

CBN Governor Speaks on Global Economy at World Economic Forum

The Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Professor Charles Soludo, has been invited to address world's political and business leaders at the Annual meetings of the World Economic Forum, holding in Davos, Switzerland from January 25th to 29th 2006.

Professor Soludo who has been specially invited by the global economic and business body to take up various aspects of the theme: "Mastering Our Future", will be part of different select global panels of experts to discuss the future of the global economy in series of meetings that will span over 100 different sessions.

Professor Soludo is billed to speak on "Purse Strings and Democracy", along side such international figures as Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia; Daron Acemoglu, Professor of Economics Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA; Youssuf Boutros-Ghali, Finance Minister of Egypt; Dani Rodrik, Professor, FK Kennedy School of Government, Havard University; among others on 25th January.

On the 26th, he will discuss Global Business Competitiveness in a panel which will include Jean-Francois Cope, Minister Delegate for Budget and State Reform, spokesmand for the Government of France; Daniel Kaufmann, Director, World Bank Institute Washington DC, Kenneth Rogoff, Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Havard University, Xavier Sala -i-Martin, Professor of Economics Columbia niversity, USA; and Mark B. Fuller, Chairman/CEO Monitor Group USA.

On the 27th, he is expected to be part of the discussion on "Fixing Up Fixed Exchange Rates" in a crack panel including Rodrigo de Rato y Figuerado, Managing Director, IMF, Washington DC; Tim Adams, US Undersecretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Hans W. Reich, Chairman, Board of Managing Directors, KfW Bankengruppe, Germany; Louis Schweitzer, Chairman of the Board, Renault, France; Stuart G. Gulliver, CEO and Co-Head Corporate Investment Banking and Markets, HSBC; and Takatoshi Ito, Professor of Economics, University of Tokyo.

The World Economic Forum is an independent international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging leaders in partnerships to shape global, regional and industry agendas.

Soludo's invitation is not unconnected with his extensive research works on African and the global economy, his successes in designing and implementing Nigeria's economic reform programme, NEEDS, as well as the huge success recorded in the implementation of the first phase of the banking sector reform programme.