

## **LMDC Mediators**

The ADR Track Unit is a department in the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse attached to the High Court Registry to conduct intake screening of all civil cases suitable for ADR and in addition, closely supervise and monitor all cases found suitable for ADR.

This innovative achievement was made possible in 2012 when ADR was mainstreamed into the Civil Justice Administration by virtue of Order 3 Rule 11 of the Lagos State High Court Civil Procedure Rules 2012 which states that: "All originating processes shall upon acceptance for filing by the Registry be screened for suitability for ADR and referred to the Lagos Multi-door Courthouse or other appropriate ADR Institutions or Practitioners in accordance with the Practice direction that shall from time to time be issued by the Chief Judge of Lagos State."

The primary objective of the ADR Track is to decongest the Courts by offering early intervention and impartial settlement assistance to both disputants and their Counsel through cost-effective, timely and user-friendly ADR channels. Approximately 30% of civil cases filed at the High Court of Lagos State have in accordance with the screening guideline been found suitable for ADR and placed on the ADR Track.