

MEMBERSHIP POSITION: Federal Republic of Nigeria

GENERAL INFORMATION

Official Name: Federal Republic of Nigeria

Capital: Abuja

Population: 174,507,539

Major Languages: English, Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba

Major Religions: Islam 50.4%; Christianity 40.2%; Indigenous/Other 9.4%.

Regional/Economic Organizational Membership: ACP, AfDB, AU, Commonwealth of Nations, ECOWAS, ECOMOG, FAO, G15, G24, G77, IAEA, IBRD, ICC, ICAO, ICCT, IDA, IFRC, IFC, IFAD, IHO, ILO, IMO, IMSO, IMF, INTERPOL, ISO, ITU, ITSO, MONUC, OIC, OAS, OATUU, OPEC, PCA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNMIC, WCO, WIPO, WMO, WTO.

GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

Nigeria is a Federal republic that is designed after the United States. It has executive power vested in a president who is elected by popular vote to a max of two four year terms. and also has a bicameral legislature, the Senate and House of Representatives. Total there are 108 Senators and 360 House members. They serve four year terms. There are different types of law in Nigeria, even so, there are still different levels of courts. The highest is the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

FOREIGN POLICY

Nigeria enjoys good relations with its immediate neighbors. Foreign policy mainly uphold ideas of African unity and independence. There is a dispute with Cameroon over maritime boundaries.

ISSUES SUMMARY

Nigeria's issues have to do with corruption. Despite abundant natural resources, Nigeria has the largest population of poor people in Africa today. Corruption, political instability, and poor governance plague the nation with problems. Soil degradation due to oil spills is an issue as well as rapid deforestation. The HIV/AIDS virus which affects 3-5 million in Nigeria is still an important issue.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.N.

Nigeria has a history of being a participating and supportive member of the UN. They have been a rotating member of the security council several times. Nigeria was admitted into the UN in 1960 and have played a large role in African relations.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER UNSC MEMBERS

Nigeria has a good relationship with China due to economic ties; Nigeria is one of China's top petroleum suppliers. They also maintain favorable relations with the US and UK. Nigeria offered strong verbal support for counter-terrorism efforts post-9/11.