

Covenant University Hosts Economic Conference

It was a gathering of economic experts as Covenant University hosted the 52nd edition of the Nigerian Economic Society (NES) Conference 2011 between Tuesday, September 13 and Thursday 15, 2011.

The Conference with the theme "Planning and the Transformation of the Nigerian Economy" took place at the Conference Hall of the African Leadership Development Centre of the university.

While welcoming participants to the conference, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan pointed out the connection between the theme of the conference and the vision/mandate of the University.

"Looking at what our vision/mandate is in the University, raising a new generation of leaders through an applicable curriculum, we focus on development in our drive to be the leading world class University. The connection between the vision statement and the theme of the conference is therefore a move to recapture pathways towards the realization of a future that we all envision", she said.

She enjoined participants to engage in intellectual discourse that would proffer solutions and provide empowerment opportunities to build consensus for a change in the Nigerian economy.

The three day conference was declared open by President Goodluck Jonathan who was represented by Professor Tamunopriye Agiobenebo, Special Adviser to the Vice President on Economic Matters. A renowned Economist and Chief Economic Adviser to former President Olusegun Obasanjo, Professor Philip Asiodu chaired the occasion.

The Ogun State governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, who was represented by the Senior Special Assistant on Trade and Investment, Mrs. Adenike Aboderin, said he was excited to be associated to the conference, because the society's goal were in tandem with the desires of the State Administration.

The conference which ended on Thursday, September 15, also addressed issues such as Nigeria's Vision 20:2020 Project, the Transformation Agenda report and the Role of Institutions in the Transformation of the Nigeria Economy amongst others.



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