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# Open Streets Abuja Initiative

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En collaboration avec:





## About Open Streets Abuja

- Open streets is an initiative of Ochenuel Mobility, a non profit arm of the Ochenuel Group
- Ochenuel Mobility is a leading sustainable urban mobility development and road safety organization engaged in research, advocacy and capacity building across Africa
- Main organization incorporated in 2012, but open streets as an initiative began in 2016

 We are the host of Africa Sustainable urban Mobility Course, a weeklong capacity building program for decision makers and other stakeholders across Africa which edition holds in Nigeria and Ghana since 2019





## About Open Streets Abuja

# PEN STREETS ABUJA

#### Vision

To return the city back to the people for the benfit of man and his earth





### How we started

- We called for volunteers and set up a technical team to design our operational strategy; now we have 23 active volunteers, that pulls a crowd whenever we want
- We reached out to the city authority; the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the Federal Capital Development Authority
- We reached out to the Police, Federal Road Safety Corps and the Department of Road Traffic services
- This process took a whole 3yrs (2016 to 2019) to get everyone on board
- We relied 100% on personal funds for the first and second edition









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# The city authority call us

After submitting our reports with recommendations, the city authority called us, we sat with them and working towards recovery of cycle lanes, and other ideas



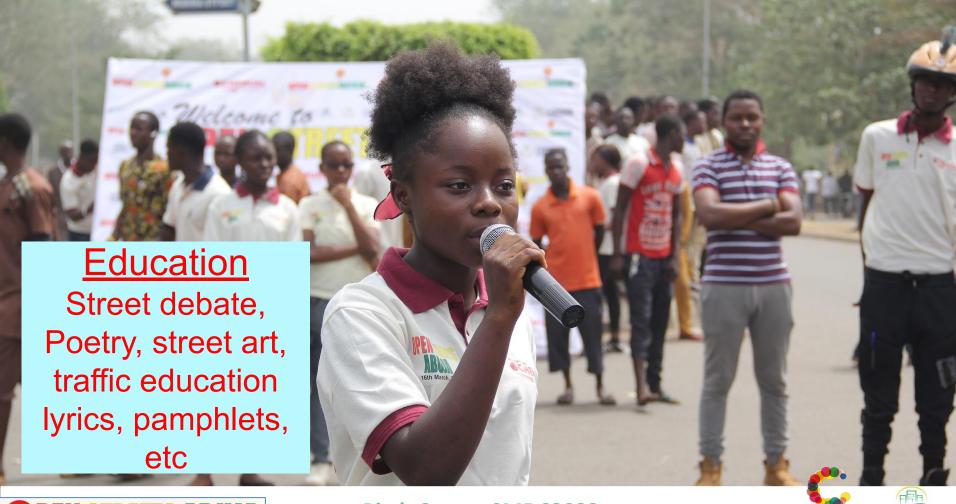
# City leaders sign commitments

During open streets, everybody learns, everybody decide, to do something different, leaders sign commitments























# In each of the events, we make loud statements













# #Love30

We Call on all Authorities to Implement 30km/h as Default Speed in Abuja

The Entire Road Portion will be closed to vehicular traffic for 6hrs (7am - 1pm). Residents and visitors will enjoy freedom to explore the neighbourhood and play.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- \* Street debate and poems \* Street art exhibitions
- \* Street dance
- \* Street dance \* Street football
- \* Children cycling & Skating Competition
- \* Amputee and wheel chair race
- \* Games (Chess, Scrabble, Draft,
- \* Neighbourhood seat out
- \* Family sack race
- Family cycling lesson
   Neighbourhood workout and
- yoga yoga
- \* Any other positive family social activities desired by any family.

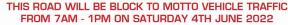
WINNERS WILL RECEIVE AWARDS

TELL US YOUR INTEREST THROUGH A MESSAGE ON WHATAPP TO 08055994943

#### For Further Details













- It is time to stop the game, cities are for people, lets give it back to them
- When we put people first, we will remember their health, environment and wellbeing, we will remember nature
- Excuses are nice, just that they don't change things, the best way to change a thing is to change it, NOW
- If we don't crush the car, the Car will crash all of us, now or later

Today the need is more obvious to transform our cities as car-centric development are intensifying across African cities, From the climate crises to congestions to road fatalities and endless; lets get to work. WE NEED YOUR **SUPPORT** 











# **PEN STREETS ABUJA**

# We trive on a roburst volunteer team and collaboration s Click video below



#### SO THEN, WE NEED PARTNERS

- We are currently hosting open streets twice a year, we want it monthly
- We are limited by funds but we will not rest
- The city is excited and deeply involved, though not funding us







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