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WHAT WE HEARD & OUTCOMES REPORT

Different Paths, Common Aspirations:
Building a Career Beyond Expectations

Virtual Hangout | Organized by Kleinfeld Legal Partners

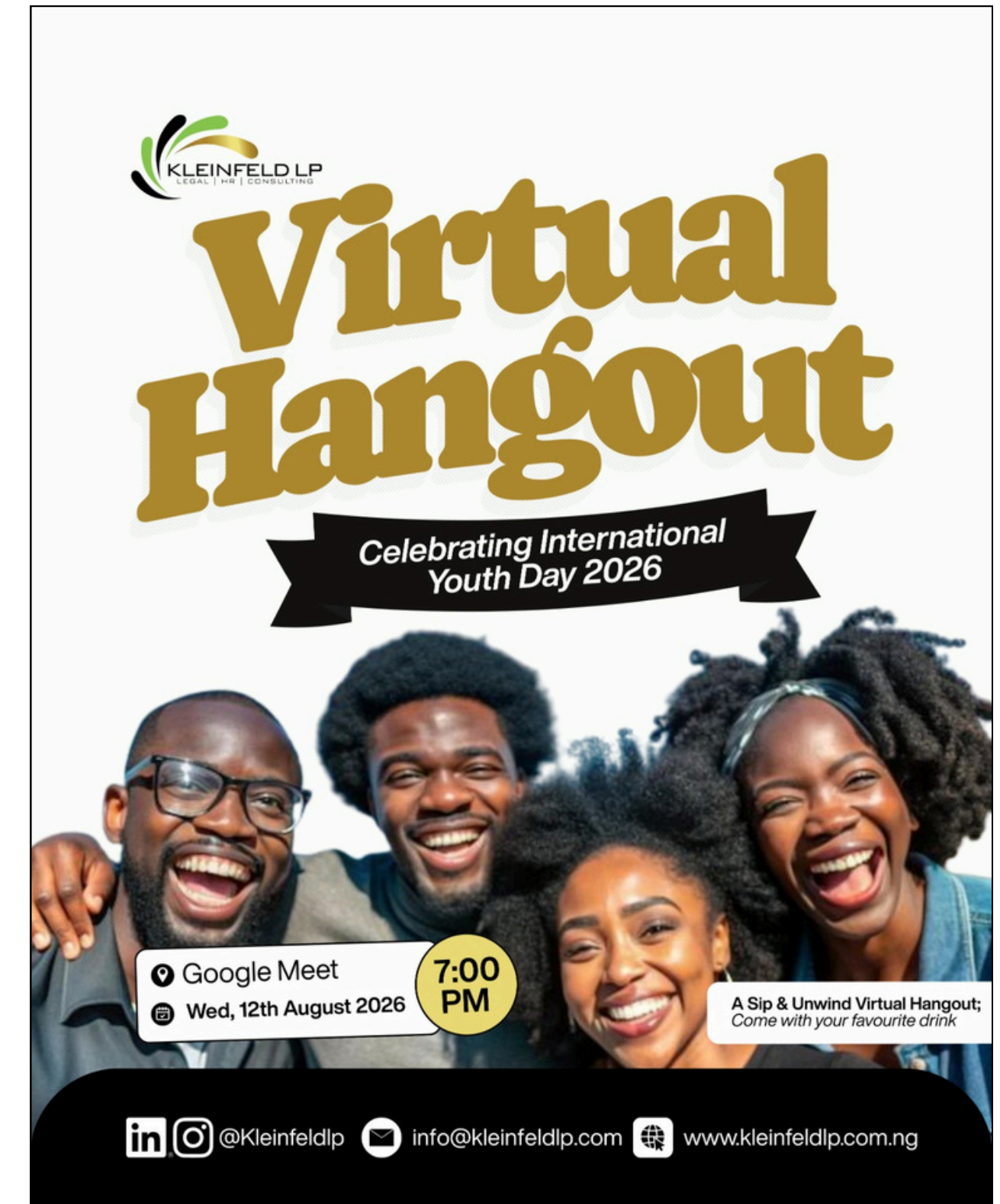


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 12 August 2026, Kleinfeld Legal Partners (Kleinfeld LP) marked International Youth Day with a virtual “sip and unwind” conversation focused on the realities of building a career in Nigeria. Rather than a formal webinar, the session was designed as an open conversation where young people could hear honest career stories, ask questions and reflect on the pressures that often shape professional choices.

The event brought together more than 20 participants, including students, young professionals and entrepreneurs. Peter O. Momoh, Co-founder of Clariquity, and Nicole Adehi, a lawyer, photographer and creative entrepreneur, shared their experiences of navigating uncertainty, family expectations, professional identity and unconventional career choices. The discussion continued until approximately 8:45 PM WAT, 15 minutes beyond the planned close, as participants remained engaged in the conversation.

Across the discussion, one message came through clearly: **there is no single route to a meaningful career**. Participants heard that interests can evolve, more than one professional identity can coexist, and choosing a different path often requires both conviction and sustained effort. The session also reinforced the value of hearing from people whose experiences feel real and relatable, particularly when young people are working through similar questions themselves.

THE EVENT AT A GLANCE

Date	Aug 12, 2026
Format	Virtual “Sip & Unwind” Hangout on Google Meet
Time	7:00 PM – approximately 8:45 PM WAT
Participation	20+ participants, including students, young professionals and entrepreneurs
Host	Adaeze Nwoba, Managing Partner, Kleinfeld LP
Guest speakers	Peter O. Momoh (Co-founder, Clariquity) and Nicole Adehi (lawyer, photographer and creative entrepreneur)
Theme	Different Paths, Common Aspirations: Building a Career Beyond Expectations

ABOUT THE CONVERSATION

The 2026 International Youth Day theme, “**Different Contexts, Common Aspirations,**” recognises that young people may live and work in very different circumstances while still sharing aspirations for opportunity, growth, purpose and a fulfilling future. Kleinfeld LP adapted that idea into a more personal conversation about career choices and the expectations that often sit behind them.

The session was intentionally informal. Participants were invited to join with a favourite drink, settle into the conversation and engage beyond the usual speaker-and-audience format. The aim was not to prescribe a formula for career success, but to create room for honest stories, questions and practical perspective.

The conversation was guided by four broad objectives:

- Create a relatable space for young people to talk openly about career choices, aspirations and uncertainty.
- Explore how family, social expectations and conventional ideas of success can influence professional decisions.
- Show, through lived experience, that career journeys can take different forms and may evolve over time.
- Encourage young people to find their voice, build confidence in their choices and contribute meaningfully within their communities.

WHAT WE HEARD

1

There is no single route to a meaningful career.

Nicole Adehi's experience as a lawyer, photographer and creative entrepreneur challenged the idea that a person must choose one fixed professional identity. Her story showed that different interests can coexist and develop over time. The conversation did not suggest that every young person should leave a conventional path; rather, it highlighted the importance of making career decisions that reflect individual strengths, interests and circumstances.

2

Family and social expectations can shape career choices in powerful ways.

A recurring point was the pressure many young people face to pursue careers that are considered stable, familiar or socially acceptable. Nicole spoke about the difficulty of gaining family support for photography alongside her legal career. Over time, consistent effort and evidence that the path could be sustained helped shift those perceptions. The discussion underscored that conviction is often strengthened when it is matched by preparation, skill and visible commitment.

3

Uncertainty is part of the journey; resilience is what helps people keep moving.

Peter O. Momoh reflected on the pressures and uncertainties facing young Nigerians while also speaking to the resilience young people continue to show. The conversation recognised that career development is rarely a straight line. Progress may involve changing direction, learning new skills, testing ideas and continuing to move despite not having every answer at the outset.

4

Young people value advice that feels real, not abstract.

Participant feedback repeatedly pointed to the value of hearing from speakers whose experiences felt relatable. One participant described the relief of hearing someone speak to a situation they were currently facing. Another highlighted the clarity of Peter's advice and Nicole's willingness to stand by her convictions. The personal nature of the stories made the discussion practical rather than theoretical.

5

Finding your voice is also about how you contribute.

The discussion moved beyond individual career success to the role young people can play in their communities. Both speakers spoke about becoming voices within their respective spaces, while participants also shared examples of the work and impact they are pursuing. The session reinforced the idea that professional growth and social contribution do not have to be separate ambitions.

PARTICIPANT REFLECTIONS



The session was well received, with several participants sharing feedback immediately afterwards. Their comments point to three aspects of the experience that resonated most: relatability, practical advice and the freedom to hear honest career stories without a rigid format. The relaxed “sip and unwind” approach also helped the session feel more like a shared conversation than a lecture.

“I am so happy that I joined. It’s such a relief to hear someone that can relate to what I am currently going through, and they also gave great advice too.”

“It was so insightful and inspiring. A lot to learn. Thank you!”

“It was great, all just really fabulous. Thanks for having me and I look forward to receiving the recorded version so I can listen in.”

“When I saw the poster..., I was like oh yeah, this is such a good one. Let's hang out, get to talk and hear brilliant minds share experiences... these are things that youth like us; people like you and I need to hear from time to time.”

FROM CONVERSATION TO ACTION

A conversation like this is useful only if it helps move youth engagement beyond inspiration and towards practical support. Advancing youth voice in Nigeria cannot sit with young people alone, and it should not be limited to commemorative events. It requires young people, entrepreneurs, employers, public institutions and youth-serving organisations to create more opportunities for young people to be heard, supported and connected to real pathways for growth.

The following actions would help carry the conversation forward:

WHO

Young People

WHAT ACTION LOOKS LIKE

- Use available platforms to speak about the issues, barriers and opportunities that matter to you, rather than waiting until your path is fully figured out.

- Build peer networks, seek mentors and share lessons from your own journey so that others can learn from both the wins and the difficult parts.
- Support other young people by making introductions, sharing opportunities and creating room for different definitions of success.

Entrepreneurs, professionals and employers

- Open doors through mentorship, internships, job-shadowing, paid project opportunities and practical skills sessions.
- Share honest career stories, including setbacks and changes in direction, so young people see more realistic pathways into work and entrepreneurship.
- Include young people in conversations and decisions that affect the products, programmes, workplaces and communities they are part of.

Government and public institutions

- Build meaningful youth consultation into policy and programme design, not only into annual youth celebrations.
- Connect youth engagement to tangible support such as skills development, entrepreneurship programmes, internships, mentoring and access to networks.

Youth-serving organizations, schools and professional bodies

- Create recurring spaces for cross-generational conversations, mentoring and career exposure, and pair discussion with practical next steps.
- Partner with employers, entrepreneurs and public institutions so that youth programmes can lead to real opportunities beyond the event itself.
- Use participant feedback to identify where young people need further support and design follow-up activities around those needs.

For Kleinfeld LP

- The opportunity is to keep using the firm's platform to convene thoughtful youth conversations while strengthening the link between conversation and opportunity. Future engagements can be supported through partnerships, stronger post-event feedback, mentoring connections, skills-focused sessions and other practical follow-up where capacity allows.



Virtual Hangout

Celebrating International Youth Day 2026



CLOSING REFLECTION

The International Youth Day 2026 Virtual Hangout created a meaningful space for young people to talk about career choices without pretending that there is one correct path. The experiences shared by Peter O. Momoh and Nicole Adehi brought the conversation back to the realities behind professional decisions: uncertainty, family expectations, changing interests, persistence and the need to build confidence in one's own choices.

The strongest takeaway was not that young people should reject conventional careers. It was that success should not be reduced to one route. Young people need room to make informed choices, develop their skills, test their interests, hear from people whose journeys are relatable and contribute their own perspectives to the decisions and communities around them.

The session offered one such room. The next step is to create more of them — and to connect those conversations to practical opportunities that allow youth voices to shape action, not simply be heard for a day.

EVENTS IN PICTURES



Participants sharing their drinks during the “sip and unwind” conversation.



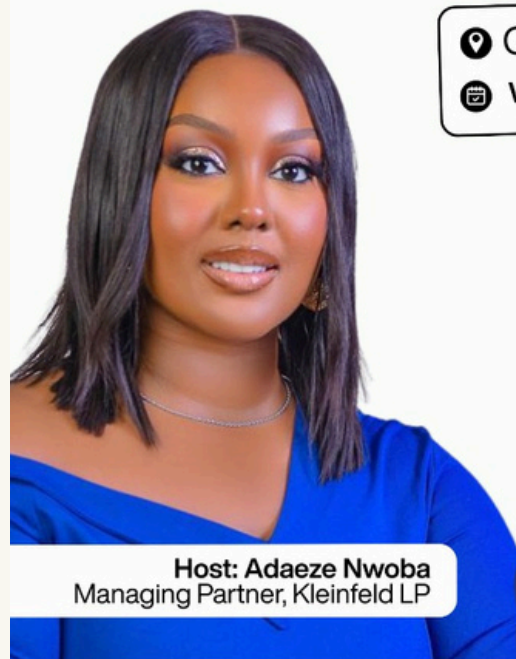
A Sip & Unwind Virtual Hangout;
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Virtual Hangout

Celebrating International
Youth Day 2026

📍 Google Meet
📅 Wed, 12th August 2026

7:00
PM



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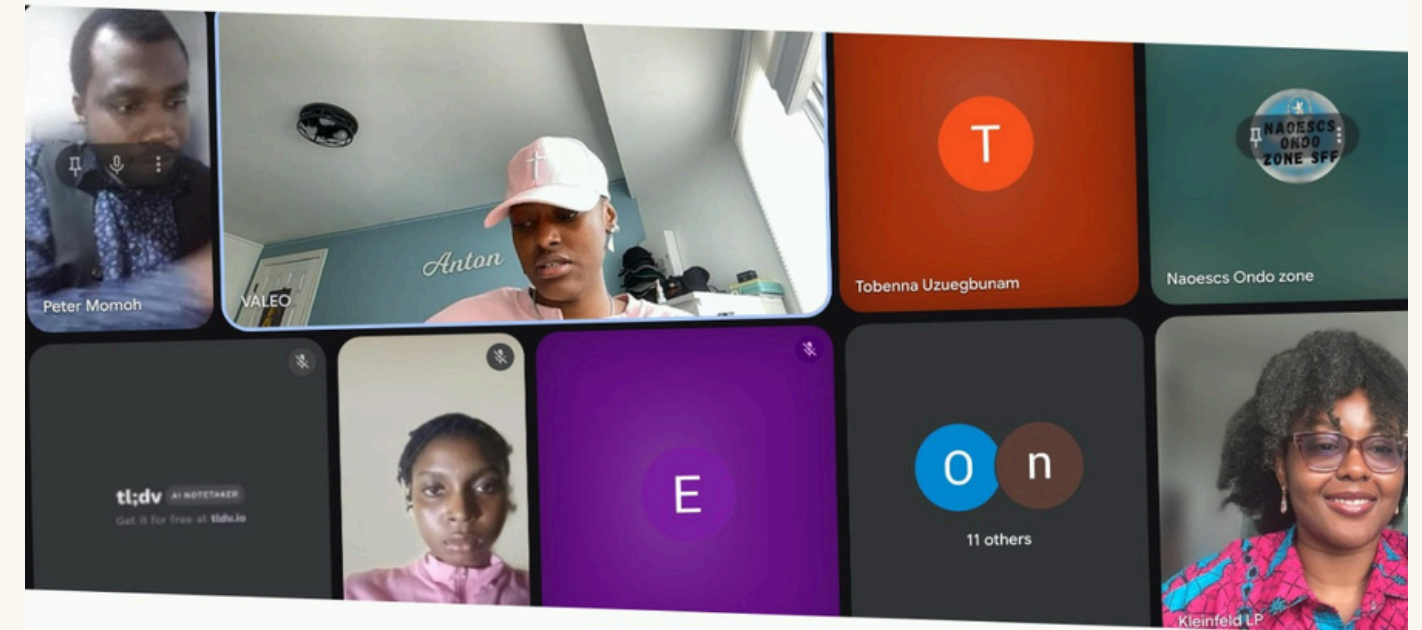
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the end of the event to
all participants.



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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our International Youth Day Hangout. It was wonderful connecting, sharing perspectives, and celebrating the diversity that makes our global community so special. We truly appreciate everyone who took the time to attend and be part of the conversation.



International Youth Day 2026 Virtual
Hangout programme flyer featuring host
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