



**LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF NIGERIA
(LAWSAN)**

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**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ:
ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEADERSHIP CRISIS WITHIN THE LAW
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (LAWSAN) AND THE
CONVENING OF A UNITY CONVENTION**

Following the leadership crisis that has affected the Law Students' Association of Nigeria (LAWSAN), and the existence of two separate leadership structures within the Association, representatives of the two leadership structures have engaged in discussions aimed at finding a peaceful and lasting resolution to the crisis.

These discussions were facilitated through a mediation process initiated to bring both sides together and restore unity within the Association.

After extensive discussions and consultations, both sides have acknowledged and accept that the continued existence of separate leadership structures is not in the best interest of LAWSAN, its members, or the legal profession.

Accordingly, the representatives of both sides have reached the following resolutions:

1. UNITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Both sides agree to work towards the reunification of the Law Students' Association of Nigeria (LAWSAN) and to end the existence of separate leadership structures within the Association.

Both sides agree to pursue a single and united structure for LAWSAN going forward.

2. UNITY CONVENTION

Both sides agree to convene a Unity Convention for the purpose of resolving the leadership question and providing a common platform for the Association to move forward.

The Unity Convention shall be held in ABUJA between 29TH NOVEMBER and 3RD DECEMBER, 2026.

This agreement supersedes the earlier separate arrangements made by the respective leadership structures to hold conventions in Lagos and Port Harcourt.

Accordingly, both sides agree to discontinue those separate convention arrangements and jointly proceed with the Abuja Unity Convention.

3. CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (C.P.C)

Both sides agree to constitute a joint Central Planning Committee for the Unity Convention.

The Committee shall comprise representatives of both sides and shall be responsible for the central planning and coordination of the Convention.

Any previously constituted separate Central Planning Committees shall cease to operate for the purpose of organizing the Unity Convention.

4. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (L.O.C)

Both sides further agree to constitute a joint Local Organizing Committee to handle the local arrangements and logistics for the Unity Convention in Abuja.

The previously constituted separate Local Organizing Committees shall accordingly be collapsed and replaced by a joint Local Organizing Committee.

5. LECOM - LAWSAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Both sides have also agreed to a single LECOM, jointly appointed by both leadership structures to facilitate a free, fair, credible, transparent and inclusive election to produce a single leadership structure for the Association.

6. JOINT COMMITMENT

Both sides agree to cooperate in good faith towards the successful conduct of the Unity Convention.

All parties agree to respect the decisions jointly reached under this process and to refrain from taking steps that may undermine the Unity Convention or recreate the divisions that this agreement seeks to resolve.

7. WAY FORWARD

The parties recognize that the resolution of the LAWSAN crisis requires cooperation, mutual respect, and a commitment to the future of the Association.

The Unity Convention is therefore intended to provide a common platform for all members of LAWSAN and to mark a new chapter of unity, stability, and collective progress within the Association.

8. INVOCATION OF DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY

Recognizing the exceptional circumstances arising from the prolonged leadership crisis, the existence of competing leadership structures, and the resulting uncertainty regarding the legitimate process for the continued administration and transition of the Association, the parties, in the interest of preserving the unity, stability and institutional continuity of LAWSAN, invoked the Doctrine of Necessity as an extraordinary and exceptional measure upon which the decisions contained in this communique are founded.

This Communiqué represents the joint understanding and commitment of the representatives of the two sides. This Communiqué was adopted at a joint session held on September 27th, 2026, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, and is signed by the representatives of both leadership structures.

Signed this 29th day of September 2026.

**FOR THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LED BY VINCENT
DICKSON SANL.,**

Name: Vincent P. Dickson



Signature:

Date: 29th - 09 - 2026

Name: Habiba Mashi COL

Position: Secretary General



Signature:

Date: 29th - September - 2026

FOR THE BASHIRU ADEROJU LED ADMINISTRATION

Name: Bashiru O. Aderoju



Signature:

Date: 29th September, 2026.

Name: Favour Ikechukwu COL

Position: General Secretary



Signature:

Date: 29th September, 2026.

MEDIATOR

Name: Victor Bisong

Role: Mediator



Signature:

Date: 28/09/2026

WITNESSES

The undersigned attended the joint session at which these resolutions were agreed and attest to them.

Witness 1

Name: Emmanuel C. Nwaneri COL

Role: WITNESS



Signature:

Date: 29th September 2026

Witness 2

Name: Sen. Ebeigbe Noel Chukwuyem COL.

Role: WITNESS



Signature:

Date: 29th September, 2026

Witness 3

Name: Daniel Alabani COL (University of Jos)

Role: WITNESS



Signature:

Date: 29th - 09 - 2026

Witness 4

Name: Sen. Peremobowei J. Egbunu COL, AcArb



Signature:

Date: 29th September 2026

Witness 5

Name: Amb. Oladipo Taye LUMINARIA001, Col.

Role: WITNESS

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Signature:

Date: 29th September 2026

Witness 6

Name: Ibraheem Abdulrasheed Damilare, GCOL

Role: WITNESS

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Signature:

Date: 29th September 2026

CC:

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
The Council of Legal Education (CLE)
The Nigerian Police Force (NPF)
Federal Capital Territory administration (FCTA)
DSS - Student Affairs Desks
The 9th LAWSAN Senate
The General Public