



**INAUGURAL SPEECH/ADDRESS PRESENTED AT THE CIBN GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE, 2014 BY OTUNBA ADEBOLA OSIBOGUN, FCIB, PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

I welcome all of us to this inaugural Governing Council meeting of our highly revered Institute for the 2014/2016 tenure. It gives me a tremendous thrill to preside at this impressive gathering and I particularly thank you all for accepting to serve our beloved Institute in this regard. It is my wish to remind us that we have been carefully elected/selected to work in the Governing Council and therefore total commitment and prayers is required to achieve this objective.

We therefore need to advice ourselves and appreciate that there is no time as our tenure ends in two years' time. We shall give account of our stewardship and be able to attempt to exercise a right of reply to our stakeholders. It is my considered opinion that we re-invigorate the vision and mission of this august body and evolve a road map towards it.

For the opportunity to preside on this meeting and before I delve into the areas which I shall seek your approval and support to concentrate on, I most sincerely want to appreciate the presence of our founding fathers and Past Presidents and thank them for their continued support and guidance to successive leadership of our great Institute. To our former key officers, Committee members and all stakeholders within and outside this hallowed chamber, they all had laboured in connection with the arrangements for success of this existing body and to them should go the honour. I assure you that it is with very great pleasure that I act on their behalf to extend a warm welcome to all of us distinguish ladies and gentlemen who are lucky to be in the Governing council. I cannot forget to thank in a special way our immediate Past President and Chairman of Council Dr Segun Aina, OFR, FCIB, most importantly for the commitment and sense of purpose/direction which are indelible in annals of our Institute.

It would take much too long a time to review with you the developments and changes which have taken place in the institute. Even with the very best of intentions, I am afraid, I could not avoid making a speech which would perhaps



be boring to many, even though all of you are such good friends, mentor and colleagues. I think I would be failing in my duty if I did not make these few brief comments to this august gathering.

I do wish, however, to take one or two moments to make reference to my understandings of where we are supposed to be as alluded to in my acceptance speech as follows.

1. Strengthening the impact of the Institute's Capacity Building & Certification Programmes on Career Development in the Nigerian banking industry
2. Membership Growth and Development Services
3. Expansion of International Partnership and Collaborations
4. Refocusing the Institute's Research Activities
5. Reinforce Internally Generated Revenue and Funding
6. Greater Attention to Ethics and Professionalism
7. Development of the Recently Acquired Landed Property in Abuja.
8. Promotion of the Banking Industry Stakeholders Forum/Engagements
9. Business Audit of CIBN Subsidiaries
10. Enhancing the Growth of Professional Women Bankers
11. Strengthening the National Secretariat

The above, kindly note, is not an eleven (11) point Agenda and I am not the originator of most of them, they have been on the pipeline for some time now, but I propose it to be a rolling plan for us to start work on. These to my mind are some of the things we shall try to accomplish, and together with your support and that of all Stakeholders we shall launch this great body into an enviable position. Therefore, with the approval of this Governing Council we shall re-constitute the Committees and also strengthen the Secretariat for quality deliverables.

I think all of us are endowed with great and various gifts and resources and therefore have exceptional values to add at all times to this mission. I can assure that there shall be no restrictions whether from old or young minds, to the quantum of ideas, initiatives or advices you are willing to avail us towards the realisation of these noble objectives within the next two years.



On behalf of myself and other fellow Office Holders, I sincerely wish to express our appreciation for your unflinching supports always. The combined effects of which shall be to uplift professional banking in Nigeria and Africa to greater heights by the grace of Almighty God.

I welcome you all to this special Governing Council meeting.

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