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I was born in Ibadan, Nigeria to the family of Chief S.O. Akinyemi. Currently, I'm a MA student of Peace and Reconciliation Studies at Coventry University, United Kingdom (UK). During my undergraduate studies in Nigeria, I joined a UNESCO club which has prompted me to be more committed to the service of humanity as the best work of life, and this experience encouraged me to pursue graduate studies in Peace and Reconciliation.

As an active and diligent student both in Nigeria and the UK, I was able to work and volunteer at reputable organizations. **In Nigeria**, I represented my department at Students' Representative Council (SRC); Director of Outreach at United Nations Youth Association of Nigeria (UNYAN); Oyo-State Lead at Green Yaggy of Nigeria. **In UK**, I was the General Secretary of the Association of African Students, Coventry University (AASCU), Course Rep. and currently a Senior Course Rep. Chair of the ISS PG forum, to mention a few.

I have been part of the YPA3 delegation from Nigeria in Malaysia 2011. With the vast experiences and lessons learned during the workshops, I was able to present an action plan called: Project Peace2Peace, a peace education action plan that seeks to address stereotypes in Nigeria. With the help of God and a group of like minded friends, I received various support such as people volunteering during the period of implementation and quick approval by the concerned State Ministry of Education. The project was actually implemented in the eastern states of Abia, Anambra and Enugu, and the south-west states of Oyo, Ogun, and Osun.

At the end, students who participated in the peace education program, were able to develop their listening skills more effectively, and improve their understanding on how to foster non-violence within the communities.