

Human rights project to deliver impact to 3 million Africans directly, millions more to benefit in coming years

A timely intervention to help millions of migrant workers bounce back from the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

Arlington, Dec 10, 2020 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The COVID-19 pandemic has orchestrated deep scars that have exacerbated hardships for low-income, minority communities pushing them into deep poverty. Increased inequalities, heightened structural deformities, and widened discrimination and wealth gaps need innovative solutions. The chasms in human rights, as they stand now, are wide. To recover, and rebuild a resilient and sustainable world, will require big steps and courage.

Africa is committed to ensuring its millions of citizens do not see COVID destroy their life for extended periods. Whilst sustainable growth, gender equality, human rights, and social justice have warranted attention for decades, the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused these issues to amplify in the fashion and textile industry. As the world evaluates a rebound from COVID-19, Africa Fashion and Textile Initiative 2021 (AfTS) is set to define the roadmap of growth and sustenance for the next 10 years in this extremely important sector.

Nigeria is taking leadership as being the Country and Host Partner of the initiative and is amicably positioned to showcase its leadership in dealing with critical issues affecting humanity. Through its commitment, it can open gateways to prosperity for millions of people and families whose livelihood depends on the textile and garment manufacturing sectors, to craft a sustainable future.

A unique initiative of its kind hosted under the patronage of The Federal Ministry of Information and Culture puts the global spotlight on Nigeria. At this stage, Africa needs investment and funding to rebound from the pandemic, for its clean energy, technology deployment, sustainable goods, and supply chain infrastructure projects. Africa Fashion and Textile Initiative 2021 will help forge partnerships to help deliver these. The African Heritage Foundation Nigeria and Teenspire Global Mission will be working in partnership to deliver humanitarian outcomes whilst Impact Fashion Hub will create avenues for entrepreneurship funding.

Over 3 million lives will be directly impacted via this initiative, whilst the indirect impact will be to several million over the years. The AfTS board is working to seed similar initiatives that can create a sustainable future via a clearly articulated agenda reflective of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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