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We are so glad to have made it to the end of what has been an amazing and impactful year at WISCAR.

2018 has been a year of many firsts and wins for WISCAR... It saw the appointment of Wiscar's pioneer Executive Secretary, by popular demand we inducted our biggest WIN with WISCAR class set to kick-off in 2019 with 36 young career women joining our mentoring programme. We also witnessed the graduation of our 9th set of Mentees, the pilot run of the WISCAR GLIN





initiative with 75 secondary school girls and the gracing of the Annual Leadership and Mentoring Conference by a global icon, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. In 2019 we are poised to create more success stories, in the meantime we bring you a snapshot of our last quarter activities. We wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year!



WISCAR SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE/HBC CAREER SERIES

Between May and November 2018, WISCAR had 3 engaging and well attended career series on: **Speaking with Confidence, Mastering Yourself, and Getting ahead in a man's World.** The WIN-with-WISCAR School of Excellence is targeted at enhancing strong leadership skills, building individual capacity for personal mastery and overall workplace effectiveness based on the career interests and goals of participants. The Inter-personal Effectiveness Career Seminar and Organizational Effectiveness Career Seminar addressed specific competency gaps and equipped participants with the critical skills necessary to progress their careers.



2ND & 3RD QUARTER BOOK REVIEWS

Mentees reviewed 3 additional management and personal growth books in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2018. The specially selected books encourage the Mentees to appreciate the value of reading as a required resource for career growth, while the rich content enables Mentees to enhance their knowledge, skills, improve their work ethic and effect changes to positively impact progress in their professional lives.

WISCAR GROW AND LEARN INITIATIVE (GLIN)

The "Grow and Learn Initiative" is a pay it forward initiative of the WISCAR Alumni. It is borne out of a deep commitment to create more opportunities to progress WISCAR's ideals, add value to the younger generation of women who are currently in school and are looking forward to becoming successful in their current and future careers.

The WISCAR Stream 9 mentees in collaboration with the Alumni held the first GLIN program at Aunty Ayo International School, Ikoyi. The students found the program very impactful and engaging. They were given much needed guidance on how to maintain their wellbeing, learning and navigate career selection pathways as they begin the journey of transition from Secondary School to University.





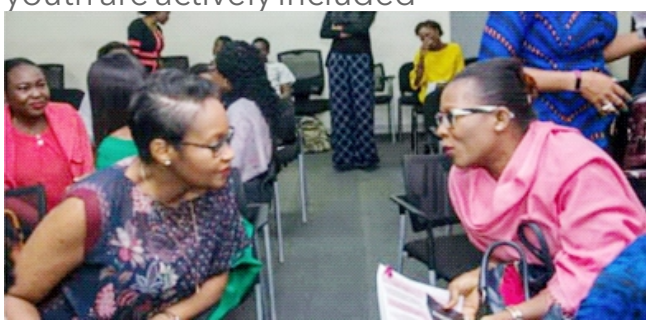
MEET-A-WISCAR JULY SERIES





The July Meet-a-WISCAR series held on Saturday 28th July 2018 in collaboration with Access Bank's 'W' Initiative. The 3-hour event which attracted over a 100 women and men from the private, governance and political sectors featured key discussions on **Promoting Inclusive Governance** in Nigeria. The objectives of the series which were all met included;

- To enlighten women on the power they have to influence and contribute to our Country's decision-making process.
- To create awareness on the various ways women can participate in governance and to encourage women to get involved and actively participate as citizens .
- To challenge and dispel the institutional and cultural barriers that have discouraged women from actually participating in politics.
- To make the case for progress and national development when women and youth are actively included





WISCAR moves to promote inclusive governance

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Women in Successful Careers (WISCAR), a non-profit organisation focused on empowering and developing professional women to contribute to development and growth in Nigeria and Africa, will host its second quarter Meet-a-WISCAR series on July 28, in Lagos.

The event, themed 'Promoting Inclusive Governance,' will feature speakers from the fields of governance, citizenship and advocacy, including a keynote address by Hafsat Abiola-Costello, founder, Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND) and president, Women in Africa.

"There is undoubtedly a dearth of women in governance and politics globally and right here in Nigeria and we want, through this event and beyond, to contribute in our own small way to the conversation and actions that can frame change," Amina Oyagbola, WISCAR founder and chairperson, said on the reason for the event.

Oyagbola said participants should expect to leave the event empowered and committed to the event's call to action to stand and be counted.

"The theme of the event is in consonance with what we promote every day at WISCAR; that is, supporting and creating a network for women along their chosen career path," Fabia Ogunmekan, executive secretary of WISCAR, said.

"This is even more so in the space of governance and politics where women must have the opportunity to promote gender causes ensuring that they translate into law and policy," she said.

2018 WISCAR ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING CONFERENCE













The 2018 WISCAR Annual Leadership and Mentoring Conference was successfully held on Saturday 24th November, 2018 at the Shell hall, Muson Centre. The conference with the theme, **'Enriching Lives by telling our own Stories'**, featured the immediate past President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who delivered the keynote address. The 1 day conference witnessed over 1000 participants drawn from the Corporate, Entrepreneurship, Politics and Governance sectors, including students from secondary and tertiary institutions.

A major highlight of the event following presentations from the Conference's distinguished panel, was the presentation of the 2018 Distinguished WISCAR Award to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in recognition of her personal courage and unwavering commitment to expanding good governance, education and peace and for being a role model for women.

The conference concluded with the graduation of the WISCAR Stream 9 Mentees and Induction of the WISCAR Stream 10 Mentees. It was a great time of learning, fun, laughter, networking and mentoring.

Cocktail and Dinner Reception

A cocktail/dinner reception was held at the Eko Hotel and Suites on Saturday the 24th of November 2018 post the Annual Conference in honour of Her Excellency Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. In attendance were members of the WISCAR Community, Mentors, Mentees and our Corporate Sponsors and Partners.











2019 WIN-WITH-WISCAR MENTORING PROGRAMME CALENDAR

2019 promises to be even more impactful as we host our biggest class of Win-With-WISCAR Mentees yet and launch the pioneer class of the Win III programme. Save our key dates below in your calender and make an investment in yourself or in a young career woman and join one of our monthly open series.

First quarter Calendar

Digital Marketing Training	18 January
Business Writing for Professional Success	21 February
Making Presentations Like a Profesional Meet-a-WISCAR Series	7 March
Business Etiquette To Enhance Your Image	11 April

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