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A Vision for Change

Learning the Lawmaking Process to Drive National Development



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Godstime Ezekiel, a young professional from Bayelsa State, is on a mission to shape the future of Nigeria through policy and legislative advocacy. With a strong background in public speaking and policy research, Godstime's journey has taken him across parliaments around the world, from the

UK Parliament to the European Parliament. Now, he's bringing that global perspective back home, determined to learn how Nigeria's legislative process works and use that knowledge to make a lasting impact.

His motivation to apply for the PLAC Legislative Internship was deeply rooted in his passion for understanding how social issues are addressed through policymaking. "I believe this internship offers unparalleled access to understanding legislative policymaking in Nigeria," Godstime

explained. "I'm particularly interested in how social issues are framed as problems and how policies are developed to address them within the National Assembly."

For Godstime, the opportunity to gain first-hand experience inside Nigeria's legislative chambers was a major draw. He has seen policymaking up close in other parts of the world and was eager to compare what he observed abroad with the processes here at home. "I've had the opportunity to visit parliaments around the world, like the UK Parliament and the European Parliament. When I saw this internship, I knew it was a perfect opportunity to work in Nigeria's National Assembly," he shared.

One of the aspects of the internship that excited Godstime the most was the chance to attend plenary sessions

and witness the legislative process in action. "It's a unique chance to see how issues are debated, how decisions are made, and how bills are passed into law," he said. "That hands-on exposure is essential to my learning and career growth."

Godstime's career path is focused on becoming a policy advisor in Nigeria and Africa, and he believes that understanding the legislative process is key to shaping that future. "This internship will significantly contribute to my career plan of becoming a policy advisor," he explained. "Learning from lawmakers and how legislative policies are made will be vital in shaping my career path."

Professionally, Godstime views this internship as a way to acquire skills that will be critical to his development. "I'll be learning stakeholder management, effective communication, and refining my policy research skills," he said. He's particularly focused on improving his ability to analyse policies, conduct thorough research, and advise policymakers on selecting the best alternatives to address Nigeria's most pressing social issues.

But it's not just about professional growth for Godstime—he sees the internship as an opportunity to enhance his personal development as well. "I strongly believe this internship will boost my problem-solving skills and improve my ability to communicate effectively," he said. Public speaking is another area he hopes to develop during his time at the National Assembly. "It will help me become a better public speaker and enhance my leadership skills," he added.

Leadership and collaboration are two key areas that Godstime hopes to refine through this experience. Working with diverse groups of people, he believes, will be invaluable in helping him manage different perspectives and build strong, meaningful relationships. "This internship will significantly enhance my leadership skills and my ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders," he explained. "Networking and building relationships with people from different backgrounds, all working towards solving development challenges in Nigeria, will be invaluable for my work."

As Godstime embarks on this journey, he is excited about the future and what this experience will bring. With a clear vision of contributing to national development and addressing sustainable development problems in Nigeria and across Africa, Godstime sees this internship as a crucial stepping stone in his journey to becoming a key player in shaping the policies that will drive change.

Through his experience at the National Assembly, Godstime is not only gaining valuable insights into how laws are made but also building the relationships and skills necessary to make a real difference in the future of Nigeria's governance. As he takes on this challenge, his passion for policy and his dedication to national development will undoubtedly guide him toward becoming an influential voice in Nigeria's legislative landscape.

Godstime Ezekiel is not just learning how to shape policy—he's preparing to shape the future of Nigeria.





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