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*Pleasant words are honey from a honeycomb - sweet to the soul and healing for the body.*

- Proverbs 16:24

## The Nigerian Diplomat

The Nigerian Diplomat is a blog, which began in June 2016 with the vision of having the most reliable platform for presenting the best of Nigeria in every aspect of life to the world – positive diplomacy, impactful foreign relations; value inspired role models; good music, humour, art and culture, relevant history, etc. based on good and true reports/facts.

### Top News

- Nigeria and Hungary Sign MoU on Educational Cooperation**  
Nigeria and Hungary have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on educational cooperation with Hungary in which Hungary will offer 50 scholarships annually to Nigerian students in the fields of Agriculture and Sciences in its higher institutions of learning.
- UN Security Council Adopts First Resolution on Boko Haram Crisis**  
The United Nations (UN) Security Council has unanimously adopted its first resolution – 2349; addressing Boko Haram's presence in the Lake Chad Basin towards protecting civilians affected by terrorism.
- Federal Government of Nigeria Approves Posting Deployment of Ambassadors-Designate**
  - Prof. Tijjani Bande (Non-career diplomat) – *Ambassador/Representative to the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Headquarters in New York*
  - Itegboje S. Sunday (Career diplomat) – *Nigeria's Ambassador/Deputy Representative, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Headquarters in New York*
  - Kadiri Ayinla Audu (Career diplomat) – *Ambassador/Representative to the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the Geneva United Nations Offices*
  - Bankole Adegboyega Adeoye (Career diplomat) – *Ambassador/Representative to the Embassy of Nigeria/Permanent Mission to the African Union in Addis Ababa*

### Jobs & Opportunities

- Country Logistic & Security Manager** – ACTED (Deadline: 07 May 2017)
- Health Specialist Talent Group** - UNICEF (Deadline: 09 May 2017)
- INGO Forum Field Coordinator** - Mercy Corps (Deadline: 11 May 2017)
- 2017 Academy Africa Fellowship** – Chatham House (Deadline: 14 May 2017)
- Future Leaders Connect**– British Council (Deadline: 14 May 2017)
- Project Manager** – PACT (Deadline: 17 May 2017)
- Monitoring & Evaluation Officer** –PACT (Deadline: 17 May 2017)
- Director of Programmes** – WaterAid (Deadline: 22 May 2017)
- Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator** – International Rescue Committee (IRC) (Deadline: 10 June 2017)
- Call for Entries: Evergreen Role Models**

### Foreign Policy Hub & Poll

#### **Nigerian National Symbols & Ambassadors** – Toju Micheal Ogbe

The Nigerian national symbols are fundamental features of the Nigerian national identity with profound emotional and socio-cultural connections to the sub-consciousness of Nigerians eliciting a sense of belonging, love, trust and unity. These symbols embody the collective history, heritage and values of the Nigerian state and largely include the following:

- The National Anthem and Pledge of Nigeria
- The National Flag of Nigeria
- The Coat of Arms of Nigeria

**Ongoing Poll:** Should knowledge of Nigerian national symbols be mandatory in appointing Nigerian Ambassadors?

