



My Journey: Women in Governance

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Prior to joining the Women in Governance programme, I was not assertive; criticism made me shut down completely. This programme trained me to be focused and pragmatic, learning to sit at big tables, and that was very transformational for me.

I have tried to cascade down the technical training to my officers in the Lagos State Economic Intelligence Unit, and I will tell you for a fact that most of them have built their capacities in such a manner that they can professionally deliver presentations to the management team even in my absence.

This has sent shock waves down the corridors. I want to reiterate that this was only possible through the trainings that I have received through this initiative. For those of us from Lagos State that have benefited from the Women in Governance community of practice, we have the upper hand, holding more strategic positions; we

see that some members are currently Permanent Secretaries or occupying sensitive offices. It shows that indeed something has changed in us. Going forward from this point, it is really hard to say goodbye, so hard because I was looking forward to a point where I will be able to bring my 25 mentees to a showcase for them to describe the impact on their lives.

“The management has seen something different in us, nudging us to occupy sensitive positions”

Nevertheless, I still look forward to that opportunity. On this note, I want to say very big thank you for this laudable opportunity to be a member of this transformative initiative.

It is an experience that would last for the rest of my life.



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