

# Inspiring and Empowering Women/Girls for Bridging the Divide: Activities of Women in Aerospace in Nigeria

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# OUTLINE

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# Our vision

- To raise competent voices in the aerospace sector and ushering in the next generation of space enable women and society

# Mission statement

- Women in Aerospace Nigeria is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities in professional development, increasing their visibility and impact in space and aerospace community by creating a network in Nigeria, Africa and across the globe.
- Our membership, consisting of women who share an interest in a broad spectrum of space/aerospace issues, including human space flight and exploration, aviation, remote sensing, satellite communications, robotic missions, commercial space, space tourism, and the policy issues surrounding these fields

# The objectives WIAN are:

- Be a networking platform for women in aerospace
- To give young girls a head start in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Attract more women to the sector
- Foster the interests of women working in the sector
- Improve access of women to leadership positions in aerospace and space
- Advance aerospace and space education
- Advocate political commitment to aerospace programmes
- Recognize the achievements of its women
- Be an ambassador for aerospace and space in Nigeria

# Membership

- Over 200 members
- 6 geopolitical zones

# Activities of WIAN

- School visits
- Public Enlightenment
- Code4dev
- Satellite system basics
- Advocacy

# School visit

Career day

Special invitations





# Public Enlightenment



# Code4Dev



# Satellite Basics

- Satellite subsystems

# Advocacy

- Media engagement
- Law makers

# Challenges

- Training tools
- Funds

# Recommendation

- Women should be given the opportunity to participate in programmes
- Funding

# Conclusion

- Women in Aerospace Nigeria has been in the forefront of inspiring girls to take up STEM related courses and providing empowerment through hands on trainings.
- Raising competent voices
- More girls aspiring to be Scientists, Technologists, Engineers and Mathematics

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