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**Abstract**

Gender relations in Nigeria are characterized by many imbalances to the disadvantage of women. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century, yet tradition, culture, religion and other factors have continued to widen the disparity between Nigeria men and women. The paper addresses the importance of gender equality at all levels. The paper highlights the essential ingredients of gender equality for the overall achievement of the MDGs.