

Risk ID	Category / Element	Risk Short Title	Description	Desired Outcome	Current Situation	Proposed Strategy
C00090 [09]	R8 Political / Government	Nigerian Mothers inability to Pass Citizenship to Children Born Abroad	<p>Kemi Badenoch, a Nigerian UK cabinet minister recently stated that she cannot obtain Nigerian citizenship for her children. This remark, though factual, triggered a wave of backlash from some quarters accusing her of being anti-Nigerian. However, her statement draws attention to a real legal issue: under current Nigerian nationality law, a child born abroad to a Nigerian mother does not automatically receive Nigerian citizenship, whereas a child born to a Nigerian father does.</p> <p>This gender-based inequity contravenes modern principles of equal rights and creates practical, emotional, and legal burdens for diaspora families. The widespread criticism she received reflects how public discourse can suppress valid concerns through misplaced outrage.</p>	<p>Bring national and international attention to the gender-based gap in Nigeria's citizenship laws, catalyze reform to allow Nigerian women the same rights as men in passing on citizenship, and model the use of PHC methodology to deconstruct emotive social issues into practical governance improvements.</p> <p>What Could Go Wrong?</p> <p>If the core issue is lost in a wave of reactive nationalism, the legal injustice will persist. Those raising the issue may be silenced or discouraged. Meanwhile, real families continue to suffer from the consequences of outdated laws. Momentum for reform may be missed.</p>	<p>Kemi Badenoch's comment highlighted the issue but was met with controversy rather than constructive engagement. The law in question remains unchanged. Many Nigerians, both in Nigeria and the diaspora, remain unaware of the legal imbalance. There is currently no visible, coordinated advocacy campaign to reform this aspect of the law.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use this incident as a case study to frame a PHC-style discourse on nationality law reform. Engage with Nigerian legal experts, civil society groups, and diaspora networks to document lived experiences and gather evidence. Propose a legislative review or policy recommendation for equal rights in citizenship transmission. Consider cross-national examples (e.g. reforms in other African or Commonwealth countries) to support advocacy. Share the Concern as an "open Concern" to invite public commentary and contributions.

Risk (three-part) Statement			Current Risk			Response Type	Manageability	Residual Risk	Risk Owner	Due Date	Close Date	Last Review Date Notes
Cause	Risk Event [uncertainty]	Consequence	Probability	Impact	Score (Pxl)							

Gender-based inequity in Nigerian citizenship law.	Public comment by Kemi Badenoch sparks backlash for stating she cannot secure Nigerian citizenship for her children.	A valid legal concern is buried under a wave of misinformed criticism, delaying reform and reinforcing institutional discrimination.	5	5 H-2 C-4 Q-1 S-1	25	Mitigate	3	15	Winter, David	01Sep26	Open	22Jul25
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Mitigating Actions / Response

ID	Actions	Action Owner	Due Date	Close Date
#1	Use this incident as a case study for the Open Concern (PHC Service) facility.	Winter, David	20Sep25	Open
#2	Engage with Nigerian legal experts, civil society groups, and diaspora for lived experiences	Winter, David	20Sep25	Open
#3	Propose a legislative review recommendation for equal rights in citizenship transmission.	Winter, David	20Sep25	Open
#4	Consider reforms in other African or Commonwealth countries to support advocacy.	Winter, David	20Sep25	Open
#5	Share as an "open Concern" to invite public commentary and contributions.	Winter, David	20Sep25	Open

Last 10 RM Events (Meetings/Interviews/Workshops).

Mtg.	Date	Title / Person / Department	Objective
(0 Events held.)			

Comments

22jul25 - new Concern.

History

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Top Risk 7 **Summary**

Inability of Nigerian Mothers to Pass Citizenship to Their Children Born Abroad

Top Risk Mitigation

Engage with Nigerian legal experts for clarity. Propose legislative review. Consider cross-national examples of reform.