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The Nigerian American Foundation of South Florida will be celebrating Nigeria's 56th independence anniversary from Saturday, September 24 through Friday, October 7, 2016. Highlight of the festivities will be the unveiling of African names for a number of prominent South Floridians including State Representative Daphne Campbell and the conferment of a chieftaincy title on Congresswoman Frederica Wilson at the "Green and White" Banquet and Awards Gala at the Betty T. Ferguson Center on October 1. Here is the line-up of events:

- ✓ The Nigerian History and Spelling Bee Competition taking place at Wolfson Center Lecture Hall 2151, Miami Dade College North Campus, on Saturday, September 24, from 10am-2pm
- ✓ Exhibition of Nigerian Arts, Artifacts and Lifestyle at the lobby of Stephen P. Clark Government Center in downtown Miami, from October 1-7: County Commission ceremony recognizing Nigeria at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 6
- ✓ Nigerian-American Wellness and Culture Fest also featuring the Nigerian Independence Soccer Tournament, on Saturday, October 1, 2016 (10 am-2 pm) at Rolling Oaks Park, Miami Gardens, 18749 Northwest 17th Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33056
- ✓ **The "Green and White" Banquet and Awards Night**, a dress-to-impress, fundraising banquet, with the theme, ***Nigeria: Moving Onward***, on Saturday, October 1, 2016 (7-8:15pm: Cocktails; 8:30-1am: Banquet and Awards) at Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Center, 3000 199th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Apart from the October 1 banquet which is ticketed ($75, regular; $100 VIP), all other events are free. At the banquet, which will benefit NAF's "Kill Malaria" and "Access to Clean Water" initiatives, in Africa, and the $100,000 "Kids of Promise" Scholarship Fund, we will recognize some of our community leaders with the NAF Heritage Awards. The banquet will feature a keynote address by **Congresswoman Frederica Wilson** and

performances by prominent Nollywood artistes including Mr. Bayo Bankole of the "Boy Alinco" fame.

Tickets for the 'Green and White' Banquet and Awards Night can be obtained at www.party-pronto.com/GreenandWhiteBanquet. You can also order tickets through Sheri Restaurant at (305)622-3100, or Rise N Shine Pharmacy at (954)447-7784. If you can't make the event but would like to support NAF's aforementioned initiatives and, you can purchase an ad in NAF's Banquet Gala souvenir booklet. You can send your donation/checks to ***Nigerian American Foundation*, 19821, NW 2nd Avenue, *P.O. Box 104, Miami Gardens, FL 33169 and email your artwork to info@nigerianamericanfoundation.com*.**

***ABOUT NIGERIA***

With more than 177 million people, Nigeria is Africa's most populous country inhabited by more than 250 ethnic groups. It attained independence from Great Britain on October 1, 1960. As the biggest economy in Africa, there is tremendous opportunity for prime exposure for prospective businesses and other entities interested in doing business in Nigeria as well as with the vibrant African/Afro-Caribbean community here in South Florida. Currently Nigerians are the most educated immigrant group in the U.S. while Nigeria is 41st in the list of Florida's Top 50 Merchandise Export Destinations.

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*ABOUT THE NIGERIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION*
*The Nigerian American Foundation (NAF) was established on June 2, 2002. It is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt not-for-profit organization based in Miami, Florida which functions as the umbrella body of all Nigerians and Nigerian-Americans (estimated at more than 2000) in South Florida. For more information, you can visit us at www.nigerianamericanfoundation.com.*

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