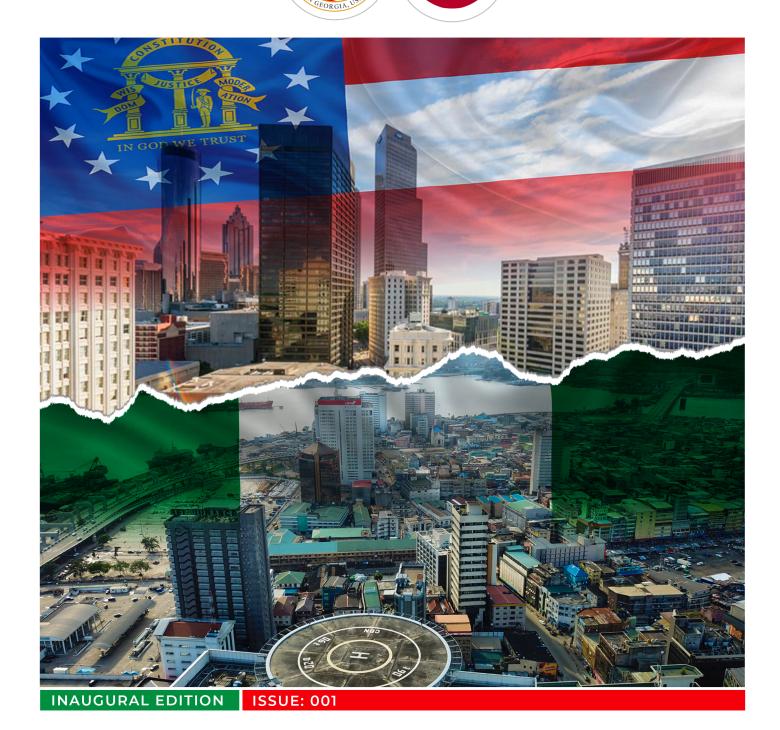
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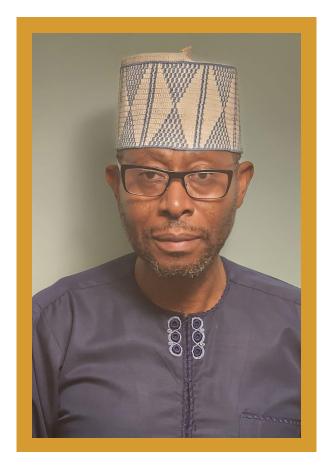


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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



## MR. KAYODE ADEKUNLE

Distinguished members of Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia and esteemed friends,

It is with immense pride and a sense of duty that I salute our membership today as the President of ANOG, an organization that seeks to unify the vibrant Nigerian community in Georgia. Our vision is clear: we aim to foster unity among all Nigerians, champion the richness of Nigerian culture, and ardently advocate for the welfare and advancement of our fellow Nigerians. Our beloved community is diverse, but we must always remember that our strength lies in our unity, and our identity is fortified by our cultural roots.

Political awareness and civic responsibility are pillars of our democratic society. It is our commitment to instill these values in every Nigerian, ensuring that our voice resonates not just within our community but reaches every corner of this great state of Georgia and by extension, the nation. Moreover, the core of our mission

is to ensure harmony and peaceful coexistence among all ethnic groups. This is our pledge, and it serves as the cornerstone of every endeavor we embark upon. Our operations, be it receiving funds, investing, or property management, are carried out with the utmost integrity, strictly adhering to the guidelines of the Georgia non-profit corporation.

Our vision is not insular; it's expansive. We are eager to collaborate with like-minded organizations, to combine our strengths, and to foster a united front for all Nigerians living in Georgia, ensuring that we stand as one indivisible family. To achieve this, we recognize the importance of establishing productive networks at local, regional, national, and international levels. Networking is not just about forging connections; it's about creating opportunities for civic leadership, enhancing the overall profile of our organization, and painting a positive image of Nigeria on the world stage.

Lastly, in this digital age, information is vital. We pledge to provide our community with access to crucial information pertinent to our concerns through various mediums. By supporting programs that uplift the image of Nigeria and offering platforms for civic leadership, we are not just enhancing our community's image but fortifying its future. Together, as one family under the ANOG umbrella, we will forge ahead, turning our collective dreams and vision into reality. TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!

Thank you.



#### **ANOG PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia is established with the overarching objective of fostering unity, advancing welfare, and championing the rich cultural heritage of Africans, particularly Nigerians, in Georgia and beyond. Our mission is anchored on the following principles:

- 1. **Promotion of Unity:** Our primary goal is to promote unity among Nigerians, both in Georgia and elsewhere. We believe in the strength of unity in diversity and work towards amalgamating all Nigerians in Atlanta into an indivisible and indissoluble family.
- 2. Championing Nigerian Culture: We are dedicated to advocating, protecting, and advancing the vibrant Nigerian culture, ensuring its appreciation and transmission to future generations.
- 3. Advancement of Welfare: We are committed to the welfare of Nigerians, creating pathways for progress and opportunities to uplift every Nigerian.
- 4. Political Awareness & Civic Responsibility: ANOG strives to cultivate political awareness and instill a strong sense of civic responsibility among Nigerians, empowering them to be active participants in their communities.
- 5. Harmony and Peace: Promoting harmony and peaceful coexistence within various ethnic groups is vital to our vision, ensuring an environment where everyone thrives.
- 6. Financial Stewardship: We responsibly receive, invest, and disburse funds and hold property to further the objectives of our corporation.
- 7. Compliance and Activities: All our activities adhere to the guidelines of the Georgia non-profit corporation. We aim to explore every avenue that aligns with our mission without contravening established regulations.
- 8. Collaborative Relations: We actively seek to relate with other organizations, establishing synergies in areas of common interest, ensuring that the Nigerian community stands united.
- 9. Networking: We are determined to cultivate and establish productive networks at local, regional, national, and international levels, maximizing opportunities for collaboration and shared growth.
- **10. Organizational Profile & Leadership:** ANOG offers a platform to enhance and elevate the profile of member organizations, providing opportunities to exercise civic leadership in the broader community.
- **11. Image Enhancement:** We support programs that positively portray and enhance the image of Nigeria as a whole, debunking myths and showcasing our nation's beauty and potential.
- 12. Information Access: At ANOG, we provide access to vital information concerning Nigerians, utilizing multiple mediums to ensure our community is well-informed and connected.

By championing these principles, ANOG stands as a beacon for Nigerians, ushering in an era of unity, growth, and mutual respect. **TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!** 

# WHY JOIN

Joining Alliance of Organizations of Georgia offers organizations myriad benefits anchored in unity, culture, and community advancement. At its core, ANOG promotes unity among Nigerians in Georgia, emphasizing the power of our diversity. It's a vanguard for Nigerian culture, ensuring its appreciation and continuity for future generations. Committed to welfare, ANOG actively uplifts every Nigerians, while also fostering political awareness and civic responsibility. We champion harmony among ethnic groups, ensuring peaceful coexistence. Financially responsible and compliant with Georgia's non-profit regulations, ANOG transparently manages its resources. The organization values collaborations, building strong relationships with other entities to strengthen the Nigerian community. By facilitating networking at various levels, ANOG creates growth opportunities. Member organizations benefit from enhanced profiles and leadership platforms, while ANOG also actively refines Nigeria's image and provides vital community information. Joining ANOG is an opportunity to be part of a progressive, cohesive, and impactful collective.

#### TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!



## OUR PROGRAMS<sup>2024</sup>

<b>1. ANOG Cultural Day Celebration</b> – October 5, 2024	<b>Objective:</b> An immersive experience that celebrates, educates, and promotes African cultural heritage, fostering unity and understanding within the community.
	Benefits: •Diverse Representation & Demographic •Outreach & Marketing Opportunities •Interactive & Fun Activities •Feedback Mechanism
<b>2. Independence Banquet Awards</b> – November 2, 2024	<b>Objective:</b> A landmark event that invokes pride, remembers the past, showcases present achievements, and looks forward to a brighter future.
	Benefits: •Networking Opportunities: •Sponsorships & Partnerships with businesses and the community: •Fun Activities
<b>3. Townhall Meetings</b> – March 2024	<b>Objective:</b> Foster a dialogue between elected officials and the community, providing clarity and fostering collaboration on Diaspora-related issues.
	<ul> <li>Benefits:</li> <li>Access to information: Utilize social media, targeted flyer placements, community radio, and local influencers.</li> <li>Networking opportunities: Secure officials and experts knowledgeable across the range of specified topics.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Public Safety and the African</b> <b>Community</b> – August 2024	<b>Objective:</b> Establish understanding and forge a positive, collaborative relationship between the African community and law enforcement agencies.
	Benefits: •Access to Information •Networking •Workshops •Post Events Initiatives

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<b>5. Georgia Nigerians Business Summit (GNBS)</b> – May/June 2024	•Objective: Build a robust platform where businesses can network, learn, and collaborate, driving growth and innovation within the Nigerian/African Diaspora.
	Benefits: •Networking Opportunities: •Sponsorships and Partnerships •Employment Opportunities •Trade Opportunities •Access to Information •Post-event Initiatives:
6. Collaborative, Partners & Events	
<b>a. 5K Run/Walk with ANPA</b> – September 2024	•Objective: To promote fitness and wellness, combined with philanthropy and fun raise for a course.
	<ul> <li>Benefits:</li> <li>Promotions &amp; Marketing Opportunities</li> <li>Networking</li> <li>Free Basic Medical Evaluation:</li> <li>Safety &amp; Logistics: Ensure medical standby, hydration stations, and clear route markings.</li> <li>Post-event Engagement: Share results, photos, and impact, thanking participants and encouraging future involvement.</li> </ul>
<b>b. Immigration Rally</b> – October 2024	•Objective: Rally the collective voice of multiple African nations, addressing immigration challenges and fostering unity.
	Benefits: •Strategic Collaborations •Public Engagements •Access to information •Networking

#### The Summary:

Throughout 2024, ANOG aims to deliver a series of transformative programs and events, each tailored to uplift, educate, and unify the Nigerian/African Diaspora community. With strategic partnership and collaboration with public and private sector in the State, these events will signify our proactive commitment to addressing the diverse needs and aspirations in our community.

#### **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

- ABIRIBA COMMUNAL IMPROVEMENT UNION
- AMERICAN NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ANICC)
- **3** AKURE OLOYEMEKUN, ATLANTA CHAPTER
- **4** ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, GEORGIA CHAPTER
- 5 ANAEDO SOCIAL CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
- 6 ATLANTA GREEN EAGLES SOCCER CLUB
- AKWA IBOM STATE ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (USA), ATLANTA CHAPTER, INC. www.akwaibomatlanta.org
- ANIOMA ASSOCIATION USA, INC. ATLANTA CHAPTER

www.aniomaga.org

AFENMAI ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

www.afenmai.org

ASABA PROGRESSIVE UNION, ATLANTA CHAPTER

www.asabaatl.com

- BAYELSA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA, INC. www.bayelsaatlanta.org
- 12 EFIK ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
- ESAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA (EPAA)
- EKO CLUB ATLANTA www.ekoclubatlanta.org
- ESAN LEADERSHIP FORUM OF GEORGIA, INC. (ELFG) www.esanleadershipforum.org
- ENUGU STATE WOMEN ORGANIZATION, ATLANTA
- EGBE OMO YORUBA GREATER ATLANTA
- EKIMOGUN SOCIAL CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

- GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF IJEBU DESCENDANTS
- IGALA ASSOCIATION, USA ATLANTA CHAPTER
- **21** IGBODO DEVELOPMENT UNION
- **IGBO UNION OF ATLANTA** www.igbounionatlantausa.org
- IGBO UNION OF ATLANTA www.igbounionatlantausa.org
- IKA ASSOCIATION USA, ATLANTA CHAPTER
- IJESHA OMO OBOKUN CLUB OF GEORGIA www.ijeshaofgeorgia.org
- <sup>26</sup> IKEDURU ASSOCIATION, INC.
- 27 ISIEKENESI IMPROVEMENT UNION
- ISOKO ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA, INC. www.isokoassociation-atl.org
- NIDO AMERICAS SOUTH [SAVANNAH], INC. www.nidoamericassouthsavannah.org
- NIGERIAN MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP (NMF)

www.nigerianministersfellowship.org

- **31 NIGER DELTA PEOPLES MOVEMENT**
- NIGERIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA (NNAG)

- NIGERIAN YOUTH ALLIANCE, INC.www.nigeriya.org
- NIGERIAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH SIDE – GA
- NIGERIAN WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.
  www.nwag.org
- **36** NNEWI UNION OF ATLANTA, INC.
- NDOKWA ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA, INC. ATLANTA CHAPTER
- **38** NTO ANNANG FOUNDATION
- **39 OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY**
- ONDO STATE ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
- ONIMA INSTITUTE FOR TRADITION AND DEVELOPMENT USA, INC. www.onimainstituteusa.org
- OTU UMUNNE CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, INC.
   www.otuumunne.org
- OTU UMUOKPU ANAMBRA USA ATLANTA CHAPTER

- ORLU REGIONAL UNION ATLANTA www.kenig-dev.tech
- OWERRI FAMILY UNION (OFU)
- **46 OWO UNITED ASSOCIATION**
- **POSITIVE NIGERIA**
- THE NUBIANS www.nubians.org
- 49 URANRAN IWERE (ITSEKIRI) GA
- UMA G'BAE N'EDO CLUB OF ATLANTA www.umagbaenedoatl.org
- URHOBO ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

   www.urhoboga.org
- UMUADA IGBO NIGERIA USA ATLANTA CHAPTER
- UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (USA) ATLANTA CHAPTER
- 54 YORUBAS OF ATLANTA
- ZUMUNTA ASSOCIATION ATLANTA www.zumunta.org

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We are happy to share with you our emblem of accreditation for businesses in our community. It's about time we drive our economic impact and promote ourselves. We encourage you to share with us Nigerian owned businesses within your city and county for endorsement and promotion.

We are keeping a close eye on these businesses to ensure a high level of service delivery, great customer experience and competence.

Check out for the Business Directory for more information!

https://anogusa.org/business-directory/

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NIGERIA

- Home to over 200 million inhabitants, Nigeria has one of the largest populations of youth, and is the sixth most populous country in the world.
- Nigeria is a multinational state, as it is inhabited by over 250 ethnic groupings, of which the three largest are the Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba. These ethnic groups speak over 500 different languages, have diverse cultures, and exhibits unique art. A rich array of cuisines, fashion styles and festivals exist across the different tribes.
- Home to Africa's oldest dye pit, Kofar Mata Dye Pit in Kano was established in 1498 and is Africa's oldest. It continues to preserve the traditional tye and dye production process used in northern Nigeria. Methods and skills used are ancient, and handed down from generation to generation.
- Lagos is Nigeria's largest city and economic hub.
- Abuja is Nigeria's capital.
- Nigeria is the largest producer of oil and gas in Africa.
- Nigeria has the highest number of educated African Immigrants in the USA.
- One of the world's largest diversity of butterflies. Nigeria is famous for its beautiful and diverse butterflies. Nigeria has an exceptional biodiversity and boasts an abundance of fauna and flora. Presently, there are over 1000 documented species of butterflies. New species are still being discovered.
- Africa's first Nobel Laureate, is a Nigerian. In 1986 Wole Soyinka was the first black African playwright to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- Nigeria has two outstanding UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Sukur Cultural Landscape in Adamawa and Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove in Osun.

- Nigerians are known to be intelligent hard-working people, and for the "can-do" and "never-say-never" attitude, which is complimented with a friendly and accommodating spirit.
- World's second largest film industry and pioneer of Afrobeats. Nigeria's film industry 'Nollywood' is the second largest film producer in the world. The country also continues to maintain pioneering status with its music which have played major roles in shaping Africa's music scene as well as influence contemporary world music.
- Nigeria boasts of the largest economy in Africa. It is projected to rank among the world's top ten economies by 2050.
- The Nigerian flag is a vertical bicolour triband of green, white and green. The two green stripes represent Nigeria's natural wealth, while the white band represents peace. It was designed in 1959 by Michael Taiwo Akinkunmi and was officially adopted on October 1, 1960.
- Nigeria's Coat of Arms features two white horses supporting a black shield, with a White "Y" shape running across the middle of the shield. Above the shield is a red eagle sitting on a green and white band placed on the shield. Beneath them are green grass, yellow flowers and a banderole. The white horses represent dignity, the shield represents Nigeria's fertile soil, the eagle represents strength, while the green and white bands represent Nigeria's rich soil. The White 'Y' shape on the black shield represents the Niger and the Benue rivers. The yellow flower at the base is Nigeria's national flower, the Costus Spectabilis, and the banderole is Nigeria's national motto since 1978, 'Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress' (formerly 'Peace, Unity, Freedom')

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# PAST EVENTS



# MEMORIES

#### ANOG / GNBS EVENTS

























#### COLLABORATION EVENTS





























**PROF. AUSTIN ESOGBUE** 

We owe an immense debt of gratitude to Prof. Austin Esogbue, whose unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary. His pivotal role in our organization's remarkable success cannot be overstated. Prof. Austin Esogbue impact goes far beyond his generous financial support; it extends to the precious gift of his time, his exceptional talent, and his invaluable guidance. His decades of wisdom and insight, freely shared with us, have not only shaped our strategies but also guided our every action.

Prof's dedication is a beacon of inspiration for all of us, setting a standard of excellence that we constantly strive to meet. From the very inception of our organization, he has been an unwavering pillar of strength, generously dedicating his time, resources, and exceptional talents to wholeheartedly support

our noble cause. Each time we have reached out to him, his selfless contributions have shone brightly, demonstrating his unwavering commitment.

We acknowledge with deep admiration the profound impact Prof. Austin Esogbue has had on our community and the countless lives he has touched through his philanthropy and exceptional leadership. Thank you, Professor Emeritus Augustine O Esogbue, Chair - ANOG Board of Advisors – ANOG Image Award Recipient.



DR. MOHAMMED LADAN

We would like to extend our heartfelt acknowledgments and profound thanks to Dr. Mohammed Ladan for his unwavering support and dedication in helping ANOG succeed. Over the years, Dr. Mohammed Ladan has been an invaluable asset, generously contributing his time, treasures, and exceptional talent to our cause. His steadfast commitment has been particularly evident in past years, through his pivotal role in managing and operating the grilling section at our events, providing not only most of the grilling equipment but also responsible for grilling delicacies on tap; in addition to creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for our community. We wholeheartedly applaud his outstanding many years' service and are immensely grateful for his contributions, which have played a significant role in our organization's accomplishments.



DR. STELLA ETTA (AKA DR. STAR) We are thrilled to express our appreciation of Dr. Stella Etta (aka Dr. Star) a remarkable woman who has been one of the cornerstone of our community organizations for more than 2 decades. Dr. Star dedication and tireless commitment to our community have not only been exemplary but truly inspiring. She has been an active and devoted member of every organization she belongs to. Her unwavering passion for ANOG's mission has shone brightly through her involvement in every annual event and significant milestone we've reached together.

Dr. Star's exceptional leadership qualities were recognized as she served as the overall planning chair for our major events not once, but twice. Her meticulous attention to detail, strategic thinking, and ability to bring people together have

been instrumental in ensuring the success of these events, which have become the highlights of our community calendar. Currently, Dr. Star has taken on a new role as ANOG Executive Social Director, and her dedication continues to shine. Her insights, enthusiasm, and willingness to go the extra mile have already had a positive impact on our community. We are excited to see the positive changes and improvements that she will bring to our organization in this role.

Thank you, Dr. Star, for your dedication, passion, and tireless efforts in making our community a better place. Your impact is immeasurable, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do.



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude, admiration, and profound thanks to Mr. Samuel Fagbohun for his unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to our Alliance. Over the years, Mr. Samuel Fagbohun has poured his time, resources, and remarkable talent into our cause, becoming one of our most revered elder statesman whose leadership by example knows no bounds. There is no task too daunting, no challenge too great that he would not wholeheartedly undertake on behalf of ANOG. Mr. Samuel Fagbohun enduring dedication to our mission is truly immeasurable, and he stands as the very embodiment of a "Swiss Army knife" for our Alliance, always ready to offer his multifaceted expertise whenever it is needed. We wholeheartedly honor and cherish his extraordinary service to our community, for it has been

instrumental in propelling our organization to new heights of success. Thank you, Mr. Samuel Fagbohun, for being an inspiration and a driving force behind our achievements.

ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

**INTRODUCTION:** In the year 2023, ANOG has achieved remarkable success in various areas of our mission to make a positive impact on our community. Through dedication, collaboration, and a commitment to our core values, we have made significant differences in the lives of those we serve.

Below, we present a comprehensive achievement report for each section of our activities during the year.

#### 1 HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH -

In 2023, we demonstrated our unwavering commitment to humanitarian efforts by collaborating with like-minded help agencies. We successfully provided vital support to a displaced mother of six, offering financial assistance, food, and shelter. This act of compassion not only changed the life of this family but also showcased our dedication to alleviating the suffering of those in need.

#### 2 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGEMENT •

We actively engaged with our member organizations by visiting 7 of them. During these visits, we effectively communicated our three core points: membership focus, collaboration, and youth involvement. By sharing our vision and values, we strengthened the bonds within our network, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

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Throughout the year, Our Alliance actively attended multiple member organizations' events, showing solidarity and helping to showcase their initiatives. This support reinforced our dedication to collaboration within our network and showcased the collective strength of our community.

#### 4 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH ←

In 2023, we proudly welcomed two new member organizations into our umbrella body. These additions not only expanded our network but also brought fresh perspectives, ideas, and energy to our collective mission.

#### 5 CHARITY RUN •

- The Community Heartbeat 5K Event with (ANPA) Associations of Nigerian Physicians in The Americas, Georgia Chapter:

We forged meaningful collaboration with the physicians' group to host a Community Heartbeat 5K fundraising event. This initiative not only help raise funds to support critical public awareness and activity for cancer research but also demonstrated our commitment to addressing significant healthcare challenges. We aim to promote health and wellness, fitness and agility, consistent evaluation of lifestyle by every citizen.

#### 6 ANNUAL CULTURAL DAY EVENT •

One of the highlights of 2023 was the successful hosting of our Annual Cultural Day. This event drew attendees from our community near and far. Through cultural celebrations, educational activities, and community engagement, we celebrated our shared values and the diverse tapestry of our Nigerian Culture.

#### 7 GNBS -

In 2023, we proudly integrated Georgia Nigeria Business summit within ANOG and held 2 events to bring business owners and subject matter experts together to help disseminate ideas that should benefit our community in the long run. The GNBS integration & contributions not only broadened our network but also infused our collective mission with new perspectives, ideas, and vitality.

#### 8 CONSULAR SUPPORT-

We successfully worked with our able Consul General, Amb. Amina Smaila and her capable team to effect successful outcomes for our community pertaining to consular services and working to address outstanding concerns.

#### 9 CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP -

We successfully had the change of the leadership team. We thank the community and old executive for a successful transition.

#### 10 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2024 -

We successfully crafted a workable and realistic plan for 2024. This strategic roadmap outlines our goals, initiatives, and priorities for the new year, ensuring that we continue to make a meaningful impact on our community.

**CONCLUSION:** In 2023, The Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia achieved significant milestones in our pursuit of a more compassionate and united community. Through humanitarian efforts, collaborative engagements, successful events, and strategic planning, we have laid a strong foundation for a brighter future. We look forward to building upon these achievements and making an even greater impact in the years to come, guided by our unwavering commitment to our mission and values.



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The year 2023 was full of optimism, surprises, challenges and resilience. We thank you for being a part of our activities in 2023 and congratulate you for all you've achieved. Let's build forward in 2024 and foster a stronger community. Seasons greetings from the leadership and members of the ALLIANCE OF NIGERIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN GEORGIA (ANOG).



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