Nigeria has seen many talented photographers emerge in recent years. These photographers are benefiting in particular from social media, which has become an essential platform for sharing content in Africa’s most populated country. Nigeria is a country in the midst of a social and identity crisis and images will shape its future during the upcoming presidential and legislative elections scheduled for 2023.

*Naija in lights* provides technical and editorial training to photojournalists living and working throughout the country – both in the northern and southern regions – to help them produce and share high-quality photographs. Its ultimate aim is to further enlighten public discourse and counteract misinformation during a heated election campaign.

**AIM**

To enhance the professional skills of a new generation of photojournalists in Nigeria.

**FOR WHOM?**

Ten photojournalists, either employed by Nigerian media organisations or freelancers.

A project by

[CFD Media Development]
WHEN?
From August 2022 to July 2023.

HOW?

- **Technical, editorial and entrepreneurial training**: photography techniques and the principles of the photojournalism market; development of an individual project (exhibition, report, book...);

- **Promotion and enhancement of photographs**: support for the completion of an individual project through regular remote coaching plus funding; exhibition of the best photographs at the Alliance française in Lagos and in other regional alliances.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Enhanced technical, editorial and entrepreneurial skills of the photojournalists;

- Promotion of high-quality photographic output by the media during the elections.

**CFI, the French media development agency**
CFI works to foster media development all over the world, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab world and the European Union’s neighbourhood. We support media players to foster dialogue between local authorities and citizens, to ensure that people gain the best possible access to information. Core topics include fighting misinformation, promoting gender equality, protecting the environment and promoting democracy and civic engagement. CFI operates under the umbrella of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and is a subsidiary of the group France Médias Monde.

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