

Global Feminisms Project Pronunciation Guide

Nigeria Interviewee Names

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Naming conventions. Nigerian naming practices vary widely, as there are over 250 ethnic groups in the country, each with its own traditions. The three largest groups (Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo) account for about 60% of Nigerians; the remaining groups are much smaller. In all three groups individuals are given a personal (first) name and a family or surname. Among the Hausa and Yoruba the surname is a family name based on the father's/husband's surname. Among the Yoruba, in addition, many children are given a middle, Christian name, at baptism; and the father's first name could be added to the child's last name, to create a compound last name that clarifies precise parentage within a larger extended family that share a family name. Among the Igbo, there is no "family" name. Instead both some wives and all children are given the father's *first* name as a surname. Hausa individuals may have compound family-names, and in all three groups wives may or may not take the husband's name.

Interviewee	Pronunciation
Hajiya Binta Abdulhamid	hä-jē-ä bin-tä äb-dül-hä-MĒD
Malama Binta Abdulkarim	mä-LÄ-mä bin-tä äb-dül-kä-RĒM
Joyce Agofure	joi ä-GÔ-fə-rE
Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi	ä-bē-ō-la ä-kē-ō-dä ä-fō-la-BĒ
Bolanle Awe	bô-län-lē ä-WĀ
Josephine Effah-Chukwuma	jō-se-FĒN e-FÄ chə-KOO-mə
Joy Ngozi Ezeilo	joi NGÔ-zē e-ZĒ-lō
Ngozi Iwere	NGÔ-zē ē -WE-rē
Mairo Usman Mandara	mā-rō üs-MÄN män-DÄ -rä
Olanike Olugboji	ô-lä-NĒ-ke ô-loo-BÔ-jē
Yemisi Ransome-Kuti	YE-mi-sē ran-sum koo-tē
Aisha Isa Yusuf	Ī-shä Ē-sä yoo-SOOF
<i>Collaborators</i>	
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e-LĒ-shə ren-Ā

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pe-mē ä-gō-DĀ