

UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, NIGERIA



OPENING ADDRESS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO, *FAEng* AT THE 4th INAUGURAL LECTURE IN THE 2014/2015 ACADEMIC SESSION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR ADELEKE OBAFEMI ODUWAYE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Gentlemen of the Press,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Inaugural Lecture in the 2014/2015 Academic Session entitled: **Urban Land Use Planning and Reconciliation**. Our Inaugural Lecturer, Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye is a Professor in our Department of Urban and Regional Planning, in the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye was born on August 25, 1960. He attended Remo Secondary School, Sagamu between 1973 and 1977 and Oriwu College, Ikorodu between 1977 and 1978 where he obtained the West African School Certificate with Division 1 in 1978. He proceeded to the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt and obtained a Diploma in Architecture at Upper Credit level.

Thereafter, he attended the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife) from 1985 to 1988 for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, after which he was at the University of Ibadan and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife for a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree obtained in 1991 and PhD (Urban and Regional Planning) obtained in 2003, respectively.

He is a registered Architect and Town Planner, having being registered by both the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria as well as the Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria.

Professor Oduwaye began his career as a practicing Architect/Urban Planner with the frontline consultancy firm of Darchi-Workgroup (Architects & Planners) where he worked between 1983 and 1985. He was also a mortgage analyst with County Mortgage Bank, Ikoyi, Lagos. He switched to the academic path when he joined the Department of Geography and Planning, Lagos State University and served there as a Graduate Assistant, an Assistant Lecturer and a Lecturer II between 1991 and 1998.

He moved to the University of Lagos in 1998 as Lecturer I. He was subsequently promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2001, Associate Professor in 2006 and Professor in 2010. He has served the University in various capacities including being Acting Head, Department of Urban and Regional Planning (2003 - 2006 and 2008 - 2011), Member of Senate (2010 - Date) and Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences (2011-2013).

He has served as either Chairman or member of various committees including Environmental and Beautification Committee, Faculty Seminar Coordinator (2003-2006), Counseling Centre Management Board (2008-2010), Editor-in-Chief, Lagos Journal of Environmental Studies (2010-2012), Faculty Research and Publications Committee (2009-2013), Foundation Programme Board (2011-2013), Mega University Committee (2012-2013), Institute of Continuing Education Board (2011-2013), and Distance Learning Institute Examination and Academic Misconduct Committee (2011-Date).

Outside the University of Lagos, Professor Oduwaye served as Acting Head, while he was a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the Olabisi Onabanjo University (2006-2007) and was a Visiting Professor at Bells University of Technology, Ota (2013-2014). He was on the Accreditation panels to Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Kumasi, Ghana in 2012, Osun State University, Osogbo in 2012, and Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi in 2014.

He has also served as external examiner and Professorial assessor to the following institutions: Yaba College of Technology, Lagos State Polytechnic, Olabisi Onabanjo University, University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ladoke Akintola University, Federal University of Technology Akure, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Rivers State University of Science and Technology and University of Nigeria.

A dedicated and hardworking scholar, Professor Oduwaye was a member of the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Planning Authority (2000-2002) and Apapa Local Government Planning Authority (1998-2000). He was also a member of the Ogun State Transition Policy Workgroup on Transport and Urban Renewal (2011) as well as the Multi-Functional and Intensive Land Use Work Group of the International Federation of Housing and Planning, The Hague.

His professional expertise has been brought to bear on the following landmark planning projects: Review of the Lagos State Regional Master Plan, Abeokuta City Center Master Plan, National Memorial Park Abuja, Bwari Master Plan Abuja, and the preparation of the World Bank/IFPRI report on Improving Land Sector Government in Nigeria. He is an active member of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) and has successfully contributed in the following areas: NITP Education Committee (1996-1998), NITP Practice Committee (2000-2002), Assistant Secretary NITP Lagos Chapter (1998-2000), NITP Lagos Chapter Elders Committee (2003-Date).

Professor Oduwaye belongs to many professional bodies including the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Nigerian Institute of Architects, Royal Town Planning Institute, UK;

International Society of City and Regional Planning, Netherlands; Urban Research Network, New York, African Urban Research Initiative, Cape Town; Global Planning Educators, Network; Association of African Planning Schools Nairobi, Lagos Urban Research Network and Nigerian Institute of Management.

He is a recipient of many awards. These include: Distinguished Researcher Award of Faculty of Environment Sciences, UNILAG (2008); Deserving Alumni Award, Faculty of Environment Design and Management, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (2009); Distinguished Member Award (NITP, 2010); Department of Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Leadership Award (2010); he has also received many research/conference grants including UNILAG Research Grant; Association of African Planning School/Rockefeller Grant (2008,2009,2010); African Urban Research Initiative/Cities Alliance Grants (2012,2014); Award for the Development of Town Planning (NITP, 2013) and African Urban Research Initiative/Ford Foundation Grant (2014).

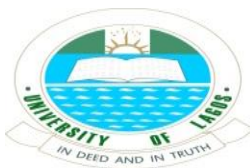
The renowned Urban Planning researcher has over one hundred (100) academic publications to his credit and has travelled widely for academic purposes to different parts of the world.

Professor Oduwaye who enjoys gospel music is happily married and blessed with children.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to invite Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye to present his Inaugural Lecture.

Professor Rahamon A. Bello, *FAEng*
Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos
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Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning has just presented a rich inaugural lecture on “**Urban Land Use Planning and Reconciliation**.”

The lecture discussed the importance of urban areas in development due to its unique role as centres of innovation, adoption, diffusion and growth. Cities, he stated, propel the society. Therefore, there is constant pressure on the city, thus, the need to plan for appropriation of land for the various activities in the city. If this is not so, the city will crash.

Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye also presented the state of urbanization in Nigeria and Africa, discussing the nature of urban land use and how urban planning is used to reconcile land uses in order to achieve efficiency, harmony, orderliness, beauty and enhanced growth of the city.

The various researches he has done and the outcomes, which include the following, were presented: Globalization and cityscape, assessment of dimensions of urban land use planning and development in Nigeria, effects of institutional land use on road traffic especially in Nigeria top cities, city branding and regeneration, informality, climate change and urban planning, clean cities and green development and the need to embrace co-production in urban planning process.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, you all will agree with me that Professor Adeleke Obafemi Oduwaye has fulfilled his toga as Professor of the University of Lagos, by paying his academic debt. He is therefore discharged and acquitted.

I thank you for listening and hereby declare this inaugural lecture closed.

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