



AFOPPIBAF

"National Festival"

Of The



"Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Band Corps"

Theme:

"Togetherness – Unity in Diversity, Our Strength...!"



Coordinated & Produced

By



In Collaboration With The



"Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Agencies"



"AFOPPIBAF National Festival"



His Excellency

Bola Ahmed Tinubu **GCFR**

**President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
Federal Republic of Nigeria**





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His Excellency
Kashim Shettima GCON,
Vice President
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President of the Senate
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His Excellency
Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, GCON
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency
Mallam Nuhu Ribadu
National Security Adviser
Federal Republic of Nigeria





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Executive Governor, Yobe State



His Excellency
Dauda Lawal
Executive Governor, Zamfara State





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Ministry of Defence



Ministry of Police Affairs



Ministry of Interior



His Excellency
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Secretary to the Government of the Federation
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Nyesom Ezenwo Wike
Honourable Minister of FCT
Federal Capital Territory



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Federal Capital Territory (FCT)



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General Christopher Gwabin Musa
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

The **Military Patron** of **AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL** is the **Chief of Defence Staff** of the **Nigerian Armed Forces** at the **Defence Headquarters (DHQ)**, the professional head of the Armed Forces, and focal point of military decision making process, and also responsible for deployment, sustenance and recovery of deployed forces, including the '**Armed Forces Band Corps**'.

With a mandate to also oversee civil-military co-operations and relations, **Defence Headquarters (DHQ)** formulates policies to facilitate and improve 'openness' and 'relations' between the Armed Forces, Nigerian Populace, and Civil Society, in line with the **Chief of Defence Staff** established mandate.

Hence, the **Chief of Defence Staff** endorsement of **AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL** and **Unity Serenade** initiative and coordination by **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** to improve on the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Band Corps** creativity, experience sharing, performances, service deliveries, working relationships, synergy, and unity, as a test run in preparation for the hosting of "**AFOPPIBAF INTERNATIONAL EDITION**" in **Nigeria**.

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) is bringing its creative and professional experience of coordinating and producing carnivals, concerts, exhibitions, fairs, festivals, and in managing socio-cultural and economic forums, and events, to successfully coordinate and produce **AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL** and **Unity Serenade Concert**, which are packaged to enhance civil-military and paramilitary relations towards promoting peace and national unity.



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Director General...



Ambassador Justin Duru is a creative, prolific Thespian and experienced Media Practitioner, Radio Personality, Television Producer, Script Writer, Cultural & Tourism Consultant, and Diplomat with proficient experience in Advertising, Business Development, Entertainment & Events Promotion, Television Production, Theatre, Tourism, and International Relations, whose works have generated lots of positive interests and commendations globally. **Ambassador Justin Duru** Produced, Directed and Starred in various 'Stage Plays' and 'Television Programs' in Nigeria and Internationally, among which include "New Masquerade, New Village Headmaster, Youth Drama, Armchair Theatre, Youth Scene, Special Protection Anti-Crime Squad (SPACS), Tele-Movies, Queen Amina of Zaria, Things Fall Apart, Agogo Variety '86

(Tribute to Late Dele Giwa), Sunday Rendezvous, Yuletide & Sterling Greetings. He worked in 'Executive' capacity with several reputable organizations among which include, Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), LBC-TV Channel 7 (St. Maarten), 3SCS-TV Channel 7 (Saba & SXM), Calypso Tours (West Africa) Ltd, AfroCarib Communications (Barbados), Radio Soualiga 99.9 Choice FM (St. Maarten), AfroCarib Linx NV (St. Maarten), Commission for Pan-African Affairs (PANCOM) Barbados, and Abuja Carnival Management. He is a 'Fellow' of International Theatre Institute (ITI); 'Professional Member' of the "Association of Nigerian Theatre Arts Practitioners (NANTAP), Actors Guild of Nigeria (AGN), Independent Television Producers Association (ITPAN), 'Executive Member' of various commissions including "Afro-Caribbean Reparation Alliance (ACRA), Men of Distinction League (Caribbean), and many others too numerous to mention herein. **Ambassador Justin Duru** has received several 'Commendations' from various African and Caribbean Leaders for his outstanding works as the **ACNF President General-in-Council**, and was distinguishably honoured as 'CARICOM Special Envoy to Africa', and 'Ambassador of Culture in the Diaspora'.





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Lt. General Olufemi Oluyede
Chief of Army Staff
Nigerian Army



Vice Admiral Ikehukwu Ogalla
Chief of Naval Staff
Nigerian Navy



Air Marshal Hassan Abubakar
Chief of Air Staff
Nigerian Air Force



Olukayode Adeolu Egbetokun
Inspector General
Nigerian Police Force



Sylvester Ndidi Nwakuche
Controller General
Nigerian Correctional Service



Bashir Adewale Adeniyi
Comptroller General
Nigeria Customs Service



Kemi Nanna Nandap
Comptroller General
Nigerian Immigration Service



Engr. Jaji Olola Abdulganiyu
Controller General
Federal Fire Service



Shehu Mohammed
Corps Marshal
Federal Roads Safety Corps



Ahmed Abubakar Audi
Commandant General
Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps



Dr. Bello Abdul-Lateef
Director
Directorate of Road Transport Services (VIO)



"AFOPPIBAF National Festival"

Description...

Military, Police, Paramilitary & Marching Bands play vital roles in providing regimental and ceremonial music for social, national and international events, and essentially in the promotion of national unity and peace. Being the most 'colourfully costumed unit' of their organizations, they signify beauty and ceremonial grandeur.

Significantly, **Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary International Band Festival (AFOPPIBAF)** was initiated and packaged by **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** with commendations, to showcase creative display of military, police and paramilitary tattoos (regimental, dance, pipe & steel-pan bands) of the world in a competitive level, and to promote multilateral experience sharing, exchanges, and relations amongst the bands, while highlighting the new global trends in regimental tattoo and ceremonial bands performances.

Essentially, with the maiden edition scheduled to be hosted in Nigeria, the Defence Headquarters (DHQ), Police and Paramilitary Agencies recommended and endorsed for **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** to coordinate and produce **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** to create synergy and enable the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands** better prepare for the **Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary International Band Festival (AFOPPIBAF)**.

Sequel to the above, the **Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra** of the **Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands** was created by **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)**, thus paving way for the hosting of **Unity Serenade Concert** in Abuja by the **Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra** as a springboard to the promotion, and hosting of **AFOPPIBAF National Festival**.

AFOPPIBAF National Festival is packaged to improve on and promote experience sharing, synergy, creativity, service deliveries, and new trends in military, police and paramilitary tattoos and regimental music performances, aimed at enhancing bonds and working relationship among the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Band Corps**.

AFOPPIBAF National Festival will present stunning ensemble of massed pipes, drums, march-past, parades, choreographies, and creative displays by the **Band Corps** of the **Nigerian Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Correctional Services, DRTS (VIO), Immigration, Customs & Federal Fire Services, Federal Road Safety & Civil Defence Corps** in a showcase of their musical dexterity, scintillating parades, creative drumming, and musical renditions in competitive and carnival like processions.

AFOPPIBAF National Festival will also feature guest performances by invited military, police, and paramilitary bands from other select countries from **Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America** and the **United States of America**.

AFOPPIBAF National Festival will also feature 'Special Tributes' to distinguished **Regimental Music Directors, Band Leaders** and **Parade Masters** of the various **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Band Corps**.

The 'Theme' of **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** is anchored on the song of Legendary Nigerian Musician; **Late Sonny Okosuns (Ozzidi)** titled; **Togetherness...!**

AFOPPIBAF National Festival is officially coordinated and produced by **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** in collaboration with the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands** to emphasize the significance of 'Regimental Tattoos (Band Corps)', while activating and stimulating positive multilateral exchange and relations on diverse levels.





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Coordinator (Producer)...



Established over two decades ago in the Caribbean as a regional bilateral and multilateral 'non-for-profit' and 'non-governmental organization' to redress a further drifting apart of the two historical and culturally linked regions (Africa & The Caribbean); and build a bridge over the ever expanding fissure. **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** enjoys the endorsements of UNESCO (Netherlands Antilles), Commission for Pan-African Affairs (PANCOM) Barbados, African and Caribbean Governments, Leaders, Policy and Decision Makers of repute, resulting in affiliations, and excellent working relationships with series of

African and Caribbean Governments, Ministries, Developmental Agencies, Institutions, and Organizations.

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) has established itself as the leading regional organization for creating necessary bilateral and multilateral contacts, carnivals, concerts, exhibitions, fairs, festivals, investment and resourceful partnerships, as well as initiating, coordinating, and managing socio-cultural relations, economic forums for interactions, exchange programs for, and between the governments, and peoples of Africa and the Caribbean.

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) 'core value' is to activate and stimulate healthy, positive, productive, peaceful coexistence, as well as mutually beneficial interactions on diverse levels between Africa, Caribbean, and Latin America. Ultimately, integrity and respect for African, Caribbean, Latin American and Diaspora affinity and socio-economic ethos, guide everything **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** do, to attain the established objective of positively '**Bridging the African Caribbean Gap**'.

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) 'International Operations' is headquartered in **St. Maarten (Dutch Caribbean)**, with **Regional Chapters** in **Barbados, St. Lucia, South Africa, and Abuja - Nigeria**.

In fulfillment of its established objectives, **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** created, initiated, and is the coordinator and producer of "**AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL**" with the recommendation and endorsements of the **Nigerian Defence Headquarters (DHQ), Nigerian Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Correctional Service, DRTS (VIO), Customs, Immigration, Fire Service, Road Safety and Civil Defence Corps**;

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) is also coordinating the production of the **National Drumline & Marching Bands Festival (NADRUMFEST)** which will showcase the brass bands of Nigerian **Secondary Schools, Colleges of Education, Colleges of Technology, Polytechnics and Universities**.





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Performing Band Corps...



Army Band	Navy Band	Air Force Band
Police Band	Correctional Service Band	DRTS (VIO) Band
Customs Band	Immigration Band	Fire Service Band
FRSC Band	NSCDC Band	Army Steel Pan Band
NAF Pipe Band	Police Steel Pan Band	Police Pipe Band

Festival Contest Categories & Prizes...

AFOPPIBAF will feature **Winners, Prizes** and **Awards** in the following categories among others:

Street Parade Prizes	Overall Contest Prizes
Best Costumes & Accessories	Best Drum-Battle
Best Creative Display (With Colour Parties)	Best Self-Piece Composition
Best Movement Precision & Dexterity	Best Self-Piece Presentation
Best Street Parade	Best Test Piece Presentation
Best Choreography	Best Organized Group
Best Organized Group	Band Conductor/Director
Best Parade Commander	Best Colour Guard Ensemble
Band March-Past	Best Skill Levels





"AFOPPIBAF National Festival" Endorsement Pictorials

Defence Headquarters (DHQ)





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Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS)



Federal Fire Service (FFS)





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Endorsement Pictorials



Nigerian Police Force (NPF)



Nigerian Correctional Service (NCOS)



Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)





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Defence Headquarters (DHQ)





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Nigerian Army (NA)





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Nigeria Police Force (NPF)



Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS/VIO)





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Nigerian Correctional Services (NCOS)





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Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)



Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)





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Objectives...

AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL will:

- ✓ Enhance competitiveness through pair engagement
- ✓ Promote improved relations between 'civil society', the 'forces, police & paramilitary organs' towards enshrining unity and harmony.
- ✓ Improve and promote professional synergy and interaction among the 'Band Corps' towards enhancing service deliveries in regimental and ceremonial music.
- ✓ Provide a platform for professional networking, sharing of knowledge and experiences among the 'Band Corps'.
- ✓ Explore, showcase and draw attention to other creative potentials of the 'Nigerian Military, Police & Paramilitary Organs'.
- ✓ Introduce the 'Band Corps' to new trends and best practices in the creation, performance, and utilization of regimental and ceremonial music.
- ✓ Add a unique and innovative brand to Nigeria's destination image, while encouraging 'Youthful Talents' to join the 'Band Corps'.
- ✓ Use the platform to showcase Nigeria's beauty, hospitality and tourism potentials.
- ✓ Drum up support for national unity, peace, and harmony



Theme...

Togetherness: Unity in Diversity, Our Strength...!

Maiden & Promotional Event...

AFOPPIBAF National Festival featured a special promotional event captioned **Unity Serenade Concert**, which took place in **Abuja**, by the novel **Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra** of the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands**, who performed in symbolic expression of togetherness, unity, and peace.



The concert by the **Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra** objectively promoted experience sharing and synergy, being the first time in the history of the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Agencies** that the bands played together as one ensemble. The concert recognized and honoured the sponsors for supporting the promotion of synergy and national unity with the prestigious '**AFOPPIBAF Symbol of Unity Award**'.





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Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra





"AFOPPIBAF National Festival" Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra





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Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra





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DHQ Unity Serenade Concert Good Will Message

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14 July 2022

GOOD WILL MESSAGE

1. I am directed to convey at Enclosure 1, a good will message by the Chief of Defence Staff with regards to the Unity Serenade for your information and necessary action.
2. Please accept as always, the esteemed assurances and highest regards of the Chief of Defence Staff.

EO NMOYEM

Commodore

for Chief of Defence Staff

Enclosure:

1. Copy of Goodwill Message.

Copy:

Office of the Chief of Defence Staff



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DHQ Unity Serenade Concert Goodwill Message

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**GOODWILL MESSAGE BY THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
GENERAL LEO IRABOR NAM GSS psc ndc FCMH ON THE
OCCASION OF ARMED FORCES PARAMILITARY
INTERNATIONAL BAND FESTIVAL UNITY SERENADE**

1. I must first commend the commitment and unrelenting efforts of the organizers of the Armed Forces and Paramilitary International Band Festival (AFOPPIBAF) towards making the Unity Serenade a reality. Also, it may not be out of place to emphasize that the Unity Serenade as a National Festival will provide an opportunity to promote synergy and brotherhood in the society through music especially, with the participation of Band Corps from the Armed Forces of Nigeria.
2. Therefore, I wish you well in this endeavour as you contribute your quota in fostering peace and peaceful co-existence in our dear Country. I hereby commend all facilitators and participants and pray for a happy and successful AFOPPIBAF Unity Serenade.
3. God bless.

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Unity Serenade Concert





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Unity Serenade Concert Rehearsals





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Street Serenade...

AFOPPIBAF National Festival will feature **Musical Serenade** from **8.00am – 3.00pm** on the **Second Day** of the festival, showcasing the **Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra** occupying and playing at a 'Designated Spot' in the 'Host City' to set the tone for the festival. The **Musical Serenade** is designed to publicize the festival for public participation and patronage.



Army Band



Police Band



Navy Band



Air Force Band



Corrections Band



Customs Band



Immigration Band



Fire Service Band



FRSC Band



NSCDC Band



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Colloquium...

AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL will also feature a 'One Day Colloquium' which will be anchored on the Theme: '**Regimental & Ceremonial Music – New Trends & Best Practices**' to add an 'intellectual dimension' to the festival.



The **Colloquium** will feature **Interactive Sessions** and **Presentations** by **Specialists** in **Regimental & Ceremonial Music**, with Music Lecturers, Military & Paramilitary Music Directors, Band Leaders, Parade Masters, Instrumentalists, and Professionals of **Disciplined Music** as participants.

The **Colloquium** will take place on the '**First Day**' of the festival. The **Colloquium** will give an expose to:

- ✓ The 'Importance of Music' in 'Military, Police & Paramilitary Organizations'
- ✓ Discuss Instrumentation, New Innovations & Current Trends in 'Regimental & Ceremonial Music'



Festival Mess...



The **Festival Mess** will open by 4.00pm on the **Second Day**, and will feature a **Festival Bar**, **Festival Kitchen** for the provision of **Nigerian Delicacies**, **Small Chops & Fingerlings** to **Band Contingents**, complemented with **Traditional Games** of **Ayo**, **Draught**, **Ludo** and many more, to ease off the competitive tension among the '**Band Corps**'.



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Street Parade...

The **Street Parade** is a carnival-like parade featuring **Regimental & Ceremonial Music** by each **Band Corps** complemented with **March-Pass** and **Creative Displays** through designated streets in the **Host City**, which will terminate at the **City Stadium/Square**, where the formal **Opening Ceremony, Displays** and **Contests** will take place with all the **Band Corps** in performance. The **Street Parade** in itself is a **Competition** where '**Performing Band Corps**' will be adjudged in different categories among which include:

- ✓ Colour Guard
- ✓ Costume Beauty & Accessories
- ✓ March-Pass
- ✓ Creative Displays
- ✓ Movement Precision & Dexterity
- ✓ Street Parade & Many More



The **Street Parade, Opening Ceremony,** and **Festival Contests** will all take place same day on the **Final Day** from **10.00am – 6.00pm.**





"AFOPPIBAF National Festival" Opening Ceremony...

The '**Opening Ceremony**' will feature **National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Band** well-choreographed to add colour to the **Opening Ceremony, Street Parade, and Festival Contests**. The '**Opening Ceremony**' will also feature:

- ✓ National Anthem
- ✓ Welcome Address
- ✓ Inaugural Speech
- ✓ Key-Note Address
- ✓ Bands March-Pass
- ✓ Drum Battles
- ✓ Test Piece Contests
- ✓ Self-Piece Contests
- ✓ Displays (with Colour Parties)
- ✓ Instrumental Displays (Regimental Style)
- ✓ Cultural Performances by the 'FCT Cultural Troupe'
- ✓ Distinguished Announcers & Masters of Ceremony



Band Contests...

The **Festival Contests** will feature all participating **Band Corps** showcasing their creativity in **Composition, Displays, Drum-Battles, and Performance of Regimental & Ceremonial Music**. All participating **Band Corps** will be given the same **Test Piece** and would also present one **Self-Composed Piece**. The **Test Piece** and **Self-Composed Piece** will carry an average **Presentation Duration of 5 Minutes** each. **Adjudications** will be done by selected top and established **Musicologists** drawn from respected **Institutions, Organizations, Armed Forces, Police, and Paramilitary Formations**.



The "**Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra**" will render repertoires of **Nigerian Musical Heritage** during the **Street Serenade, Street Parades** and **Festival Contests**.

The festival will honour and pay '**Tributes**' to some of Nigeria's Legendary **Regimental Music Directors, Band Masters, and Parade Masters**, including **Late Cardinal Jim Rex Lawson** and the avatar of freedom, peace and unity; **Late Sonny Okosun (Ozzidi)**, whose song gave birth to the festival theme: **Togetherness – Unity in Diversity, Our Strength...!**





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Guest Bands...



- 1.) Cote D'Ivoire Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 3.) Rwanda Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 5.) Morocco Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 7.) Tanzania Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 9.) Zimbabwe Military/Police or Paramilitary Band

- 2.) Ghana Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 4.) Kenya Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 6.) South Africa Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 8.) Togo Military/Police or Paramilitary Band
- 10.) Egypt Military/Police or Paramilitary Band



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Guest Bands...



1.) British Military Band
4.) Japan Military Band

2.) China Military Band
5.) South Korean Military Band

3.) France Military Band
6.) USA Marine Band



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Ceremonial Events...

AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL will feature special recognitions, decoration of **Grand Patron, Grand Matron, Patrons, Matrons**, and conferment of the prestigious **"AFOPPIBAF Symbol of Unity Awards"** on **Distinguished Personalities, Organizations, Supporters** and **Sponsors**, in recognition of their support for the promotion of synergy, and working relationships between the **Military, Police & Paramilitary Bands** through the showcasing of disciplined and ceremonial music.



'Symbol Of Unity Award'

Conferred On

For

Supporting The Hosting And Promotion Of
"AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL"



"AFOPPIBAF National Festival"

Commendations...

I believe this dynamic initiative will be a huge and successful 'destination brand' for the promotion of synergy and harmony among the **Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands**. A good thinking 'Leader' and 'Government' would not let this slip away...

Usman Alkali Baba

Former Inspector General of Police – Nigerian Police Force (NPF)

I commend the commitment and unrelenting efforts of **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** in organizing and coordinating **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** and in making the **Unity Band Ensemble Symphony Orchestra Serenade**, a reality. It's not out of place that **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** will promote synergy and brotherhood through music especially with the participation of the **Armed Forces of Nigeria Band Corps**. I wish **ACNF** well in this endeavour of fostering peaceful coexistence through **AFOPPIBAF National Festival**.

General Lucky E. O. Irabor (Rtd.)

Former Chief of Defence Staff – Defence Headquarters (DHQ)

I thank the **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** for organizing the largest gathering of '**Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Band Corps**' in the history of **Nigeria**; a show piece of 'regimental music', the grandeur of 'ceremonial parade', and pride of any '**State Government**' that is eventually picked to '**Host**' it...

Lt. Gen. Farouk Yahaya

Former Chief of Army Staff – Nigerian Army (NA)

I have no doubt that this festival will have a great impact, as it seeks to strengthen relationships between the Military, Police and Paramilitary Bands...

Mohammed Dangyadi

Former Honourable Minister – Ministry of Police Affairs (MPA)

Kudos to the Organizers of **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** for creating this epoch platform; It is great and prestigious to celebrate the '**Force of Music in Cultural Diversity**' aimed at best practices in 'Regimental & Ceremonial Music', while highlighting the need for peaceful coexistence and unity...

His Excellency; Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola

Former Honourable Minister – Federal Ministry of Interior





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Commendations...

It's a delight for the **Nigerian Correctional Service (NCOS)** to be part of this laudable initiative in promotion of synergy and good working relationship between the **Armed Forces, Police & Paramilitary Bands....**

Haliru Nababa

Controller General – Nigerian Correctional Service (NCOS)

The creation of **Unity Band Ensemble Symphony Orchestra** and the coordination of **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** by **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** are commendable, and the **Federal Fire Service (FFS)** is fully committed to support this synergic initiative...

Engr. Jaji Olola Abdulganiyu

Controller General – Federal Fire Service (FFS)

The **Unity Band Ensemble Symphony Orchestra** and **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** represent masterpieces of the new trend in 'regimental music' development and synergy for the **Nigerian Armed Forces, Police and Paramilitary Agencies**. The **Nigerian Air Force (NAF)** proudly supports this development...

Air Marshall Isiaka Amao

Former Chief of Air Staff – Nigerian Air Force (NAF)

In as much as the **Directorate of Road Transport Services (DRTS/VIO)** is still in the process of fully developing her '**Band Corps**', we identify with this historic unification of the '**Agencies**' through the bands. Hence the **DRTS (VIO)** commits to this dynamic innovation...

Dr. Bello Abdul-Lateef

Director – Directorate of Road Transport Services (DRTS/VIO)

I commend the **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)** for this noble initiative and for coordinating the promotion of synergy among the military and paramilitary agencies. The **Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)** is committed to supporting **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** as it objectively creates the platform for the promotion of unity and harmony. Hence, the rebuilding of **Nigeria Customs Band** to facilitate their participation and performance in the festival...

Colonel Hameed Ibrahim Ali (Rtd.)

Former Comptroller General – Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)

African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF) creation of **Unity Band Ensemble Symphony Orchestra** for the **Armed Forces & Paramilitary Bands**, and initiative of **AFOPPIBAF National Festival** to enable the bands prepare for the '**International Festival**' is highly commendable. The **Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)** recognizes and fully supports these developments...

Ahmed Abubakar Audi

Commandant General – Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)





"AFOPPIBAF National Festival"

Coordination & Logistics

Coordinator & Producer:

- **African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)**

Production Partners:

- **Society for the Promotion of Brass, Marching, Orchestra, Pipe, Tattoos, & Steel-Pan Bands, Music & Concerts (SOPROBMUC) LTD/GTE**
- **Klaymann & Greymann**
Coordinator: (YESIR Initiative)

Creative & Production Consultant:

- **AfroNem Linx**

Festival Secretariat:

- **Armed Forces & Paramilitary International Festival (AFOPPIBAF) (AFOPPIBAF NATIONAL FESTIVAL – Nigeria)**
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Collaborating Organizations:

1. Defence Headquarters (DHQ)
2. Nigerian Army (NA)
3. Nigerian Navy (NN)
4. Nigerian Air Force (NAF)
5. Nigerian Police Force (NPF)
6. Nigerian Correctional Service (NCOS)
7. Directorate of Road Transport Services (DRTSVIO)
8. Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)
9. Nigerian Immigration Services (NIS)
10. Federal Fire Service (FFS)
11. Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)
12. Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)

Required Events Venue:

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| 1. Conference Hall | – | Colloquium |
| 2. City Stadium | – | Opening Ceremony, Displays, Drum Battles, Performances & Festival Contests |
| 3. Serenade Tent/Center | – | Unity Band Ensemble Orchestra |
| 4. Street Decorations | – | Ceremonial Street Parade |
| 5. Adjudication Points | – | 3 Stages |

Coordinating & Sponsorship Account Details:

- **Account Name:** African Caribbean Network Foundation (ACNF)
- Bank Name:** United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc
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