



## **Global Book Alliance: ADEA and USAID organize a Forum on Publishing Collaborative at the Nigerian International Book Fair**

(8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Lagos, Nigeria)

**Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – The Books and Learning Materials ([BLM](#)) section of the Inter-Country Quality Node on Teaching and Learning ([ICQN-TL](#)) of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa ([ADEA](#)) is organizing a Forum on “Publishing Collaborative” in Lagos (Nigeria) from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Jelili Adebisi Omotola Hall, University of Lagos.

The forum is part of the long-lasting partnership between the Global Book Alliance ([GBA](#)) and ADEA, supported by the United States Agency for International Development ([USAID](#)).

This key meeting is a follow-up to the recommendations made by African Book Industry stakeholders during one of the main workshops organized by ADEA in January 2018. The main objective of the forum is to bring together relevant stakeholders to appraise and agree on the Action Plan prepared by ADEA for a Publishing Collaborative (PC) under the GBA; discuss on a coordination mechanism to manage the PC and to create awareness for GBA partnership among the stakeholders attending the Nigeria International Book Fair.

The Global Book Alliance aims to transform book development, procurement and distribution, especially in Africa and Asia, to ensure that children everywhere have the essential books and learning materials produced in languages children use and understand, including braille and sign languages. So many studies have shown that children do not have reading materials in languages they speak and understand, which facilitate early reading acquisition. To this end, USAID and partners have developed this Alliance to address the scarcity of titles in African languages, improve the efficiency of procurement and financing and strengthen supply chain management systems.

The Chairman of the African Publishers Association (APNET) Mr. Samuel Kolawola will address the Forum, which will be attended by more than 30 prominent personalities representing the Nigerian Book Industry, International Publishers Association, and different African countries.

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**About ADEA**

The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) is a forum for policy dialogue. It is a partnership bringing together African policymakers in charge of education, science and technology; development cooperation partners; researchers and education technical experts. ADEA contributes to the empowerment of African countries to develop quality education and training systems that respond to the countries' emergent needs and drive social and economic transformation sustainably.

[www.adeanet.org](http://www.adeanet.org)

**About ICQN-TL-BLM**

The ADEA's Books and Learning Materials section (BLM) of the ICQN-TL- is committed to supporting processes conducive to formulating adequate National Book Policies that improve the provision of good quality educational materials, effective schooling, and literacy across Africa. It strives to accomplish this by calling on governments, the private sector, development agencies, and civil society to consider a holistic approach that includes substantial input from African partners to achieve viable book policies. BLM is the implementing arm for this project.

**About GBA**

The Global Book Alliance is an international effort involving multiple stakeholders working to transform book development, procurement, distribution, and use to ensure that no child is without books. Its mission is to guarantee that children everywhere have the books and learning materials they need to learn to read and read to learn. New and innovative solutions are needed to solve the learning crisis, and the Global Book Alliance is taking the lead on identifying and implementing these solutions.

[www.globalbookalliance.org](http://www.globalbookalliance.org)

**About NPA**

The Nigeria Publishers Association is a professional association of publishers in Nigeria and the only collective voice of the publishers in Nigeria. It has been in existence since 1965. It is a rallying point for all book, journal, and electronic publishers in the country since its inception. The Association provides a forum through which publishers come together and deliberate on various issues affecting the publishing industry and the book trade at large.

<http://www.nigerianpublishers.com>

**About APNET**

The African Publishers Network was formed in 1992 to strengthen the African publishing industry through indigenous publishing. APNET has been playing for many years a critical role in training, promotion of intra-Africa book trade, and coordinating information and resource flow among African publishers. During the ADEA/GBA Workshop for African Book Industry Stakeholders in 2018, delegates agreed on the urgent need to revitalize APNET and structure it in a way that makes its existence viable, sustainable and beneficial to the book industry in Africa.

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