

The Industrial Relations Partnership Initiative with Nigeria

In furtherance of the goals and objectives of the U.S. Embassy Abuja's Industrial Relations Partnership Initiative (IRPI), Anderson International LLC has collaborated with New Initiatives Community Development Corporation (NICDC), a 501(c)(3) nongovernmental organization (NGO), to provide event planning and subject matter expert support for this program. Under the **IRPI**, New Initiatives CDC collaborates with Nigeria's National Institute for Labor Studies to design and implement programs to strengthen and enhance the training and research capabilities of the institute, to facilitate cooperation between the government, labor, and employers, and to increase productivity and reduce unemployment in Nigeria. Since 2003, we have conducted several study visits to Nigeria and organized numerous work-study visits to the US for over 550 Nigerian government, employer, and labor officials, including three ministers of Labor and senior members of the General Assembly.

On December 6, 2007, two buildings on the campus of Nigeria's national institute for labor studies were named the "Ollie Anderson Administrative Block" in recognition of the contributions of the President of Anderson International LLC to the growth and development of the institute. In making this announcement, Nigeria's Minister of Labour, Employment, and Productivity, Dr. Hassan Lawal, said the decision to bestow this honor upon Mr. Ollie Anderson had been approved by the Government of Nigeria in recognition of his efforts to marshal both Nigerian and international support for the institute, and for organizing programs to promote industrial peace, to increase productivity, and to improve the industrial relations climate in Nigeria.