

# 2017: Strides!



## 2017- IMPACT REPORT





## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2017 was very successful year for CGE Africa, we celebrate this year with our awesome partners and funders. In this year a long-time friend of CGE Africa described us as an excellent policy think tank, a statement that couldn't be any truer. As I think back to the past year and each person who truly makes CGE Africa such a unique organization I am filled with pride!

Our 2017 projects highpoints include:

- **UN CSW Side Event** – With funding support from Ford Foundation we hosted a side event at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, **New York**. Where we disseminated our book 'Land for Her'. The Theme of the Side Event was "Expanding Opportunities for Women's Land Ownership Rights in Nigeria: Voices from Countries (**March 16, 2017**).
- We accessed funding from Urgent Action Fund-Africa to implement "**Together Against Stigma: Changing Attitudes towards violence Against Girls**" project in Obalande Community of Lagos State. We staged a street drama titled OMOBANLE! The story line revolves around a young, ambitious young girl '**Omobolanle**' whose family returned to her home town Obalande after the insurgents in Gombe (a state in North East Nigeria) invaded the town where they lived. She ends up being gang raped by her fellow returnee and a few cronies of his who she always met with to share their experiences with the insurgents. She and her family were shattered, anguished and wailed in regrets for returning! Until the community stood up for them!
- We accessed administrative funding from Urgent Action Fund Africa to host the FEMINIST Republik which brought together forty-five women human rights defenders (WHRDs) from across Africa and the diaspora to discuss the possibility of creating a platform that would facilitate more durable ways of supporting WHRDs and feminists working on the front line of social justice movements.

We are immensely grateful to Urgent Action Africa for their support and trust. We appreciate our board members who donated time, resources, and talent in support of our important mission. Our Staff is truly the best!

Thank you our partners for committedly being a part of CGE Africa's progress. We are looking forward to so much more in 2018!

Sincerely,

**Uchenna Idoko - Executive Director**

Center for Gender Economics Initiative (CGEIN)

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■ **Together Against Stigma (TAS) PROJECT Lagos - ARTIVISM!**  
<https://africanquarters.com/group-calls-for-action-against-rape/>



**OMOBOLANLE**  
A Story of Tragedy, Hope, and Community Response.

Sunday 26th November, 2017  
Ojo Street by Toyan Street,  
Obalende, Lagos.  
3.00pm prompt | Gate: **FREE**

Center for Gender Economics (CGE Africa) & Eritrean Youth Development Initiative (EYDI)

FOR MORE INQUIRIES CALL: **0803 306 5052**





## FEMINIST REPUBLIC PROJECT

URGENT ACTION  
FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS



### Midwifing the African Women's Human Rights Defenders' Platform

The Feminist Republik

13th-15th July, 2018

Abuja, Nigeria



#### Project Implementation Geographical Spread:

- New York
- Lagos
- Abuja



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##### Our Staff

**Uchenna Idoko** Executive Director

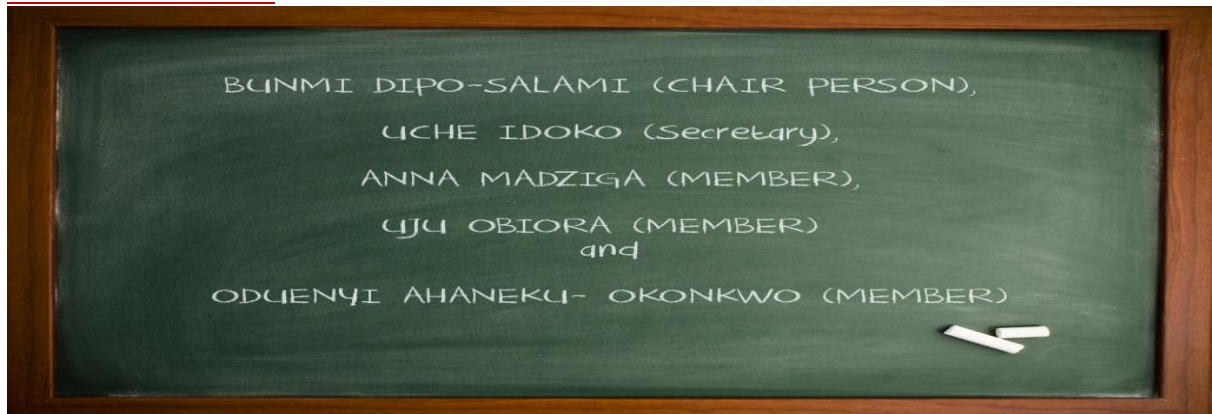
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