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VISION STATEMENT

To be the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level of policy formulation on legal matters, effectively impacting on local and international institutions in the development of law.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the nucleus and hub of research and advanced studies in law in Nigeria.

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NIALS ANTHEM

Ever questioning, ever probing,
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
vision first told by founding fathers
ideas nurtured by patriotic forefathers
Urging us to make the difference
And be the nucleus of legal studies
With passion and hope,
Our mission deliver,
To be the best that we can be,
A truly world class institution,
Nigeria's law abode,
Nigeria's law a-to-be.

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FNIALS HOLDS VALEDICTORY DINNER IN HONOUR OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

In a ceremony that could best be described as ground breaking, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies July 10th, 2012 assembled the cream of society to a Valedictory Dinner in honour of the outgoing Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman of the Institute's Governing Council, Honourable Justice Dahiru

Musdapher GCON, FNIALS. The event also afforded the Institute the opportunity of presenting its latest publication, **Judicial Reform and Transformation in Nigeria: A Tribute to Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, CJN, FNIALS**. The events held at the prestigious Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.

Welcoming guests to the occasion, the Director-General of the Institute, Professor Epiphany Asingbe, SAN acknowledged that in the 33 years of the Institute, it was the first time a Valedictory Dinner would be organized for an outgoing Chief Justice of Nigeria who was also Chairman of Council. He saluted the visionary leadership of the retiring Chief Justice as Chairman of Council describing him as "a quintessential jurist, a consummate administrator, an acclaimed judicial reformer, a



Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, FNIALS

gentleman par excellence, an accomplished Chief Justice of Nigeria, a Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger".

According to the Director-General, the Institute was celebrating and bidding farewell to a Fellow of the Institute, to a man who believes in the capacity of the Institute to deliver on its mandate, a man who inspired the Institute to greater heights making it acquire the confidence of an Institute that can stand its ground with any other Institute of its nature in the world. The Institute was celebrating a man who opened windows of opportunities for and contributed greatly to its stability to such a level that it can proudly announce its presence and arrival in legal research and practice in Nigeria. The Director-General appreciated the opportunity provided by the Chief Justice for the Institute to be part of his reformation



agenda of the Judiciary. He recalled the platform provided by the Institute for the Chief Justice of Nigeria to ventilate his reform agenda during the Institute's 2011 Fellows' Lecture which the Chief Justice presented, making him the first serving Chief Justice of Nigeria to deliver such lecture. Professor Azinge, SAN similarly recalled the opportunity provided by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Dahiru Musdapher, GCON when he permitted the Institute to organize and host the first ever Breakfast Summit for Justices of the Supreme Court, approval to the Institute's writing on Review of Supreme Court Judgments, as well as conducting a research into the activities of the Supreme Court from 1990-2012.

The Institute by the personal support of the Chief Justice was convinced it will relocate to its permanent site in Abuja soon. Professor Azinge, SAN concluded that "My Lord, it is for these and other numerous reasons, we are here to wish you the very best as you draw the curtain on a well decorated judicial career". He was hopeful that as a Fellow of the Institute, Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, CJN, FNIALS even in retirement "will continue to identify with our efforts and build necessary bridges for the progress and development of the Institute".

In his response, Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, CJN, FNIALS commended the kind gesture of the Institute to organize the Valedictory Dinner as well as present a publication in his honour describing the gesture as a pleasant surprise. Hon. Justice Musdapher GCON, CJN announced that his experience as Chairman of the Governing Council of the Institute since his appointment in May 2010 was greatly revealing and fulfilling. The sense that I have had to get closer and more involved in the activities and

programmes of the Institute which has provided me with a deeper appreciation of the vision of the founding fathers of the Institute. It is also fulfilling given the sense of cordiality and reciprocated relationship that prevailed between my office and the Institute".

Hon. Justice Musdapher was particularly happy with the opportunity provided by the Institute for the fulfillment of the continuous legal education needs and demands of the legal community at all levels in Nigeria including the Roundtables, Workshops, Conferences and Public lectures on various topical issues critical to national life. He noted the recently held Breakfast Summit for Justices of the Supreme Court which he acknowledged to have presented a good platform for the exchange of ideas.

Arising from the activities of the Institute and its robust faculty, the Chief Justice was of the opinion that "I can say with confidence that the nation must be proud of you". He called on all spheres of the legal community to imbibe the culture of continuous legal education arising from the "emerging sophistication and organized crimes accentuated by the use of information and communication technology (ICT)" and urged the Institute to be the required catalyst for change in this direction by striving to provide the requisite academic leadership, excellence and "Knowledge that makes a difference".

On the Institute's quest for a permanent accommodation in Abuja, Hon. Justice Dahiru, GCON, CJN acknowledged the difficulties before the Institute especially in its capacity as Chairman of Council. He consequently appealed to the government, friends of the Institute and the general public to support the dream of developing the permanent site recently acquired by the



Institute, thus realizing its desire to have a permanent site to sufficiently discharge its mandate.

Assuring the Institute of his unalloyed support even in retirement, Honourable Justice Dahiru Musdapher indicated that his doors will remain opened, receptive and favourably disposed to the Institute in whatever way it may require his assistance.

The tribute to him was a "humbling experience beyond measure" saying he was retiring a happy man. He appreciated the Director-General, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN, Management and staff of the Institute for the great honour and for being there when he needed them.

Reviewing the Book Judicial Reform and Transformation in Nigeria: A Tribute to the Hon.



Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON

Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, CJN Chief Awah Kulu, SAN described the fourteen chapter (14) six hundred and fourteen (614) page book as a master piece. He described the assemblage of contributors as the best that could do justice to the subject matter and as masters in their respective areas, having made useful and great efforts in putting together their thoughts. He did a chapter by chapter analysis of the fourteen chapters and brought out key issues captured by the authors. The book, he said, was a befitting gift for the outgoing Chief Justice of Nigeria whose legacies in the judicial reform and transformation were duly captured in the book.

He congratulated the Institute for the contribution to knowledge and for putting together the efforts of the retiring Chief Justice of Nigeria in his transformation agenda of the judiciary. The Book was thereafter, presented to the public by the Director-General of the Institute, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN.

Presenting the Dinner lecture, His Excellency Ambassador Emmanuel Anyalogu acknowledged that Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, FNIALS, CJN was the most non-nepotic officer the Judiciary had ever produced hence, he was retiring with a very loud ovation. Retiring but not tired, he urged the CJN to continue to avail himself to the reformation process of the judiciary initiated by him such that his wealth of experience and expertise would be keyed into.

The retiring Chairman of Council and the Chief Justice of Nigeria was thereafter presented with gifts from the Director-General on behalf of the Institute. Hon. Justice Chioke Nwosa and His Excellency Oyo Madueke, Ambassador designate to Canada proposed toasts to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Judiciary respectively.



VALEDICTORY DINNER FOR RETIRING CJN



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Professor Ignatius Ayua, SAN, others extol the virtues of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, CJN, GCON

The platform was the Valedictory Dinner organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies for the retiring Chief Justice of the Federation, Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, FNIALS. The event attracted eminent personalities in the judiciary, government and legislature.

Leading the pack of persons who were opportune to make a remark at the occasion, Professor Ignatius Ayua, former Director-General of the Institute and former Solicitor-General of the Federation acknowledged Hon. Justice Musdapher severally as a man who has no time for frivolities, a man in love with his profession, a man in love with the improvement of the Nigerian Judiciary to as to make it a better place, a man who is passionate with his judicial reform agenda, a man who was willing at every stage to make the Nigerian Judiciary an important arm of government prepared to exercise the necessary checks on other arms of government. According to Professor Ayua, SAN, in all the years he has known the retiring Chief Justice of Nigeria, he has found him a hard working, straight and courageous person. He appreciated his tenure and contributions towards reformation of the judiciary even though he had a very short tenure as Chief Justice of Nigeria. He wished him every success in retirement, noting that he was not tired and so should continue to nurse the reforms he has initiated.

For Chief Adegboye Solomon Awolowo, SAN, FCI Arb., Hon. Justice



Prof. Ayua, SAN

Dahiru Musdapher is a man of change and a reformer in the judicial practice in Nigeria. He said Hon. Justice Musdapher was, during his tenure as Chief Justice of Nigeria, in a hurry to make up all "judicial jargon" and played history to reserve a good place for him in its records. He noted that Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON is a wonderful family man who provide selfless leadership both at home and in his public service for Nigeria, which he has tried to make better. He called on all citizens to thrive in their little ways to make society better wherever they find themselves.



**PROFESSOR OBIORAH CHINEDU OKAFOR PRESENTS
NIALS GANI FAWEHINMI DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW LECTURE:
CONSIDERS IMMANENT DUALITIES OF GANI FAWEHINMI'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRAXIS**



Prof. Okafor

The date was July 12th, 2012 while the venue was the Rockview Hotel, Abuja. Prior to this event, the topic had set everybody wondering what the lecture, to be delivered by an eminent scholar, Chair of the NIALS Gani Fawehinmi Distinguished Professor of Law; an Ogoode Law School Scholar, Professor Obiorah Chinedu Okafor would look like. The eminence of the man Gani, as he was popularly referred to and the contraction "Immanent Dualities" added to the tension. At the end of the presentation, no one was left in doubt as to the excellent manner; Professor Okafor traversed the social-legal character, attainments and limitations of Chief Gani Fawehinmi's human rights

battles.

Welcoming guests to the Lecture, the first in the series to be organized by the Institute, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN, Director-General of the Institute,

explained that the lecture was a result of very serious academic research carried out by the Institute as a way of honouring and immortalizing the late distinguished legal icon and Veritable conscience of the nation, Chief Ganiyu Fawehinmi, SAN who had persistently and uncompromisingly crusaded his beliefs, principles and ideas for the untrammeled rule of law and social justice. While appreciating the complexities involved in studying a man like Chief Fawehinmi, he agreed that Professor Okafor had done a good searchlight and was able to bring up the salient points of the life and times of Chief Gani's social crusade and human right activism which reflected dualities and in some cases contradictions. These, the Director-General noted, have

only added up to the immanent dualities in life and has gone to enrich the profile of the celebrated Chief Gani. Professor Azinge, SAN enjoined the audience to enjoy the lecture which he believed would set the tone for further discussions on the subject. He assured the audience of qualitative deliverance of the lecture considering the pedigree of the Guest Lecturer as a world class academic.

Delivering the lecture, Professor Okafor systematically assessed the human rights praxis (the theory informed human rights practice) of the late Gani Fawehinmi, considered to be one of Nigeria's and indeed one of the world's most celebrated, and accomplished human rights lawyers/activists. In his systematic analysis of Gani's human rights praxis, Professor Okafor did a comparative analysis of Nigerian and global trends in human rights practice to arrive at the style adopted by Gani. In his analysis of the trends, he posed questions as to whether or not Gani's style conformed with or departed from dominant approaches to human rights activism within and out of the Nigeria and whether or not his style added



any value to human rights struggle in Nigeria.

Considering the multi-disciplinary approach of Gani's human rights battles, the lecture re-addressed his legal, political and social relations praxis which are considered to be related, intertwined, interdependent and often symbiotic hence, Professor Okafor adopted a socio-legal or law-in-society approach in his analysis. The lecture noted that in all history, immanent dualities exist hence all human wrongs are a flip side of human rights and vice versa. Citing several examples, Professor Okafor demonstrated that what exists as human rights for one was actually occasioned by a human wrong inflicted on another. Having established that there actually exist immanent dualities, Professor Okafor posed the question as to whether Gani while agitating for human rights at the same committed human wrongs and whether it mattered in any way. Difficult as it is to answer the poser posed, Professor Okafor was of the opinion that academics have a moral duty to not only ask these questions but to also find suitable and realistic answers to them. In an attempt to answer issues raised above, the lecture addressed the methods adopted by Gani in his human rights praxis to include technical legal advocacy in which he prosecuted for himself or others for crimes perceived to have

been committed in violation of human rights. Another method adopted was public protests and campaigns through which he not only led but also participated in public rallies, campaigns and protests against perceived ills in society or abuses of government. This too, the Guest Lecturer posited stands up as the most consistent and sustained approach adopted throughout his human rights days. Partisan politics were yet another tool used by Gani as towards the end of his public life, he formed a political organization, the National Conscience Party (NCP) so much against the injunction of the ruling military junta headed by late Sani Abacha. This movement was later used to protest annulment of the June 12th, 1993 elections. When it was later recognized by the National Electoral Commission, Gani was to become its presidential

candidate in the 2003 Presidential elections.

Professor Okafor summed that the holistic approach of Gani's human praxis comprised three distinct ways, the integrated defense of various categories of rights, the treatment of his anti-corruption effort as an integral dimension of his human rights struggle and the conceptual or practical erasure of the boundaries between the legal, political and social spheres of the struggle.

Professor Okafor concluding on Gani's human rights praxis, further did a comprehensive analysis of various other human rights praxis adopted by him to include Human rights research, documentation and publication, support to and from kindred spirits, lack of any appreciable distinctions between known rights and feelings for the poor in society.



Prof. Adigbo, SEN presenting a Plaque to Prof. Okafor after the lecture



NIALS INITIATES SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGENDA

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is to return to society, the goodwill it has accrued over the years from the society. Discharging this was the Director-General of the Institute, Professor Ekeghare Asinge, SAN, during the flag-off campaign of the agenda at the Government Secondary School, Tidan Wala, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja. According to the Director-General, the Institute as an open legal institution was desirous of encouraging and leading an advocacy for young Nigerians to appreciate and undertake a career in law as a way of making them better informed of their environment.

The advocacy he said, would involve 'talk shows' during which students of selected schools would be addressed on the importance of the legal profession, a career in law, prospects as well as role of lawyers in the society. The talk shows will also indicate criteria and the qualifications of undertaking studies in the law faculties, the subject combinations at the secondary level and a career choice after qualifying at the Law School. The advocacy according to the Director-General will also involve donation of books to both Public and Law Libraries, organisation of and initiation of a Peaceful Co-existence for Nigerians as well as similar concerts by staff of the Institute.

Comprehensively, the concepts intend to provide motivational talks to selected secondary schools, organisation of career choice talks for prospective law students, monitoring programmes for law undergraduates as well as orienting law lecturers for Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools.

The Institute will similarly undertake the organisation of writing skills talks, donation of books and publications to both public and law libraries, Uniform law advice and campaigns for the endorsement of Nationalism, Goodwill and the display of Nigerian national flag.

Other areas of the campaign will include organisation of NIALS Walk against Pollution and Environmental Degradation. In carrying out these activities, the Institute will collaborate with necessary agencies of government to obtain the desired results.

The occasion provided an opportunity for the

students of Government Secondary School, Tidan Wala to interact with the Director-General and other Professors of the Institute for purpose of inspiring them and educating them on the prospects of becoming lawyers after graduation from the school.

In realisation of this objective, the Director-General had in the company of some Management staff visited and donated books to the Law Faculties of the Nasarawa State University, the Nigerian Law School, the Law Reform Commission as well as the National Library of Nigeria in Abuja. These books, comprising all the volumes published by the Institute were donated free, with a promise to donate subsequent publications.

The Institute had earlier organised a Peaceful Co-existence of staff at its Abuja Office where staff members were addressed on the need to live in harmony with one another despite their religious differences. The lecture had addressed the co-relation that has existed over time between the Christian and Muslim religion and called on staff to live at peace with each other. The occasion provided staff the opportunity to publicly denounce religious violence in favour of peaceful co-existence. According to the Director-General at the occasion, if all agencies of government would lay into the initiative and sincerely work towards a peaceful environment, the anxiety could grow into a National Day of Peaceful Co-existence. The occasion had provided an opportunity for staff of the Institute to publicly denounce religious violence for Peaceful Co-existence. To mark the essence and importance of the day, staff members exchanged gifts and took group photographs to commemorate the Institute's Day of Peaceful Co-existence. According to the Director-General, if other agencies of government would appreciate the initiative and join Nigeria could be a better place devoid of religious and ethnic battles and no religious peace into one body politics. If they could be achieved, in whatever measure, the Institute could have initiated to society a hope for tomorrow.

It is the wish, desire and hope of the Director-General, Management and Staff of the Institute that these initiatives which are planned to fit into the Institute's annual calendar will add value and assist in the social transformation agenda of the President and jointly our social responsibilities to our stakeholders and public.



NIALS WALK FOR PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND AGAINST



POLLUTION / ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION



PROFESSOR EPIPHANY AZINGE, SAN HONOURED BY NIGERIAN STUDENTS

The saying that the reward of the Teacher is in his own work is gradually paving way for recognition right here on earth. This was made true recently when the Nigerian students through their body, the National

Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) surprised the Director-General, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN with a meritorious award.

Documenting the criteria for the merit award, the National President of NANS through the Editor-in-Chief of the Distinguished Icons, an official magazine of the National Association of Nigerian Students, Comrade Etaka Akanya and Secretary, Comrade Tolani Ogunmakin, said that having followed the career path of the Director-General from his days as a Lecturer at the University of Benin where he distinguished himself as a lecturer up to his leaving to lecture at the University of Abeja and the Nnamdi State University, Kofor where he also supervised postgraduate thesis without receiving a remuneration and to the wonderful work he was doing at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the student body had no choice

than to give honour to whom honour was due. The students described the Director-General as a sincere, dedicated and disciplined teacher with a reputation of being an extremely hard worker for which this country and indeed humanity at large is blessed to have. The award,

they said was to remind Professor Azinge, SAN that in all situations, visitors somewhere was seeing and listening and that at the appointed time, reward for effort will come. The Nigerian Students, he said, have heard, have seen and have at the appropriate time responded with the Merit award which was well earned by the excellent track record associated with Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN.

Responding, Professor Azinge, SAN expressed surprise at the award which came to him unannounced. He appreciated that his modest contribution to his Otherland was being appreciated by a so low body as the Students body. The award, he said, meant so much to him because as a teacher who loved teaching and impacting positively on others, no other recognition could have excited him the way the honour from the National Association of Nigerian Students have done. He promised to be spurred by the recognition to make more contributions on the Nigerian student.



Prof. Azinge, SAN receiving the Merit Award

PA (MR) GAKEME BATHNNA PASSES ON

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies recently received the sad news of the death of Mr. Gakeme Bathnna, aged 82 years, father of Mr. James Bathnna, the Institute Secretary. He died July 2, 2012 after a brief illness and was buried in his home town in Maiduguri, Borno State.

Speaking on behalf of Management and Staff of the Institute, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN who led the Institute's delegation including the Ag. Bursar, Mr. Austine Okwaku and Professor (Mrs.) Anne Anah to console with the Institute Secretary, prayed God to grant the family the grace to

take where in Him and wish the deceased eternal rest.

The Director General employed the Institute Secretary to remain in salute to the face of the death of his father, noting that the vacuum created by his death will no doubt be difficult to fill. He prayed the Almighty God to grant them the fortitude to bear the bereavement.

Responding, the Institute Secretary, thanked the Director General and members of Management for finding time to commiserate with him on the death of his dear father. He said with the death of his father, he will no

doubt carry on added responsibility but acknowledged that with kind prayers as said by the Director-General, he will be able to fit into the vacuum created by the death of his father.



Mr. James Bathnna
Institute Secretary

COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND INVESTORS ARBITRATION ENDS AT THE INSTITUTE

July 3rd, 2012 witnessed an intensive learning of an International Investors and Investor Arbitration course at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at its Ayo Ajomo Auditorium, University of Lagos Campus, Lagos.

Representing the Director-General, Professor Ephraim Aunge, SAN at the opening ceremony of the training programme, Dr (Mrs) Francisca Nlerum, Head, Centre for Continued Legal Education of the Institute informed that the training course became necessary following the Institute's bid and desire to promote best practices in the area of International Investment and Investor State Arbitration.

According to Dr (Mrs) Nlerum, the course was tailored to respond to an age of globalization whereby private and corporate owners of capital investments must be prepared to carry on businesses with a global mind set. States on their part must come to terms with the need to provide the appropriate mechanisms for resolving business conflicts capable of attracting international investments.

Consequent upon the above factors, the training course was designed to meet these needs and to sharpen participants' skills in this highly significant area of economic development. In addition, the

curriculum for the course kept abreast of modern and landmark developments in the field as well as the intellectual needs of participants.

Participants to the training course were drawn from the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nigerian Export Processing Zone Authority (NEPZA), Federal Ministry of Justice, Federal Capital Territory, Shona Court of Appeal, Tertiary Education Trust Fund as well as the National Insurance Commission. Others included the Calabar Free Trade Zone and Messrs Diran Aderunji & Associates, Abuja.

Courses covered at the training programme included International Investment Law: Issues, Problems and Prospects; An Overview of Investor-State Arbitration Under the

International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes; Applicable Law in Investor-State Arbitration; and Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards in Nigeria. Others were the Legal Status of Basic of basic International Investment and Arbitration Principles, Institutional Investors Protection in Nigeria amongst several others.

Resource persons were drawn from amongst the Institute's pool of researchers as well as outsourced from relevant agencies and fields to add the required impetus to the high quality the course proved to be. Participants in their final assessment of the programme attested to its high quality and called on the Institute Management to sustain it as an annual programme.



Participants at the Training Course

NIALS NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ENDS

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies has successfully held a 3-day National Workshop on Labour and Industrial Relations. The workshop was held between July 9th and 11th, 2012 at the Institute's Lagos office at the University of Lagos Akoka Campus.

Declaring open the workshop, the Director-General, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN who was ably represented by the Head, Continued Legal Education Centre (CLEC), Dr. (Mrs) Francisca Nlerum welcomed guests and participants to the workshop. According to the Director-General, the mounting of the program became imperative, arising from continued demands by relevant stakeholders, for the Institute to visit the topic considered germane in the present day labour relations which has been occasioned by constant crisis within the industry. The course therefore is meant to retrain and keep relevant stakeholders including Company Secretaries, Legal Advisers, Labour experts and Management of organizations on key issues, concerns, developments and best practices in the present day labour or industrial relations. In doing this, the Institute was providing the necessary inputs towards creating a safe, dedicated, understanding and committed service devoid of crisis and so enhancing desired productivity.

Twenty-three participants drawn from the Academic Staff Union of Universities, University of Ibadan Branch, Nigerian Employers Association of Banks, Insurance and Allied

Institutions (NEABIAI), Eko Hotels Limited, Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), National Industrial Court as well as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies attended the workshop.

Several topical labour issues were tackled in the three day workshop including the Purpose of the International Labour Standards and the Role of the Ministry of Labour and Productivity, the Jurisdiction of the National Industrial Court and its role in maintaining industrial harmony, An overview of the Employees Compensation Act 2010, Impact of Employees welfare on the performance of an organization as well as Ethics and moral regulating interventions at the works place. Remedies and their enforcement in labour and industrial relations and a Comparative analysis of the Industrial Courts and Industrial arbitration Panels in labour and industrial relations amongst others were considered indepth.

Participants in their end of workshop assessment report appreciated that the workshop added value to their knowledge and that they were actually leaving the training better equipped than when they came. The further urged the Institute Management to sustain the programme in subsequent years.

Eminent resource persons including Hon. Justice (Dr) Benedict Kanyo, Vice President of the National Industrial Court, Professor C.K. Agorho, Dr S. Shufure, Benbo Adilola Esq, Dr (Mrs) Lily Ama-Oji amongst others presented papers.

Certificate of participation was presented to the participants as mark of their successful attendance at the 3-day training programme.

BEHOLD THE PRESIDENT ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI'S MODEST OFFICE IN ABUJA



Will it surprise anybody to discover that Alhaji Shehu Shagari, GCFR as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria occupied a one room office in Abuja? If anybody is in doubt, do visit the National Orientation Agency's office at the Old Federal Secretariat, Area 1, where the Executive Office of President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari has been preserved. Our photographer, Mr. Kabiru was able to capture the office for NIALS Newsletter.



CHIEF EDWIN K. CLARK, OFR DELIVERS NIALS 2nd STATE OF THE FEDERATION LECTURE



Chief E.K. Clark delivering his lecture

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on August 1, 2012 held its 2nd State of the Federation Lecture. This year's lecture was delivered by no less an informed political Colossus the Chief Edwin K. Clark, OFR. It was indeed a thought provoking lecture as the Guest Lecturer touched on burning national issues in the country. The Lecture was chaired by Professor Jerry Gana, CON; while the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister for Justice, Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke, SAN, CFR, was the Chief Host.

Welcoming the guests to the lecture, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN, Director-General of the Institute, noted that the State of the Federation Lecture organized by the Institute was one fashioned along the State of the Union address annually delivered by the President of the United States of America in the hallowed Chambers of the U.S. Congress. The lecture aims at providing a platform

through which important issues and challenges affecting the development or otherwise of the country within the given year is assessed with the intent of making prescriptions. The Lecture, he said, intends to permit a profound and critical scrutiny of all aspects of national life and opens the curtain for the citizenry to peep into the roadmap of government, identifying its plans of action and vision for the years ahead. He maintained the commitment of the institute towards the unity and progress of Nigeria as a country, thereby providing platforms and mediums, to discuss such burning issues. He reiterated the vision of the Institute to be the nucleus of scholarship, which helped crystallize the State of the Federation Lecture. As to the choice of Chief E. K. Clark the Director-General explained, stems from the fact that at 85 years of age, he remained the conscience of the nation and one of the most forthright and courageous leaders of our time. It was his anticipation that the lecture will fulfil the expectations of the Institute and guests.

The Director-General regretted however, the inability of the Institute to fully discharge its potentials as a world class institution of legal research arising from lack of suitable accommodation and invited guests to partner the Institute as it prepares to launch an endowment for the construction of its permanent site in Abuja. According to Professor Azinge, SAN the challenges faced by the Institute as a result of its squatting at the



University of Lagos Campus and the Supreme Court Complex in Abuja has necessitated the dire need to embark on an endowment fund launch for which the Institute was seeking the sum of Ten Billion Naira (N10Billion). The fund launch, he said, was being considered for November 22nd, 2012 in Abuja.

The Chairman of the occasion, Professor Jerry Gana in his opening remarks, acknowledged the challenges of the present government, which he listed as ranging from insecurity, economic and political crisis to corruption, putting the blame on the elites in leadership and not the populace. He was nonetheless positive that the country will rise above all these challenges. While attributing the present challenges to clash of values, insecurity and corruption Professor Gana called on all Nigerian to ensure we build a stable constitutional democracy.

The Guest Speaker Chief F.K. Clarke gave his lecture eloquently and distinctly. According to him for Nigeria to get out of its present economic and political crisis, a National Conference where the stake holders can discuss issues bothering on the unity of Nigeria, define the way and manner of our co-existence, as well as issues of derivation and sharing of national wealth. He condemned calls for Sovereign National Conference as mis-directional as it would not achieve the desired results but serve personal interests. The

report or recommendation arising from the national conference, he said, would form the basis for any meaningful review of the constitution presently contemplated by the National Assembly. He argued that this was the only way the Constitution would be regarded as a people's constitution.

Making a case for an enhanced derivation for the oil producing states, Chief Clarke traced back memory lane to the three region structure of Nigeria when each of the regions was allowed to grow at its pace based on the resources available to it. He argued that arising from this



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understanding, regions that had potential grew at the expense of those that had no potential. In similar vein, 50% derivation was allowed the regions that had resources and queried the reversal that now require the oil rich regions, that had suffered development due to lack of resources, to be denied the benefit of the resource available to them at the expense of general growth of the entire country through central control of revenue. He consequently demanded for the restoration of Section 134 suspended by the military government before any meaningful constitutional amendment could be embarked upon. He further suggested for the appointment of two Accountant Generals – one for the Federation and the other for the oil producing states to keep proper account of revenue

generation and sharing.

Chief Clarke identified corruption as the major problem of the country which exists in virtually all sectors of the government. He faulted for example, the appointments of Honourable Ministers by the President thus making them appendages of the President and so not accountable to the populace suggesting rather that, Honourable Ministers should be elected by the people as is the case in France, Britain and other jurisdictions.

On the communal crisis in some parts of the country, Chief Clarke blamed it on the indigene/settler dichotomy which was putting this country at cross roads. He faulted the settler argument pointing to the fact that Dr Azikiwe though an Igbo, did all his politics in Lagos while in Benue State, a Hausa man resident in Makurdi was elected into the National Assembly representing the State. He consequently called on the Federal Government to ensure the immediate end of the Jos crisis as well as to dust and implement and publish recommendations of previous Commissions of Inquiry in Plateau State and prosecute all those indicted by the Christians or Muslims.

On the Judiciary, Chief Clarke regretted the corruption that has swept through it saying over fifty (50) high profile cases in various courts in the land in the last five years were been frustrated by corrupt judges. He described as disappointing the plea bargain option that allows criminals go away with their loot for meagre fines whereas small thieves got huge sentences.

On whether President Goodluck Jonathan was eligible for a second term in office since 2015, Chief Clarke said there was no issue about that as all previous Presidents the country had produced did two elections and stayed in office for eight years. He accused the Governor's Forum for constraining themselves into an opposition party against the President and trying to hijack the Peoples Democratic Party for selfish interests.

Chief Clarke left the audience with an advice – to try to build a new Nigeria, free from corruption and self-help where we all should be each other's keeper. He warned against any attempt by anybody, group or tribe to divide the country and praying God to bless a United Nigeria.

In the Book presentation, Chief J.K. Gadzama, SAN described the Institute's publication titled *Legal Pluralism in Africa: A Compendium of African Customary Laws* as a laudable achievement. He recommended the book to all three tiers of government, corporate institutions and law faculties, as well as practitioners. The book was thus unveiled for public purchase and usage.



Prof. Jerry Gans, Chairman of the institute making a speech

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OF THE FEDERATION LECTURE



NIALS PAYS COURTESY CALL ON NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL



Prof. Epiphany Azinge, SAN with Mr. Mike Omeri

In his effort to sensitize the Institute's drive towards socialization, social change and Peaceful Co-existence Initiative, the Director-General of the Institute, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN Friday August 17th, 2012 paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Mr. Mike Omeri. Professor Azinge, SAN was accompanied by some Management staff on the visit.

Speaking at the occasion, Professor Azinge, SAN congratulated the Director-General on his appointment which he described as well deserved owing to his efforts towards re-positioning the Agency since he took over affairs. He described the National Orientation Agency as a catalyst for change which was critical in the realization of the transformation agenda of Mr President, Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR. The Institute, he said, having shared the same zeal for transformation was desirous of keying into the vision of the National Orientation Agency hence the visit which will enable the two organizations not only exchange ideas but also render advice where necessary.

Professor Azinge, SAN applauded the choice of the Federal Government to have the second stanza of the National Anthem a

national prayer to be said at all national functions. This he said was visionary and assured that the Institute will adopt the stanza for prayer at all its functions.

Commenting on the efforts of the National Assembly to amend the Nigerian Constitution, Professor Azinge, SAN noted sadly that less than 10% of the Nigerian population understands what the constitution is all about and could offer realistic inputs towards its amendment. For a constitution to be truly a people's constitution, he said the larger population must understand it and have inputs into its formation. Consequent upon this understanding, he called on the National Orientation Agency to take upon itself the responsibility of translating the constitution into various local languages and encouraging the populace to make inputs towards the impending amendments.

Professor Azinge, SAN similarly wanted the National Orientation Agency to handle what he described as a serious challenge to productivity in the public service – the total absence of work ethics. He wondered why people would not want to work, why the high insensitivity, why the high level of corruption and why government business is never considered seriously and passionately. He was of the opinion that people needed a transformation of their attitudes and beliefs and called on the Agency to aggressively pursue an attitudinal change campaign to ensure positive productivity in the public service. The Institute in its little way was organizing the Muhammed Uwais Merit Award for Productivity in the Public Service. The awards, he said, named after the former Chief Justice of Nigeria for his successful public career has the Nigerian Television Authority as partners and will hold on September 11, 2012. He extended invitation



to the Agency to be part of the ceremonies.

As a way of reaching out and catching them young, Professor Azinge, SAN suggested the dissemination of the National Orientation Agency's goals at all levels including the primary, secondary and post-secondary schools. The Agency could in the process also establish Desk Officers at all levels to coordinate and disseminate its programmes. In doing so, the Agency could also partner the Traditional Rulers in mobilization of the populace and further dissemination of its goals.

Responding, the Director-General of the Agency, Mr. Mike Omeri appreciated the visit by the Institute and especially the shared conviction the two Agencies have towards the transformation of the country to make it better. According to the Director-General, since assumption of duty at the Agency, he has mobilized his men towards ensuring the effective dissemination of the affairs of government anchored on the Government's Transformation Agenda. In carrying out this challenge, capacity building was identified as central hence he was concentrating greatly on it for an effective execution of the transformation Agenda of the Federal Government. In this understanding, In-House training of staff was ongoing for all categories of staff. The Agency, he said was also interested in creating Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers for resolution of disputes away from the conventional courts of the land. The Institute will be partnered in this direction especially with the utilization of its Zonal Offices in assisting the Agency with capacity building at the zonal levels especially in civic matters.

The Agency, according to the Director-General, has established Community Dialogue forums which is considered key to community mobilization for effective societal change and mobilization on national issues. Also established is the "Do the Right Thing Change".

This slogan he said will apply not just on national issues but would be segmented on specific issues, organizations and groups to transform character. This Change, it is expected, will call for accountability and to assist on issues of work ethics and general transformation. Mr. Omeri further informed that the Agency in order to enhance staff productivity in its activities, has introduced a Mentoring and Monitoring process where staff of the Agency will on a monthly basis be assessed and/or monitored and reported upon on their performances. This is hope to put staff on the alert at all times in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Agency. The War Against Indiscipline (WAI) according to the Agency will be re-branded to work at all levels so as to ensure civic responsibilities like Environmental Sanitation, Traffic Rules and Control, Queuing and orderly conduct at all times.

To carry on all these functions, the Agency is in the process of running its own FM Radio station, which work was at an advanced stage with test run services and would assist the Agency in the dissemination of its activities and other social and civic responsibilities as would be expected of it from time to time. He assured the Institute for necessary collaboration at all times if such collaboration would be in the overall interest of the two Agencies and the country. The Director-General had in attendance some of his Management staff.



Prof. Azinge, SAN with Mr. Omeri



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NIALS LAUNCHES ANTHEM, ADOPTS SECOND STANZA OF NATIONAL ANTHEM AS NATIONAL PRAYER

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies has launched its anthem expected to be recited at all its public functions. The anthem was launched during the 2nd State of the Federation Lecture presented by Elder statesman, Chief Edwin Clark in Abuja. The anthem written and composed by the Director-General of the Institute, Professor Liphany Azinge, SAN, attempts to express the vision, mission and focus of the Institute to question, probe issues of national importance as envisaged by its founding fathers. It appreciated that these ideas of the founding fathers have continued to be nurtured by patriotic fervour of past and present managements of the Institute in a dire desire to make a difference and remain the nucleus of legal studies in Nigeria and beyond. The anthem further expresses the passion and hope to not only achieve vision but to be the best that anybody could ever be making it a world class Institute, and an abode for law in Nigeria.

In similar fashion and in line with the Federal Government's desire that the National Anthem



Prof. Azinge, SAN
Composed Institute's Anthem

be recited at all public functions, the Director-General has directed that hence forth the National Anthem be recited as a national prayer at all functions organized by the Institute. The Director-

General gave this directive at the courtesy visit he made to the National Orientation Agency in continuation of his collaboration with relevant agencies of government. He at the occasion, Professor Azinge, SAN not only appreciated the National Orientation Agency for adopting the 2nd Stanza of the National anthem as national prayer but for the excellent effort the present Management was putting in place to reposition the Agency. He promised to partner the agency in its efforts towards social change. Nials Newsletter re-produces the Institutes anthem as well as the 2nd stanza of the national anthem for effect and compliance.

NIALS ANTHEM

Ever questioning, ever probing,
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
vision fore told by founding fathers
Ideas nurtured by patriotic fervours
Urging us to make the difference
And be the nucleus of legal studies
With passion and hope,
Our mandate deliver,
To be the best that we can be,
A truly world class institution,
Nigeria's law abode,
Nigeria's law a-bode.

NATIONAL PRAYER

Oh God of creation
Direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right
Help our youths the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and
Justice shall reign.



Picture from NIALS Visits to National Library of Nigeria



Nials Staff Birthdays

Staff Birthdays - July

Full Names	Designation	Date of Birth
Prof. Gwobada D. Amere	Research Professor	July 28
Idombana Ngodi Justina	Senior Research Fellow	July 18
Macaula Regina Ugonna	Assistant Secretary	July 13
Olamada Bolakale Lukman	Assistant Secretary	July 23
Oloro Adeduro Lawrence	Principal Library Officer	July 27
Oktroyen Saku	Chief Data Processing Assistant	July 7
Okanayo Folasade Adesola	Senior Data Processing Assistant	July 29
Onuagwu Patricia Chinyere	Clerical Assistant I	July 25
Ayia, Umaru Mohammed	Clerical Assistant I	July 11
Orish Modupe	Office Assistant I	July 21
Tawaga Julius Demari	Printing Assistant I	July 18
Ojo, Ebenezer John	Office Assistant II	July 10
Moses Njida	Motor Driver	July 14
Omosun Jonathan Oladejo	Senior Systems Administration	July 3

Staff Birthdays - August

Full Names	Designation	Date of Birth
Odokuma, Augustine Egurase (Mn)	Ag. Institute Bursar	August 20
Rose Uloima Eze	Senior Librarian	August 17
Rita Chireho John-Dikoko	Senior Librarian	August 18
Dr. (Mrs.) Nlerum Francisca Ekwutasi	Research Fellow II	August 1
Tasiriga Edward Tarwo	Principal Library Officer	August 7
Ebene Janet Ono	Assistant Secretary	August 20
Onuahwa abimbola Olubusayo	Admin. Officer I	August 21
Fajuyigbe Veronica Titilayo	Office Assistant I	August 15
Kasumu Saidat Olabisi	Secretariat Assistant	August 21
Maunder Yusuf	Data Processing Assistant I	August 8
Hussaini Kabiru Mohammed	Assistant Executive Officer	August 5



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUSTINE



Mr. Augustine Oduku

The Acting Bursar, Mr. Augustine Oduku recently celebrated another year of God's blessing to him. It was the occasion of his birthday.

In a brief surprise package for him by staff of the Abuja Office, Mr. Oduku appreciated the Almighty God for blessing him and for adding another year to his life. He expressed surprise at the reception organized for him by staff and beckoned on the Almighty God to bless all that have wished him well. The theme of love to him, he said,

was a pointer to the fact that staff of the Abuja Office are always together in love and understanding and appealed for better cooperation and understanding even to other officers.

The brief ceremony was witnessed by the Deputy Institute Secretary and Head, Advancement Office, Mr. Danjuma Tangri, the Chief Internal Auditor, Mr David Ize, the



Mr. Ukp, Adams, Tangri and Ukwu



Mr. Ukp, Adams, Tangri, Ize and Ukwu

Chief Accountant (Budget Matters), Mr. John Yamo, the Head, Protocol and Publicity, Mr. Iwan Ukp among several other senior and junior staff.

We here wish the Acting Bursar, many more years of hard by life as well as useful service to his father land and the Institute.



D.G NIALS'S VISIT TO NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY





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