat Utomi, Professor of Law and International Security, Prof. Ahmed Danfulani among many others.

In 2020, the lecture could not hold as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic which ravaged the entire world and brought humanity to its knees. The 2021 edition of the Annual lecture, which is in collaboration with the Albino Foundation with the theme "Imperative of Disability Inclusion in Natural Transformation is Unique and Apt. This is because the rights of persons with disabilities and the sustainable development goals have influenced people thinking on how best to support persons with disabilities and their families to ensure that human rights are respected.



Disability inclusion allows accessibility so that everyone can fully participate in activities such as education, politics, social interactions and entrepreneurship. It is no secret that societal barriers place persons with disabilities at increased risk of violence, poverty, poor health outcomes, marginalisation in their communities and fewer educational and employment opportunities.

The lecture, therefore as the tradition of Radio Nigeria has lend voice to better the lives of people with disabilities, inferably making the society a better place.



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