



HISTORY OF MAJLIS KHUDAMMUL AHMADIYYA NIGERIA

MKA PLEDGE

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and Messenger.

I solemnly pledge that I shall always be ready to sacrifice my life, wealth, time and honour for the sake of my faith, country and nation. Likewise I shall be ready to offer every sacrifice for guarding the institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

Moreover I shall deem it essential to abide by any "Maroof" decision made by Khalifatul Masih

Insha'Allah.

...Nations cannot be reformed without the reformation of the youth



The existence of auxiliary organizations in Ahmadiyya is essentially to provide both the young and the aged, male and female members of the Jama'at with separate platforms to participate more intensively in their own group's physical, moral and spiritual development. This is done, of course, under the guidance of the Jama'at which each auxiliary body is bound to comply with. In other words, none of the organizations was established in opposition, but as a complement, to the general activities of the Jama'at.

INTRODUCTION

Of the auxiliary bodies, Majlis Khuddam started first and dominated the scene for a considerable length of time before the others started to emerge. That was probably due to the fact that most of the early members were energetic youth.

Historically, this organization was founded in Qadian, India, by Khalifatul Masih II – Hazrat Mirza Bashirud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (r.a) in 1938. This time coincided with the period when the Nigeria branch of the Jama'at was passing through a great crisis.

According to Brother A. W. A. Aina, a one-time Qaid of the Majlis (1974-1978), the Majlis was popularly referred to as “Soldiers of Ahmadiyya” in the late thirties. Inspired by late Alhaji F. R. Hakeem, a few young men in the Jama'at volunteered themselves as “Khuddam” and took up the challenges attending to the responsibilities expected of them. Among these pioneers were late Imam Olokodana, Alhaji H. O. Sanyaolu, Mr. M. O. Anibaba, Alfa Thompson, Mr. A. R. A. Otule, Alhaji B. B. Balogun, Alhaji H. A. Ibrahim and Alhaji A. B. I. Kukoyi.

The Khuddam, as a group first gathered in 1947 under the protem leadership of Alfa Muhammad B. A. Ameen. But the formal organization of the body actually took place in 1950, when late Alhaji Abdul Waheed Folawiyo was chosen as its first Qaid. Among the Qaideens of the Majlis in its formative years were: late Alhaji M. M. Habeebu, Mr. Yisa Adeleke Safi and Alhaji Zafrullah Oladipo Elias.

However, in 1972, when Maulana Muhammad Ajmal Shahid arrived Nigeria as the Amir and Missionary-in-charge, he took much interest in the activities of the youth wing. So, he re-organised the Nigerian Khuddam to fall in line with their counterparts at the International Headquarters in Rabwah. All along, the activities of the Khuddam had been concentrated mainly in Lagos and a few other places. The then Amir gave the Majlis Khuddam a national outlook, making Alfa Abdul Waheed Aina, the then Qaid, the first National and Lagos Qaid of the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in Nigeria.

From then on, the Khuddam's activities became prominent both within the Jama'at and in the society at large so much so that it became a duly registered and well-recognised voluntary (uniformed) youth organisation at various governmental levels in the country. Apart from religious activities within the Ahmadiyya Jama'at, Majlis Khuddam also engaged in various humanitarian and social services including public works in various communities.

Then members of the Majlis Khuddam went around the streets of Lagos, selling the Jama'ats weekly Newspaper – “The Truth”. To further publicise the activities of the Khuddam Annual Ijtema on a rotational basis, where various types of programmes were executed. The Ijtema is a scheduled annual conference for the youths held across different parts of the country. (See appendix for Ijtema venues).

Since the affairs of the Khuddam became national, there had been three other National Qaideen (one after the other) after Alfa Abdul Waheed Aina. Others were: Alhaji Taofiq Hamzat Okunnu, Bro. H. A. Oyetunji and Dr. Mashhud Adenrele Fashola. At first, the practice was that the Lagos Qaid would automatically be the National Qaid, but in 1986, it was approved that Lagos State Majlis could have its separate Qaid. Thus Dr. Mashhud Adenrele Fashola became the first National Qaid, known as Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

The Majlis had two journals/magazines to its credit, HAQUL-MAQNOON and AL-BAYAAN. (Al-Bayaan has been renamed AL-IRFAAN)



Majlis Khuddam is noted for its welfare and community services all over the country. During the national sanitation exercises, the Majlis Khuddam is seen at the forefront among youth organisations. In many local government areas where Ahmadiyya has Jama'ats, whenever a call was made by the leaders ('Emir', 'Oba', 'Obi') for community projects requiring manual labour, the Majlis Khuddam is almost always at the forefront. The Oba of Afon and Oba of Ilaro were highly impressed by the unparalleled dedication of Majlis Khuddam to voluntary manual labour in their community projects.

The Majlis had also been highly commended by visitors of the Jama'at from abroad, for the guard of honour, security cover, orderliness and smooth traffic control. For example, the Fourth Khalifa (Ayyadahullah) during his visit in February, 1988 was greatly impressed by the Khuddam's outfit and highly commended the Majlis' full mobilization. He gave them special gifts. Similarly the former Amir of Ghana, late Maulana Abdul-Wahaab Adam was overwhelmed by the discipline of the group. Even the Nigerian Police at Federal and State levels cooperate with and appreciate the efforts and discipline of the Khuddam.

ABOUT MKAN

Majlis Khudammul Ahmadiyya is an auxiliary body of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Community, whose members range between the ages 15 and 40. The body is saddled with the task of organizing its members to promote the peaceful message of Islam to the entire World.

Its aims are to train and educate its members, including Atfalul Ahmadiyya (male children between the ages 7 and 15), in the true Islamic teachings, selfless service to Islam, country, and mankind at large.

The Nigerian Branch of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya was established in 1972 with branches across twenty (24) States of the Federation.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya is the moral and spiritual training of youth through a mix of religious and secular activities. It is dedicated to ensuring its members develop and excel in qualities such as piety, honesty, and fair dealing so that they can better contribute to the country in which they live.

The activities of MKA are not limited to the Muslim community. It serves the needs of all members of society irrespective of colour, race, religion or creed and promotes interfaith dialogue and co-operation to promote peace and harmony.

LEADERSHIP



BRO. A. W. A. AINA
1972 - 1978



BRO. H. T. Z. OKUNNU
1978 - 1980



BRO. A. H. OYETUNJI
1981 - 1986



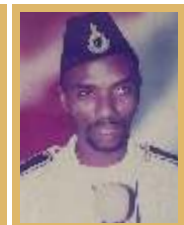
PROF. M. A. FASHOLA
1986 - 1990



BRO. A. O. ABDUSALAM
1990 - 1995



BRO. A. W. MATEPO
1995 - 2000



BRO. A. O. IROMINI
2000 - 2005



DR. S. O. TIMEHIN
2005 - 2009



BRO. T. A. OLADOJA
2009 - 2010



BRO. A. O. ABDULQADR
2010 - 2016



ENGR. S. K. AINA
2016 - 2020



DR. T. A. SANINI
2020 - 2021



BRO. R. A. AKINYEMI
2021 till date



MKAN ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

MKAN IJTEMA (CONVENTION)

This is an annual national convention of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Nigeria where members gather to experience love, cooperation and dedication to our responsibility to God and man.

During the Ijtema, some events are held, such as lectures, symposium, sanitation exercise, competitions among states, sporting events.



MKAN NATIONAL WORKSHOP

This is also an annual event of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria, though not as elaborate as the MKAN Ijtema. It's always held at the Headquarters, Ojokoro in two days. It is sometimes called Officers' Workshop.

The workshop usually has in attendance the Majlis officers from all Muqameen, Dil'at and Ilaqat including the National officers in Nigeria. It bothers on discourses and topics which affect the growth and development of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya in different Majaalis. The participants are also exposed to panel discussions especially on topics that are centred on marital disharmony or improvement of marital relationships among Majlis members.



ATFAL IJTEMA (CONVENTION)

This is an annual convention of Majlis Atfalul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria, who are under the auspices of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria. It has now become a joint programme with Islamic Vacation Course which can either be a Regional or National.

The convention affords every Tifl to share bonds of brotherhood and ties among others. It gives Atfal opportunities to interact with other Atfal from other states just as it creates an avenue for healthy rivalry among them. They participate in different competitions such as Qur'an, Speech and Quiz, sports events.

Besides, the Atfal listen to thought-provoking lectures , addresses and speeches for their social, economic and spiritual advancement.



ANNUAL BLOOD DONATION

Blood donation is one of the community services Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria is rendering to the society basically to save the lives of those in need of urgent blood transfusion.

Majlis members are donating blood across most states of the federation in state and tertiary health institutions. Most times, we donate blood with National Blood Transfusion Service.

Because of our relentless efforts in saving the lives of people through blood donation, Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria has received numerous awards in recognition of these efforts.

This year, Majlis has donated more than 2,000 pints of blood in some states of the federation and received awards of recognition.





MKAN ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

STOP THE CRIME CAMPAIGN

On Friday, 26th February, 2016, the launching of the "Stop the Crime" Campaign was declared officially by the former Sadr of the Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria, Bro Abdur Rafi' Abdul Qadir with the visitation of Benviotta Schools, Port Harcourt where students were taught why they shouldn't be involved in crimes and reasons they should be totally condemned in our society.

Since then, it has become an annual event within the Majlis to sensitize young people against crime and encourage peaceful coexistence within the society. Members of the Majlis visit schools, markets, motor parks and other public places to sensitize people and encourage them to shun all acts of crime and violence.



TREE PLANTING EXERCISE

Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria started planting and nurturing 2000 trees across Nigeria. The Flag-off ceremony was held at the Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya National Secretariat in Ojokoro, Lagos.

The tree planting exercise aims at planting and nurturing 2000 trees across Nigeria in public places. Each of the state chapters of the Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya will plant 100 trees in their respective states.

This exercise is in response to issues of global warming and climate change. Specifically, it aims at restoring the natural environment, combating air pollution and preserving health.



RIDE FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN

Ride For Peace is an annual event of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria in which the Majlis members ride on bicycles to a particular destination with a view to propagating Islam's teachings of tolerance, respect and peaceful coexistence along followers of different religions.

During this ride, the Majlis members share flyers carrying Islam's pristine teachings and Ahmadiyya core beliefs.



WELFARE/COMMUNITY SERVICES

MKA Nigeria has a long-standing reputation of working as a Charity organization and bringing succour to people affected with disaster through Humanity First Nigeria.

MKA Nigeria also participates in environmental sanitation exercises across many local government and states in Nigeria, as well as in many community services like Traffic Control, Road Rehabilitation and Drainage management.

All these activities are thoroughly done by 70% of the Muqam.





Mirza Ghulam Qadir Shaheed I.T Research Lab & Centre (MGQS)

In March 2022, MKA Nigeria witnessed the establishment of Mirza Ghulam Qadir Shaheed I.T Research Lab & Centre (MGQS) by His Holiness, Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (aba).

The training centre situated at MKAN Secretariat, Ojokoro, Lagos is aimed at training and providing software solutions. The Centre is open to both members as well as non-members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at.

The goal of this project is to create opportunities for economic stability and tabligh through Information Technology.

30 students were admitted for the 1st cohort comprising of 20 males and 10 female students and has since commenced classes since May 2022.

Several sessions of fortnight learning camps have been held so far. The first In-person training was held between 20th and 22nd May, 2022. Subsequently, the Centre is continually holding weekend classes every fortnight including 2 weeks intensive holiday camp, held between August 22 and September 4, 2022.

On 18th June 2022, Respected Mr. Abdul Wadood, The Head, IT Team UK visited the centre in Lagos on Huzur's assignment.

We have 19 volunteers running the centre.



MKAN Career and Entrepreneurship Centre (CAREC)

The Career and Entrepreneurship Centre (CAREC) of the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Nigeria (MKAN) is a flagship initiative that aims at the development of the human capital of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Nigeria. Specifically, CAREC focuses on providing a platform for the youths of the community, facilitating access to wealth of experience of veteran professionals across diverse sectors of the economy in order to enhance their competencies and capabilities.

The Centre provides necessary support to students, professionals, aspiring and established entrepreneurs through career and entrepreneurship clinics, workshops, bootcamps, seminars, and mentorship programmes.

Following the initial success of the pilot programme at the Ijtema 2019, the Sadr (President) MKAN intensified efforts to consolidate on the success by dedicating resources to development of the initiative. MKAN has identified various human resources from its pool of members to drive this initiative to ensure that it is organizationally driven and sustainable.



Aims & Objectives:

Aims:

To build a community of highly-skilled professionals and impact-driven entrepreneurs with excellent character and competence.

Objectives:

- a) To develop a platform for equipping students with requisite knowledge for choosing and achieving a rewarding career.
- b) To provide scholarship and fellowship information to students and mid-career professionals in order to enhance their competencies and portfolio of skills.
- c) To facilitate access to professional development opportunities for members in the formal sectors through targeted programmes and initiatives that widen their professional networks and enhance their leadership capacities.
- d) To promote entrepreneurship drive among members through provision of information on halal business opportunities and sustainable business practices.
- e) To establish a mentorship ecosystem where members will have access to free advisory and counselling opportunities from experience and established professionals and entrepreneurs from within the community as well as through external resource persons.
- f) To encourage continuous development of its members through regular engagements by means of newsletter, summit, workshop, seminar, bootcamp and industry-focused events.

Scope of CAREC Programmes

The Scope of CAREC Programmes (acronym PEEM) consist of the following:

- a) **Employability Programme:** review of CVs, resume, cover letter, interview skills, job essays, etc.
- b) **Entrepreneurship Programme:** workshops, seminars, and bootcamps on business plan development, product design, marketing and sales development, business branding, grant and funding opportunities, etc.
- c) **Professional Development Programme:** professional meet-ups, thematic seminars/workshops on opportunities for continuous professional development (CPD), tutorials on professional exams and certification programmes, among others.
- d) **Mentorship Programme:** matching of students with professionals in their field of studies/career aspirations, and young professionals with experienced colleagues in the same industry, etc.



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