



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University May 11-15, 2015

## DR. OYEDEPO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT



Chancellor (5th R) with CU Management and ICADI 2015 Keynote Speaker and other Guests

The Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo has expressed the belief that giants would emerge in all spheres of life in Africa. He made this known on Sunday, May 10, 2015, in his office when he received the Keynote Speaker and other guests for the University's 2nd International Conference on African Development Issues (CU-ICADI).

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo and other members of the University Management had led the

Conference Keynote Speaker and 2012 Nobel Prize Winner in Economic Sciences, Professor Alvin Elliot Roth and other special guests on a courtesy call on the Chancellor.

Dr. Oyedepo noted that the development and application of indigenous knowledge would culminate in the rise of giants in the Continent. Covenant University, according to him, is an indigenous university where the system works. "Every structure you see on this ground was built by indigenous

engineers and we are excited about it," he said.

He explained further that the University's leadership organised the Conference for the development of Africa. "There is no apartheid in knowledge. Wherever it can be found, we go for it. That is why we have decided to wake up and take responsibility to develop our Continent."

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the University Management hosted the guests to a dinner at the University Guests House. Professor Ayo told the guests that the University has the vision to be one of the top ten universities in the world in a few years and the way to achieve this, according to him, is to ride on the shoulder of giants.

Professor Ayo said the presence of the Guests, particularly the Nobel Prize Winner at the University, would contribute to the success of the Conference and foster collaborations between Covenant University and their institutions.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant University International Conference on African Development Issues kicked off on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the University's African Leadership Development Centre. The 3-day event focused on Biotechnology, ICT, Materials and Renewable Energy: Potential Catalyst for African Development. Internationally acclaimed experts from various sectors of the economy presented papers at the programme.

## CU HOLDS 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT ISSUES (ICADI), 2015

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, on Monday, May 11, 2015, declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Conference on African Development Issues open. The Conference with the theme, 'Biotechnology, ICT, Materials and Renewable Energy: Catalyst for African Development,' attracted participants from across the globe and addressed topics such as, 'Education for all: promoting quality and access,' 'Setting an Agenda for Africa's Economic Development,' 'Combating Terrorism and Xenophobia,' and 'Knowledge

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Chancellor, Members of CU Management, Keynote Speaker and other Guests .

# UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE VISITS CU



*Covenant University Management and officials of the United Nations Information Centre*

Officials of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Lagos, paid a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The team was made up of the Director, Mr. Ronald D. Kayanja and the National Information Officer, Mr. Oluseyi Soremekun.

While stating the purpose of their visit, Mr. Kayanja appreciated the Management of the University for their warm welcome and willingness to meet with the team. He explained that he is a national of Uganda and was newly deployed to Nigeria. Mr. Kayanja stated, "I have heard about Covenant University and I have been informed that this is the best university in Nigeria. I decided we must visit CU, as I needed to know why it

is the best university in Nigeria. I am glad I came.

"Our work as the UN Information Centre is to be an information deposit and outlet for the United Nations in Nigeria. We work with all the United Nations Agencies, plans and programmes across Nigeria. Our programmes include working with the media, the Diplomatic Missions and academic institutions on a number of areas, especially regarding International Relations. We would like to have a collaborative initiative with Covenant University in a number of areas, which would include research," he said.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor

Taiwo Abioye stated, "Covenant University is called 'Hebron,' the birth place of Kings and Queens, and we raise them to have the mindset of kings and queens. By the special grace of God, CU is number one in Nigeria, number one in West Africa, and number 15 in Africa. We believe that by the year 2022, we shall be one of the best ten universities in the world."

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo said, "Covenant University will join

in the celebration of the 70 years of existence of the United Nations, come October, 24, 2015. In the primary education context, the key role is to develop individuals with skills that would lead to nation building. It is not surprising that the quality of education affects the quality of development in any nation, and developing nations like Nigeria for instance, are good examples. That is why Covenant University has a vision to make the difference."

Others at the meeting were the Director, International Office & Linkages, Dr. Angela Eni; HOD, Political Science & International Relations, Dr. Moses Duruji; Dr. Chidozie Felix and a member of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs.

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Economy and Africa's Development Agenda.'

In his opening remarks at the event, the Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo expressed excitement at the prospects of the conference. While declaring the conference open, he enjoined all participants to fully engage themselves in what the event has to offer. He stated, "It is not enough to make findings, but engaging the findings is what makes the difference. The key word to lasting impact is commitment."

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo appreciated the guidance and support of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, the Vice President, Living Faith Church Worldwide, Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo and the entire Board of Regents of the University for providing oversight in building a great university. Professor Ayo also appreciated all the corporate partners

who have contributed immensely to the success of the event. He encouraged them to continue to work with the University to map out ways to move Nigeria and Africa forward.

He stated, "There is something that is unique about this conference; it is coming at a time when Nigeria is about to have a change of government. However, for true change to be born, attention must be given to the outcome of the conference that would include global solutions to issues of food security, health, application of ICT, quality of education, etc."

While making his presentation titled, 'Kidney disease in Nigeria and the U.S., and possibilities of cooperation and mutual aid,' the Conference Keynote Speaker and 2012 Nobel Prize Winner in Economic Sciences, Professor Alvin Elliot Roth stated, "You may ask, 'Why is an economist speaking about

kidneys?' There are different kinds of economists: macroeconomists and microeconomists, otherwise known as 'Market Designers.' Market designers are Economic engineers—they try to fix markets when they're broken and work with a wide variety of markets, not just commodity markets in which prices alone decide who gets what. They operate 'Matching markets,' that is, markets in which prices don't do all the work, because you can't just choose what you want; you also have to be chosen. In some matching markets, we don't allow prices to influence who gets what, at all."

He further explained, "Market design is an outward facing part of economics. It is unavoidably interdisciplinary and since Economics has something to do with just about everything, economists can learn from just about everyone. I want to talk to you today about how we have taken some initial steps to increase kidney transplantation in the U.S., through kidney exchange, and how such a programme might be extended to Africa, and be a catalyst to build medical infrastructure in Africa."