

## FORGING PROFITABLE PARTNERSHIP WITH NIGERIA

ANIM Launches A New Global Initiative 'Nigeria Advancement and Sustainability Project (NASP)



Countries such as United States, Britain, Canada, India, Australia, Germany, France, China, Brazil, Japan and several other developed countries are age-long partners of Nigeria with engagements that are mutually benefitting. Nigeria on her part and partnership path remains devoted, desirable and development focused as her sons and daughters races to ensure that continued growths are happening on their land. As a fast developing country, Nigeria (like many others in this category) is undoubtedly inundated with daunting challenges that calls for internal and international supports and solutions. From political crises, upscale in violence inflation, FOREX issues, rising food cost, Girl-Child and women development issues, increased kidnaping, banditry and terrorism dangers, environmental problems, secession voices, an emerging economy, and a pandemic that has come to compound her troubles slowing the moving forward motion.

If Nigeria truly has friends she can genuinely rely and boast about, as many have often posited, then the time to enjoy such friendship benefits is now. While it's acknowledged that many of the developed nations being looked up to for help are also facing difficulties, especially as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, but, *the less is blessed by the better*, and Nigeria's expectations from her friends and helpers should begin to translate in concrete terms and positive outcomes now, even as initiatives and interventions now points in that direction.

When the Biden-Harris Administration came to power earlier this year, hope rose as again, as another opportunity to foster better interactions with a brand new government emerged. Thankfully the U.S. Government has also reached out and Nigerians are waiting for real and evidential results of the promises from that (virtual) interaction on the U.S. team led by Secretary of State, Secretary Antony Blinken. While Nigeria appreciates U.S. past and on-going efforts, under President Biden, she wants more efforts to address new realities emerging. The country wants more growing interests and definitive steps from global economic leadership to lessen the suffering presently encountered.

And, in pursuant to this, thanks to President Emmanuel Macron for kick-starting another conversations for the much anticipated productive partnership through the convocation of the "Summit on Financing African Economies". Africa and leaders in Europe, and other heads of multilateral and institutional finance managers gathered in Paris recently (on Tuesday, 18th May, 2021), to discuss and fashion out ways to find new approaches and best solutions to financing Africa's development needs and providing life saving support for a continent in dire need during a devastating pandemic. For President Macron a 'New Deal for Financing' Africa is urgent and imperative now.

Nigerian President, Mr. Muhammadu Buhari was also at that meeting representing the country and pushed like many other African leaders in attendance for assistance for Nigeria and Africa in general. As the giant of the continent and a special economic hub to many of the Europeans states, special consideration should be given to this country, toward alleviating the sufferings of the populace, some of which has been caused by the burden of debts. Although it's quite unfortunate that Nigeria has found herself in the class of major borrowers, nonetheless, she should also belong to the class of those who receive help even before they ask. President Buhari in that assemblage canvassed for the cancellation of debts, equal access for vaccines, increased vaccination for Africans, capacity support for Africa for the production of vaccines in the nearest future, financial empowerment for investment pursuits and entrepreneurs growth, new borrowing at affordable/bearable rates and for effective and sustainable security cooperation. The president noted that around the Lake Chad Basin, Boko Haram terrorism have taken advantage of the pandemic and pushed back into Nigeria, whilst still launching raids in Chad, Cameroun, and Niger For him 'We must be agile and flexible, cooperating across our borders to cut the head off their groups' among other important narratives that took place at that important assemblage.

Towards this, *Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine, (ANIM)*, conceptualized a new 'Think-Thank' the '**Nigeria Advancement and Sustainability Project**', **NASP**, to further strength Government and other stakeholders within and outside the country in ensuring more gainful growths for Nigeria. **NASP**, an integrated initiative, will be building-on specific and general actions of progress and how International Development Group undertakings can be leveraged on to help Nigeria meets her need and also be a continuous giver of help to others in times of need. Nigerian intellectuals, scientists, noble laureates, business persons/groups, innovators, media practitioners, philanthropists, nationalists, military personnel/ security experts, government officials, politicians, Nigerians in diaspora, diplomats and other foreign envoys and assistance will be constantly galvanized for a unified and improved Nigeria

**NASP** will be focusing among others on the following:

- Diplomacy promotions and sustenance.
- New and favorable immigration policies.
- Support for democracy and sustained democratic system.
- Increased foreign partnerships.
- Better trade deals and pursuit for economic growth.
- Improved security deals to tackle national and regional safety.
- Youths and Women lifting, among others.

Watchout for NASP roll-out soon. **ANN**

## EMPOWERING DEVELOPMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD

**W**omen are change agents and promoters of sustainable development. They are a major contributor of a happy and habitable world, and the planet is full of them doing great exploits; daily contributing to social transformations and providing important supports to many including the Girl-Child and young women alike. Women are strong, loving and caring, and are peace advocates and conflicts solvers. They are helpers created and positioned for the strength, success and sustenance of a family, community, nation and the globe at large. Given the desired opportunities in the market place, corporate organizations, civil societies and NGOs, faith-based institutions and other decision and development making bodies and platforms, they are the needed helping-hands for a better world.

And, one woman, who is also at the frontier of ensuring women (and men-alike) fully realized and utilized their potentials is **Mrs Ibukun Abiodun Awosika**. Born in December 24, 1962 in Nigeria, Ms Awosika rose from a humble background to become a globally respected woman, leader, motivational speaker, mentor, acclaimed author and award recipient. Her enviable strides and climb to the top, and unprecedented achievements earned through integrity, industry, inventiveness and unwavering faith in God clearly puts her as a first of many global feats. 'Pastor B' (Pastor Blessing) as fondly called in the Christian circles is proud to be identified with the gospel of Her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, whom she follows devotedly and also shares with others His saving power and redemptive works.

From a science background (studied Chemistry from University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University), her extensive contacts and passionate heart, and scholastic gift, learning prowess and higher education acquirements and certifications in the field of Business Administration, Management, Marketing, Entrepreneurial Skills, ICT, etc, from reputable academic institutions have enabled her in empowering sustainable development around the world. Ms. Ibukun Awosika is the Chairman of Chair Center Group and also chairs and/or sits on board of many distinguished private, public and philanthropic establishment. Until recently, she was the Chairman of First Bank of Nigeria, (the first woman to hold that esteemed position) and a Minister of God and Missionary sponsor.

Godly, gifted and graceful, this great woman of God is truly a blessing to many generations. **ANN**



**Mrs Ibukun Awosika**

### APPRECIATING COMMITMENT TO A CAUSE



**Mr. Russell Brooks**

(Former PAO, United States Consulate-General, Lagos, Public Affairs Section)

ANIM appreciates a man who selflessly pursued press freedom, empowerment of journalists, journalism growth and overall improvements in Nigeria

### PROMOTING QUALITATIVE EDUCATION GLOBALLY



Celebrating one of our esteemed partners and friends: Nikky and Debbie of PANOBA

## ACCLAIM NIGERIA VISITATION AND PRESENTATION OF PUBLICATION TO AMBASSADOR MAREK SKOLIL AT EMBASSY IN NIGERIA

In recognition of the diverse diplomatic and development works of the Embassy of The Czech Republic in Abuja, under the distinguished leadership of its current Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Marek Skolil, *Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine* (ANIM) featured the inspiring activities of the Envoy and his team as a cover story in one of its editions.

The exclusive spotlight was intended to encourage more works of improvements and greater synergy between Nigeria and The Czech Republic, and to further stimulate other foreign missions in Nigeria, many of whose efforts are broadly acclaimed by citizens across the country, Nigerians in diaspora, and development promoters around the world and who also urge them not to rest on their pursuits of progress in the country.

In appreciation of the feature and during the publication presentation to the Envoy, ANIM crew were warmly received at the Embassy in Abuja, and treated to the globally renowned Czech's hospitality by the Ambassador and His Deputy, Ms Hana Trousilova, a wonderful woman and pleasant personality to be with.

The media organisation further appreciate the Embassy's support for press-freedom and media-development in the country and looks forward for more engagements in the days ahead. **ANN**



### Recognition of Excellence

## STEPPED OUT IN STYLE



### Ambassador Daniel Dargent Completes A Successful Tour Of Duty In Nigeria

Ambassador Daniel Dargent is a friend of many; loved, respected and a guest of many nation building activities in Nigeria. During his tenure as the Belgian Ambassador to Nigeria, he helped in building bridges of friendship and business growths between Belgium and Nigeria, ensuring that the Belgian Embassy remains a leading foreign mission in the country.

As with every beginning an end is inevitable, His Excellency, Mr Dargent has drawn the curtain of his tour of duty in Nigeria, taking up another challenging assignment. Although he will surely be missed in Nigeria and other neighboring countries, his works speaks on. In his send-off party (a low-key one due to the pandemic ), he assured continue efforts towards Nigeria's sustainable growth as opportunities avail.

While another Ambassador has since taken over and doing great works at the Embassy and making Nigeria proud. Mr Dargent remains a partner and an inspiration to many. As a cherished friend **Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine** exclusively covered his good-bye party from Nigeria. **ANN**

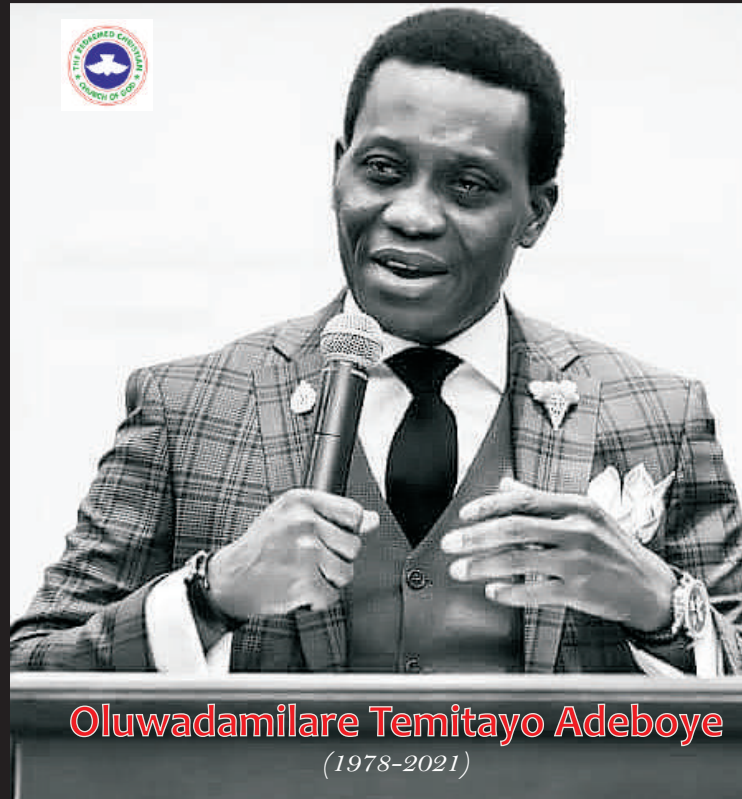


Guest from diverse background came to rejoice at the send-off party of Ambassador Dargent.

Acclaim Nigeria staff with U.S Ambassador Mary-Beth Leonard

*To live is Christ. To die is Gain*

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**Oluwadamilare Temitayo Adebayo**  
(1978-2021)

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven....  
Revelation 4:1

## May 3

230th anniversary of  
the Constitution of 3 May

**POLAND: Happy Celebration**



**PARAGUAY: Congratulations**  
May 14th



**NORWAY: Gratulerer med dagen**  
May 17th



Happy  
Independence Day

**CAMEROUN: One est ensemble**  
May 20th



**Salute To A Champion of Humanitarian and Human Rights Promotions in Nigeria**  
Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmad Isah  
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