Year in Review

MOMENTS, MEMORIES, AND MILESTONES



Table of Content

Abbreviations

From the ED's desk

About OrderPaper:

- Our Vision
- Our Mission
- Our Values
- Our History and Edge
- Our Strategic Objectives

Programmes, Projects and Products

- i) OrderPaper Media and Associated Channels
- ii) Growth Initiatives for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) Project
- iii) Most Valuable Parliamentarian Hall of Fame (MVP)Project
- iv) Validating the Office of The Electorate on Representation (VOTER) Project
- v) ConsTrack Project
- vi) Promoting Open Parliament for Upscaling Legislative Accountability (POPULA) Project
- vii) The Leg'ACE Programme
- viii.) RemTrack
- ix.) OPEN Space
- x.) Legislative Strengthening and Accountability(SPEED/STAR) Projects

Engagements, Events, and Exposures

- Bilaterals and Advocacy Visits
- Media Reportage

Thought Leadership & Knowledge Products

- i. Comprehensive Report on the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria
- ii. Political Economy of the 10th National Assembly
- iii. Seminar on Public Petitions: Case Studies from Nigeria

Team-bonding and Capacity Building

Partnerships and Collaborations

Validation, Recognitions, and Testimonials

Meet the Team

Year 2024 in View

A Big Thank You!

Stay Tuned to our Channels

Abbreviations

ACEs - Active Citizens Engaging the Legislature

CSO- Civil Society Organisation

DDS - Development Dialogue Series

FRA- Fiscal Responsibility Act

FRC - Fiscal Responsibility Commission

GIFT - Growth Initiative for Fiscal Transparency

IPEN - International Parliament Engagement Network

IPU - Inter-Parliamentary Union

Leg'ACE - Legislative Accountability and Legislative Engagement

LIFE - Legislative Intelligence Forecast Entry

MVP- Most Valuable Parliamentarian

NASS - National Assembly

NEITI - Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative

NNPMO - Nigerian Network of Parliamentary Monitoring Organisations

NSC - National Steering Committee

PCU - Programme Coordinating Unit

POPULA - Promoting Open Parliament for Upscaling Legislative Accountability

OGP - Open Government Partnership

OPEN - OrderPaper Parliamentary Engagement Nigeria

OPN - OrderPaper Nigeria

SPEED - Stewardship Profile Enhancement and Engagement Database

SPS - Street Parliament Series

STAR - Stewardship Tracking for Accountable Representation

VOTER - Validating the Office of the Electorate on Representation

ZIP - Zonal Intervention Projects

From the ED's desk

Time, they say, flies when you are having fun. And so it is that a fun-filled year for us at **OrderPaper** is now winding down. Don't get it twisted - I am not talking about fun in the sense of care-free merry-making (although the team threw work mood out the window and turned the office into a children's party scene on the last day of work for the year!). I mean fun in the sense that the team feels the unmistakable tinge of satisfaction and joy which comes with the accomplishment of set goals and targets.

We are proud to say that **OrderPaper** is a public trust. The mandate we bear and the work we do are solely to advance the public interest - from public awareness and citizen engagement, policy advocacy and reforms, and legislative strengthening and accountability, we breathe, eat and sleep all things parliament! And, as you would find in this annual report, 2023 has been a loaded year for us.

However, we regard the moments, memories and milestones we are proud to boast of in 2023 as inspiration and stepping stones to greater achievements in the coming year. We are most grateful to the Almighty God, the Creator and Giver of Life, who has made all things possible. We thank our partners, stakeholders and critics who have powered us on with funding, technical support, and constructive advisories throughout the year. We also thank users of our products and services, and indeed, our admirers and everyone who has contributed to the success stories compiled in this document.

May I most respectfully invite you to join us as we set out to break new grounds in 2024.

Sincerely yours,

Oke Epia

Founder/Executive Director
OrderPaper Nigeria
December 29, 2023

About OrderPaper

OrderPaper is Nigeria's foremost independent parliamentary monitoring organisation and policy think tank that bridges the gap between people and parliament. Our theory of change is that the Parliament will fulfil its mandate of lawmaking, oversight and representation to the Nigerian people if the right crop of representatives is elected to office; the institution is exposed to appropriate legislative strengthening, and citizens are well-informed and capacitated enough to demand transparent, accountable, and optimal service delivery. To achieve this theory of change, we have marshalled our interventions around in-depth parliamentary performance appraisals, legislative reporting and analyses, good governance advocacy, and public policy reforms and advisory.

OurVision

To be the most authoritative organisation of choice and reference for parliamentary reporting, advocacy, and public policy advisory in Africa.

Our Mission

To Provide simple and reliable parliamentary data that empowers citizens to take action and enable informed decision-making by public and private entities.

OurValues

At **OrderPaper**, we are driven by the following core values:

Excellence: We have unwavering commitment to deliver excellent services to the highest possible standards of user experiences

Efficiency: We believe in service delivery with maximum impacts and the best of resource management without compromising standards and expectations.

Dedication: We are a team that is committed to chosen causes no matter the challenges thrown up.

Accountability: We have a strong sense of responsibility, transparency and integrity to our stakeholders at different levers.

Inclusion: We promote a diverse workspace and project implementation processes by championing the participation of all groups, including the marginalised and excluded.

Our History and Edge

OrderPaper has grown from being an idea to a national media-cum-civil society brand in a space of less than ten years. The group has both nonprofit and for-profit

arms with OrderPaper Advocacy Initiative (OAI) registered in 2017 as a non-governmental organisation to embark on policy-related engagements and interventions, especially in the legislative space that expand the frontiers for good governance and deepen democratic practice(s). Founded by Oke Epia, who currently serves as its Executive Director, **OrderPaper** began as a social media enterprise that has since evolved into the country's preeminent civic organisation with clear focus on the legislature and recognised footprints in the public policy space of Nigeria.

OrderPaper anchors on the ACT of Parliament principles of Authority, Confidentiality, and Trust as its edge. This is because we have been recognised by key stakeholders for the following attributes:

- Dedication and Dependability;
- Innovation and Industry; and
- Passion and Persistence.

Our Strategic Objectives

- 1. Repositioning OrderPaper as the most authoritative and independent interface between citizens and elected representatives in parliament
- 2. Improve our capacity for policy reforms, advocacy and consulting services that facilitate informed decision-making for citizens, private sector, governmental and non-governmental entities within Nigeria and beyond
- 3. Empower citizens through capacity building on parliamentary knowledge so as to enable the agency of citizenship to hold leaders to account
- 4. Strengthen citizen participation in governance processes through sustainable engagement within our nationwide and grassroots-led community of Active Citizens Engaging the Legislature (ACEs) embedded within our Legislative Accountability and Constituency Engagement (Leg'ACE) Programme
- 5. Build and sustain a class of performance-driven, excellence-inspired leaders through our 'Most Valuable Parliamentarian (MVP)' reward mechanism. The objective is to spotlight and celebrate deserving legislators who have proved to be dedicated to unrelenting pursuit of the public interest within the Nigerian society
- 6. Build a sustainable organisational structure and culture that is compliant with international best practices and standards while promoting diversity and inclusivity

Programmes, Projects and Products

i) OrderPaper Media and Associated Channels

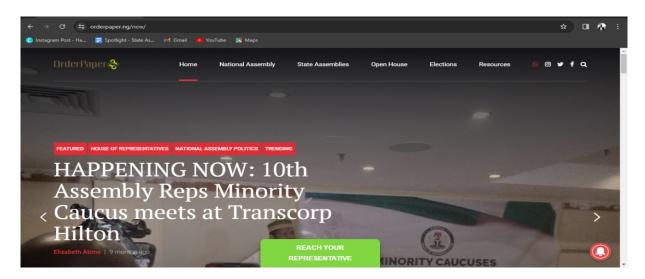
Public engagement has been key in achieving our 2023 milestones and moments. This is evident in our targeted increase in outreach and media engagements. Hence, our website (www.orderpaper.ng) is Nigeria's first authentic and authoritative legislative-focused reporting portal. It has served as a digital encyclopaedia of the Nigerian legislature since 2015. In 2023, we put out over 1000 carefully curated, insightful and exquisite content, including special reports, news stories and policy analyses. We also created 3 exclusive subsites, expanding our special offerings to stakeholders and the general public.

Across our social media platforms, **OrderPaper** has achieved significant reach and engagement. The numbers reflect a growing online community across various platforms, showing our broad outreach and impact:

- A community of over **45,000** engaging followers and subscribers
- Over 10,000 daily engagements across platforms



- **33** episodes of Parliament Weekly bringing citizens the juiciest details of happenings within the Nigerian and foreign Parliaments
- 44 episodes of Street Parliament Series (SPS) with over 144 interviews conducted with citizens, including youth, students, females and Persons Living With Disabilities (PWDs)
- Radio: In creating awareness, advocacy and enlightenment of citizens on topical issues, legislative accountability, service delivery, electoral and fiscal reform, we leveraged our radio reach with 40 radio programmes aired across 7 national radio stations reaching over 15 million listeners on FM frequency and over 9 thousand Facebook live streams globally.





ii) Growth Initiatives for Fiscal Responsibility (GIFT)

Despite being a nation with multiple resources, the Nigerian economy continues to struggle. This is due to severely constrained revenue generation and remittances to government coffers, poor public finance management and an ever-growing debt profile, which stands at N87 trillion (as at Q2 2023). To intervene on this and as a way of fulfilling its mandate, **OrderPaper** designed the Growth Initiatives for Fiscal Responsibility (GIFT) Project and secured funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Strengthening Civic Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE) Project. The project is being implemented alongside a cluster of civil

society partners with the advocacy objective of improved public financial management through the amendment to the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) 2007. Some GIFT activities carried out in 2023 include: a media and civil society roundtable in Abuja and Kwara State respectively; and a fiscal responsibility and debt sustainability dialogue also in Kwara State. There were several advocacy visits undertaken to key stakeholders in Abuja, including the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC), the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), as well as the National Assembly.













iii) Most Valuable Parliamentarian (MVP) Hall of Fame

The maiden induction ceremony into Nigeria's Most Valuable Parliamentarians (MVP) Hall of Fame for the 9th National Assembly was held on May 21st, 2023 in Abuja. The MVP Hall of Fame is an invitation-only arena reserved for a distinct class of legislators who have incontrovertibly proven to be performance-driven, excellenceinspired, and public-spirited. The event witnessed the formal induction of five (5) members of the National Assembly into the Hall of Fame. These five (out of the 469 members of the legislature) were conferred with certificates and award plaques following a final assessment and certification by an independent Panel of Experts comprising former members of the National Assembly, Academics, Legislative Think-tanks, Media and Civil Society representatives. The panel's work was a culmination of the painstaking, rigorous and data-driven three-year prequalification process organised by OrderPaper alongside its partners. The MVP Hall of Fame initiative ennobles the highest standard of exemplary leadership by elected representatives. The widely reported induction event, tagged Night of Glamour, was indeed one for the books and would not be forgotten in a hurry. For full details visit www.mvp.orderpaper.ng

















iv) Validating the Office of the Electorate on Representation (VOTER) Project

A key highlight of the year for **OrderPaper** was the monitoring and observation of the 2023 legislative elections (National and State Houses of Assembly). The exercise was the highpoint of the VOTER project which followed a series of voter awareness campaigns on radio, media engagements, and recruitment and capacitation of grassroots volunteers across the 360 federal constituencies of Nigeria. The implementation of VOTER, funded by **USAID** under the SCALE Project, achieved the validation of the bandwagon effect on the legislative elections when conducted simultaneously with that of the president and state governors. Under this project, **OrderPaper** recorded a first - nationwide election monitoring and observation - in its history.



















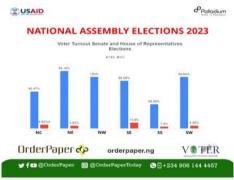












v) ConsTrack Project

ConsTrack was originally designed and developed as a civic tech platform to trigger and promote increased and informed citizens' participation as well as appropriate interfaces with elected representatives regarding the choice and implementation of Zonal Intervention Projects, ZIPs (popularly called constituency projects) across Nigeria. It has, however, now been expanded to cover the tracking of all Federal Government projects covered in the annual appropriation. ConsTrack is a data warehouse for public project implementation in Nigeria and, thus, provides a business development opportunity for OrderPaper Nigeria. The ConsTrack mobile application is available for download on the iOS and Android app stores (more information is available on www.constrack.ng). In 2022, ConsTrack was adopted by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) to achieve a strengthened project monitoring and evaluation regime as provided in the Fiscal Responsibility Act FRA, 2007.

For the past two consecutive years, OrderPaper received a sub-grant from the MacArthur Foundation through BudgIT to promote citizen-driven monitoring and evaluation of constituency projects in the South-east and South-west regions of the country. For 2023 there has been successful tracking of scores of ZIPs in the South West (SW) and South East (SE) geo-political zones of Nigeria. This is in line with the organisation's mandate to keep citizens in the loop on how well or not their representatives carry out their legislative functions, particularly in the area of representation. Hence, the projects were tracked across Federal Constituencies in Imo, Anambra, Abia, Enugu and Ebonyi (SE); Osun, Ondo, Ogun, Lagos, Oyo and Ekiti (SW).















































Vi) Promoting Open Parliament for Upscaling Legislative Accountability (POPULA) Project

As the lead organisation and secretariat for the Nigeria Network of Parliamentary Monitoring Organisations (NNPMOs), OrderPaper anchored several events that highlighted the need for open, accountable and inclusive parliament, following Nigeria's poor performance in the 2022 Open Parliament Index (OPI) conducted for West African countries. These events included capacity building for media on legislative reportage, dialogue on youth inclusion in parliament, and a forum on mainstreaming open parliament into the 10th legislative agenda, amongst others.



















vii) The Leg'ACE Programme

OrderPaper constantly implements programmes and activities that build the capacity of citizens to engage their legislators. One such initiative is the Legislative Accountability and Constituency Engagement (Leg'ACE) programme, which recognises the importance of citizen engagement in democratic governance. In addition to monitoring the National and State Assemblies elections in 2023, this pragmatic group of ACEs (Active Citizens Engaging the Legislature) have carried out multiple activities to express themselves and make meaningful contributions to

the democratic process at the grassroots levels. The numbers for 2023 are quite impressive:

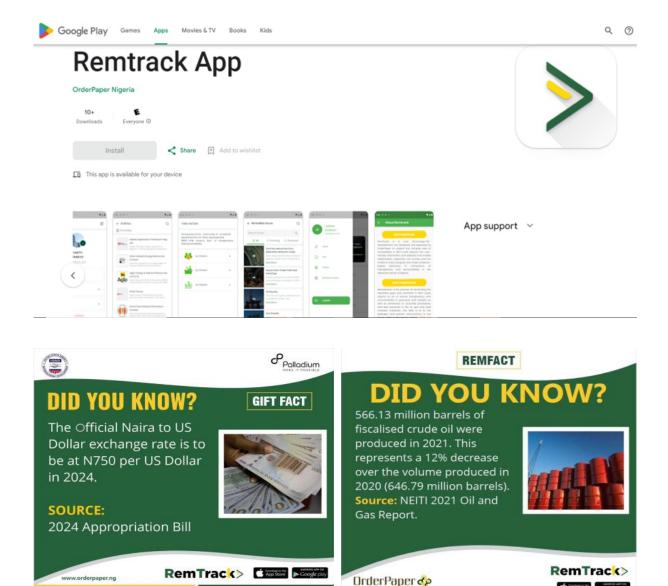
- **418** ACEs engaged in 2023 elections observatory with at least one member in 80% of the **360** federal constituencies
- A code of conduct and regulation guide co-created with the community
- Self-selected national leadership of the ACEs community: **5** members of the national exco and **37** state coordinators
- 10 virtual monthly plenary sessions held
- Integration of a deserving ACE into the **OrderPaper** team

More information on the Leg'ACE programme: https://orderpaper.ng/legace/



Viii) RemTrack

RemTrack is a digital platform for public engagement, and tracking transparency and accountability issues in extractives, beneficial ownership, energy transition and beneficiation of host communities. The platform uses data from verified government industry sources, including the annual audits of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), and unpacks the complex codes and languages of the extractive sector into user-friendly, relatable information and machine-readable datasets that enable stakeholders, especially civil society and the media to make evidence-based advocacy in furtherance of transparency and accountability in Nigeria. More information available on www.remtrack.ng



ix) Online Parliament Engagement Nigeria (OPEN) Space

OrderPaper & BINGERICH BUSINESS CONTRACTOR C

OPEN Space is a citizens' parliament meet-up hosted on the floor of X Space (formerly known as Twitter) via our @OrderPaper handle. It is a **90-minute** discourse designed to inform, spotlight and engage citizens on top parliamentary stories, laws and policies, elections and other topical issues we should be concerned about. Also, it is a channel through which we engage our followers across social media and draw more attention to our work. In 2023, we had **9** OPENSpace events on X (formerly Twitter), totalling **940** minutes of intensive engagements on parliamentary education and legislative governance featuring 28 Guests/Subject Matter Experts and reaching **2000** Listeners and netting **5000** impressions.

(a) ⊗OrderPaperToday (f) (S) ⊕ ⊗OrderPaper

App Store Google p



x) Legislative Strengthening and Accountability Products (SPEED/STAR)

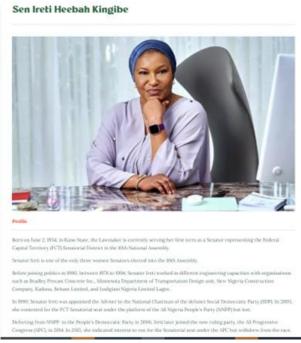
OrderPaper does heavy-lifting on legislative accountability and has accordingly designed certain products, including the following:

a. SPEED is an acronym for Stewardship Profile Enhancement and Engagement Database. It is an OrderPaper product hosted on our website for individual legislators to own and manage their public interfaces and digital presence. It is an essential window for legislators to own and tell their own stories and narratives within the tenets of transparency, accountability, and constituency engagement.









b. STAR- Stewardship Tracking for an Accountable Representation (STAR) is designed for citizens to monitor and evaluate the fulfilment of campaign promises made by elected representatives during the 2023 elections. It facilitates citizen engagement, promotes transparency, and fosters accountability among the 10th assembly legislators. By addressing the gap between campaign promises and actual implementation, this initiative strengthens democratic accountability. It ensures citizens' right to hold their representatives responsible for their actions while contributing to the overall development of the nation.





The SPEED/STAR products were inspired by the VOTER project as well as **OrderPaper's** invited participation at the Orientation Programme for members of the 9th National Assembly which was held in May. At this programme, new and returning legislators had a platform to engage with **OrderPaper**.

Engagements, Events, and Exposures

Throughout 2023, **OrderPaper** convened and participated in several public engagement programmes and activities in Abuja and other parts of the country:

i. Bilateral Engagements and Advocacy Visits

In advocating for a transparent, accountable, and representative parliament through inclusion and policy reforms, **OrderPaper** engaged with critical stakeholders in the National Assembly in a bid to break new frontiers and bridge the gap between citizens and parliament. This included the following:

- The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas
- Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Kingsley Chinda
- Chairman House Committee on Public Accounts, Hon. Bamidele Salam
- Spokesperson of the House of Representatives, Hon. Akin Rotimi Jr.
- Chairman of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC), Chief Victor Muruako Esq, and his Management Team
- Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Dr Orji Ogbonnaya Orji, and his Management Team
- The Deputy Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency, Kayode Alabi

There were also bilateral visits on the ConsTrack project to:

- Hon. Ozuruigbo Ugonna, Member, House of Representatives for Isu/Njaba/Nkwerre/Nwangele federal constituency of Imo State
- Hon. Chinedu Ogah, Member, House of Representatives for Ezza South/Ikwo federal constituency of Ebonyi State

- Hon. Afam Victor Ogene, Member, House of Representatives for Ogbaru federal constituency of Anambra State
- Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah, Member, House of Representatives for Isuikwuato/Umuneochi federal constituency of Abia State

ii. 2023 elections observatory

Under the VOTER project, **OrderPaper** undertook its maiden elections project with the monitoring and observation of the 2023 national and state assembly elections. A major outcome of that work was the validation of the bandwagon effect on parliamentary effectiveness. The activity involved **418** Volunteer Observers (ACEs) deployed in **326** polling units across 360 federal constituencies and **236** polling units across **930** state constituencies.



iii. Media exposures

The media reportage of OrderPaper activities, contributions to policy

reforms, legislative interventions, and general nation-building in 2023 was truly extensive. This was across print, electronic and online media channels at local, national and global levels. Some of these reportages are captured below.

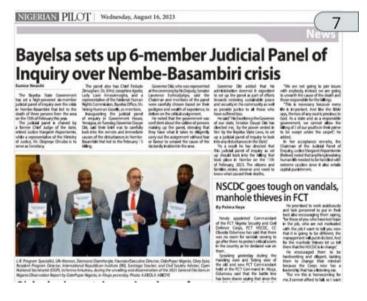












12 NORTH CENTRAL

Make All Appointments Within 18-months Thous Attempting To Disrupt Timulus Sense In Millifrace Consequences - Assar, Armen's Support Groups Tell Tinubu

Senate President: Niger Delta Group Rallies Support For Akpabio

Sunday, May 24, 2020 13 AFRICAGE Securitary









Rep. Ben Igbakpa @benigbakpa

I am filled with gratitude and pride as I express my profound appreciation to @OrderPaper for recognizing me as one of the top 10 Reps in the @HouseNGR and the 9th @nassnigeria. This acknowledgement holds even greater value for me as I reached this feat as a first-time Rep.





NEWS

A Preject by the N.

20 NASS lawmakers make semi-final shortlist for MVP Hall of Fame

OrderByer Nigotia and its partition in spread and the eventhal inductions in the Ninth National Assembly as Semi-finalists for the country's first-eventhy as Semi-finalists and work with National Assembly as Semi-finalists and work with National Assembly as Semi-finalists for the country's first-eventhy as Semi-finalists and work National Assembly as Semi-finalists and verifiable in mentant in Alton a nigrous point-based and public-spiritied. In a statement in Alton ja by the organisation's Exercisive Director, Oke Epia, OrderFaper said the shortlist completion of the faird-your appraisal, Plant Revents and the shortlist completion of the faird-your appraisal, plant and encourage "Performance appraisals published with the very semi-final shortlist and work of the subjected to paraly for peace transmittion.

The Most Valuable reliance the last your of the final shortlist and work of the content of the subjected to paraly for peace transmittion.

The Most Valuable reliance to the productive partition-with the notice remaining performance and the reconservation of the Night All Revents (Palla of Fame. Semi-final shortlist and work of the subjected to paraly for peace transmittion.

The Most Valuable reliance the native partition with the conservation of the Night All Revents (Palla of Fame. Semi-final shortlist and work of the content of the Night All Revents (Palla of Fame. Semi-final shortlist and work of the Night All Revents (Palla of Fame. Semi-final shortlist and work of the Night All Revents (Palla of Fame. Semi-final shortlist and work of the subject to the productive at this late reasse

Gbajabiamila, pray for peaceful



MVP Hall of Fame: 20 of 469 federal lawmakers shortlisted for semi-final

National Assembly have been short-listed for Semi-Final of the country's first ever Most Valuable Parlamentarion (MAP) Hall of Farme

Outerhaper Vegeria in the country's persist and upto entered yellog bleich task and logisticher Arrivat braiding the gap batteens citeman and parlie meret ainze, 2015.

The louby 20 lectional bournalisms energed for the same Ford steps if the an angiouse promos that involve all 4016 combined members of both the Senten and thouse of bogsmeratalism. In all administrational differential and though a sentence of the persistent and thouse of bogsmeratalism. In all administrational differential and though the persistent in Arrivator Company and the Sentence of the Sentence



13

pisots sector.

The left his dual circle to serelish the left hamself his dual circle to serelish these reducts lack to Federate the left hamself his fire flowers the left hamself his fire flowers and the left as a reduct lack to Federate the left had as a high possible exclusive event it as date to be amounted in the course.

The left his his fire a minute tion only severa searced to a district on only severa searced to a district loss of legislates which have proven to be performance down, exist me engoned, and placing search to the left had been a series of legislates that the left had been a series of legislates that the legislates of legislates which had been a series of legislates of leg



egolitorion Nigerio
- Peter Coll
- Teles Col

The first of the control of the cont

The manufacture of the control of th







Off-cycle polls: Don't give up on democracy, Atiku advises

6 NEWS March Tentral Constitution Reps query N10bn withdrawals 67 Directors fail perm Sec exam to register NIPOST subsidiaries



Oke Epia

Women empowerment crucial to po reform, powerty reduction — Ribbadu 56 dishe from 1 Section — Ribbadu 56 dis









Thought Leadership & Knowledge Products

The year 2023 witnessed some milestone production and dissemination of well-researched knowledge products that reinforce our thought leadership in the parliamentary policy and advocacy space in Nigeria. Team members have also been invited to resource programmes at partner and other events, including at national and global levels. Some of **OrderPaper's** knowledge products for 2023 include the following:

i. Comprehensive Report on the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria

The 2023 elections were pivotal for Nigeria, considering the state of the nation and the novel provisions of the new Electoral Act 2022. In advocating for more effective representation, whereby citizens are able to elect based on qualification and substance, **OrderPaper** under the VOTER Project intervened on the validity of the bandwagon effect on voting when legislative and executive elections are held simultaneously. The project found that rather than vote along party lines and preference for presidential or governorship candidates, citizens are able to vote for representatives based on their individual merits. Following the monitoring and observation of the February 25 and March 18 elections national and state elections, OrderPaper produced A Comprehensive Report on the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria (National and State Assemblies in focus) as a significant knowledge product.

ii. Political Economy of the 10th National Assembly

In furtherance of our brand authority, **OrderPaper** produced a comprehensive document to guide both public and private organisations in interfacing effectively with the 10th National Assembly. The document covered key points on the inauguration, selection and appointment of the leadership and membership of committees of both chambers, summary interventions from plenary sessions (bills and motions) and other important data and information about the federal parliament

between June and December 2023. More importantly, the document, produced under the GIFT project, provided vital insights and foresights on the nuances which should guide how citizens and corporate entities interface productively with the 10th National Assembly. Key data contained in the work include: 1037 Bills, 503 Motions, and 120 Petitions processed in the House of Representatives; and 300 Bills and 79 Motions introduced in the Senate.







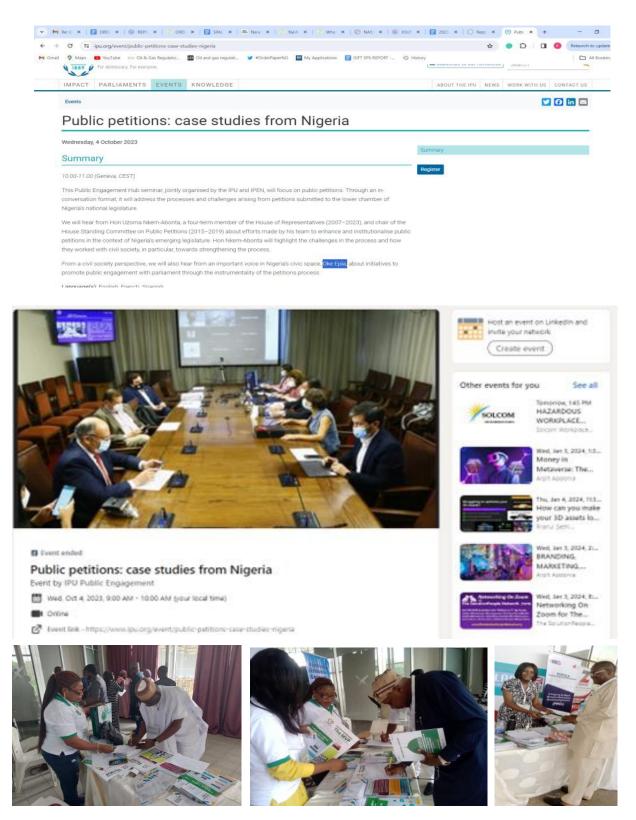






iii. Seminar on Public Petitions: Case Studies from Nigeria

The seminar was organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the International Parliament Engagement Network (IPEN). **OrderPaper**, represented by its Executive Director, **Oke Epia**, was invited to speak from the viewpoint of civil society, including efforts made by the organisation to enhance and institutionalise public petitions in the context of Nigeria's emerging legislature.









Team-bonding and Capacity Building

In a bid to build staff capacity and create synergy among team members, OrderPaper made provisions for both in-house and external bonding sessions, capacity-building and career development opportunities. These covered data journalism, content presentation, storytelling and data visualisation, climate action, gender inclusion, organisational development and public finance management, to name a few. Moments from these events are captured below:





























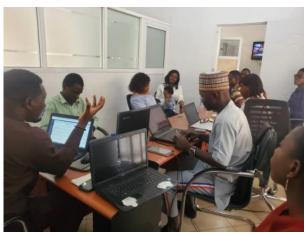






















Partnerships and Collaborations

As an authoritative parliamentary-niched organisation, it is imperative to continuously strive to expand our partnership and collaboration with key stakeholders to enhance citizen participation in policy and decision-making in order to deepen the frontiers of good governance and democratic practices in Nigeria, Africa and the world at large. Consequently, in the year 2023, **OrderPaper** consolidated existing partnerships and established new ones with leading Civil Society Organisations, Development Partners and MDAs. Key partnerships established through grants for 2023 include:

- USAID-SCALE funding for the second year of the GIFT project
- USAID-SCALE funding for the VOTER project
- Sub-grant from the MacArthur Foundation through BudgIT
- NED sub-grant through PNAfrica

Other key partnerships, patronage and support that have advanced our work include those with:

- The Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)
- The Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)
- The SCALE Project
- The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)
- Centre LSD
- Dataphyte
- **Arise TV**
- **Channels TV**
- AIT
- TVC
- Print and online media partners









































Validation, Recognitions, and Testimonials

The outputs and outcomes from **OrderPaper's** efforts have not gone unnoticed by stakeholders, admirers and the public. There have been validation, recognitions and testimonials in the course of the year:

- Revalidation as Convenor and Secretariat of the NNPMO: Following the successful implementation of the POPULA project, members of the Nigeria Network of Parliamentary Monitoring Organisations (NNPMOs) elected OrderPaper to continue as convenor and secretariat of the network for a period of four years.
- Appointment of OrderPaper Founder/ED, Oke Epia, into the National Steering Committee (NSC) of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Nigeria
- Invitation to partner with the Office of the Speaker, House of Representatives, in providing development support and capacity-building for the parliament on the platform of the Programmes Coordinating Unit (PCU)
- Our Founder/ED, **Oke Epia**, was recognised as the Most Influential Think Tank CEO of the Year 2023 by a UK-based media organisation
- OrderPaper Founder/ED, Oke Epia, was invited to resource a seminar on public petitions organised by the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the International Parliamentary Engagement Network (IPEN) hosted by the University of Leeds, UK.

Apart from those significant recognitions and validation of our efforts, some important stakeholders had some testimonials about **OrderPaper.** Here are some glowing remarks made by parliamentarians (past and present), CSO partners and other notable members of the public:





The Executive Director of **OrderPaper**, **Oke Epia**, emerged as the *Most Influential Think Tank CEO in Nigeria*, according to CEO Monthly Magazine, a United Kingdom-based Business-to-Business global media organisation. On the criteria used for arriving at the choice of the award, the communication explained the rigorous processes that led to Epia's emergence as recipient:

"We spend a number of months looking over publicly available sources (company websites & directories, industry journals, press releases etc) in order to identify key professionals who are not only relevant to our circulation in terms of the industry that they fall into and where they're based, but who the team feel have gone above and beyond in their field and deserve to be recognised for their achievements based entirely on merit rather than popularity or company size as we find with other awards programmes."



I am delighted and deeply humbled by the fact that my efforts in the 9th Senate have been closely monitored and assessed by not just my discerning constituents and colleagues but perhaps, Nigeria's most credible legislative watchdog, Orderpaper Nigeria.

I am particularly elated that my recorgnition today as the "Most Valuable Parliamentarian (MVP) Of The 9th Senate" by the highly regarded Organisation, ORDERPAPER NIGERIA, is purely as a result of my toil and sleepless nights in the Senate which culminated in several bills including those of them that have since been signed into law by the President, His Excellecy, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

I feel fulfilled by your credible assessment of my efforts in the 9th

← Post

I feel fulfilled by your credible assessment of my efforts in the 9th Senate and I say a big thank you. This recognition clearly shows that our impactful legislative interventions have not gone unnoticed.

I appreciate this recognition much more because it is being bestowed on me purely on merit. The facts used by Orderpaper to assess me and indeed other lawmakers in the 9th National Assembly are easily verifiable. They are in fact public knowledge. I did not, and could not have lobbied for this recognition. For this, I am extremely glad to accept and own this honour done to me by the very profound team at Orderpaper Nigeria. In fact this pioneering efforts and painstaking approach by Orderpaper Nigeria attest to the fact that hard work pays and that Nigerians actually notice good and selfless leadership

← Post

I am confounded by the professionalism and thoroughness of the team at Orderpaper led by the very cerebral Mr. Oke Epia. I have since learnt that the selection process the Organisation followed was extremely methodical and spanned over three years of painstaking data-driven research and routine monitoring of the activities of all the members of the 9th National Assembly. The process of assessment and selection, I have found out, received imputes from some of the best minds in academia, civil society, international partners and other critical stakeholders. This is truly commendable.

← Post

It is even more so because as I assume office as the Governor of Kaduna State on May 29, by the grace of God, I am going to be very conscious of the fact that well-meaning and credible organisations like Orderpaper Nigeria are watching and assessing me very closely. This is the kind of check or monitoring our leaders need in every tier of governance. Please keep up the good work.

It is my hope that this induction of my humble self and other deserving legislators into the Hall of Fame will spur other legislators to strive for excellence. It is all about making an impact. I congratulate all the other inductors and wish them well in their

MVP Hall of Fame Inductee: His Excellency, Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State and immediate past Senator for Kaduna Central Senatorial District

I commend the OrderPaper team and urge them to continue with this great work, which is not based on pecuniary consideration, and that makes it an outstanding event. Also, I am happy to be recognised for the bills that I've moved, and it's receiving a lot of attention around the world.

Honourable Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo, South East Board representative, North East Development Commission (NEDC), Ex-Member representing Ikwuano/Umuahia North and South Federal Constituency, Abia, and MVP Hall of Fame Inductee

"I appreciate OrderPaper for bringing about the MVP Hall of Fame, which is a starting point to encourage Parliamentarians to execute their work effectively. OrderPaper also makes it easy for citizens to understand the roles of Parliamentarians."

Senator Oloriegbe Ibrahim, Ex-Senator representing Kwara Central and MVP Hall of Fame Inductee

"You tell the story the way it is. I have come to discover that OrderPaper is made up of men and women of content who have the capacity. I am impressed with the help you are giving to the National Assembly. You understand the workings of the National Assembly better than most agencies, and you try as much as possible to communicate that to Nigerians."

Rt. Hon, Benjamin Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the (10th) House of Representatives, member representing Bende Federal Constituency, Abia State, and MVP Hall of Fame Semi-Finalist

"Your work has put members on their toes and compete amongst themselves to sponsor bills and also to improve on the quality of bills that are being sponsored. You are also complimenting the role of the legislature. You are upping the ante of the legislature. So thank you for the work you are doing."

Senator Mohammed Tahir Monguno, Senate Committee Chairman on Judiciary Human Rights and Legal Matters, senator representing Borno North Senatorial District, and MVP Hall of Fame Inductee

"I commend Orderpaper for its accurate reporting and tracking of legislative activities, as well as bridging the gap between the parliament and the constituents, particularly through an in-depth analysis of the bills and motions of the legislators."

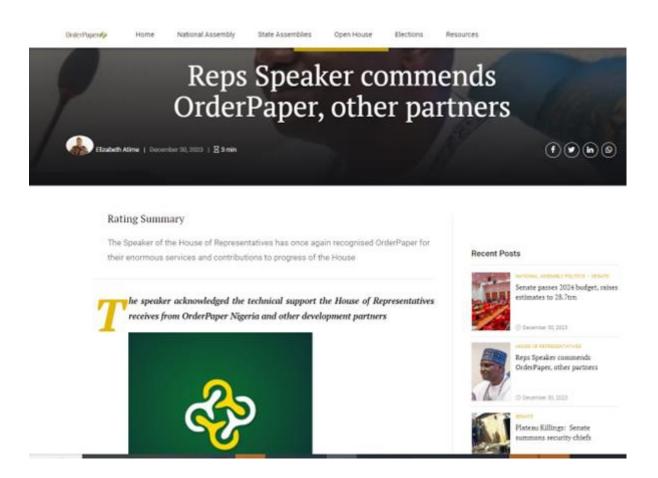
Ibikunle Amosun, Former Governor of Ogun State and Ex-Senator representing Ogun Central Senatorial District

"We salute the efforts of OrderPaper, within this important evaluation which is established with the aim of motivating and encouraging legislators to be more focused, proactive in carrying out their legislative functions effectively while making laws for good governance and ensuring peace and stability and constituency accountability."

Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)/ Chairman Transparency International Nigeria

"While many positives have come out of the National Assembly. They really do not stay long in the minds of the average Nigerian, and the impact of laws and the place of parliament in national development could easily be overlooked. Given this background, the decision by **OrderPaper** Nigeria and its partners, as a foremost independent Public Policy Think Tank and Parliamentary Monitoring Organisation in this country; having led interventions in the legislative space for about eight years now to conceptualise and introduce a Roll of Honour for lawmakers deserves the commendation of every Nigerian and lover of democracy. It is in such context that it becomes important to commend OrderPaper for its effort"

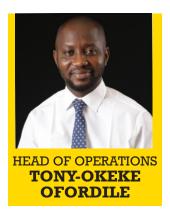
Late Rt. Hon. Umar Ghali Na'Abba, Former Speaker of the 4th House of Representatives



MVP Hall of Fame Semi-finalist: The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas



ke has over 23 years of work experience straddling the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Educated up to postgraduate level, he attended schools and received several professional training in Nigeria, the United States, and the United Kingdom, among other countries. A public policy advisor, social entrepreneur, climate advocate, and communications expert, Oke is the Founder/Chief Executive of OrderPaper Nigeria.



fordile is an enthusiastic intrapreneur with over fifteen (15) years of extensive experience spanning technology, project, product, and people management. He has a proven track record of successfully delivering products/projects from concept to reality; accountable, on time, and on budget.



egina heads the programme team at OrderPaper. As Programme Manager, she has a track record of successfully leading and implementing project objectives. Her project scope includes leadership, legislative accountability, gender reforms, and legal, fiscal and electoral reforms.



dna is OrderPaper's Finance Officer adept at administrative management and providing strategic guidance to ensure the successful execution of projects. She has a track record in admin support and ensuring compliance with processes and procedures, including financial reporting.



PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE/
REMIRACKLEAD

EFE ISEGHOHIME

The stractive of the success of programme activity outcomes. Efe to versees the RemTrack platform sorting data and tracking transparency and accountability issues in extractives, budgeting, beneficial ownership, energy transition and beneficiation of host communities. Her timely and impactful solutions contribute to the success of programme activity outcomes.



lizabeth heads the OrderPaper contingent at the National Assembly and serves as a liaison between the legislators, leadership, committees and the organisation. With over a decade of experience, her understanding of parliamentary procedures, and a passion for driving legislative change, she champions the organisation's cause and advocates for the interests of legislative transparency, inclusion, and accountability.



s a Project Communication Manager, she has demonstrated the ability to effectively plan, develop, and implement communication strategies for diverse stakeholders, ensuring clear and consistent messaging throughout projects. Joy's track record includes fostering collaboration and engagement through various communication channels, resulting in successful project outcomes.



atherine oversees and coordinates the ConsTrack platform data collection efforts, ensuring accurate and up-to-date information needed for the smooth running of ConsTrack. Also serving as the lead for bilateral engagements and OPEN Space, she ensures that these programmes bridge the gap between citizens and policymakers, empowering voices and influencing positive change through actionable insights.



n handling our social media handles, Leah possesses an innate ability to create engaging and impactful content that resonates with our online community, effectively amplifying our organisation's message across various social media platforms. Armed with a strategic approach and a creative mindset, she navigates the digital sphere, driving increased brand visibility and fostering meaningful connections with our audience.



haron thrives on staying at the forefront of political news and developments, providing comprehensive coverage of legislative matters with meticulous research and analysis. She also anchors the Street Parliament Series and Parliament Weekly programmes, providing insight into the legislative landscape, and offering in-depth insights and balanced reporting on the intricate workings of the parliament.



Beloved is a Wole Soyinka Award for Investigative Reporting runner-up and is committed to uncovering and delivering accurate and timely information on legislative matters, ensuring transparency and accountability in our democracy. With her understanding of political nuances, she is able to adeptly navigate the complexities of parliamentary proceedings, providing valuable insights to our audience.



Bode is a project programme assistant with a strong ability to support and coordinate various aspects of project planning and execution, utilising excellent organisational and multitasking skills to ensure smooth project operations. Bode is also efficient in providing administrative support and maintaining project documentation, contributing to the successful delivery of projects.



Tith over a decade of experience, David covers all our key moments (internal and external) in video and pictures, telling the story of the brand in a unique and engaging manner.



adiq brings creativity and precision to each project, transforming raw footage into compelling and visually stunning narratives that leave a lasting impression. With a keen eye for detail and an understanding of storytelling, he elevates our content to new heights.



he recent Mass Communication graduate supports the programme and creative team at OrderPaper.

Funke is enthusiastic about learning, developing her skills and contributing to the organisation's growth.



he youth corp member and graduate of Mass Communication supports the admin and creative team. She also has a flare for presentation and is dedicated to supporting the organisation in carrying out its objectives.



n October 2023, Temidayo was seconded to the Office of the House of Representatives Spokesman, as Lead Technical Adviser to the House Committee on Media and Public Affairs. The initiative is aimed at bolstering the experience exchange and supporting the House in implementing its Agenda on open parliament and robust citizen engagement. As a Senior Programme Executive, he made outstanding contributions towards the organisation's mandate to bridge the gap between citizens and parliament.

The Year 2024 in view

As we reflect on the achievements of 2023, **OrderPaper** is excited for the year ahead. In the new year, the 10th Assembly will mark its first year in office, and so will our first annual performance appraisal. We hereby serve notice that a more robust exercise is in the offing. We also plan to enhance our technology infrastructure to make our content, including knowledge products, more user-friendly and accessible to various stakeholders.

The **OrderPaper** team will receive dedicated strengthening through bespoke capacity development to enable improved outputs for the benefit of stakeholders, clients and users.

Additionally, we will focus on strengthening our partnerships with civil society organisations and policymakers, allowing us to advocate for transparent and accountable governance more effectively. With these plans in place, we are confident that the year ahead will be marked by significant progress and a positive impact in promoting democratic values and informed decision-making regarding the legislature and representation we desire.



A Big Thank You and Happy New Year!

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, stakeholders and users. On behalf of the Leadership, Management and all team members of **OrderPaper Nigeria**, we put it on record that without you there would be no us. Your unwavering support, collaboration, patronage and usage of our products and services have been instrumental in our journey towards creating positive change and advancing the principles of transparency, accountability, and effective governance in 2023.

We want to specifically thank our funders and technical support providers- USAID-SCALE, Palladium International, MacArthur Foundation, BudgIT, NED-PNAfrica - for enabling us to make positive change in 2023. We place on record the profound support from media partners for the lavish coverage offered us throughout the year. The reportage and amplification of our policy advocacies and legislative accountability work added immense value to the successes we have recorded in 2023.

As we reflect on the past year and embrace the opportunities in 2024, we implore your continued collaboration as we strive towards our shared vision of a just, transparent, and accountable society. Together, we would bring about transformative change and create an environment of good governance that benefits all.

We couldn't have achieved all of these without you!

May the coming year be filled with progress, prosperity, and impactful achievements as we work towards a brighter future for our communities and great nation.

Cheers to a greater year in 2024!

Stay tuned to our Channels

As Nigeria's foremost independent parliamentary monitoring organisation and policy think tank, we pride ourselves on providing real-time information in and around the National Assembly and empowering you with much-needed information to make demands for accountable representation.

For these and more, subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on X (Twitter) and Facebook on @OrderPaper. Also, check out Instagram @OrderPaperToday for all the detailed videos and explainers you need to know!

Also, stay connected to our website, www.orderpaper.ng, where we give you the news in detail, from spotlights, nuggets, learnings, offsides, citizens' reactions, and much more.

Office Address: Halima Plaza, Suite C12, Garki, Area II, Abuja

Tel/WhatsApp: 0904 700 3031,0904 700 3032





- © @OrderPaperToday
- www.orderpaper.ng
- +234 704 700 3031
- **Q** 0704 700 3032



Rem rac (>