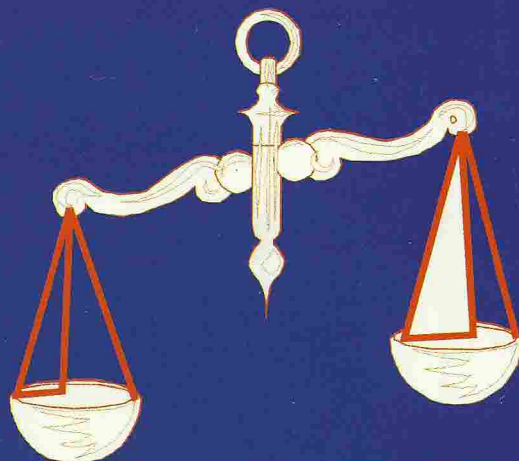


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Introduction

In Enugu State, there are One hundred and forty-two (142) customary courts established by Customary Courts Law CAP 32, Laws of Enugu State, 2004 (as amended in 2011 & Customary Courts Rules 2011). The courts serve all communities in the seventeen (17) local government areas of the State. Though women and men in these areas have matters to resolve, they are not adequately approaching the customary courts for the purpose.

One of the challenges for the communities is that some citizens who have cases, whose rights are violated or those disinherited do not utilize the customary court as a place to seek redress. This is because they are not familiar with the workings of the customary court system. They have also not been mobilized to appreciate and adequately utilize the customary court.

Against this background, WINET carried out a survey on Utilization of Customary Courts in Five communities in Enugu State from July to December 2012. They are: Ogui-Nike, Ozalla, Maryland, Nike-Uno and Obioma communities. The study was to determine the level of usage of customary courts by the people of these communities and find out whether they are willing to utilize them.

Findings from the research show that many of the people are aware of the existence of customary courts in their communities and some of them take cases to the courts. However, many of them still take matters to either the traditional rulers or other institutions such as the kindred meetings because they are not familiar with the workings of the customary courts.

Recommendations by researchers include that there is need to carry out a project to raise awareness for the utilization of customary courts in the five communities. It was also recommended that a pamphlet on the procedure for commencing cases in customary courts in Enugu State be published because there is no such document available now.

In response to the findings and recommendations from the evidence based research, Women Information Network (WINET) designed a project entitled 'Raising Awareness for the Utilization of Customary Courts in Five Communities in Enugu State' and Justice for All (J4A) Nigeria has found the project worthy of its funding support.

This pamphlet entitled 'Procedure for Commencing Cases in Customary Courts in Enugu State' was compiled as a training manual for the project communities and other stakeholders in Enugu State.

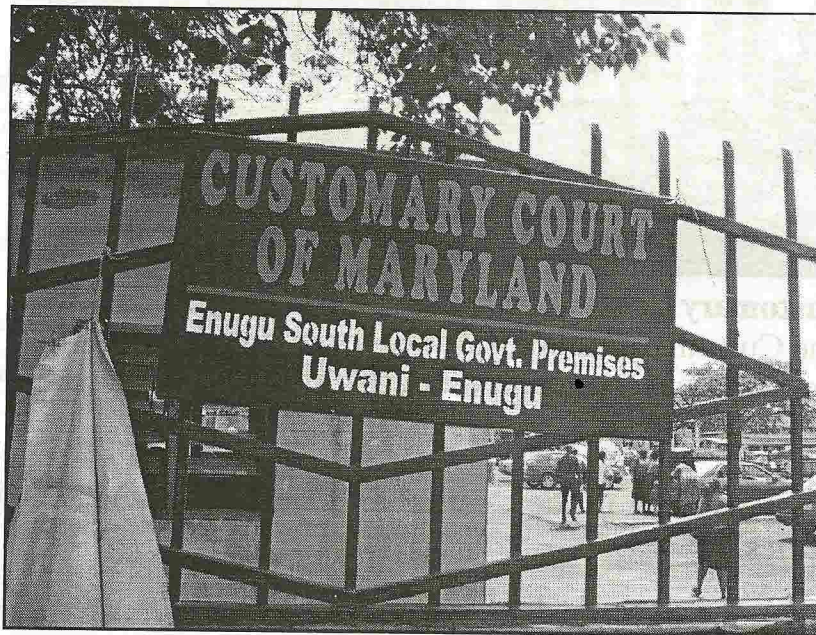
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CHAPTER ONE

The Judiciary in Nigeria

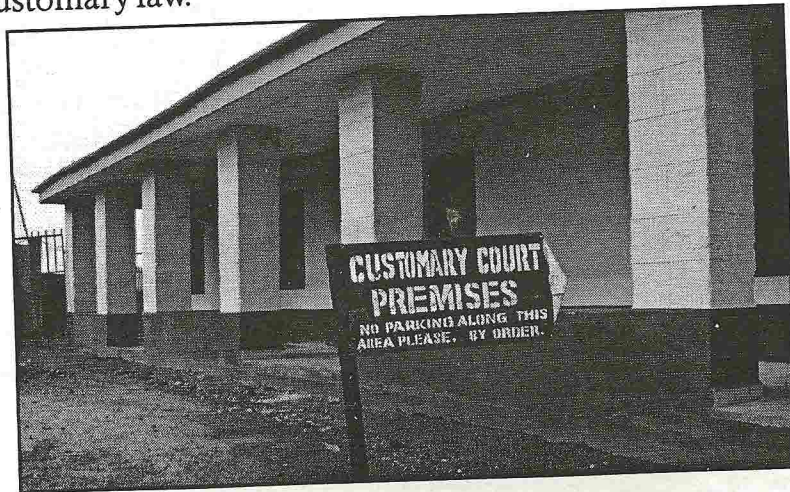
The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides for the three arms of Government namely, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary. By Section 6 of the Constitution, the judicial powers of the Federation are vested in the Judiciary, which is the third arm of government.

The judiciary is the arm of government, whose duty is to construe, interpret and apply the law. It consists of a system of courts, which is set up in a hierarchical order, one of which is the Customary Court and its appellate court, the Customary Court of Appeal.



What is a Customary Court?

A **Customary Court** is a court that administers the customary laws of the area in which it is situated over persons who are subject to the customary laws of that area. It handles both civil and criminal cases. For example, it handles land cases in the rural areas, divorce cases, custody of children in customary marriages and other matters including those relating to inheritance and succession under customary law.



Customary Court of Appeal

The Customary Court of Appeal hears and determines civil appeals from customary courts involving questions of customary law.

Key Personnel in the Customary Court System and their Duties

Chairman

The Chairman is in charge of the court. He presides over cases and he delivers judgement.

Members

In the absence of the Chairman, any of the members who the Chairman gives authority to deliver judgement can do so if he and the other members agree on it.

Registrar

The registrar prepares the summary of any case before the court sits. He/She also prepares orders made by the court which is given to the Chairman to sign while he/she countersigns. The registrar collects revenue and pays it into the bank.

The Clerk

The clerk calls up cases when the court is in session. He/She informs the court about available dates for adjournment and interprets cases.

Process Clerk

The process clerk registers every case that comes to a customary court.

Some Terms used in Customary Courts

Who is a Plaintiff?

A Plaintiff is the person/party who brings a civil matter to the customary court.

Who is a Defendant?

A defendant is a person against whom an action is brought. A defendant comes to court to answer to a case against him/her.

Who is a Bailiff?

According to The New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language, International Edition (Revised and Updated 1994), a bailiff is a court officer who keeps order in court. The bailiff is a messenger of the court. He serves court notices and carries out execution of court order in company of armed policemen.

What is a civil case?

A civil case is a case instituted to enforce, redress or protect private rights.

What is a criminal case?

A criminal case is a case by which a person who committed a crime is brought to trial and either not found guilty or found guilty and sentenced.

What is an Address?

An address is a written statement prepared by a lawyer arguing a case in a law court containing the facts of the case, the issues involved, the relevant laws and arguments in support of the lawyer's case.

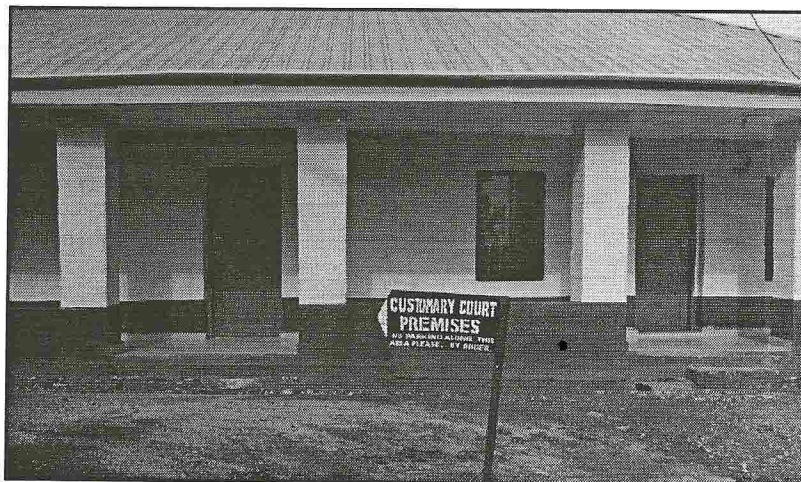
CHAPTER TWO

PROCEDURE FOR COMMENCING CASES IN CUSTOMARY COURTS IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA

Step One

Identifying that one has a case to take to the Customary Court

If an individual or a group feels aggrieved over a matter and identifies the need to take up the case, the person or group may decide to take the case to a customary court. Any case brought to the customary court is reported to the registrar of the court who takes the information brought by the plaintiff.



Step Two

Plaintiff meets with Customary Court Registrar

The plaintiff meets with the customary court registrar and files a claim which contains the summary of his/her

demand. He/She files a case in claim in court on the payment of a prescribed fee for civil cases. Where the plaintiff is represented by a legal practitioner, his/her counsel (lawyer) files the claim. The particulars of the claim shall be signed by the plaintiff or his/her legal practitioner and shall provide an address at which he/she will accept service as well as telephone number. The claim must be served on the defendant. A criminal case is brought by the police or the government and the complainant does not pay a fee.

Step Three

Registrar prepares for the Case

After filing of the documents and on the payment of the prescribed fees, the Registrar shall enter the claim in the Civil Cause Book stating the names and places of residence or business of the parties as well as the substance of the action intended to be brought.

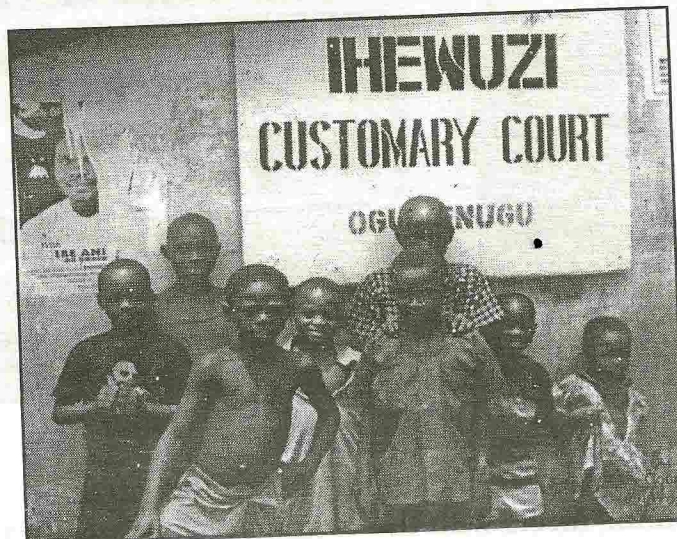


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Step Four

Registrar hands over the Suit to the Bailiff

After the preparation of the summons, the registrar now hands it over to the bailiff of the court, who will effect service on the defendant/ respondent or accused person within five days of the receipt of the summons and hearing shall commence not less than five days after service of the summons. The defendant/respondent or accused person will be in court to answer the charge against him/her.

If the defendant fails to appear in the court on the fixed date the registrar will prepare a fresh hearing notice (a reminder to the defendant).

In criminal cases, criminal summons is issued by the Chairman of the court requiring an accused person to appear before the court at a certain time and place to answer the charges against him/her.

Step 5

Failure to Appear in Court

Failure by an accused to obey the criminal summons can make the court to order for a bench warrant (warrant of arrest). The registrar of the court will write a letter to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of a station covering the jurisdiction of the court asking him for armed policemen who will now assist the court in executing the bench warrant (this applies only in criminal cases).

Step Six

Arrest and detention of accused

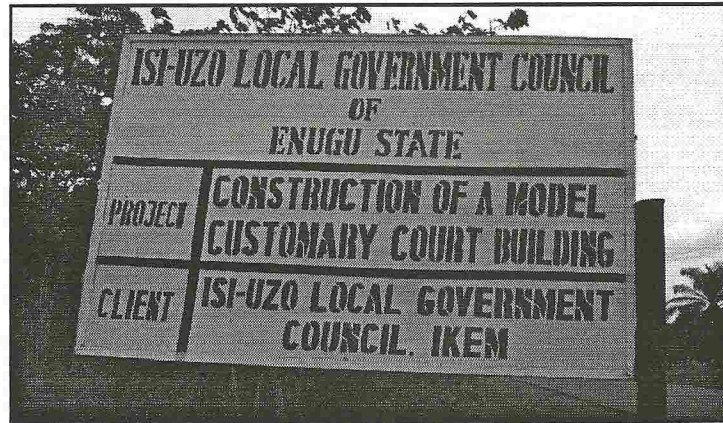
When the police have arrested an accused for disobeying the criminal summons issued by the court, they detain and bring

the person to the court on the fixed date.

Step Seven

If an accused fails to appear in court

The court will now try the person for contempt of court (prepare a charge called failure to appear before the court) against the accused person, if the person pleads guilty he/she will be fined, if not the case will now go on till its final determination.



Step Eight

Defendant files defence

The defendant/respondent on receiving of the claim may file a defence but, not a statement of defence before the date for hearing. If the defendant also has a counter claim he pays for the counter claim and he is issued a receipt. The counter claim is filed at the Registry within six days of service of the summons on him.

Step Nine

The Plaintiff testifies

The plaintiff commences the proceedings by testifying in chief. At the end of his/her testimony; he/she is cross

examined by the defendant, or his lawyer and also re-examined where necessary by the court or the plaintiff's legal practitioner.

Step Ten

Plaintiff calls witnesses

At the end of the plaintiff's evidence in chief, the court informs the plaintiff of his rights to call witnesses if any. The plaintiff now invites his/her witnesses.

Step Eleven

Witnesses Testify

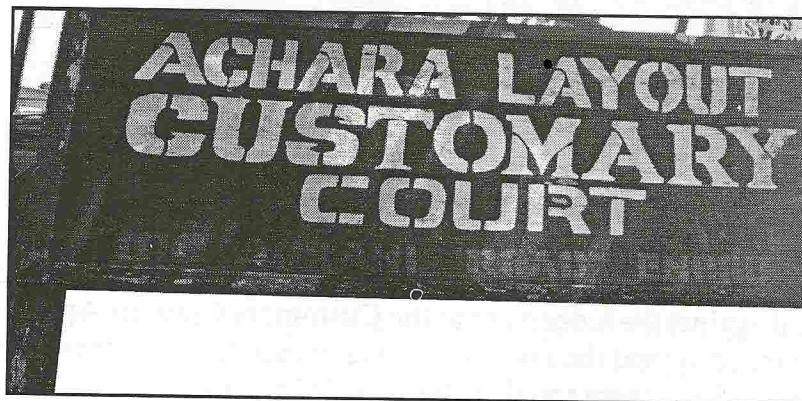
Each witness testifies in chief and he/she is cross examined by the defendant or his lawyer and re-examined by the court and or the plaintiff or his lawyer

Step Twelve

Defendants Testify

At the end of the plaintiff's case, the court informs the defendant of his/her right to defend him/her self.

The defendant then testifies in chief. He/she is cross examined by the plaintiff or his/her lawyer and re-examined by his/her counsel or the court if the need arises.



Step Thirteen

Defendant calls witnesses

The court now informs the defendant of his/ her right to call witnesses. The defendant then calls his/her witnesses if any. Each witness testifies in chief, is cross examined by the plaintiff or his/her legal practitioner and re- examined by the defendant or his/her legal practitioner.

Step Fourteen

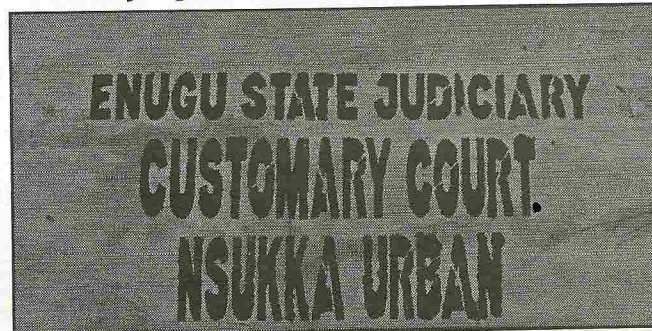
Court calls witnesses if necessary

The customary court has powers to call any witness if it deems it fit to clarify any ambiguity raised by the evidence of parties. In such a case, the witness must not be intended to fill the gap in the evidence of either parties, but rather help the court in arriving at justice.

Step Fifteen

Judgement is delivered

At the conclusion of the evidence and the address by counsel where one or both parties are represented, the customary court will deliver its judgement and makes orders where necessary.



Step Sixteen

Appeal

If any of the parties is not satisfied with the judgement, it can appeal against the judgement to the Customary Court of Appeal. A notice of appeal shall be given not later than three months after delivery of judgment sought to be appealed against.

CHAPTER THREE

CUSTOMARY COURTS IN ENUGU STATE, AREAS COVERED AND THEIR SITTING DAYS

This Chapter presents a table of all the customary courts in Enugu State and the areas covered by them. The courts are listed according to the Senatorial zones. This is adapted from Customary Courts Law, Cap 32, Laws of Enugu State, 2004 (as amended in 2011) and Customary Courts Rules 2011 (Page 47-60). WINET compiled and included the sitting days of the courts.

S/N	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LOCATION OF COURT	AREAS COVERED	SITTING DAYS
1.	Awgu Local Government Area	Isu-Awa/ltuku/Agbudu	Umuamene, Enugu Obinagu, Egedu Amaokolo, Umukuru, Ugwunabo, Amata, Okwe-na- Achara, Ofeiyi Umunevonta, Umuowo, Umuoyiba, Agbudu- Ibite, Enugu Agbudu, Owellede	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
2.	- do-	Ugbo Customary Court	Ugbo- Okpala, Ugbonabo and Ngene Ugbo	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
3.	- do-	Amoli Customary Court	Amoli, Enyimba Odume, Ifite, Akpoka	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
4.	- do-	Owelli Customary Court	Owelli, Ogugu, Ogbaku	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
5.	- do-	Anike Customary Court	Ezinese, Mgbidi, Mmaku	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
6.	- do-	Awguntá/Ezere/Nkwe Customary Court	Nkwe, Ezere and Awguntá	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
7.	- do-	Nenwenta/ Ugwueme Customary Court	Ugwueme and Nenwenta	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8.	- do-	Mbanano Customary Court	Awgu Town, Mgbowo, Town, Ezineri- Mgbidi	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9.	- do -	Mmaku/Obeagu Customary Court	Mmaku and Obeagu towns	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10.	- do -	Ihe Customary Court	Ihe, Enugu- Oke, Enugu- Ochi, Enugu- Nato	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
11.	- do -	Ogbaku Customary Court	Ogbaku Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
12.	- do -	Agbogugu Customary Court	Agbogugu, Akanwu, Obom Obodoakpu, Eziana	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
13.	Oji River Local Government Area	Achi Customary Court	Isikwe, Egwu, Amankpunta, Elugwu/Nkpokoro, Ihe, Ado, Agbadala, Enugu- Agu, Ehuhe	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
14.	- do -	Akpugoeze Customary Court	Akpugoeze- Ukwu, Akpuogez- West, Akpuogez- Villages Umudim, Amagu, Anioma, Umuokpara, Ofechem Egbeagu, Umuokparasiara	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
15.	- do -	Awlaw Customary Court	Ubaha, Isioma, Etiti	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
16.	- do -	Oji- River Customary Court	Oji- River Urban, Akwu Ahani, Agbala-Inyi, Amaetiti, Oruchukwu, Umuike, Ojinato, Doodoo Oji- Settlement, Mile 2	Monday and Wednesday
17.	- do -	Ugwuoba Customary Court	Ugwuoba, Okwe, Upata, Egbeagu, Eziachi, Nkagu, Aguabosi, Efuru, Agolo Okpuno, Umuonwu, Umualo, Ogbudu, Ude, Anaocha, Obinagu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
18.	- do -	Inyi Customary Court	Enugu-Inyi, Agbaranji-Inyi, Alum-Inyi	Monday, Thursday and Friday
19.	- do -	Agbada/Umuagu Customary Court	Umuagu, Umuome, Obune, Nkwere, Amankwo	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
20.	Ezeagu Local Government Area	Aguobu-Owa Customary Court	Aguobu -Owa,	Monday, Tuesday and Friday

21.	-do-	Imezi- Owa Customary Court	Ogwofia Umuagba-Owa, Umudioha, Ezema -Owa, Umuaji, Amakpoho, Umudim	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
22.	-do-	Olo Customary Court	Imezi-Olo, Ibite -Olo, Ezema Amandim, Ogulogu, Oha - Imezi, Oha-Ndiagu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
23.	-do-	Iwollo Customary Court	Okpoho, Iwollo, Aguobu-Iwollo	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
24.	-do-	Akama Oghe Customary Court	Amankwo-Ndiagu, Akama-Ndiagu, Imama-Akama, Oyofe, Neke,	Monday, Thursday and Friday
25.	-do-	Umumba Ndiuno	Umumba-Ndiuno, Umana-Ndiagu, Aguoba-Umuana, Agba-Umana, Obinofia-Ndiagu, Oguobi Umana, Umumba-Ndiagu, Isiagu-Umumba Ndiagu	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
26.	-do-	Obeleagu Umana Customary Court	Obeleagu Umana, Etiti	Tuesday and Thursday
27.	-do-	Amansiodo Customary Court	Amansiodo Imezi. Ihuonyia Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
28.	Aninri Local Government Area	Mpu Customary Court	Anekeoji-Achi-Orie, Amakofia, Okomigbo	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
29.	-do-	Ndeaboh Customary Court	Ndeaboh, Agbo-Achara	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
30.	-do-	Nenwe Customary Court	Uhueze, Emudo, Agbada, Amaoji	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

31.	-do-	Oduma Customary Court	Oduma-Achara, Ezinesi, Ohofia-Ndumeze	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
32.	-do-	Amanasato Customary Court	Amagu, Ameke, Obeagu, Amokwe, Amorji/Mmafufu	Monday, Thursday and Friday
33.	-do-	Okpanku Customary Court	Okpanku, Ekoli	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
34.	Udi Local Government Area	Amokwe Customary Court	Etti-Amokwe, Uzo-Enugu	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
35.	-do-	Nachi Customary Court	Nachi and Umuaga, Obinagu Towns	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
36.	-do-	Eke Customary Court	Eke Town	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
37.	-do-	Nsude/Ngwo Customary Court	Imama, Uborji, Ameke, Amankwo, Nsude	Monday, Thursday and Friday
38.	-do-	Afia Customary Court	Amazalla and Amofia communities	Monday, Thursday and Friday
39.	-do-	Udi Customary Court	Agbudu and Udi Towns	Monday, Thursday and Friday
40.	-do-	Ukana Customary Court	Ukana, Awhum, Okpatu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
41.	-do-	Umulumbe Customary Court	Umulumbe and Okpatu Towns	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
42.	-do-	Abia/Obioma Customary Court	Abia and Obioma	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
43.	-do-	Ngwo-Asa Customary Court Ngwo	Enugu Ngwo. Etti Amachalla Okwojo, Amabor, Umuase and Ukaka Communities.	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
44.	-do-	Orji-Amokwe Customary Court	Uwani and Orji Amokwe communities	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

45.	-do-	Obinagu/Umuabi Customary Court	Umuabi and Obinagu communities	Monday, Thursday and Friday
46.	-do-	Mgbagbuowa Customary Court	Ozom, Eziowa and Umuaji	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
47.	-do-	Umukoloma Customary Court	Umukoloma, Inoyi, Ikono, Ogor and Amokwu communities	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
48.	-do-	Abor Customary Court	Umuavulu and Enu-Abor Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
49.	-do-	Ebe Customary Court	Ebe community	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
50.	-do-	Egede/Umuoka Customary Court	Egede and Umuoka communities	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
51.	- do-	Ezedike Customary Court	Akpakwume-Nze, Oghu and Ezinze communities	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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S/N	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LOCATION OF COURTS	AREAS COVERED	SITTING DAYS
52.	Enugu North Local Government Area	Ogui-Nike Customary Court	Coal Camp, Ogui - Nike Township, Right Side of Ogui Road, GRA, Udi-Siding, Iva-Valley	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
53.	-Do-	Ihewuzi Customary Court	Ihewuzi Okpara-Square to Government House, New Haven, Artisan Quarters, Asata Railway Quarters, Eastern Shop, O' Connor Street to Presidential Road.	Tuesdays, Thursday and Friday

54	-do-	Amigbo Customary Court	ESUT, WTC, UNEC, Amaigbo, College Road, Edinburgh to Tax Office, Umunevo Street, Obiagu to Ebe Lane, Annag Street to Railway Line	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
55	-do-	Umunevo Customary Court	Ogui Township, Stadium to P. and T. Quarters, Obiagu Road, Presidential Road to part of Asata, Entire Umunevo Community, Ebe Lane backwards to Nkpokiti Road	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
56	-do-	Owor Customary Court	Okpara Square, ETV, Owor, Federal Government College, Brown and Brown, New Haven, NNPC Triangle Depot, Independence Layout.	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
57	-do-	Achara Layout Customary Court	Around Mayor Bus Stop to Amechi Road, Umuchu Street, Agbani Road, Idaw River, Enugu South Local Government	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
58	Enugu South Local Government Area	Mary Land Customary Court	Mary Land Area, Uwani, part of Awkunanaw with Amechi Road as Boundary, Lomalinda Layout and Timber Shade Area	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
59	-do-	Obeagu Costmary Court	Obeagu Community as a whole	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
60	-do-	Amechi Uwani Customary Court	Umunaji-Ngene Umunnugwu, Ndi-aga, Isiagu, Umuaniabo, Umuani Onah, Umuaniade, Umuchimengwu, Umungeanvene, Umuedeachi	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
61	-do-	Ugwuagba Customary Court	Ugwuagba, Obeagu -Uno Amechi-Uno, Amegbu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

62.	-do-	Amechi Awkunanaw Customary Court	Amagu- Ugwu, Sata Ishide, Umuichi - Onuagu, Umunkwuoani Umuedeani, Umu-ode Umuichi, Top-Land Gariki.	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
63.	-do-	Ugwuaji Customary Court	All Ugwuaji, part of Independence Layout and Maryland between Ayo and Afa River, Ogbuodo and Corridor Layouts.	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
64.	-do-	Akwuke Customary Court	Okabuike Village, Njikoka, Ositagba, Ozuruonye Village, Ikiriki	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
65.	-do-	Jioto Customay court	Topland, Amechi Bus stop down to Amechi Village	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
66.	Enugu East Local Government Area	Mbulu Anwuri Customary Court	Ugwuomo, Obinagu - Ugwuomu, Ezza Settlers, Nkwubo village, Owa - Eziagu Settlers, Ugbo - Bishop Farm Settlers, Edevu- Upper room, Obinagu-Nkwubo Nike	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
67.	-do-	Ugwuogo Customary Court	Ugwuogo-Nike Umunonu, Umunameze, Umunagbo, Ama-akpaka Obinagu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
68.	-do-	Ogbeke- Nike Customary Court	Ogbeke-Nike, Agboazi, Ako, Neke -uno, Nike Odenigbo	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
69.	-do-	Nike-Uno Customary Court	All Nike -Uno Abakpa, Ogwuago, Ugbo Ezeji, Ogburugbu, Ugbo-Paul, Ugbo-Owa, Ugbene 1 and 2, Edem, Mburuowe, Alulu Nike	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
70.	-do-	Mbulujodo Customary Court -Nebo Umuaja	Akpuga, Nchatancha, Obinagu and Onuogba Communities, PRODA and Nkpologwu Farm Settlement	Monday and Tuesday
71.	-do-	Emene Customary Court	Emene Urban Emene Town, Nkpologwu, Marist Brothers Quarters, Thinkers Corner, Mainland Quarters, Garbon Quarters, Ugba Upper-room Ministry, Caritas.	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

72.	Nkanu West Local Government Area	Obuoffia Customary Court	Amangwu, Omuoha Ndiuno and Ndiagu Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
73.	-do-	Umueze Customary Court	Umuaba, Umuagwu, Umuaneke Ene, Umuaneke Ode, Umuekwe, Umuichi Nwene, Umuonu Nwene, Umunama, Umungene Umunaji Owo, Umuohaa Onovo, Umuonovo Anem, Umuowo Ohaa, Umu Udunu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
74.	-do-	Amodu Customary Court	Amodu and Okpebe Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
75.	-do-	Akegbe Ugwu Customary Court	All Communities in Akegbe Ugwu i.e. Okwu, Obeaghu, Attakwu, Amagu, Umuatugbuoma	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
76.	-do-	Ozalla Customary Court	Entire Ozalla town Communities, Isi-Ozalla Etit, Okorouiba, Umuane, and Obeagwu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
77.	-do-	Obe Customary Court	Obe-Ugwu, Obe Agbo, Obe-Uno	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
78	-do-	Agbani Customary Court	Eziaba 1 and 2, Ojiagu Amakpu, Mbogodo, Ogebe Ukuruta	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
79	-do-	Akpugo Obuno Customary Court	Ogonogoeji Ndiuno Obinagu Uno Amugo, Ihunakwagu, Obuno Ndiagu- Obuno Ogonogoeji-Ndiagu, Ogboshinne	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
80	-do-	Akpugo Uwani Customary Court	Ndinuo-Uwani, Ndiagu, Obinagu-Uwani	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
81	-do-	Umuawalagu Customary court	Umuchita, Umuawalagu, Umuaniagu, Umungene	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
82.	-do-	Amuri Customary Court	Eziokwe, Enuogu Ama Nkanu, Umuigbo	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

83.	Nkanu East Local Government Area	Nkerefi Customary Court	Imeoha Enuegu, Isi -Enu, Amofu, Ohuani Amofu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
84.	-do-	Isi-enu Amofu/Ohuani Customary Court	Ohuani- Amofu and Isi enu AmofuCommunities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
85.	-do-	Mburubu Customary Court	Nomeh Communities, Nomeh Semi -Urban area, and all Mburu Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
86.	-do-	Amechi Idodo Customary Court	Amechi Idodo, Ohuani, Eziam, Oruku, Umuode	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
87.	-do-	Ugbawka Customary Court	Amazuam, Amafor, Imama Akpaa	Monday, Thursday and Friday
88.	-do-	Isigwe/Ovu Ori Customary Court	Isigwe and Ovu Ori Communities	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
89.	-do-	Nara Customary Court	Umuawaragu, Amagu/Amawfia, Umuiba, Umuokpara- Ngene	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
90.	-do-	Isi-Ogbo Customary Court	Isi- Ogbo Communities	Monday, Thursday and Friday
91.	-do-	Owo/Amankanu Customary Court	Owo, Mbulu-Owo, Ubahu, Amankanu	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
92.	-do-	Amagunze Customary Court	Isien, Okani-anyi, Onichagu	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
93.	-do-	Ohuani Customary Court	Ohuani Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
94.	-do-	Ihuokpara Customary Court	Ihuokpara, Amankwo, Amankwa, Amafor	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
95.	-do-	Akpawfu Customary Court	Ndiuno, Obodo-Uvuru	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
96.	Isi-Uzo Local Government Area	Mbu-Akpoti Customary Court	Mbuamonu/Akpoti, Akpuoga, Amagu	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
97.	-do-	Eha-Amufu (Urban) Customary Court	Umuhu, Mgbuji, Amede, Ihenyi Abor, Eha - Amufu Township	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
98.	-do-	Eha-Amufu (Isu)	Isu, Unalo, Umueze-Ogbu Customary Court	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
99.	-do-	Ikem/Neke Customary Court	Ogo-Ikem, Umaram, Ike - Nkwo, Ikem-Etiti, Akpani, Mburuamanye Emeora	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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S/N	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LOCATION OF COURT	AREAS COVERED	SITTING DAYS
100.	Igbo- Etiti Local Government Area	Ohodo Customary Court	Ohodo, Ozalla - Uwenu, Ozalla-Uwani	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
101.	-do-	Akutara Customary Court	Akutara-enu, Akutara -ani, Oshigbo, Ugwunaoda, Udueme	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
102.	-do-	Ezi-Ukehe Customary Court	Akpu-ato, Umurasi, Ukwuaja, Nkpologwu	Monday and Thursday
103.	-do-	Akaibute Customary Court	Ihekwen, Ihekweanu	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
104.	-do-	Ohebedim Customary Court	Ohebedim, Umuna, Ikolo	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
105.	-do-	Amakofia Customary Court	Umuofiagu, Umualeke, Ndiugwuchime, Obegu, Ndinwara, Eziamugwu, Uwaniabaka, Amadim, Uwele, Umuoro, Amanefi	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
106.	-do-	Ogbede Customary Court	Umunko, Diogbe, Ochima, Idoha, Onyoho	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
107.	-do-	Ekwegbe Customary Court	Ekwegbe, Aguekwegbe, Ukopi	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
108.	Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area	Uvuru Customary Court	Uvuru, Akpugo, Nkologwu, Nkpunato	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
109	-do-	Umulokpa Customary Court	Umulokpa, Akiyi, Ogbosu, Eziora, Amagu, Adaba, Nkume, Ukpata	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
110	-do-	Ogurugu Customary Court	Ogurugu Ojor, Asaba	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
111	-do-	Adani Customary Court	Adani Commnunities	Monday, Thursday and Friday

112	-do-	Nkpologu Customary Court	Nkpologu and Mkpunato Communities	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
113		Igga Customary Court	Igga Communities	
114	-do-	Nimbo Customary Court	Nimbo, Ugbene	Monday, Thursday and Friday
115	-do-	Abbi Customary Court	Abbi, Urobo Communities	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
116	Udenu Local Government Area	Orba Customary Court	Orba, Ajuona, Ohom, Agu-Orba	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
117	-do-	Nkpunano Customary Court	Imilike-ani, Im ilike-Enu, Ezimo-Ulo. Imilike -Agu, Imilike-Etiti, Umundu, Igugu, Ogbedu -Aba, Ezimo-Agu	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
118	-do-	Obollo-Afor Customary Court	Obollo- Afor, Umuekwenu, Iheakpu, Obollo - Etiti, Obollo - Orie, Obollo-Nkwo, Obollo - Eke, Obollo- Isien, Ibenda Ajorogwu, Amalla, Egali, Ifuruoka, Ndiagu Amalla	Monday, Thursday and Friday
119	-do-	Opi- Agu Customary Court	Opi-Agu, Idi, Ibeku, Ogbozara	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
120	-do-	Edem Customary Court	Akpa- Edem, Ozi -Edem, Edem-Ani, Okpuje, Okutu Anuka	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
121	-do-	Lejja Customary Court	Lejja, Edeoballa, Edenta, Uwan-Lejja, Obimo, Ikwoka	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
122	-do-	Erike Customary Court	Obukpa, Alor -Uno, Okparigbo Ibeagwa-ani, Ibeagwa-aka	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
123	-do-	Nsukka Customary Court	Nkpunano, Nru, Ihe/ Owerri, non Indigenes in UNN, local government Area Quarters, Missionary Establishment	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

124	-do-	Ibagwani Customary Court	Ibagwani Communities Nsukka	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
125	-do-	Opi-Uno Customary Court	Idi- Opi, Ogbozalla -Opi, Ibeku-Opi	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
126	-do-	Eha-Uno Customary Court	Eha-Uno, Agbamere, Umabo	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
127	-do-	Eha-Ndiagu Customary Court	Eha-Ndiagu, Eha Azuabor, Breme, Ezebinagu, Agumabo	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
128	Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area	Unadu Customary Court	Obaka- Unadu, Ohom, Alor-agu	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
129	-do-	Itchi Customary Court	Itchi, Itchi -agu, Nkalagu - Obukpa	Thursday, and Friday
130	-do-	Ekete Ekere Customary Court	Likke, Ekoyi, Iheka, Uhuowere, Ovoko, -agu Ajuona, Umuelo, Ovoko	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
131	-do-	Ibeagwa -Aka Customary Court	Ibeagwa-Aka, Isiagu Iheakpuawka, Ndieagu - Iheakpuawka	Tuesday and Thursday
132	Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area	Amufie Customary Court	Amufie, Olido, Amanato, Umuegbo-Ekposhi	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
133	-do-	Ugbaike Customary Court	Ugbaike-Ozzi, Ezeodo, Agbonaomudaga, Inyi, Umuodoriowo	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
134	-do-	Ikpanmodo Customary Court	Ikpanmodo, Amachara, Ikpaiga	Wednesday and Friday
135	-do-	Igogoro Customary Court	Abba Igogo, Odumegwu, Nkpunato and Owerre Eze	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
136	-do-	Okpo Customary Court	Amaja, Isugwu, Okpo	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

137	-do-	Ogurute Customary Court	Ogurute-Uno, Ezilo, Nkpante- Uno Ugwuatama, Agu-Ibeje, Umuogboulo	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
138	-do-	Aji Customary Court	Aji, Umuopu, Isugwu, Ifuodo, Owereze, Umuogboagu, Umuagama	Monday and Wednesday
139	-do-	Ette Customary Court	Ebiega, Odega, Ubelle, Efuoda	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
140	-do-	Onoda Customary Court	Aiyebe, Ette Uno, Adokpe, Ogado, Allekpe Olakpe, Ogiliama, Ogugu, Ogboyaga/Adupu	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
141	-do-	Umuogbagu Customary Court	Umuogbagu, Umugama, and Aguibeje	Monday, Thursday and Friday
142	-do-	Umuida Customary Court	Umuida, Umuonu, Onisha-Enugu.	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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Women Information Network (WINET) is a media focused, independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization, established in January 2000. It is registered with Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria: RC: 14892. WINET is gender sensitive and works towards the dissemination of information to promote gender equality, women's rights, human and political rights. The organization is for training of women, peace building, media advocacy and dissemination of information on all issues relating to the advancement of women's right in the society. It ensures that Nigeria women and youths have access to information that will enable them to take informed decisions.

Mission is to uplift Nigeria especially women and youth by providing them with information to enable them to live fruitful life in the society

Vision: An informed society where people will know their rights, duties and obligations.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To inform, educate and create awareness on women's issues including human rights.
- Disseminate information on HIV/AIDS prevention, Reproductive Health/Rights of Women and Youths, Safe Motherhood and Democracy and Good Governance.
- Engage in media campaigns and other such activates considered necessary for the advancement of women.
- Organize conferences, seminars, workshop and meetings on topical issues of concern to women and youths.
- Promote women's political rights agenda and lobbying for legislative reform to eliminate institutional discrimination and violence against women.
- Network with government. Non-governmental organisation and civil society group to promote women's rights, information and experience sharing.
- Provide library services for research on women

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