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PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT FOR THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY AGENCIES



L-R: Prof. U. Joy Ogwu, Engr Fidelis Ogbogoh, Comptroller General, Federal Fire Service and General Aliyu Mohammed Gusau, National Security Adviser at the presidential retreat in Lagos



L-R: Prof. U. Joy Ogwu, General Aliyu Gusau and Gov. Bola Tinubu

The Presidency organized a retreat for the armed forces, police and other security agencies to address the problems arising from recent clashes between the personnel of the various security organizations in the country. The retreat which took place between January 30 and February 3, 2006 at the Lecture Theatre of the NIIA, was declared open by the President, Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, who was represented by the National

Security Adviser, General Aliyu Mohammed Gusau. Also in attendance were: the Governor of Lagos State, Senator Ahmed Bola Tinubu, the Chief of Defense Staff, General Alexander Ogomudia, the Chief of Army Staff, General Martin Luther Agwai, the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Adekeye and the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshall Jonah Wuyep, Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, Comptroller of Immigration, Mr. Chukwumah Udeh, Comptroller of Customs, Mr. Buba Gyang and Comptroller of Prisons, Mr. Uche Kalu, Comptroller of FFR, Engr Fidelis Ogbogoh. Others present at the event were the Directors General of the Nigerian Intelligence Agency and the State Security Service Mr. Uche Okeke and Col. Kayode Are respectively, Chief Executive Officers of the Nigerian Civil Defense and Security Corps, Dr. Ade Abodunrin, and the Federal Road Safety Corps Major General Hananiya, and some personnel from various security organizations.

The retreat addressed some key issues that have bearing on the inter-

service relations of the nation's security agencies such as:

- the effects of inter-service clashes on national security,
- public perception of frequent inter-service clashes; and
- how the various security organizations



Prof. U. Joy Ogwu presenting NIIA plaque to Governor Bola Tinubu

in the country can work together to ensure security of lives and property for the citizens of Nigeria.

At the end of the five-day retreat, participants were exposed to the various dimensions of the problem of inter-service conflicts. It was agreed that through teamwork,



A group photograph of the members of the armed forces and top government officials present at the retreat



A cross section of the audience at the retreat



L-R: Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshall Jonah Wuyep, General Aliyu Gusau and Prof. U. Joy Ogwu

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INAUGURATION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mallam Abba Dabo, Chairman, NIIA Governing Council

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Chief Ufot J. Ekaette, CFR, mni, on behalf of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo inaugurated the Council of the NIIA on Friday, March 3, 2006 in Abuja. Chief Ekaette enjoined the Chairman and the members of the Council to live up to the confidence reposed in them by the President by showing commitment to service and contributing their utmost best towards achieving the mission of the Institute.

Chief Ekaette also expressed government's expectation that the members of the Governing Council would bring their various experiences to bear on their assignment in enhancing the performance of the Institute, and to assist in fulfilling its mandate. He also emphasized the need for cooperation and good relationship between the Council and the management of the Institute in the performance of their functions. He concluded by highlighting the need for Council members and the management to create and maintain a good level of mutual respect, trust and confidence



R-L: Princess Remi Olajumoke, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu and Mallam Abba Dabo inspecting books at the NIIA Bookshop



Prof. Mike Kwanashie inspecting NIIA ICT facility

so that all can be seen to be working as a team, united in achieving their institutional goals and objectives. The Council Chairman and members are:

1. Mallam Abba Dabo - Chairman
2. Alh. Sa'adu A. Abdullahi - Member
3. Dr. Musa Ahmed Musa - Member
4. Princess Remi Olajumoke - Member
5. Mr. Ugbaja D. Michael - Member
6. Senator Illah Gada - Member
7. Mallam Jubrin Maigari - Member
8. Prof. U. Joy Ogwu - Member
9. Prof. Mike Kwanashie - Member
10. Prof. Chinedu Nebo - Member
11. Prof. Bayo Okunade - Member
12. Prof. Sonni G. Tyoden - Member



A group photograph at the maiden meeting of the NIIA Governing Council members

NIIA COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Following its inauguration by the President on Friday March 3, 2006, the Council of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) held its first meeting on Friday March 17, 2006 at the Conference Chambers of the Institute. The meeting which was attended by all the members of the Council, started around 10.30a.m and adjourned at 5:20pm. It discussed major issues concerning the administration and activities of the Institute.



Mr. Tunde Emmanuel, ICT Systems Engineer (right) briefing the Council Chairman and members on NIIA ICT services

CONFERENCE ON FEDERALISM AND ETHNICITY IN AFRICA

The NIIA in collaboration with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) jointly organized a Pan-African Conference, sponsored by the British Council, on *Federalism and Ethnicity* between February 20 and 23, 2006. The Conference's participants were drawn from civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia and



L-R: Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Prof. Ibidapo Obe and Prof. U. Joy Ogwu.

government agencies from 25 countries within and outside Africa. The main objective of the conference was to address the problems of ethnicity and federalism and other systems of governance in African countries.

While declaring the conference open, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo represented by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Ibidapo Obe, pointed out that in the course of post-independence development of Africa, one of the most difficult problems confronting African states remains the issue of an appropriate framework for organizing governmental structures given the multinational and multiethnic composition of almost all African states. The President urged the participants to review in greater detail the many ups and downs and dynamics of federalism on the continent and beyond using Nigeria's federalism as a point of departure.

In her welcome address, the Director General of NIIA, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu (OFR), stated that the conference reflects a desire to cultivate and nurture a new generation of leaders in Africa by giving them the much needed exposure to the critical problem areas of federalism and the complexities accompanying ethnic diversities which many African countries face. She expressed the hope that critical issues defining the specific character of federalism and ethnicity would be raised and evaluated to the benefit of all. In the course of the four-day conference, the following papers were presented by resource persons:

1. *Unity or Independence? Federalism Vs Unitary government* by Professor Rajeev Bhargava;
2. *An African Federal Union?* - by Professor Joy U. Ogwu and Professor Adele Jinadu;



L-R: Mr Alex Vines, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu, Mr Richard Brown, Director of British Council, Nigeria and Prof W. O. Alli, Director of Research, NIIA

3. *Ethnicity in Africa* - by Professor Okwudiba Nnoli;
4. *Ethnic Federalism in Africa?* - by Dr. Merera Gudina and Professor Sam Oyovbaire;
5. *The Case for Unitary Government* - by H.E. Mrs. Edna Adan Ismail, Somaliland Foreign Affairs Minister; and;
6. *Does it Matter?* - by Prof. Mahmood Mamdani and Dr. Muzong Kodi.

In addition to the presentations and the discussions at plenary sessions participants also had intensive debates and discussions at breakout sessions. At the end of the conference, a summary session chaired by Mr. Alex Vines of Chatham House was held to harmonize the views and positions that emerged.



L-R: Prof. W. O. Alli, Mrs Edna Adan Ismail and Prof. U. Joy Ogwu (OFR)

NIIA HOSTS THE 8th CLAUDE AKE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The NIIA hosted the 8th Claude Ake Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. The lecture was organized by the Centre for Advanced Social Science (CASS), which was founded by the late and erudite scholar, Professor Claude Ake, in 1992. The Centre is devoted to research in the social sciences and the application of knowledge to development. The Annual Lecture is part of the programmes and events organized by the Centre in memory of the outstanding political economist, pan Africanist and distinguished social scientist, who until his death devoted his life to working for the progress of Africa.

The well attended 2006 memorial lecture titled "Democratization in Nigeria: Problems and Prospects" was delivered by Professor Attahiru Jega, the Vice chancellor, Bayero University, Kano. In his lecture, Professor Jega pointed out that democratization is distinct from democracy. Democratization is a process by which governance is driven constitutionally, leading to consolidation of democracy. Even though several variants of liberal democracy have been exported to Africa in the wake of the 'third wind of democracy', Prof Jega noted that a genuine democracy must embody the following characteristics:-

- Representation
- Participation
- Responsive and responsible governance
- Equality before the law
- Fairness and justice

• Transparency
Furthermore, he noted that democratic consolidation in Nigeria would mean that democracy is entrenched and its gains are being delivered. He also argued that the democracy Africa needs is that which gives popular power, empowerment and emancipation to the African people. However, the process of democratization in Nigeria has been dis-empowering due to lack of tolerance, lack of dialogue, poverty and corruption in the country. He concluded that success in democratizing Nigeria depends on how we address these basic challenges in the country today.

NIIA SEMINAR: THE DIASPORA QUESTION IN NIGERIA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

As part of its regular seminar series, the NIIA held a seminar on: "The Diaspora Question in Nigeria's International Relations", on Thursday 9th February 2006 at the Institute's Conference Chamber.

The guest speaker was Prof. Ebere Onwundiwe, a political economist and Director of the Centre for African Studies at the Wilberforce University, Ohio, USA. In his presentation, the erudite scholar made a distinction between what he called the 'old Diaspora' and the 'new Diaspora'. The former refers to those who were taken to the new world during the era of slavery, while the latter are those who went on their own accord in search of greener pastures. According to Prof. Onwundiwe, the old Diaspora is very political, idealistic and civil rights-oriented, while the new Diaspora is more open, professional and have stronger sense of attachment to their original home countries and roots. This, among other reasons is because they have dual citizenship. He concluded that in terms of contributions to national development in the home countries, the new Diaspora are more committed, and make more remittances than the old. He then suggested that the Diaspora should be involved in national political and developmental process as well as in the conduct of international relations.



L-R: Prof. Ebere Onwundiwe and Prof. W.O. Alli.

NIIA SEMINAR: IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The NIIA held a seminar on the "Importance of Technology in International Relations" on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. The seminar was delivered by Engr. C. J. Adiele, Managing Consultant, Jaconsult, Lagos

and was attended by scholars and practitioners from the academic community, private and government organizations.

In his presentation, Engr. Adiele explained that technology is the application of research findings, techniques and methodologies to the solution of defined problems of a given society in a given environment. He stressed that the main goal of technology is the improvement of the well being of a nation and since a nation cannot have all its needs, the need to relate with other nations arises. This is where technology impacts on international relations.

The following points emerged from his presentation and the discussions that followed:

- * For technology to work and create proper and lasting wealth, resources within are not enough, hence a nation needs to throw its borders open for resources from outside.

- * If technology is not patronized, it dies naturally.

- * Application of technology to development would allow for wealth creation in the economy.

- * If the system of technology cannot be maintained, production drops.

- * Nations should negotiate for access to technology. Japan negotiated to use technology discovered by other countries. Nigeria should do likewise.

NIIA SEMINAR: THE RISE OF CHINA AND INDIA: WHAT'S IN IT FOR AFRICA?

The NIIA organized a seminar on "The Rise of China and India: What's in it for Africa"? at the Institute's Conference Chamber on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. The seminar drew participants from the academic, diplomatic and business communities including Ambassador V.N. Chibundu, Chairman/Founder, Nigeria-China Friendship Association and members of the research department of NIIA. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Andrea Goldstein, Senior Economist, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France.

The topic of the seminar generated a lot of interest as the speaker presented a rich collection of data on the many dimensions of the rise of China and India. The presentation raised key issues as follows:

- * How does Africa stand to benefit from the rise of the Asian giants?

- * How should Africa exploit the expected 'windfall' in raw materials export to China?

- * What are the prospects for long-term development and poverty eradication on the continent of Africa in view of the growing influence of China and India on the continent?

DG NIIA APPOINTED CHAIRMAN UN ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS



Professor U. Joy Ogwu (OFR), Director-General, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs

The Secretary General of the United Nations has appointed The Director General, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu, OFR the Chairman of the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for 2006.

In a congratulatory letter to the Director General dated March 21, 2006, President Olusegun Obasanjo who described the appointment as 'well deserved' noted that the honour derives undoubtedly from Prof. Ogwu's "uncommon sense of duty and the exceptional patriotic zeal with which you have discharged your responsibilities both as Director General of the NIIA and as a member of the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters". The President wished the Director General well. Professor Ogwu is the third woman and the first black woman to hold the position in the history of the United Nations. The Director General has been a member of the Board since 2003.

COURTESY VISIT BY MR BRUCE FENTON TO NIIA

Mr. Bruce Fenton, an Analyst on Sub-Saharan Africa from the Privy Council Office, Ottawa, Canada paid a courtesy visit on the Director General of the NIIA, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu on February 27, 2006. Mr. Fenton was accompanied by Mr. Christopher Duggan of the Canadian High Commission. The main purpose of the visit was to know about the role of NIIA in foreign policy formulation. They were received and briefed by the Director General, Prof. U. Joy Ogwu, who informed them that the NIIA conducts research on various aspects of international relations and provides policy options for the government.

THE NIIA LIBRARY MARKS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

March 8 every year is observed as the International Women's Day, a day when nations celebrate womanhood and women around the world are encouraged to achieve their full potentials. This year's theme is: "Women in Decision-Making: Meeting Challenges, Creating Change". The NIIA Library joined other organisations around the world to observe the International Women's Day by mounting an exhibition of books and press clippings showing women in different roles: women as peace builders, women in politics, women and war, women and human rights, women and religion etc. The exhibition lasted from March 8 to 13, 2006. The exhibition was well received by members of the public particularly students from some tertiary institutions around Lagos and other guests who found it informative and educative.



L-R: Mallam Abba Dabo, Professor U. Joy Ogwu (OFR) and Mrs Q. Folasade Coker, Director, Library and Documentation Services during the NIIA Library Exhibition.

NIIA HOLDS CENSUS EXHIBITION

In line with the responsibilities of the Readers and Bibliographic Section of the NIIA Library, an exhibition on Population and Census was mounted from the March 13-16, 2006 as part of public awareness activities for the National Population and Housing Census held across Nigeria in March 2006. On display were materials and publications relating to population and census including, books, journals, press clippings, pamphlets etc. The organizers believed that the exhibition would help the public to be better informed about census and its past problems. The exhibition was well received by members of the public including members of the NIIA Council who were attending the Council Meeting at the time of the exhibition.

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