

OTE Julia Kiage-Otaya

Vice Chairman Candidate, Kenyans in Nigeria Association (KIN)
Mantra: Uniting Kenyans, Empowering Success

As a proud Kenyan living in Nigeria, I am deeply honoured to present my candidacy for Vice Chairman of the Kenyans in Nigeria Association (KIN). My vision is grounded in the values of unity, inclusivity, and empowerment – essential pillars for building a thriving, supportive, and forward-looking diaspora community.

Together, we can harness our collective strengths, embrace our diverse experiences, and create lasting opportunities for growth and development

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Advocacy & Representation

I will be a strong voice for Kenyans in Nigeria, championing our interests and collaborating with key stakeholders to address pressing issues.

- Launch a **KIN Website** linked to the KIN Facebook page and the Kenya High Commission portal.
- Partner with the **Kenya High Commission** to address critical concerns such as high visa fees and repatriation processes.

2. Welfare & Support

I will prioritize the well-being of our members by offering practical assistance and emotional support.

- Advocate for **100% membership subscription** to strengthen our community.
- Champion the welfare of **Kenyan women in Nigeria**.
- Establish a **"KIN Cares" Fund** to support members during emergencies (e.g., repatriation, hospitalisation, bereavement, legal aid).
- Develop a **"Karibu Nigeria Manual"** to help newcomers settle in, in collaboration with the Kenya High Commission and Nigerian authorities.
- Form a **volunteer-led Welfare** Committee to respond to urgent needs.
- Create a **confidential KIN Helpline** (email/phone) for support and guidance.

3. Networking & Community Building

I will foster meaningful connections and a strong sense of belonging among Kenyans across Nigeria.

- Host quarterly **"Kenyan Connect" mixers** for professionals, entrepreneurs, and students.
- Conduct outreach to **Kenyans in other regions of Nigeria**.
- Organise quarterly **community engagement events** such as wellness walks, children's fun days, and themed gatherings for women and men.

4. Cultural Exchange & Promotion

I will celebrate our Kenyan heritage while embracing Nigerian diversity to promote mutual understanding and pride.

- Organise an annual **"Kenya-Nigeria Cultural Day"** featuring food, music, dance, fashion, and storytelling.
- Host **"Taste of Kenya" pop-up food fairs** to showcase Kenyan cuisine.

5. Sponsorships & Partnerships

I will leverage my corporate experience and network to unlock new opportunities for KIN.

- Secure **strategic sponsorships and partnerships** with corporates and brands to support KIN events and initiatives.

Call to Action

Let's build something extraordinary – **a united, empowered and dynamic** Kenyan community in Nigeria. I humbly seek your vote and trust to serve as your Vice Chairman. With your support, we will turn these promises into progress.

Slogan:

"Unity in Diversity, Success for All"

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