

Nigerian journalists declare Feb. 14 as National Media Peace Day

Nigerian media practitioners rose from a two-day meeting in Abuja on Saturday, February 9, 2019 and declared February 14 as the National Media Peace Day with the theme “Nigeria Media Peace Day: Think Election, Think Peace.”

Practitioners from the print, broadcast, new media made the declaration conscious of the need to engender violence-free 2019 elections.

The two-day meeting, organized under the auspices of an international Non-governmental Organization; Search for Common Ground, expressed apprehension about the proliferation of small arms, thuggery, hate speech, fake news and called for caution on the part of media practitioners and political actors.

The meeting also expressed apprehension about the fate of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups taking part in the electioneering process and urged election management bodies to address the issue with the seriousness it deserves.

The Nigerian Media also enjoined all stakeholders in the electioneering process, the political parties, politicians, the electorate, the judiciary and Election Management bodies to put Nigeria first in all their actions during the build-up to the 2019 elections and beyond.

It declared that the Nigerian Media is poised to disseminate news items, features, analyses talk shows that would engender peace in the polity as peace is a prerequisite to development.