



The Nigerian Economic Society

55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2014, Abuja

**THEME: POST-2015 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: NIGERIA'S
ENGAGEMENT AND ROADMAP FOR EARLY DELIVERY**

CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

In July 2012, three years to the target date of 2015 set for the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the UN Secretary General constituted a High Level Panel (HLP) of Eminent Persons to make recommendations on the development agenda beyond 2015. The Coordinating Minister of the Economy and Honourable Minister of Finance, Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Fellow of the Nigerian Economic Society, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was one of the 20-member Eminent Persons Panel Co-Chaired by Her Excellency, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia; and His Excellency, David Cameron, Prime Minister of United Kingdom. The HLP submitted its report on May 30, 2013.

At the 22nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, held on January 31, 2014, the African Union (AU) adopted the Common African Position (CAP) on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (the Agenda). The CAP on the Agenda groups Africa's development priorities into the following six pillars:

- (i) **Structural Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth;**
- (ii) **Science, Technology and Innovation;**
- (iii) **People-Centred Development;**
- (iv) **Environmental Sustainability, Natural Resources Management, Disaster and Risk Management;**
- (v) **Peace and Security; and**
- (vi) **Finance and Partnerships.**

The Heads of State and Government of the AU have called for the adoption of concrete measures supported by adequate means of implementation in order to ensure full realization of the Agenda. They also recognized the need to promote a culture of evidence-based decision making as a major enabler for the full realization of the Agenda. This calls for research and analytical inputs into the design, implementation, monitoring and impact assessment of concrete measures necessary for the full realization of the Agenda especially at national levels. This, therefore, is the motivation for choosing *Post-2015 Global Development Agenda: Nigeria's Engagement and Roadmap for Early Delivery* as the theme of the 55th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Economic Society (NES).

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Conference is to bring together national and international scholars, researchers and experts to diagnose and articulate contextually relevant practicable measures necessary to ensure full realization of key elements of the six pillars and enablers of the CAP on Post-2015 Development Agenda in Nigeria well before 2030.

CONFERENCE THEMATIC AREAS AND SUB-THEMES

Thematic Areas	Sub-Themes
A. MDGs in Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of MDGs in Nigeria: Achievements, Challenges and Lessons
B. Structural Economic Transformation and Inclusive growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Growth and Reduction in Inequality • Sustainable Agriculture, Food Self-Sufficiency and Nutrition • Diversification, Industrialization and Value Addition and Linkages • Strengthening Linkages of Financial and Other Service Sectors and Real Sectors of the Economy • Accelerating Infrastructure Development • Monetary and Fiscal Policies in Support of Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth
C. Science, Technology and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Technological Capacities for Economic Transformation • Supporting Research and Development • Optimizing Utilization of space and Geospatial Technologies • Promoting Innovation and Invention
D. People-Centred Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradication of Poverty • Reconciling High Growth and Poverty • Education and human capital development • Skills Development, Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation • Universal and Equitable Access to Quality Healthcare • Gender Equality and Women Empowerment • Leveraging Population Dynamics for Development • Addressing Youth Unemployment • Realizing Demographic Dividends • Improving Access to Sustainable Human Settlements and Housing
E. Environmental Sustainability, Natural Resource Management and Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the Resource Curse and Improving Natural Resource Management • Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Green Economic Growth • Enhancing Access to Safe Water for All • Responding Effectively to Economic Challenges of Climate Change • Addressing Desertification, Land Degradation, Soil Erosion, Flooding, Air Pollution and Drought • Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
F. Peace Security and Development Enablers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing Nexus of Economic Opportunities and Conflicts • Managing the Drivers and Economic Consequences of Conflicts • Economic Development and Conflict Management • Addressing Corruption and Economic Management • Integrity, Leadership and Development • Public-Private-Development Partners Interface and Inclusive Development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Comprehensive/Integrated Data Generation System for Evidence-based Policy Making and Development Planning
G. Financing and Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Domestic Resource Mobilization • Maximizing Innovative Financing • Promoting Quality and Predictability of External Financing • Promoting Mutually Beneficial Partnerships • Strengthening Partnership for Preventing and Retrieving Illicit Financial Flows out of Nigeria • Strengthening Partnership for Trade and Investment

SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSIONS

As usual at the NES Annual Conference, there will be specialized panels in the following areas:

- Development Economics and Development Planning
- Public Sector Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Health Economics
- Game Theory/Political Economy
- Econometrics
- Economics of Education and Human Capital
- Energy/ Environmental Economics/Climate Change
- Financial Economics
- History of Economic Thought/Economic History

Members who are willing to organize and chair any of these panels should contact nes.conference@gmail.com or nesibadan@gmail.com and copy susaliyu.iiibfbuk@buk.edu.ng and asbanky@yahoo.com. Members are encouraged to use any of the sessions to discuss their research programmes and/or projects.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

We invite abstracts of research papers to be presented at the Conference. The abstracts prepared in standard MS word or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format should **not exceed 700 words (approximately two pages)**. The submission should include: title of the research paper, JEL classification numbers matching the research, the author(s) and contact person's (for papers that are jointly authored) mailing address, phone and e-mail address.

The abstract submitted should not exceed two pages and must include the following sections: overview, research questions being addressed, methodology, expected results and references.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Deadline for submission of abstracts-	May 31, 2014
Notification of the status of papers-	June 30, 2014
Deadline for submission of full paper-	August 16, 2014

The abstract should be submitted electronically to: nes.conference@gmail.com and copy susaliyu.iiibfbuk@buk.edu.ng. and asbanky@yahoo.com. For further information on the Conference, visit the Society's website: www.nigerianeconomicsociety.org

CONFERENCE FEES

NES Members

N20,000 for early registration, **up to August 31, 2014**

N25,000 for registration **after August 31, 2014**

Non-NES Members

N25,000 for early registration, **up to August 31, 2014**

N30,000 for registration **after August 31, 2014**

Students

Paper presenting students will not pay registration fee

Other students will pay a special registration fee of N4,000

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Online transfer and bank deposit are allowed with the following information:

A/c No: 0029491299, Bank: GT Bank Plc, Branch: Bodija, Ibadan, Sort Code:058194023

NES PHD THESIS PRIZE

There will be prizes awarded for the top three PHD theses in 2013/2014. The award is open to all PHD candidates that successfully defended their theses in 2013/2014. Assessment will be based on the following criteria: contribution to knowledge, originality, language/style, creativity and coherence. There will be an award panel to choose the prize winners. Interested students should send soft copies of their theses to: nes.conference@gmail.com.

For more information on the Nigerian Economic Society visit the website: [www:nigerianeconomicsociety.org](http://www.nigerianeconomicsociety.org).

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