



LIST OF HEARINGS EXCLUSIVELY ON NIGERIA

CHAIRED BY REP. CHRIS SMITH

(Foreign Affairs Subcommittee meetings in Times New Roman font and Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission meetings in italic)

February 4, 2026

Defending Religious Freedom Around the World

The Honorable Sam Brownback, Former Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, U.S. Department of State
Grace Drexel, Daughter of Pastor Ezra Jin
Dr. Stephen F. Schneck, Former Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

November 20, 2025

President Trump’s redesignation of Nigeria as a “Country of Particular Concern—CPC”: a serious, well-founded wake-up call

The Honorable Jonathan Pratt, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Mr. Jacob McGee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State
Ms. Nina Shea, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute
Bishop Wilfred Anagbe, Bishop of Makurdi Diocese, Nigeria, Roman Catholic Church
Ms. Oge Onubogu, Director and Senior Fellow, Africa Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies

March 12, 2025

Conflict and Persecution in Nigeria: The Case for a CPC Designation

Nina Shea, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute
Tony Perkins, Former Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), Current President, Family Research Council
Bishop Wilfred Anagbe, Bishop of Makurdi Diocese, Nigeria, Roman Catholic Church
Oge Onubogu, Director, Africa Program, The Wilson Center

December 17, 2020

Conflict and Killings in Nigeria’s Middle Belt

Sam Brownback, Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
Morse Tan, Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice
Robert Destro, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor
Nina Shea, Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute
Ann Buwalda, Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign USA
H.E. William Avenya, Bishop of Gboko, Nigeria
Jane Adolphe, Ave Maria School of Law
R.H. Baroness Cox, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom, and Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Freedom of Religion and Thought
Udo Jude Ilo, Nigeria Country Officer, Open Society Initiative for West Africa
Mike Jobbins, Vice President, Global Affairs and Partnerships, Search for Common Ground

December 13, 2018

Nigeria at a Crossroads: The Upcoming Elections

The Honorable Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Mr. Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

May 11, 2016

The U.S. Role in Helping Nigeria Confront Boko Haram and Other Threats in Northern Nigeria

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf, distinguished senior fellow, 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative
Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe, special counsel, Justice for Jos Project
‘Sa’ a’, Chibok schoolgirl, Education Must Continue Initiative
Christopher Fomunyoh, Ph.D., senior associate and regional director for Central and West Africa, National Democratic Institute

January 27, 2015

Nigeria on the Brink?

The Honorable Robert P. Jackson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

J. Peter Pham, Ph.D., director, Africa Center, Atlantic Council

Mr. Jadegoke Adebajo Badejo, principal partner, Bonajo Badejo & Co

Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe, manager, Peaceful Polls 2015 Project

Chris Fomunyoh, Ph.D., senior associate and regional director for Central and West Africa, National Democratic Institute

July 10, 2014

Human Rights Vetting: Nigeria and Beyond

*Ms. Lauren Ploch Blanchard, specialist in African affairs, Congressional Research Service
Colonel Peter Aubrey, USA, Retired, president, Strategic Opportunities International*

Mr. Rickard, director, Washington Office, Open Society Foundations

Ms. Elisa Massimino, president and chief executive officer, Human Rights First

Sarah Margon, Washington director, Human Rights Watch

June 11, 2014

The Ongoing Struggle Against Boko Haram

J. Peter Pham, Ph.D., director, Africa Center, Atlantic Council

Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe, manager, Justice for Jos Project, Jubilee Campaign USA

Mr. Anslem John-Miller, representative to the U.S., Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People

The Honorable Robin Renee Sanders, chief executive officer, FEEEDS Advocacy Initiative (former United States Ambassador to Nigeria)

November 13, 2013

The Continuing Threat of Boko Haram

The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe, managing partner, U.S.-Nigeria Law Group

Mr. Habila Adamu, survivor of violence by Boko Haram

Mr. Jacob Zenn, research analyst, The Jamestown Foundation

Guy Nkem Nzeribe, Ph.D., partner, Guy Nzeribe Associates

July 10, 2012

U.S Policy Toward Nigeria: West Africa's Troubled Titan

The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

The Honorable Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, president, Christian Association of Nigeria

Darren Kew, Ph.D, associate professor, McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston

Mr. Anslem John-Miller, U.S. Representative, Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP)

May 18, 2006

Nigeria's Struggle with Corruption

Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Nuhu Ribadu, Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mr. David Goldwyn, President, Goldwyn International Strategies

George B.N. Ayittey, Ph.D., Distinguished Economist in Residence, American University

December 12, 1995

Recent Developments in Nigeria

(Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Nigeria Under General Abacha)

The Honorable George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Department of State

The Honorable David C. Miller, Jr., president, Corporate Council on Africa

Dr. Larry Diamond, senior research fellow, Hoover Institute

Dr. John Padem Robinson, professor of international studies, George Mason University

Mr. Felix Morka, legal director, Nigerian Civil Liberties Organization