

LRF READING CULTURE DIALOGUE

*A Public Deliberative Dialogue about Reading Culture and Pertinent
Issues on the Nigerian Education System*

By

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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

- We are not here to judge anyone or take sides with ASUU or the government.
- We are only here to collate our concerns about an issue that has become critical in our education system.
- The notes of our discussion today will be used to develop an issue guide which we will use to discuss a follow-up public deliberation in January.

CONSTITUENTS & STAKEHOLDERS

Students

Graduates

Parents

Academics

Agents

Employers
of Labour

Other
Social
Actors

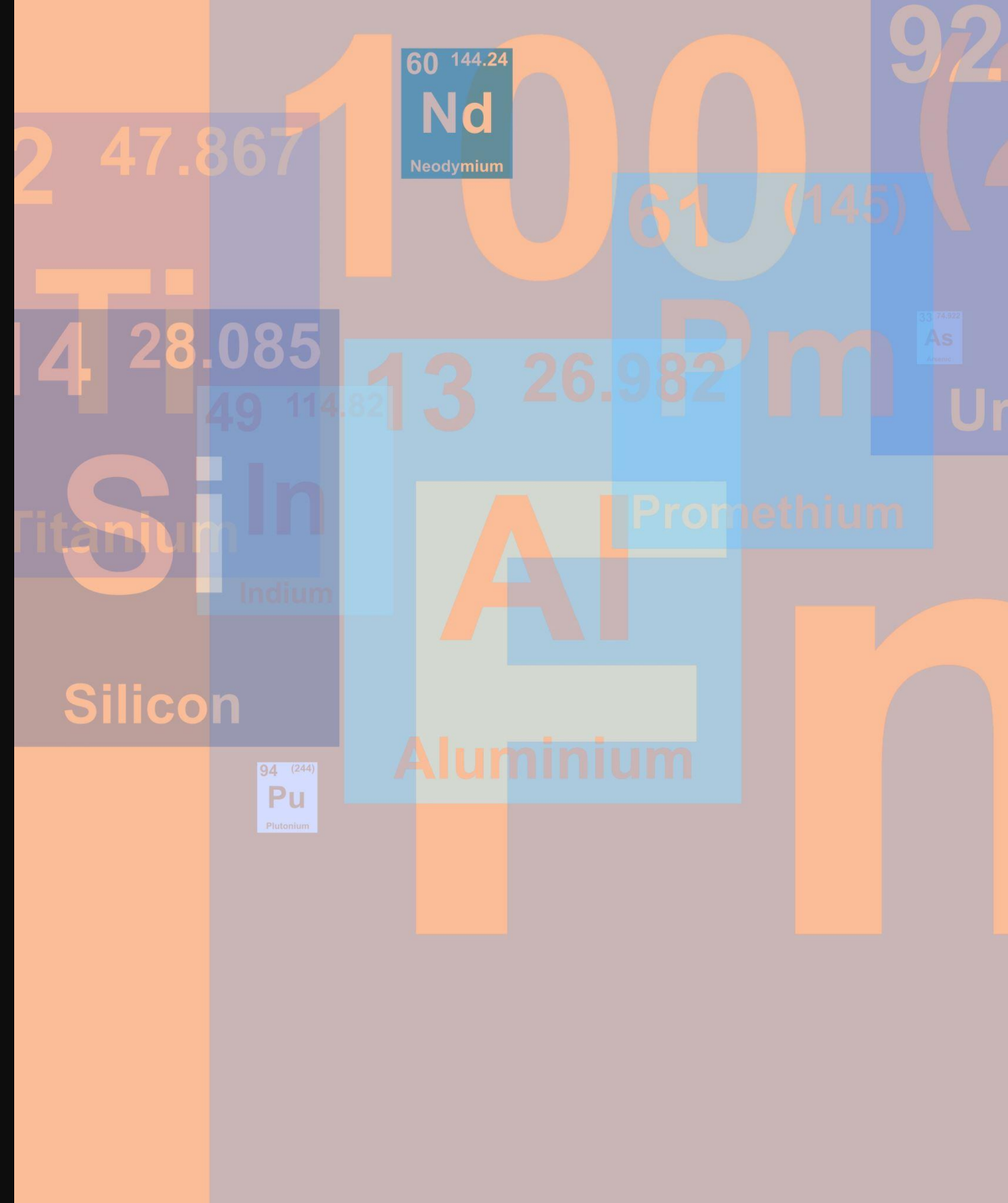
INTRODUCTION

- Please introduce yourself, stating:
 - Your constituents, and
 - Why you are here today
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Between 1988 and 2022, the Academic Staff Union of (Nigerian) Universities, popularly known as ASUU, embarked on a series of industrial actions at 18 different times spanning more than 1,700 days.
 - ASUU Strike has become a parlance in the Nigerian sociopolitical contexts with the longest of such industrial action lasting for 9 consecutive months.
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to The Cable, Nigeria's allocation to the education sector has been below the recommended benchmark for developing nations for several years.

In the 2023 budget, the sector got N1.79 trillion — representing a 8.2% of the appropriation bill.

History of ASUU Strikes in Nigeria

SN	Year	Duration
1	1988	
2	1992	
3	1999	5 months
4	2001	3 months
5	2002	2 weeks
6	2003	6 months
7	2005	2 weeks
8	2006	3 days
9	2007	3 months

History of ASUU Strikes in Nigeria (2)

SN	Year	Duration
10	2008	1 week
11	2009	4 months
12	2010	5 months
13	2011	59 days
14	2013	5 months
15	2017	1 month
16	2018	3 months
17	2020	9 months
18	2022	8 months
	Total	55+ months



QUESTION 1

- What were/are your experiences with ASUU strikes?



QUESTION 2

- What were your personal concerns then?
- OR
- What bothers you now about ASUU strikes?
 - Why do these matter to you?

QUESTION 3

- What are the actions we can take as individuals, as communities, or as a nation to end ASUU strikes and advance our tertiary education system?
- What are the potential drawbacks to taking these actions?





Let's Hear from Our Note Takers

