



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 Oritsejfor, 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