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Secretary General, Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP)- (Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Rev. Fr. Moses Orshio Adasu University.

Deputy Director, Centre for Peace and Development Studies

September 2023Present

- a. Member, Postgraduate Board
- b. Lead the policy implementation direction of the Centre for Peace and Development Studies.
- c. Design academic and professional programmes to help achieve the mandate of the University. E.g. BSc Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, MSc Humanitarian and Refugee Studies, MSc Risk and Disaster Management and MA Religion and Peace Studies.
- d. Produce and project the mission, vision, and strategic direction of the Centre for Peace and Development Studies.
- e. Engage in community development and engage critical stakeholders in finding solutions to conflict, security and developmental issues.
- f. Design and execute partnerships with agencies and organisations that align their mission with that of the Centre and the University.
- g. Manage the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) desk of the Centre and help parties in conflict to resolve their dispute.
- h. Established, coordinated and implemented the Grievance Redress System (GRS) in line with CEFTER and World Bank standards in work and community spaces.
- i. Coordinate external collaboration with critical stakeholders in the peace and security sector
- j. Seek, implement and manage grants on behalf of the Centre.
- k. Identify new opportunities for growth and impact, especially in humanitarian and emergency issues.
- l. Postgraduate board member, developing policies and strategies for postgraduate studies.

Benue State Government

Chairman, Benue State Independent Electoral Commission

2016-2018

- a. Chairman/Chief Electoral Officer
- b. Define and communicate the mission, vision, and strategic direction of the organization
- c. Manage staff at the headquarters and the 24 local governments in the state through inspirational and motivational skills
- d. Develop and oversee the execution of strategic plans in the with democratic practice of free, fair and credible elections.
- e. Designing and directing the electoral circle and process

- f. Managing and supervising party primaries and coordination
- g. Appointment of Local Government electoral officers and assigning duties to them
- h. Designing and implementing policies towards the peaceful conduct of elections
- i. Managing voters' register
- j. Coordinating security and other personnel for credible elections
- k. Inter-agency collaborations to deliver free, fair and credible elections

Benue State University, Makurdi

Department of Political Science

2006-2016

- a. Chairman, Conference and Public Lecture Committee
- b. Editor, Journal of Political and Administrative Studies
- c. Organising and coordinating academic conferences for the Department.
- d. Organising and hosting Departmental Lecture series
- e. Publishing Lectures, Monographs and Journals
- f. Teaching, Research and Supervision of Students' Projects, Dissertations and Theses
- g. Teaching and mentoring candidates in the areas of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Defence and Strategic Studies, Governance and Public Policy.
- h. Member, 30% Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS),, Department of Political Science, Benue State University, Makurdi. 2024

SPRING/ TETRA TECH International Development

Consultant

- a. Developing Concepts notes on the study on mining and violence in North Central Nigeria
- b. Data generation on mining and violence in Benue State
- c. Baseline survey on mining and violence in Benue state
- d. Produce a report in collaboration with Lavin Resource on mining and violence in Benue State

SPRING/ TETRA TECH International Development and CARITAS Nigeria and FJPD

Makurdi

Consultant

- a. Developing Concept notes on the Benue State Commission for Peace and Reconciliation
- b. Data generation on the peace question in Benue State, Nigeria
- c. Baseline survey on activities of the Benue State Commission for Peace and Reconciliation
- d. Development of A five-year strategic plan for the Benue State Commission for Peace and Reconciliation

Foundation for Justice, Peace and Development, Catholic Diocese of Makurdi and Misereor

Benue State-Based Consultant

2025

- a. Addressing Criminality in Rural Communities
- b. Strengthening Community Resilience in Benue and Nasarawa
- c. Baseline survey on peacebuilding in communities in Benue and Nasarawa States
- d. Facilitating key stakeholders' agreement of common priorities
- e. Design baseline survey tools, train enumerators
- f. Supervise pre-field and post-field tool testing and feedback

- g. Facilitate field work, data cleaning, conduct data analysis, presentation of findings and data validation.

British Council / Damilare Babalola Consultancy Services

2024

Benue State-Based Consultant (Sub-Contract)

- a. Safety, Peace, and Resilience in Communities (SPARCS) programme
- b. Baseline Survey on Strengthening the Early Warning and Response Systems
- c. Planning and preparation of the methodology sessions, and other follow-up meetings required for the smooth completion of the assignment.
- d. Conduct a detailed review of extant EWER systems
- e. Engage critical stakeholders such as government officials, civil society, academia, media, community leaders, and knowledgeable citizens to collect opinions on the current EWER system in the state.
- f. Data Analysis and Compilation of Report
- g. Logistics and Project Management through setting up data collection tools, participants' follow-up, and other logistics involved during data collection.
- h. Providing follow-up support, including but not limited to updating feedback in the report and logistics support for travel and accommodation where required, amongst others.

OSPRE (National Early Warning Centre of Nigeria –Office of the Vice President). in Collaboration with NEEM Foundation. (OSPRE/DG/CPDS/BENSU/DD/211124/01

Benue State-Based Consultant

- a. Strengthening Community Resilience to Conflict between Pastoralist and Farmers in the Benue Valley" (SCORE- Programme). Project No. 131-901-1022ZG.
- b. Design early warning strategies, tools for data gathering
- c. Design and implement multi-stakeholder early warning and early response methodologies
- d. Conduct baseline studies on early warning implementation and impact
- e. Assemble and train enumerators to use digital tools for data collection and data analysis on early warning and early response
- f. Oversee the implementation of the impact assess of early warning tools and mechanism by critical stakeholders.
- g. Evaluate the performance of the enumerators

Foundation for Justice, Development, Catholic Diocese of Makurdi and Misereor

SCORE External Evaluator

2024

- a. Strengthening Community Resilience to Conflicts between Pastoralists and Farmers in the Benue Valley (SCORE) Programme. Project No. 131-901-1021ZG
- b. Providing comprehensive, systematic and verifiable assessment of projects
- c. Design, implement and present the result chain
- d. Evaluate the outputs, outcomes and impact of the project
- e. Prepare internal evaluation report using Misereor guidelines
- f. Identifying successes, gaps in the project
- g. Research on Early Warning and Early Response (Ewer) Systems in Benue State, Nigeria

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Facilitator

- a. Facilitate processes to help prevent, mitigate, and resolve armed conflict through dialogue and mediation
 - b. Engage with major ethnic communities in Benue on Farmer-Herder related issues
 - c. Facilitate natural resource peace processes between communities
 - d. Facilitate criminality such as cultism, kidnapping, banditry, security bias, proliferation of small arms and light weapons, rape, and drug abuse within the communities.
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EDUCATION

- a. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna
Ph.D. Defence and Strategic Studies 2014-2017
 - b. Benue State University, Makurdi
Ph.D. Political Science (Peace and Conflict Studies) 2006-2014
 - c. Benue State University, Makurdi
M.Sc. International Relations and Strategic Studies 2003-2005
 - d. Benue State University, Makurdi
B.Sc. Political Science 997-2001
 - e. Government Secondary School, Gboko
Secondary School Certificate Examination 989-1995
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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- a. Basic Security in the Field, Staff Safety, Health and Security (BSAFE) (Virtual)
United Nations Department of Safety and Security 2025
- b. Preparing and Responding to Active Shooter Incidents (Virtual)
United Nations Department of Safety and Security 2025
- c. Behavioural Science in Public Policy
World Bank Group Institute for Economic Development 2025
- d. International Executive Diploma in Disaster Management (LPMV76498849)
Lapage Academy, Abuja 2023
- e. Leadership Course in Defence and Security Management
Nigerian Defence Academy and Peace Building Consult, Abuja 2023
- f. Professional Skills Accreditation and Certification Course on mediation
Mediation Training Institute, & Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Abuja. 2023

- g. Security and Peace Management 2023
Advance Institute of Professional Security and Intelligence Studies, Nigeria
- h. Leadership Training in Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution 2022
Peace Building Consult and National Orientation Agency Training Centre, Abuja
- i. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Certification 2021
Society for Peace Studies and Practice, Abuja
- j. Executive Leadership 2017
The Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON), Badagry
- k. Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Managers
BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, and Election) Professional Development Certificate.
European Union /European Centre for Electoral Support (**ECES**) 2017
- l. Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Managers (LEAD Train the Facilitator) European Union /European Centre for Electoral Support (**ECES**) 2017

SELECTED COURSES THOUGHT

a. Postgraduate Courses

1. IRS 804 International Economic Relations
2. IRS 800 Nigerian Foreign Policy
3. IRS 715 Comparative Foreign Policy
4. IRS 702 Africa and the International System
5. IRS 811 International Organizations
6. IRS 806 Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping
7. PCR 802 Theories of Peace Education and Conflict Resolution
8. PCR 810 Ethnic Conflict Resolution
9. PCR 811 Principles of Security Practice and Management
10. PCR 819 International Organization and Conflict Resolution
11. PCR 816 Inter-Religious Conflicts
12. PAD 708 Nigerian Public Enterprises
13. POLS 909 Seminal on Comparative Politics of Development
14. POL 706 State and Economy
15. PAD 709 Public Policy and Decision Making
16. MPA 705 Organizational Theory and Management
17. MGS 839 Gender and Conflict Resolution
18. MGS 862 Gender, Conflict and Peacekeeping
19. HRS 801 Introduction to Humanitarian and Refugee Studies

20. RPS 811 Religious Conflict in Nigeria
21. DDC 906 Theories and Practice of War Strategies
22. DMC 912 Defence Strategies and Military Studies
23. POL 911 War and Politics in Africa

b. Undergraduate Courses

1. GST 222 Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution
 2. GST 101 Nigerian Nationalism
 3. EPS 231 The Nigerian Business Environment
 4. POL 101 Introduction to Political Science
 5. POL 102 Introduction to African Politics
 6. POL 104 Organization of Government
 7. BSU-Pol 109: Traditional African Conflict Resolution Models
 8. POL 201 Nigerian Government and Politics 1
 7. POL208 Introduction to International Relations
 8. POL300 Political Behaviour
 9. POL301 African Political Thought
 10. POL 303 Contemporary Political Analysis
 11. PUB 304 Intergovernmental Relations
 12. POL 305 Public Policy Analysis
 13. POL 401 Military and Politics
 14. POL 411 Revolution and Society
 15. POL 410 Nigerian Foreign Policy
 16. POL 414 Comparative Politics of Developing Areas
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SELECTED SUPERVISION

a) Postgraduate Supervision

Supervised over 32 MA and MSc Students in area of Peace and Conflict Studies, International Relations and Strategic Studies and Public Administration since 2006. Currently supervising 4 PhD and 5 MSc.

b) Undergraduate Supervision

Supervised over 70 undergraduate students in Political Science and Public Administration.

c) DPM and ADM

Supervised 15 students in Diploma in Public Administration and 9 students in Advance Diploma Public Administration between 2006 -2013

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS from a total of 124 journal articles and Book chapters.

- a. **Tsuwa, J. T** (2025) Fragmenting Nationalism and Institutionalizing Conflict and Underdevelopment in Africa. *International Journal of Peace and Conflict Resolution*. Vol. 10(1).1-12. <https://journals.rcmss.com/index.php/ijpcs/issue/view/151>
- b. **Tsuwa, J. T** and Akegh, J.N (2024). *Navigating Hardships*: Addressing The Challenges of Internally Displaced Persons in Benue State Through Community Engagement. *Journal of the Society of Peace Studies and Practice* Vol. 13(3) 106-120 www.spsp.org
- c. **Tsuwa, J.T and** Akase T (2024) Interrogating the Impact of Social Media on African Politics, in *Aquinnou Journal of Philosophy* Vol.4 (2) 13-28 <https://www.acjol.org/index.php/aquino/issue/archive>
- d. **Tsuwa, J. T** (2023) *Killed by the Lines*: Interrogating Bloody Conflicts between the Tiv of Central Nigeria and their Neighbours, in *Peace Studies and Practice journal*. Vol. 1 (12) 81-93. www.spsp.org
- e. **Tsuwa, J.T and** Nomsoor, A. A (2025) Armed Conflict and Food insecurity in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State-Nigeria, in *Journal of Peace and Development Studies (BJPDS)* Vol. 4(1) 1-19.
- f. Akpa, PA and **Tsuwa, J.T** (2024) The Role of Women in Conflict Management in Benue State, in *Journal of Gender, Politics and Development*. Maiden Edition. 82-98
- g. **Tsuwa, J. T & Atoo, M. I** (2024) An Appraisal of the Implementation of the Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranches Establishment Law of Benue State 2017 and the Peace Question in Benue State. in *Readings in Policing, Peace and Security: A Festschrift in Honour of Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun*. Yusuf, N, Awuapila, N.M, Adimula, R. A (ed). Ibadan. Expression Publishers.
- h. Adimula, A.R, **Tsuwa, J. T &** Balogun, O (2024) National Security and legal Implications of Juvenile Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, in *Readings in Policing, Peace and Security: A festschrift in Honour of Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun*. Yusuf, N, Awuapila, N.M, Adimula, R. A (ed). Ibadan. Expression Publishers
- i. **Tsuwa, J.T** (2023) The State: Concept and Practice in Contemporary Nigeria, in Jegede, O, Sani, B and Adimula, R. A (ed) *Readings in Diplomacy, Democracy, Peace and Development: A Festschrift in Honour of Ibrahim Agboola Gambari*, CFR. Ibadan. Spectrum Books.
- j. **Tsuwa, J.T** (2023) Implementing the African Integrated Maritime Strategy: Realities for Nigeria and the Gulf of Guinea. Okereke, C. N, E, Ibeh, C and Ayandele, O (ed). *Securing*

Nigeria's Interest in the Gulf of Guinea: Festschrift in Honour of Rear Admiral Murtala Mormoni Bashir. National Defence College, Abuja

- k. **Tsuwa, J. T** (2016) Conflicts in Africa and African Union Collective Security Architecture: 2002-2014, being a Ph.D Thesis submitted to the Postgraduate School of the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna for the award of Ph.D in Defence and Strategic Studies.
 - l. **Tsuwa, J. T** (2014) Ethnic Conflicts and the Challenge of Development: A Study of the Tiv and their Neighbours, Being a Ph.D Thesis submitted to the Postgraduate School of the Benue State University for the award of Ph.D in Political Science.
 - m. **Tsuwa, J. T** (2005) Collective Security Arrangements under the United Nations System: An Assessment of the UN Action in the Persian Gulf War 1990-1991. Being M.Sc. Dissertation submitted to the Postgraduate School of Benue State University, Makurdi for the award of M.Sc in International Relations and Strategic Studies.
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SOME CONFERENCES /WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- a. 19th International Conference of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP) held at the University of Ibadan between 23rd to 27th November 2025.
 - b. 6th North Central Zonal conference of the Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA), held at the Nasarawa State University, Keffi- 25th to 27th October 2025.
 - c. Workshop on Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (ToT). Benue State University. 28th April-9th May 2025.
 - d. Regional Workshop on Addressing the Challenges of Communal Conflicts, Banditry, and Criminality in North Central Nigeria through Multi-Stakeholder Consensus and Approaches among Peacebuilders, organised by the United States Institute of Peace and the Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Benue State University, Makurdi, held between 18th and 19th July 2024.
 - e. 4th Virtual Workshop of the Doctoral Academy of Nigeria (DAN) organized by the committee of Provosts and Deans of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools (CPDPGCS) in Nigerian Universities, held between 4 and 5 June 2024.,
 - f. The Concord Initiative, North Central zonal workshop: Benue, Taraba, Nasarawa. Organized by OSPRE, EU and Ziz between 26th -28th March 2024 at Benue Hotels, Makurdi.
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MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- a. Fellow, Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP)
 - b. Fellow, Institute of Political Administration and Management
 - c. Member, Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA)
 - d. Member, ICMC Community Mediator and Conciliator
 - e. Member, MTI Accredited Mediator
 - f. Member, African Studies Association of Africa
 - g. Member, American Association of International Researchers
 - h. Member, International Political Science Association
 - i. Member, NASHER
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