

**Memorial Museums in the time of
COVID-19:
Reflection, Response, and Creative
Strategies for the Future**

**COVID 19: WHERE IS NIGERIA AND
HOW IS IT AFFECTING OUR
MUSEUMS**

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Physical Distancing and Lockdown

- challenging times in Nigeria
- Major states such as Lagos and Abuja are on complete lockdown

MORE CHALLENGING TIMES EACH NEW DAY

- border closure
- Museum doors closed to visitors
at this period
- COVID 19 Statistics- 1273
confirmed cases of COVID 19, 239
discharged cases and 40 deaths

HOW IS THE MUSEUM FARING AT THIS TIME?

- Museums in Nigeria were not prepared for the present situation
 - Working from home and utilising online resources – it's been difficult
 - We had to key in to the educational opportunity created by the Lagos state government , especially for school children

CHALLENGES RESTRICTING NCMM FROM ONLINE TECHNOLOGY?

- Irregular Power Supply
- No internet access & Poor internet access
- High bandwidth costs
- Required training and non availability of seamless access to the internet among others

LESSONS FOR A POST COVID ERA

- Creation of policies that will bring about operational freedom for museums
 - More inclusiveness for museums in national budgets as research/ educational institutions
 - ICOM definition currently being re written should put into perspective emergencies such as this

WAY FORWARD FOR ICOM NIGERIA/ ICMEMO AFWR PROJECT

- Proposed shift in date
- Virtual Exhibition
- Please visit

www.afwr.net

A RAY OF HOPE?

With testing and sampling centres in every 20 local governments in Lagos state, a telemed toll free line for non covid medical consultations within the state, and 12 functional testing laboratories with a capacity of 1, 500 testing capacity per day (one very close to the Lagos museum), we hope for the best for Nigeria and the whole world

Thank you and Stay Safe