



Foreign Affairs Committee

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To whom it may concern

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OLASUBOMI IGINLA AINA.

Olasubomi's support of the Foreign Affairs Committee's Nigeria inquiry was invaluable. Following her relevant and well-informed submission of written evidence, in my role as the inquiry manager, I discussed with her the feasibility of holding an event for Nigerian diaspora in London. She was able to advise us on many things including how to go about ensuring the key diaspora groups were represented as well as logistics for the day. Despite the uncertainty around social distancing measures, as this was shortly after the Covid lock-downs of 2020/21 she worked hard behind the scenes to provide us with excellent recommendations and liaised with the various stakeholders upon the Chair's choice. The event was a considerable success and was highly praised by members of the Committee including its Chair at the time, Tom Tugendhat. There was very positive feedback from the Nigerian-British participants too and the event was covered in the press (see <https://africanvoiceonline.co.uk/uk-foreign-affairs-committee-consults-the-nigerian-diaspora/> for example)

Throughout the inquiry she was always on hand to support additional areas the Committee requested more information on. She always responded in a positive and punctual way. I am also aware of her wider efforts to engage Parliament in issues affecting the Nigerian diaspora.

The report itself was well received by the Government and well informed in no small part through the assistance provided by Olasubomi. You can find her written evidence here:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/36957/pdf/>

A copy of the report can be found here:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5802/cmselect/cmfaaff/202/report.html>

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