



GOODWILL MESSAGE DELIVERED BY MR 'SEYE AWOJOBI, FCIB, REGISTRAR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS OF NIGERIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND HOSTING INSTITUTIONS FOR TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO INNOVATIONS, STRATEGIES AND EVIDENCE FOR POLICIES HELD AT THE TRENCHARD HALL, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN FROM APRIL 18-19, 2018

Protocol

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen it is indeed an honour for me to give a goodwill message at this auspicious event. I bring good tidings from the President/Chairman of Council of The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Professor 'Segun Ajibola, FCIB as well as the Executive Council, management and staff of the Institute. I am particularly pleased as the Institute has been given a unique opportunity not only to host the Special Thematic Group on Commerce but also to interact with an array of eminent, practitioners, subject matter experts and academicians from across the country.

Permit me as I take a moment to appreciate the visionaries behind the establishment of this forward thinking initiative. The Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor I.A. Olayinka, FAS; the Chairman, Board of UI-Research Foundation, The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsueli, KSG, OON and the Director, UI-Research Foundation, Professor A.M.J. Oduoza. Sirs your visionary leadership, has provided an enabling platform which would not only encourage creative thinking but would pave a clearer path towards Nigeria's economic growth and development goals.

I would also like to appreciate all stakeholders who have supported this initiative since inception. This was particularly evident at the well-attended launching of the National Think Tank for Translating Research to Innovations, Strategies and Evidence for Policies held on November 16, 2017. Dear guests, your presence here today is a further testament of this support and is greatly cherished.

Esteemed audience, as you may be aware, the mandate of the CIBN is to build the capacity of practitioners and would be professionals in the banking industry. However, it is worthy of note that the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Centre for Financial Studies (CIBNCFS), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria was established in recognition of the gap in research-backed decision making processes in the Nigerian banking industry. The Centre established in 2013 is responsible for providing thought leadership in the industry achieved by way of cutting edge research on topical and emerging issues, hosting knowledge events and policy advocacy activities.

In this regard, we are fully prepared to take on the role as a Hosting Institution for the Special Thematic Workgroup and would like to assure you of our sustained commitment towards achieving the objectives of this Workgroup in particular and the Think Tank as a whole. I look forward to working with all members of the Workgroup to ensure the success of this initiative.



Dear Colleagues, I am indeed enthusiastic regarding the upcoming deliberations to be held during this Conference and anticipate robust discussions during the breakout sessions. To express my delight, permit me to end this goodwill message with a quote from the great author and entrepreneur, Margeret Heffernan who once said, to achieve true innovation **“you need human interaction, argument and debate”**.

I thank you all for your kind attention and God bless.

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