

UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, NIGERIA



OPENING REMARK BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO, *FAEng* AT THE 10TH UNILAG ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE AND FAIR ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015 AT THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, AKOKA, LAGOS

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I wish to warmly welcome you all to the 2015 Unilag Annual Research Conference and Fair, the tenth in the series of research conferences and fairs organized by the University of Lagos.

During this event, we will showcase what we have done in the area of research and also create an avenue for interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership with the industrial communities.

The theme: “Implementing New Research Strategies for National Transformation” reminds us of the need to ensure that our researches should be capable of changing and moving Nigeria towards making the country a better Nation.

On behalf of the Management, staff and students of this great University, I welcome into our midst, Prof, Christopher Allan Shisanya, a seasoned scholar, researcher, scientist and Prof. of Agro-Climatology from the Kenyatta University Nairobi, Kenya. Prof. Shisanya is the current Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and also a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) from Kenyatta University. Prof. Allan Shisanya would give the keynote address at this event.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

I also want to welcome our numerous invited speakers, who have travelled from far and near to share their knowledge with us; Prof. Charles O. Esimone, Deputy Vice-

Chancellor, Academics & Research, Nnamdi Azikiwe University; Dr. Gbolahan Gbadamosi from Business School Bournemouth University, U.K; Prof. G.O.G. Awosanya, Provost of Lagos State College of Medicine, Ikeja; Dr. Emmanuel Adigbo from Niger Delta University, Bayelsa and Prof. V. Atsenuwa of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Akoka.

I would also seize this opportunity to appreciate the Conference Planning Committee, under the leadership of Prof. Olukemi Odukoya.

The University of Lagos is determined to be a clear leader in research among the Nation's universities. The Central Research Committee of the University has been working diligently with the Chairmen of the various Faculty Research Committees, in formalizing new guidelines that simplify the application process for the University Research Grant and funding. The University has also encouraged active participation of all academic staff in the Research Conference and Fair.

It is worthy to note that the 10th Unilag Annual Research Conference and Fair received about Four Hundred Abstracts and full papers for presentation. These papers and abstracts cut across various disciplines, departments and faculties.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, this fact indicates to us that the purpose for our research conference and fair is being fulfilled with all seriousness and with it, we are achieving the desired goal of enthroning excellence in academics and research in the University.

Let me therefore commend all those who have been participating in organizing research related workshops and seminars as well as those who have worked assiduously to help in achieving these great milestones every academic session, for their great achievements. I also want to commend our academic staff who have made tremendous contributions in the past.

Our efforts are already being recognized beyond our shores. Unilag was selected as one of the six Universities in West Africa to host the ECOWAS Mobility Scheme being administered by the Association of African Universities (AAU). For this year, 25 M.Sc. and Ph.D. candidates from across West Africa have been given admission for the 2015/2016 academic session at Unilag on the scheme.

To ensure that our research activities are well coordinated and to facilitate access to grants across the globe, the Management of the University established the Research and Innovation Office. This office has begun to impact positively on the Research output in our University.

The Office is urged to intensify coordination of multi-disciplinary research projects and facilitate access to big research grants, from international and local sources. We encourage all organizations to visit this unit to see for themselves, the great work going on. This is an opportunity for further collaboration between town and gown, particularly in the application of research results for the nation's benefit.

A workshop on Basic concepts on proposal writing and grant management is also included as part of this Research Conference. This workshop is important and I recommend that you all attend, as we all need to know the developments in grant access and management to make research activities seamless.

I must not forget the exhibitors as well as the sponsors of the various parts of our research, both present and past. I urge you to continue to partner with us, in the development drive we set for ourselves, as a contribution to transforming our society to a better place for all. I must say to our sponsors that your investments so far are productive.

Copies of the new editions of the UNILAG Journal of Medicine, Science and Technology and UNILAG Journal of Humanities, sponsored by Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) are available. You should also be assured that quality papers emanating from this conference will also be published in these journals.

For those who are not from University of Lagos, I enjoin you to feel free and enjoy the natural serene of our lagoon environment, which is unique to this great University.

Let me end this address, by appreciating you all for being part of this 10th University of Lagos Research Conference and Fair. The output of this Conference will go a long way in influencing the formulation and implementation of policies across all levels of the theme of this conference.

On this note, I declare the 10th UNILAG Annual Research and Conference and Fair open.

Thank you, for listening.

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