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Beyond the Courtroom: Nguher Comfort Lorkyase's Journey into the Heart of Lawmaking Nguher Comfort Lorkyase, a vibrant young lawyer from Benue State—the “food basket of the nation”—is redefining her legal journey. Having established her career in the courtroom, Nguher has taken a bold step into the dynamic world of policy and legislative advocacy through the prestigious EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship. This shift represents not just a career transition but an immersion into the intricate process of lawmaking, where she'll experience first-hand the journey of legislation from an idea to an enforceable law.

A graduate of the University of Jos, Nguher has already built an impressive portfolio, practicing law at a leading firm in Abuja and collaborating with government agencies on policy and legislative drafting. Notably, she

contributed to the development of Nigeria's Data Protection Act. However, she realised her work barely scratched the surface of the legislative process. “We draft the laws and pass them on, but I've always wondered—what happens next? How does a bill truly become an act?” she mused. The EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship offered the perfect answer, promising a ringside view of committee hearings, debates, and the transformative power of legislative dialogue.

For Nguher, this opportunity is not just about professional growth; it's deeply personal. Reflecting on Nigeria's challenges—rising unemployment, currency instability, and social inequities—she asked herself a pivotal question: What am I doing to change this? Determined to move beyond criticism and contribute to solutions, she saw the EU-funded PLAC

Legislative Internship as a platform to effect meaningful change. “It’s my way of taking action, of stepping into the arena to make a difference,” she explained.

Inspired by a senior colleague who spoke highly of the programme, Nguher embraced the chance to expand her perspective and build her skills. The EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship pushes her out of her comfort zone, promising not just exposure but transformation. “I’m conservative by nature, but this experience will demand that I network, speak up, and engage with people from all walks of life,” she said. She views this as a critical opportunity to strengthen her communication skills and learn to defend ideas in a legislative setting—a skill essential for advocacy in the legal and policy spheres.

Professionally, the EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship offers invaluable insights into the legislative process, allowing her to refine her approach to drafting bills. By observing the challenges lawmakers face, she aims to design legislation that is not only robust but also practical for implementation. “Understanding their perspective will help me draft laws that are more aligned with reality and easier to navigate through the House,” she noted. This comprehensive understanding of both the drafting and legislative processes promises to elevate her skills in analysis, writing, and policy formulation.

Looking ahead, Nguher envisions a future dedicated to policy, governance, and legislation. The EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship is not a detour but a defining chapter in her journey—a step toward becoming a leader capable of driving transformative change.

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This is about streamlining my goals and growing into the best version of myself,

she said with determination.

Nguher Comfort Lorkyase’s path from courtroom advocate to legislative insider embodies a powerful commitment to personal and national growth. With a deep passion for justice and governance, she is poised to emerge from the EU-funded PLAC Legislative Internship not only as a better lawyer but as a changemaker ready to contribute to a stronger, more equitable Nigeria.





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About the EU-SDGN Programme

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