

## ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Foreign Affairs actively performs its oversight duties over the Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) within its jurisdiction. Some recent key activities include:

1. Oversight visits to Foreign missions in London, Atlanta, Ankara, Dubai, New York among others.
2. Appraisal of budget performances for oversight visits and MDAs under the Committee jurisdiction.

The committee has also made significant progress in implementing measures to support and protect Nigerian citizens living and working abroad, ensuring their rights and welfare are safeguarded, including:

1. Facilitating the intervention for the evacuation of Nigerians living in war torn areas of Gaza.
2. Successful resolution of petition against VILSCO, Netherlands for serious false and libellous claims against Nigerian company, Atampa Lounge Ltd. in May 2024.
3. Engagement with Ministry of Foreign Affairs to investigate and resolve the cancellation of 264 Nigerian passengers' visas on arrival in Saudi Arabia.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs has taken steps to enhance Nigeria's representation and participation on the international stage through attendance of international forums, demonstrating Nigeria's commitment to global peace and development, including;

1. WHO - IPU AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE, held in Accra, Ghana in November 2023.
2. UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA 78), held in New York in 2023.

## FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Committee on Foreign Affairs remains dedicated to its mission of ensuring Nigeria's foreign policy promotes the country's interests globally. Through rigorous oversight, effective policy creation, and proactive engagement in international affairs, the committee is committed to enhancing Nigeria's standing and influence on the world stage. The committee looks forward to the continued support from the National Assembly and all stakeholders in achieving these goals.



## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OPEN WEEK

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on  
Foreign Affairs

**PROFILE**

**JULY 2024**





## INTRODUCTION

The 10th Assembly Committee on Foreign Affairs was formally inaugurated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas (Ph.D.) on 27th July, 2023 in line with the provisions of section 62 (1) and (2) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended.

The Committee is a crucial arm of the National Assembly tasked with overseeing Nigeria's international relations and diplomatic engagements. This Committee's jurisdiction includes, among others, the following;

1. Relations of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with foreign nations generally, as well as International conferences and congresses,
2. Measures relating to the diplomatic service, intervention abroad and declaration of war,

neutrality,

3. Measures relating to international economic policy, trading with unfriendly countries, measures to foster commercial interaction with foreign nations and to safeguard Nigerian business interests abroad, international commodity agreements,
4. Diplomatic and consular matters relating to repatriation,
5. Directorate for technical aids corps,
6. Promotion of South-South cooperation and development, promotion of New International Economic Order (NIEO),
7. Enhancing financial assistance in the form of technology transfer,
8. Oversight of the Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs and its Parastatals, save those assigned to other Committees

## MEMBERSHIP

The committee operates with a total of 27 members; with Hon. Oluwole Oke as its Chairman and Hon. Mallam Bukar Gana as its Deputy Chairman. The name of the clerk is Ms. Atim-Atedze Doo Grace.

## MANDATE

The Committee's jurisdiction as provided for in Order 20 Rule 101 is empowered to oversight the following agencies:

1. Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2. Directorate of Technical Aids Corp
3. Nigeria Institute of International Affairs
4. Foreign Service Academy