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New Director General Appointed for NIIA

A new Ag. Director General for the NIIA, in the person of Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, was appointed on 16 November, 2010. He resumed duty on 29th December, 2010. The new Ag. DG, is a serious Academic and has had an illustrious career in the academic field, diplomatic service, and in government at federal and state levels. He was appointed Special Assistant to two Ministers of Foreign Affairs. He is a Sorbonnard and obtained his degrees with distinctions. As a Research Fellow at the NIIA, he has, at various times, received three special Letters of Commendation from the Management of the Institute, for his scholarship and patriotic activities. He is author of over 50 chapters in books and articles in reputable journals and has also authored and edited more than ten books.

Special Brainstorming Session on the 16th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit- Côte D'Ivoire's Crisis and the Sudanese Question



L-R: Professors Gabriel Olusanya, A. Bolaji Akinyemi and Bola A. Akinterinwa at the Brainstorming Session in Lagos

The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) organized on January 4, 2011, a one-day brainstorming session on the 16th Ordinary Session of the African Union Summit held between January 24 and 31, 2011. Against the background of the fact that the theme of the Summit, which is 'Towards Greater Unity and Integration through Shared Values', was suggested by Nigeria in the 2010 Addis Ababa 14th Ordinary Session of the AU, the NIIA brainstorming session was designed to generate ideas, advice and assist Nigeria in preparing its position at the AU Summit.

The Brainstorming Session was well attended. Participants were drawn from far and near, including some former Directors-General of the NIIA, some serving and retired Nigerian Ambassadors, Academics, the civil society, the private sector and the media, among others.

Discussions focused on the three main issues that would dominate the Agenda of the 16th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit, and these include Shared Values in African Union Unity and Integration, the Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, and the Sudanese Question. A total of three leading presentations were made on each of these three issues across three sessions. They were all well discussed and debated on the floor of the Brainstorming Session.

Observations

After an exhaustive discussion and appraisal of the issues, the participants came up with the following observations:

On Shared Values

That:

1. Shared values are associated with positive beliefs and can be used for continental transformation and development.

The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1961, modeled after Chatham House London, with the aim of providing a nursery of ideas on what direction Nigeria should take in international affairs.

Since inception, the Institute has been organising Conferences, Roundtables and Lectures. These are aimed at addressing current foreign policy issues and anticipating others still on the horizon.

The NIIA also disseminates information to the Nigerian public and the world in a variety of ways, one of which is through the newsletter - niianews.

The niianews is published by the NIIA Publications Committee and has the following objectives:

- to report and make visible the activities of the Institute to the public
- to inform the public of upcoming events
- to promote the scholarly research publications of the Institute.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and educative.

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The New Roadmap

Niianews is not simply news about the NIIA and its activities, but more about international affairs, in general, and international life, in particular. It is about the translation of policy into social life. In other words, it is another way of performing the functions of the NIIA in a relaxed mood and social setting.

As noted by Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Nigeria's Prime Minister and first Foreign Minister, "if Nigeria is to acquit herself honourably and to take her rightful place in resurgent Africa, she requires to be fully informed on the world of today, which is one of the paramount functions of the Institute".

This statement was made in 1961. It simply means that, if the NIIA provides the necessary information on global developments, Nigeria would be guided in acquitting "herself honourably" and taking her rightful place in resurgent Africa". In other words, the NIIA was conceived and designed to be an instrument for sustaining Nigeria's grandeur in global politics. Rightful place is about self-assertion and influence. It is about greatness and power. The NIIA is not simply meant to provide analytical data but also specifically required to play the role of a catalyst in the quest for a greater Nigeria.

Sr Adetokubo Ademola noted on 15th June, 1967 that "the NIIA hopes to work simultaneously on three levels; as a Nigerian Institute in Lagos, an African Institute in Nigeria and a world Institute in Africa, providing a meeting ground for people of all nations and a rich soil for a cross-fertilization of their minds". Put differently, the NIIA is requested to simultaneously examine issues at the Nigerian domestic level, African continental level and the global level, as well as, examining how one

level impacts on the other. The NIIA is an intellectual world of its own and without the NIIA, the world of intellectualism is incomplete.

Consequently, as a foreign policy think tank, I can confidently, without any iota of doubt, say the NIIA is second to none in the whole of Africa. And within the context of the efforts being made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Odein Ajumogobia, to evolve an enduring foreign policy for Nigeria, the NIIA has drawn a new roadmap. It is now operating on the basis of a new mantra: "New Vision, New Spirit, New Spirit, New NIIA". It is essentially predicated on making the NIIA greater than what it has been.

The NIIA is therefore poised to become a leading school of thought on international questions that have direct implications for Nigerian and African foreign policies. Emphasis will be more on explication of global strategic calculations, monitoring of international issues and conflicts within the context of preventive diplomacy, and more significantly, the dynamics of, and threat to, non-traditional security in Nigeria.

It is in this context that I have much pleasure to present the January-April 2011 edition of the niianews to you. The edition covers the visits of the Chinese delegation and students of international relations, social news and recent publications by the Institute and its staff, among others.

Comments and letters to the Editor are welcomed. Suggestions on how to drive Nigeria's foreign policy are most welcome. Registered members of the NIIA are invited to be more involved in the activities of the Institute.

Niianews will surely keep you abreast about the Institute's 50th Anniversary. We will be 50 years old come December 13, 2011. We not only wish you a Happy reading, we also seize this opportunity to renew to you all the assurances of the Institute's kindest regards.

Bola A. Akinterinwa

Special Brainstorming Session

2. Owing to Africa's experience in the slave trade, colonialism and imperialism, the continent has virtually lost its self-confidence, and that its shared values have been hijacked and imposed from the European and Arab perspectives.
3. There has been a serious neglect of Africa's traditional values that are natural, including shared rivers, ethnic groups, languages and religions.
4. Much of the AU's shared values are merely aspirational, with little or no effort being made to embody them in the consciousness of the African society and peoples.
5. The poor implementation of shared values in Africa has been as a result of the reluctance of member states to cede enough powers to the AU as an apex continental body.

On Côte d'Ivoire

6. The crisis in Côte d'Ivoire is primarily an internal or domestic affair of the people, which demands that they have the primary responsibility to resolve it themselves.
7. Although the late Houphouët-Boigny was a strong leader that held the country together, he was unable to build strong institutions.
8. In the light of the remote cause (that is, Henri Konan Bédié's policy of Ivoirité that caused the nationality crisis) and immediate cause (that is, the disputed election) of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, the conflict is a complex one that requires great caution and statesmanship.
9. The cause of Côte d'Ivoire crisis can also be located in the conflicting personalities of Laurent Gbagbo and Alassane Ouattara.



A cross-section of the participants at the "Special Brainstorming Session" at the NIIA Conference Chambers in Lagos

10. The fact that Côte d'Ivoire is a matrilineal society has substantially resolved the nationality question in the crisis.

On the Sudanese Question

11. That colonial policies cannot be exonerated from the crisis in Sudan because the British had ruled southern Sudan separately from northern Sudan thereby creating two irreconcilable peoples.

12. That the Abyei region remains very problematic and tricky, and, thus, requires greater care in order to achieve a mutually acceptable solution.

13. And that Nigeria has a lot of nationals in Sudan even though of a third generation.

Recommendations:

Based on the above observations, the participants made the following recommendations:

On Shared Values

That:

1. The AU should go beyond its aspirational values and explore Africa's traditional and natural values such as shared rivers, ethnic groups, languages and religions.

2. The AU should strive to embody its aspirational values in the consciousness of the African societies and peoples.

3. The AU should develop strong institutional frameworks for the implementation of Africa's shared values.

To this effect, there is need to involve the civil society, explore the option of an African Youth Service Corps, and the use of international infrastructures like rail networks and high ways.

4. African shared values should be used to harness the continent's shared natural resources.

On Côte d'Ivoire

That:

5. In the light of the complex remote and immediate causes of the conflict, efforts should be made to address the fundamental differences between the parties.

6. Nigeria's national interest should be paramount in deciding what role it will play in the resolution of the conflict.

7. For the sake of Nigeria's economy and the safety of its citizens in Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria should embrace dialogue, using local Ivorian community leaders and ECOWAS leaders as interlocutors.

8. Nigeria should endeavour to prevent the conflict from escalating into an armed conflict and military intervention.

9. Nigeria should adopt a multilateral approach to the resolution of the conflict, and should rely more on the UN, France and other western

powers on the ground.

10. And that if military intervention becomes unavoidable in Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria should not be at the fore or use the ECOMOG, but should be involved as a part of a broader international force that has the mandate or authorization of the UN Security Council.

On the Sudanese Question

11. That if South Sudan votes for independence, the wish of the people should be respected and encouraged to manage their relationship with the north.

12. That support for the independence of Abyei would be a recipe for chaos in Africa because any region with rich resources would seek to have its own independent nation.



President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire

Dialogue on Nigeria-China Relations



RL: Professor Cui Liru, Ms. Lin Xin, Ms. Da Wei, Mr. Li Wentoa, and Dr. Li Rong- Chinese Delegation from CICIR

The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) and the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) held a one-day *Dialogue on Nigeria-China Relations* on Monday 21 February 2011. The Dialogue was organised as part of the programme for the 4-day academic visit to Nigeria by the Chinese delegation. The Dialogue, held at the Institute's Conference Chamber, was aimed at evolving ways of strengthening the cooperation between China and Nigeria through academic interaction by the two Institutes. The dialogue was declared open by the Ag. Director General of NIIA, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, and had in attendance scholars from the two institutions, former ambassadors, and some staff of the NIIA. Presentations were made and key issues raised concerning the bilateral relations of the two countries were extensively discussed. The dialogue noted that Nigeria and China have come a long way and their relations have witnessed significant development over the years. Initially characterized by quite limited

contact, especially in the immediate post-independence era, the relations have become increasingly complex and more so with the strategic push from China to deepen her engagement of Nigeria.

Nigeria, like many other African countries, viewed China as simply a non-aligned developing country in the 1960s and 1970s. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were formally established in 1971. Over the years, China's dramatic growth and modernization, and the increasing search for energy, and market for her industrial goods, and her expansion needs has brought China into greater contact with Nigeria and other African states. Nigeria seeks Chinese expertise, technology, and finance to develop her own economy. With the return to democratic governance in Nigeria, Sino-Nigeria relations have received significant attention. For instance bilateral trade between Nigeria and China stood at \$7.5 billion in 2010. However, the trade balance has remained in China's favour since 1971. For instance, in 2008, Chinese exports represented 93% of the bilateral trade total in 2008. While China's exports are mostly industrial manufactures,

Nigeria's export to China is mainly oil. That notwithstanding, the Chinese are participating in so many sectors in Nigeria including oil and gas, construction and contract projects, communications, power, rail transport, manufacturing and retail, and in the development of free trade zones-especially in Lagos. Some have viewed China's engagement as an alternative to the age long engagement of Nigeria and Africa by the developed countries of the West without commensurate gains in terms of socio-economic development. The West has remained indifferent to issues of transfer of technology, ensuring market access and general economic development of Africa. Again, the question is what are the Chinese coming to do in Africa? Are they supposed to engage in retail businesses, owning shops which they cannot accept in their own country? Why is it that they come with their labour and refuse to use local labour? Nigeria's relations with China is not without challenges. For instance, goods from China are said to be of lower standard and some Chinese are involved in the importation of fake pharmaceutical drugs into the Nigerian market. There are also concerns over the increasing influx of the Chinese population and their increasing presence in the retail business in Nigeria. China also complains of problems of insecurity, political stability, and poor infrastructure.

Following intense discussion, the participants made several observations and recommendations which include:

Observations

1. That the peaceful rise of China has necessitated her to develop partnership with Africa and other parts of the world. However, being a developing country as Africa, China believes that rather than pursue the zero-sum pattern of relationship of the West, a win-win relationship is possible with Africa;
2. Though Nigeria and China are both defined as developing countries and have some commonalities, including large population, vast landmass, and common history of underdevelopment, the two countries are at different levels of development, as China is more economically and technologically developed;
3. That globalisation has had significant impact on the economies of both Africa and China. However, the capacities and capabilities of these countries to respond to the challenges arising from globalisation have differed;

4. That, despite the opening of the Nigerian economy to the Chinese, this has not been reciprocated either in form of the transfer of technology or visibility of Nigerian investments in China;
5. That the relationship between Nigeria and China has been characterised by regular official visits and less of the academic visits;
6. That the relationship between Nigeria and China has, in the last 40 years, witnessed significant development and increase in exchanges especially in the area of trade. However, the trade balance has largely remained in China's favour;
7. That China has both short and long term economic interest in Africa. These include her desire to secure the supply of energy and raw materials, as well as foreign markets for the products from her growing industries;
8. That the crisis situation in Sudan has been a major concern to China because it tends to deny Sudan of the economic gains that should have been derived from the bilateral relations. However, China's presence in the

Sudan has been misunderstood because of her principle of non-interference;

9. And that given China's increasing role on the African continent, the EU and United States have viewed her with great suspicion of being a competitor and undermining the Western interests on the continent.

Recommendations

1. That Nigeria and China must develop measures that can address the complex implications of globalization so as to maximize the gains of the economic relations of both countries for their mutual benefit.
2. That given the huge population of both countries, China's experiences in the area of industrial production, which is labour intensive, and in addressing poverty, would be of benefit to Nigeria.
3. That Nigeria and Africa should stress the issue of technology acquisition and promotion in their relationship with China as this is crucial if the country and continent is to achieve economic development.
4. Some of the ways



NIIA Research Fellows, Members of the Delegation from the CICIR, and other Participants at the Dialogue

of deepening the relationship between the NIIA and CICIR is to increase the level of frequency of meetings, joint research of mutual interest, and the exchange of research fellows between the two institutions. The establishment of regional studies and exchange of publications would also go a long way in deepening the institutional linkages.

5. Just as China learned from the advanced countries of the West and her neighbours and applied the knowledge in the process of her development, Nigeria should also learn from China and apply the lessons as it suits her environment.
6. The various Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) that have been signed since 1970s should be revisited and reactivated and new ones (such as between NIIA and CICIR) developed to cater for more recent challenges.
7. That for Nigeria-Africa relations to continue to grow as expected, China must respect the views, values and aspirations of Africans and should also be sensitive to critical issues such as human rights on the continent.
8. It is important that peace should be restored in Sudan, especially with the successful conduct of referendum in Southern Sudan, and China is ready to contribute to the peace process in Sudan.
9. That the trilateral cooperation between the EU, China and Africa may quell the suspicion of not only China's interest, but also that of Western powers on the continent and deepen cooperation among all the parties.

Presentation of Obasanjo Chair on Integration in Africa (Professor Amadu Sesay)



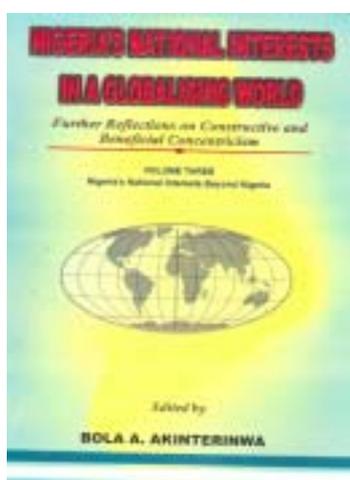
Professor Amadu Sesay, Obasanjo Chair on Integration in Africa

On February 19, 2011, the Acting Director General of the NIIA, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, led a delegation of Management Staff of the Institute to former President Olusegun Obasanjo in Abeokuta to present Professor Amadu Sesay, who had been appointed to the Obasanjo Chair on Integration in Africa. The former President observed that integration in Africa was very dear to him, adding that Africa was balkanized so that the continent could be easily exploited. He charged Professor Sesay to examine integration within the context of a nation-state such as Nigeria where issues like security, unemployment, the economy, corruption, infrastructural development and religious differences that challenge us as a country should be critically x-rayed.

Professor Akinterinwa, in his own speech, described General Obasanjo as an African statesman and a global player with numerous accomplishments,

especially in the area of foreign policy. These accomplishments, he said, necessitated the endowment of the Obasanjo Chair on Integration in Africa which is domiciled at the NIIA because of its strategic importance as one of the foremost Think-Tanks in Africa.

In his remarks, Professor Amadu Sesay said he had the energy, zeal, the expertise, the focus and the determination to firmly establish the Chair and confer on it national and international visibility. Amadu Sesay, a Professor of International Relations at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, headed the Department from July 2000 to August 2006. His research interests include African politics, security and conflict studies and he has authored several books, monographs, book chapters and journal articles in these areas.



Nigeria's National Interest in Globalising World by Bola A. Akinterinwa



LR- Mrs Helen Onwuasor, Professor Bola A Akinterinwa, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Professor Amadu Sessay, Mrs Abimbola Dada and Ms Agatha Ude inspecting NIIA publications during the Presentation of the Obasanjo Chair at Abeokuta

DG's Activities

The Ag. Director General, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, honoured an invitation from the America-Nigeria Chamber of Commerce to attend a Special Dinner held in Honour of the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States of America, Ambassador Adebowale Ibidapo Adefuye, at the Metropolitan Club, Kofo Abayomi Road, Victoria Island, Lagos. The Dinner, which was held on the 21st January, 2011, was well attended by the members of the Nigeria-America Chamber of Commerce and other members of the diplomatic corps.

On Friday, March 4, 2011 the Ag DG hosted the lunching of the Book on 'The Death of Justice', written by Nathaniel Nwadiogbu at NIIA. He was also invited and participated as a special guest at a 'Policy Dialogue with Presidential Candidates' for the 2011 General Elections, organized by the Murtala Muhammed Foundation, in collaboration with Access Bank, Centre for Public Policy Alternatives (CPPA), Open Society Foundation, AIESEC in Nigeria, C&F Porter Novelli and IS43 Associates Limited. The event which was held from 8th to 9th March, 2011 at the Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja, was part of the activities marking the 35th Anniversary of Nigeria's charismatic and transformative late Head of State, General Murtala Muhammed. The object of the Dialogue was to get the Presidential candidates and the Nigerian populace to address issues rather than personalities in the run-up to the 2011 Presidential elections.

The Ag. Director General, on Monday, 15th March, and Monday, 22nd March 2011, presented a paper titled 'The TAC Scheme and the Pursuit of Nigeria's Foreign Policy Objectives: Problems and Prospects', at the 12th Orientation Exercise, organized by the Directorate of Technical Aid Corps, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the Royal Tropicana Hotel and Suites, 72

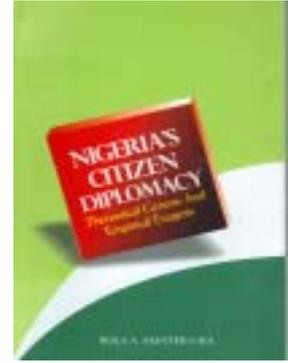


Prof. Bola A. Akinterinwa, Ag. Director General of NIIA

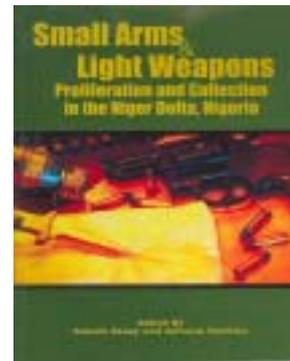
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He was also a guest at the Inauguration and Commissioning of the Head Quarters complex of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abuja, on Monday, March 21st, 2011. He served as the Chairman and Chief Host at the Flag-Off of Reading for Excellence Campaign, organized by the Nigerian Library Association in collaboration with the Library Department of the NIIA, on Monday March 21, 2011. He was represented by Associate Research Professor Ogaba Oche

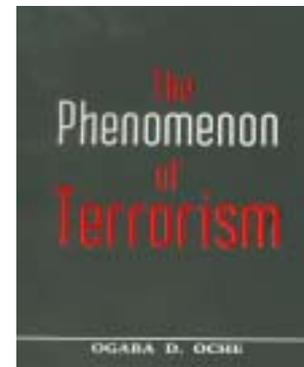
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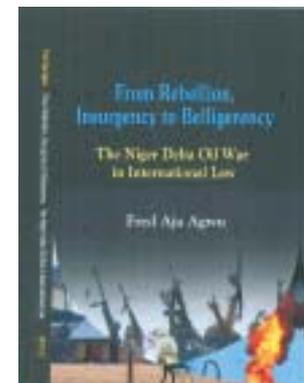
Nigeria's Citizen Diplomacy: Theoretical Genesis and Empirical Exegesis by Bola A. Akinterinwa



Small Arms and Light Weapons: Proliferation and Collection in the Niger Delta, Nigeria, edited by Amadu Sessay and Anthonia Simbine



The Phenomenon of Terrorism by Ogaba D. Oche



From Rebellion, Insurgency to Belligerency: The Niger Delta Oil War in International Law by Fred A. Agwu



The Honourable Min. of Foreign Affairs, Mr Odein Ajumogobia (right), congratulating the Chairman of NIIA Governing Council, Chief Wahab Dosunmu on his appointment

Inauguration of the Governing Council of the NIIA

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Barrister Henry Odein Ajumogobia, SAN, OFR, inaugurated the Governing Council of the NIIA, on February 23, 2011. The inauguration was held at the Honourable Minister's Conference Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wuse, Zone 3, Abuja. In his welcome remarks at the inauguration, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador (Dr) Martin I. Uhomoihi, welcomed all the guests and introduced the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs. He also introduced the members of the Council as follows:

1. Senator (Dr.) Wahab Dosunmu (Chairman)
2. Alhaji Sani Isyaku
3. Dr James Landi
4. Chief Dolapo Balogun
5. Amb. (Dr) Martin I. Uhomoihi
6. Professor Ayodeji Olukoju
7. Professor Mike Kwanashie
8. Professor Okey Ibeanu
9. Maj. Gen. Ike Nwachukwu (Rtd)
10. Y.Y. Suleiman
11. Ambassador S.S. Pindar
12. Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa

Also in attendance at the inauguration of the Council were the Honourable Ministers of State for Foreign Affairs I and II, Dr. Aliyu Idi

Hong and Mrs Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, some senior staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, management staff of the NIIA and members of the media.

In his address, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, congratulated the Council members on their appointment and commended them for their varied experiences which he said they should bring to bear on their assignment. He also extended the President's good wishes and remarked that the composition of the Council was approved in 2009, but was not inaugurated due to some inadequacies which had been addressed to make the Council function better. He also stressed that the inauguration of the Council was timely, given the current developments in world affairs, such as the referendum in Sudan with its attendant implications for Africa, the momentous events in Tunisia and Egypt, and the ongoing uprisings in Libya, Yemen, Bahrain, Iran and the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. The NIIA, he pointed out, has played very dynamic roles during the liberation struggles for black majority rule in South Africa. He noted that, given the current challenges, the NIIA as a Think-Tank needed to be proactive.

New Members of the Institute

The NIIA, as Nigeria's foremost foreign policy think-tank, has as its members, distinguished scholars, statesmen, diplomats, educationists, industrialists and media executives. The membership of the Institute attracts lots of benefits, which includes invitations to public lectures, use of the Institute's library, free copies of the Nigerian Forum, and purchase of NIIA publications at discounted rates. From January to April, 2011, a total of ten persons became members of the Institute. The new registered members of the Institute are as follows:

- i. Mr. Ubong Eno Uso
- ii. Chief Opara Godson Chukwudi
- iii. Miss Chinenye Augusta Nwevo
- iv. Dr. Adegoke Akinnuroju
- v. Mr. Ofuafor Meshach Obukohwo
- vi. Mr. Goriola Basheer Enifemi
- vii. Mr. Chiazor Augustine Nkem
- viii. Mr. Segun O. Akinlotan
- ix. Mr. Rotimi Osiyoye
- x. Lt. Col. Benedict U. Achodo

NIIA Council Holds First Meeting

Following its inauguration by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Barrister Henry Odein Ajumogobia, SAN, OFR, on February 23, 2011, the Council held its first meeting on March 23, 2011, at the Committee Room of the Institute. The meeting which was attended by majority of the members of the Council, started at 11:00am and adjourned at 3.30pm. It discussed major issues concerning the administration and activities of the Institute.



Inauguration of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs Governing Council at Abuja

Visit of the Chinese Delegation

In furtherance of the Dialogue between the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) and the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), A Chinese delegation from the CICIR visited the NIIA from Sunday, February 20, 2011 to Wednesday February 23, 2011. The delegation comprised:

- Professor Cui Liru-
President of the CICIR
- Dr. Li Rong-
General Director of Institute of West Asia and Africa
- Ms. Da Wei-
General Director of President Office
- Lin Xin-
General Director of Foreign Exchanging Office
- Mr. Li Wentao
Research Assistant

As part of the programme for the 4-day academic visit to Nigeria, a one day

Dialogue on Nigeria-China Relations was held on Monday 21 February 2011. The Chinese delegation, accompanied by Associate Research Professor Osita Agbu, Mr. Joshua Bolarinwa and Mrs. Helen Onwuasor of the NIIA, visited the Nigerian Investment Promotions Council (NIPC), the Bureau for Public Enterprises and took a tour of Abuja on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. On Wednesday, 23 February 2011, the delegation, accompanied by Associate Professor Osita Agbu, Dr. Fred Agwu, Mr. Joshua Bolarinwa, Mr. Shakdam Wapmuk and Mrs. Helen Onwuasor of the NIIA, visited the Confucius Institute at the University of Lagos, the National Museum in Lagos, and were taken on a tour of Lagos city. The guests were later treated to a cocktail at the NIIA Garden, where they were entertained by a cultural troupe before their departure from Lagos.



Visit of the Chinese Delegation accompanied by NIIA Staff to the Nigerian Investment Promotions Council (NIPC)

Visit of the Consul General of the United States of America to the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs

On March 31st, the Consul General of the United States of America, Mr. Joseph Stafford, visited the Institute and had an interactive session with the Research Fellows. He was received by the Acting Director General of NIIA, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, who briefed him on the activities of the Institute. The Ag. DG also discussed how Nigerians are mistreated when applying for US Visa and how to deepen Nigeria-US ties through facilitation of exchange of research fellows. He underscored the need to enable NIIA research fellows to specialize on American politics.

The Consul General used the opportunity of his visit to discuss the bilateral relations between Nigeria and the United States of America, noting

that the Bi-National Commission established with Nigeria has four support groups- democracy and governance; Niger-Delta; energy and economic development, and agriculture and food security. He also discussed the US intervention in Libya and said that President Barack Obama had explained that the intervention was aimed at protecting the people from the tyrannical rule of President Muammar Gaddafi. On the issue of visa procedures, he promised to bring an expert from the consulate to clarify the issues. He concluded by saying that efforts will be made to further strengthen the partnership with the NIIA. The Ag. DRS, Prof. Bukar Bukarambe, expressed the hope that the Consul General and the U.S Consulate will always be NIIA's partner.

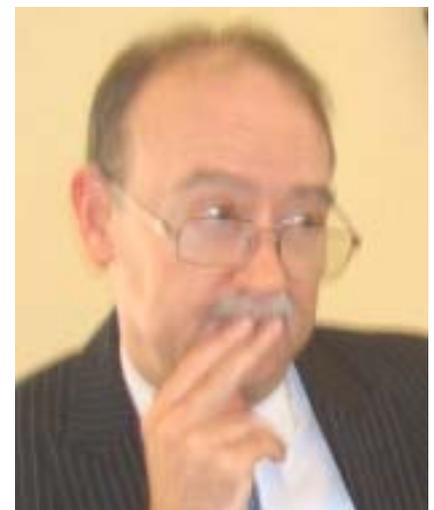
Visit by the Honourary Consul of the Republic of Lithuania to NIIA

The Honourary Consul of the Republic of Lithuania in Nigeria, Mr. Goodie Ibru, visited the NIIA on 3 March, 2011. He was received by the Ag. Director General of the Institute who briefed him on the activities of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, as well as its major role of policy adviser to the Nigerian government. At the end, Mr Ibru expressed gratitude for the opportunity given to him to visit the NIIA. He congratulated Professor Akinterinwa on his new appointment and wished him a successful tenure.

Students' Academic Visits to NIIA

On Wednesday February 9, 2011, the members of the National Association of Political Science Students, University of Lagos, visited the Institute. Joshua Olusegun Bolarinwa and Miss Jemila Thompson of the research department briefed them on NIIA activities and on contemporary issues in international politics that were beneficial to them. Thereafter, they were given the opportunity to ask questions, which were answered by the Research Fellows. At the end of the briefing session, the students were given copies of NIIA publications. They visited the Institute's library and bookshop.

In the same vein, on Tuesday, March 15, 2010, students of Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo, Oyo state visited the Institute. They were received by three Research staff- Joshua Olusegun Bolarinwa, Jemila Thompson and Toni Adelaja, who presented papers with the following titles: The Middle East Crisis: A Search Light on Libya; Nigerian Elections: Challenges and Implications for Nigeria's Image.



Mr. Joseph Stafford, Consul General of the United State of America

Promotion of Ag. DG to Full Research Professor with effect from 1st January, 2002

The Ag. Director General, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa has been promoted to Full Research Professor of International Relations with effect from January 1, 2002. The Appointment and Promotions Committee of the NIIA Governing Council, at its meeting held on April 20, 2011, pronounced the Ag. DG qualified after considering the reports of the external assessors of his publications and academic activities.

Appointment of Dr. Fred Aja Agwu as Associate Research Professor

Dr. Fred Aja Agwu of the Division of International Law and Organization, NIIA, has been confirmed prima facie qualified for appointment as Associate Research Professor by the Governing Council of the NIIA. This was a follow up to a high level interview panel that found him appointable on February 18, 2011. Dr Agwu is widely published in reputable journals, both locally and internationally. His books include *The United Nations System, State Practice and the Jurisprudence of the Use of Force; World Peace through World Law: the Dilemma of the United Nations Security Council; and National Interest, International Law and Our Shared Destiny.*



Dr Fred Agwu

The National Industrial Court of Nigeria gets Recognition by Constitution

The National Industrial Court has been recognised by the Constitution as a Superior Court of Record. This followed the assent of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Third Alteration Act) of 2010 by the President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan. Following this development, the President of the National Industrial Court, Hon. Justice B.A. Adejumo, OFR, forwarded a copy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette No. 20, Lagos 7th March, 2011, Vol. 98 to the NIIA for record purposes.

Appointment of Ms Elochi Agatha Ude as Director of Administration and Finance.

The Governing Council also appointed Ms Elochi Agatha Ude as the substantive Director of Administration and Finance on April 21st, 2011. This followed an interview that was conducted on February 18, 2011, and the subsequent meeting of the Appointment and Promotions Committee of the Governing Council held on April, 20 2011, which considered her performance and recommended the appointment. Until her appointment Ms Ude was the Acting Director of Administration and Finance of NIIA.



The Ag. DG presenting letter of Appointment to Mrs Abimbola S. Dada



The Ag. DG presenting letter of Appointment to Ms Elochi Agatha Ude

Presentation of Letters of Appointment to the Directors of Library and Documentation Services, and Administration and Finance

The Ag. DG, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa presented letters of appointment to the recently appointed

Appointment of Mrs Abimbola Stella Dada as Director of Library and Documentation Services.

The NIIA Governing Council at its meeting held on April 21st, 2011, similarly ratified the appointment of Mrs Abimbola S. Dada as the substantive Director of Library and Documentation Services. This followed an interview that was conducted on February 18, 2011. Before her recent appointment, Mrs Dada was the Acting Director of Library and Documentation Services. She is a member of the Nigerian Library Association and has published in various books and journals.

Directors of Library and Documentation Services, and Administration and Finance, on Friday April 29, 2011. This followed the ratification of their appointments by the NIIA Governing Council on April 21st, 2011. The presentation ceremony which was held at the Institute's Conference Chamber had in attendance Senior Research Fellows, Assistant Directors and Directors of the Institute.

Marriage Anniversary

The Director of Library and Documentation Services, Mrs Abimbola S. Dada, celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary on 2nd May, 2011. In addition to the thanksgiving that was held on Sunday, 1st of May, the children also organised a family get-together to rejoice with their parents. In attendance at the celebration were the Acting DG, Professor Bola A. Akinterinwa, some staff of the Institute, and friends of the couple.

Transitions to Glory

Death of Ambassador Isaac Aluko-Olokun



Late Ambassador Isaac Aluko-Olokun

Mr Alex Ekeanyanwu, an Assistant Director, Public Affairs, of the NIIA, led a delegation from the Institute to the funeral ceremony of late Ambassador Isaac Aluko-Olokun at Ilesa, Osun state on March 19, 2011. Late Ambassador Aluko-Olokun, who died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, was a former Research Fellow at the NIIA and a life time member of the Institute. The delegation, which comprised Mr Alex Ekeanyanwu, Ms. Ejide Ukelonu and Mr. Joshua Bolarinwa, condoled his widow, Barrister (Mrs.) Yemisi Aluko-Olokun, and presented the Institute's plaque to members of the family in everlasting memory of his service to and membership of the Institute. Mrs. Yemisi Aluko-Olokun expressed deep appreciation on behalf of the family for the Institute's gesture.

Death of Professor Osita C. Eze



Late Professor Osita C. Eze

Professor Ositadinma Chukwuemeka Eze, who was the immediate past Director General of the NIIA, died on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Late Professor Eze, was a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, and had an illustrious career in both academic field and in government at federal and state levels. He was also a Senior Research Fellow at NIIA between 1976-81. Before his appointment as the Director General of NIIA, a position which he held from 2006-2010, he was a Director, Department of Democracy and Development Studies, at the Institute

for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Abuja, Nigeria. Professor Eze will be most remembered for his contributions in the fields of law and human rights.



Mr Alex Ekeanyanwu and Ms Ejide Ukelonu of the NIIA presenting the NIIA Plaque to the family of Late Ambassador Isaac Aluko-Olokun

Social News Birthdays



The Management and entire staff of NIIA, and the nianews Editorial Team felicitate with the following staff who celebrated their birthdays between January and April, 2011:

- Ndubueze Godwin John - 1st January
- Adekoya, Adegboyega Ismaila - 5th January
- Akinyemi, Stella E. - 12th January
- Ekanem, Comfort D. - 18th January
- Lebo, John Icha - 21st January
- Otodo, Bridget - 21st January
- Sanusi, Samson Olatunde - 24th January
- Agbo, James Sunday - 28th January
- Eyo, Okpo Okon - 3rd February
- Ugwuanyi, Agatha Chinasa - 5th February
- Akude, Haruna Yenusa - 5th February
- Umoh, Ini Richard - 5th February
- Uba, Omamurhomu - 5th February
- Iloba, Alice Taiwo - 9th February
- Otuebo Augustine Okezi - 10th February
- Adegoke, Adediji J. - 10th February
- Bolarinwa, Joshua- 19th February
- Abamba, Sunday C. - 22th February
- Idoko, Felix Akoh - 2nd March
- Bamidele, Joseph Olufemilayo - 3rd March

- Opara Anselm Wunne - 3rd March
- Oche, Ogaba Danjuma - 11th March
- Ijeh, Paul Isioma - 21st March
- Emmanuel, Babatunde Steven - 21st March
- Law-Ojunta, Roseline - 21st March
- Dokubo, Charles Quaker- 23rd March
- Nwaigwe, Christain Chibuzo - 25th March
- Bukarambe, Bukar - 1st April
- Okedairo, Adepoju - 1st April
- Ohiochioya, Sunday Ohanmi - 3 April
- Oduh, Abah - 4th April
- Ariole, Grace - 5th April
- Ebereonwu, Conscience I. - 9th April
- Nwajei, Stephen - 10th April
- Ubi, Efem -11th April
- Ihueze Christiana C. - 11th April
- Nwagbara, Friday Nna - 13th April
- Agwu, Fredrick Aja - 15th April
- Abe, Omoniyi Alani - 16th April
- Okoro, Stella Ngozi - 20th April
- Ude, Agatha Elochi - 21st April
- Lanlehin, Surajudeen - 23 April
- Wapmuk, Sharkdam -27th April
- Dirisu, Marie Beauty - 30th April

Births

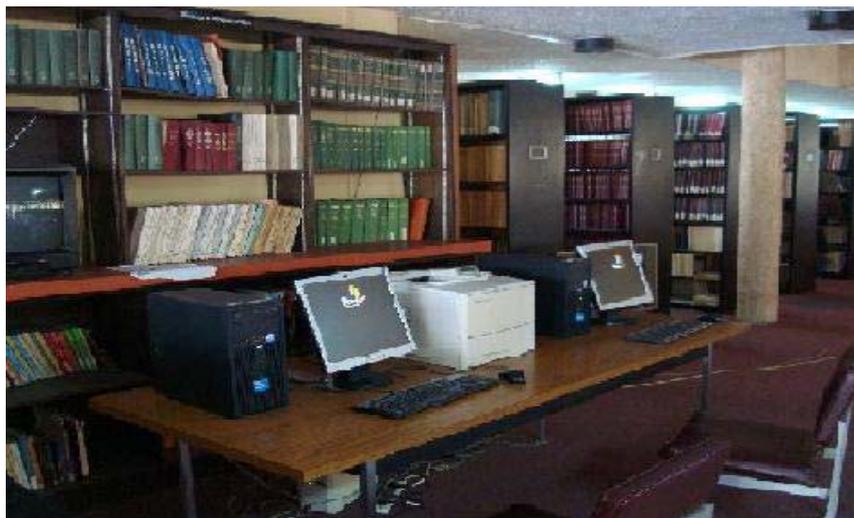
The Management and entire staff of NIIA, and the nianews Editorial Team heartily rejoice with the following staff who gave birth to new babies from the months of January to April, 2011. Mrs Loveline Nwachuku and her family were blessed with a baby boy on January 25th, 2011;

The Family of Sharkdam Wapmuk was also blessed with twin girls on 18th March, 2011, and Mrs. Regina Umesia and her family were also blessed with a baby girl on 26 March, 2011.



Mrs Loveline Nwachuku and her new baby, Master Akachukwu Oluwatobi Samuel Nwachuku

Library Activities



Automated Library Information System

The Library Department of the NIIA mounted an exhibition on the 4th of January 2011. This was in support of the one-day brainstorming session organized by the Institute on January 4, 2011 on the 16th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit- Côte d'Ivoire's Crisis and the Sudanese Question. The library department also organised an In-House Workshop on, "On Liberty Software", from 9th -11th February. During the workshop which was aimed at acquainting the Library staff with the new library software, various modules of the software were discussed to enable them to maximize the use of the new software. Again, on the 8th of March 2011, and to commemorate the International Women's Day, the Library

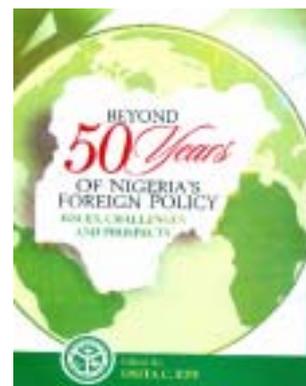
Department mounted a one-month exhibition. This comprised books, press clippings, speeches, pictures and posters depicting the various aspects of women.

On the 21st of March 2011, the NIIA library hosted the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) to a conference with the theme: Flag Off of Reading for Excellence Campaign. As part of the programme, a Lecture was delivered by Professor L.A. Aina, President Nigeria Library Association (NLA). The programme, which was well attended by many participants from within and outside Lagos state, had as its Guest of Honour the First Lady of Lagos State, Mrs. Abimbola Fashola.

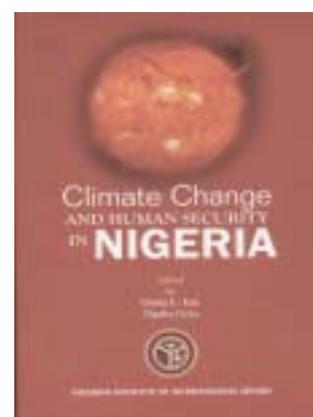


Caring for the Institute's Environment- Members of staff observe the Monthly Sanitation Exercise Every Last Thursday of the Month

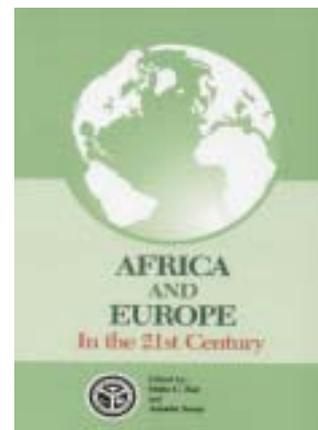
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