

# Abbreviations and glossary



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## A

**ACN:** Action Congress of Nigeria

**ACLED:** Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project

**ANPP:** All Nigeria Peoples Party

**APC:** All Progressives Congress

**APGA:** All Progressives Grand Alliance

**Asylum Procedures Directive:** Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection

## C

**CAT:** Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

**CEAS:** Common European Asylum System

**CJEU:** Court of Justice of the European Union

**CJTF:** Civilian Joint Task Force

**COI:** Country of origin information

**CPC:** Congress for Progressive Change

## D

**DDR:** Disarmament, Demobilisation, and Reintegration Programme in the Niger Delta

## E

**EASO:** European Asylum Support Office

**ECHR:** Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights), as amended by Protocols Nos. 11 and 14, 4 November 1950

**ECtHR:** European Court of Human Rights

**EU:** European Union

**EU Anti-Trafficking Directive:** Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA

## F

**FCT:** Federal Capital Territory

**FGM/C:** Female genital mutilation/cutting

## H

**Hisbah:** Islamic police

**HIV:** Human immunodeficiency virus

## I

**ICC:** International Criminal Court

**IDP(s):** Internally displaced person(s)

**IED:** Improvised Explosive Device

**IMN:** Islamic Movement in Nigeria

**IPA:** Internal protection alternative

**IPOB:** Indigenous People of Biafra

**ISIS-WA:** Islamic State - West Africa

## J

**JAS:** Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'adati wal-Jihad

**JTF:** Joint Task Force

**juju:** Belief in witchcraft

## L

**LGA:** Local Government Areas

**LGBT:** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans persons. For the purposes of this document, 'LGBT' is used to refer to persons of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity. While the term LGBTIQ, including the intersex and the queer/questioning individuals, is broadly used, the COI, analysis and guidance in this document are limited to the situation of LGBT persons.

## M

**MASSOB:** Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra

**MEND:** Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta

**MNJTF:** Multi-National Joint Task Force

## N

**NAF:** Nigerian Armed Forces

**NAPTIP:** Nigerian National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons

**NDA:** Niger Delta Avengers  
**NDPVF:** Niger Delta People's Volunteer Force  
**NGO:** Non-governmental organisation  
**NPF:** Nigeria Police Force

## O

**OHCHR:** (United Nations) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

## P

**PDP:** People's Democratic Party

## Q

**QD:** (Qualification Directive) Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted

## S

**SARS:** Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the NPF

**Sharia:** The religious law of Islam; Islamic canonical law

**'sodomy':** According to Sharia, 'sodomy' is a crime committed in the following way: 'Whoever has anal coitus with any man is said to commit the offence of sodomy' (Kaduna and Yobe); 'Whoever has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man or woman is said to commit the offence of sodomy' (all other Sharia-implementing states. Kano and Katsina qualify this: 'with any man or woman through her rectum'.

See: [http://www.sharia-in-africa.net/media/publications/sharia-implementation-in-northern-nigeria/vol\\_4\\_4\\_chapter\\_4\\_part\\_III.pdf](http://www.sharia-in-africa.net/media/publications/sharia-implementation-in-northern-nigeria/vol_4_4_chapter_4_part_III.pdf)

**SSMPA:** Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act

## T

**THB:** Trafficking in Human Beings

## U

**UN:** United Nations

**UNICEF:** United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

**UNODC:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

## V

**VAPP:** Violence Against Persons Prohibition (bill)

