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I am Nuruddeen Mohammed Suleiman from Nigeria. I did my PHD in University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I got the fellowship in 2013. I currently help in the fight against corruption in Nigeria at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

The workshop was an eye opener for me, particularly as it has changed certain perspectives I had about things generally, but above all I've learned the importance of togetherness and defying culture, religion, race, color and geographical location to work towards a common goal and sharing of information across the world. If we continue to come together to find solutions to world problems the world will indeed be a better place to live in.

One of the highlights in my presentation was the nexus of poor governance and terrorism in Nigeria, and the fellowship gave me the needed support to complete a thesis in this regard.

A lot of things are happening right now that will be felt in society in 2030 but I will like to talk about the blue economy. There's need to safeguard the resources of the ocean for sustainable development. The use of plastic bags, particularly is littering the oceans and if nothing is done, by 2030 there will be more plastic bags than fishes in the ocean.

I am working against corruption, a crime that has been bedeviling the private and public sectors across the globe. I hope, through the SLYFF I can create a formidable network that will support against corporate and public corruption across the globe.

The presence of Mr. Sasakawa at the closing was really an Inspiration. When he shook my hand, he said to me "I have many friends in your country, including your former president Obasanjo... We have done great things in Africa and we will continue to do that." His statement really gladdens my heart, because I know Mr. Sasakawa is a man of his words and he will continue to honor Africa through his philanthropic gestures.