



Covenant University Newsflash

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Renewable Energy Germane to Economic Development



Dr Olorunwa Tijani, Head, Training, Research and Statistics, Lagos State Waste Management Authority, delivering the Keynote Address on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner of the Environment

For Nigeria to meet her energy needs and invariably aid her development, as well as ensure geometric increase of her economy, the use of Renewable Energy has been observed to be inevitable.

The observation was made, Monday, July 10, 2017, by the Lagos State Commissioner for Environment, Dr. Samuel Adejare, in his Keynote Address at the 51st Annual Conference of the Science Association of Nigeria (SAN), hosted by Covenant University, Ota. The Conference has, "Science: The Key to Renewable Energy, Green Environment, Empowerment and Sustainable Development," as its theme.

Dr. Adejare who was represented by the Director of Research and Development, Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Dr. Olorunwa Tijani, emphasised that renewable energy was in the forefront of development initiative and priority for many countries, including Nigeria. "Energy plays an important role in our daily living and there is no greater time

for us as a nation to vigorously explore the opportunities that renewable energy (solar energy, wind power, biomass, geothermal energy, nuclear power and thermal energy) presents".

"With the use of renewable energy, Nigeria will not only meet her energy needs but will also invariably aid development and ensure the geometric increase in terms of the economy," he stated.

He revealed the bold steps being taken by Lagos State Government towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal for the environment, which, he noted, would automatically improve the standard of life of its citizens.

The initiative, according to him, include residential and street waste collection and processing, secondary and tertiary drainage maintenance, provision of engineered sanitary landfill, street sweeping, highway

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Covenant University, Cledop Agree on Action Plan for Collaboration

Covenant University and an oil servicing company, Cledop West Africa Limited, have agreed on a Four-Point Action Plan in their collaboration towards building the capacity of staff and students of the University with the objective of meeting specific needs of the nation's industries.

This much was revealed on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at a meeting between the Management of Covenant University and the visiting management team of Cledop.

Speaking at the meeting, the Dean, College of Engineering, Covenant University, Professor Christian Bolu, who serves as coordinator of the collaboration, said that following a tour of the University's facilities by the Cledop team, both organisations came up with

concrete decisions on an action plan in four distinct areas.

The four areas, he stated, include Product Development; Product Testing; Training of Undergraduates, Postgraduates and Equipment Manufacturing.

Responding, the Managing Director, Cledop, Pastor Clement Udoh, said that the most important message his team would be taking back to Cledop was seeing that Covenant University has the capacity to provide solutions to challenges in the oil and gas industry, for instance, in terms of reducing capital flight as the solutions the industry currently seek abroad could be found locally.

"We take what we see here and put into the oil and gas industry immediately. We want to go ahead from Covenant University to market the University to the industry," said Pastor Udoh.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor

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Carnegie Fellow Thanks Covenant for Building Nigeria's Future

Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow, Dr. Efosa Idemudia, has at the end of his working visit to Covenant University thanked the University for, according to him, "building the future of Nigeria", just as he appreciated the University for being a good host.

Speaking when he paid a thank you visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero in his office on Monday, July 10, 2017, Dr. Idemudia, an associate professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, Arkansas Tech University, USA, said that he was impressed by what Covenant University is doing.

He said the Master and PhD students of the University demonstrated great passion during his interaction with them, adding that the "beautiful campus" offers a very conducive environment for learning.

The professor of business data analytics had during his stay at the University taught faculty, staff and students ICT-related courses and also visited some public secondary schools in the University community to motivate students and also made monetary donations to schools.

The Vice-Chancellor, in his remarks, thanked Dr. Idemudia for choosing Covenant University and the Institute of International Education, administrator of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellows Programme, for giving the University quality Fellows. Professor

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Covenant University Management with officials of Cledop West Africa Limited

Vice-Chancellor Lauds Covenant Enactus, Pledges More Support

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has congratulated members of the University's Chapter of Enactus, an international nonprofit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action, for their improved outing at the 2017 edition of the Enactus National Competition.

The Covenant University Enactus, which finished in third position on its debut outing at the National Competition in 2016, had emerged second in the 2017 edition held from July 4-7 at the Civic Centre, Victoria Island, in Lagos, where it was second best only to the Ahmadu Bello University Enactus.

Receiving the Covenant Enactus team in his office on Monday, July 10, 2017, the Vice-Chancellor thanked God for the good things He is doing in the University, and said that the team had done well after

weeks of preparations.

While assuring the Covenant Enactus of more support from the University Management, Professor Atayero urged Enactus members not to rely on preparations only but to always put the right thing first, which is spirituality. "I'm convinced gold is coming next year, we are proud of you," he added.

In his comments, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, also congratulated the Covenant Enactus and described the feat achieved by the team as the Lord's doing. He charged the members not to rest on their oars and begin to aim for the top prize in the next edition of the national competition.

The Institution Representative, Enactus, Covenant University, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, in his remarks, gave glory to God for His faithfulness and



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, receiving the ENACTUS Trophy from Director, CEDS, Dr Stephen Oluwatobi

appreciated the University for its immense support to the Enactus team.

Dr. Oluwatobi, who is also the Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, said that having come third in the 2016 competition, Covenant Enactus aimed for the first position in the 2017 event and God honoured the University as its representatives beat the defending champion, Kaduna Polytechnic, in the semi-final. "We have very brilliant students, there was unusual utterances in their presentations. God was with us," he said.

Giving a vote of thanks on behalf of his colleagues, the Acting Leader, Covenant Enactus, Mr. Segun Olatinbo, expressed gratitude to the Covenant Management for its support and assured that preparation for next year's edition of the Enactus national competition starts immediately.

Olatinbo revealed that the goal of Covenant Enactus is for Covenant University to be the first University to win the national competition and go on to win the Enactus World Cup. The event was rounded off with Dr. Oluwatobi leading the Enactus team to present the trophy and plaques won at the national competition to the University management.

Also present at the event were the Acting Director, Financial Services, Mr. Emmanuel Oyeku; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Faculty Advisor, Covenant Enactus, Mr. Michael Fagbohun; and Mentors, Mr. Olalekan Olowo and Mr. Damilare Osokoya. ■

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Atayero said that it was a great privilege having Dr. Idemudia and urged him to maintain the relationship with the University.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu and the Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole. ■



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero (2nd L) in a group photograph with Departing Carnegie Scholar, Dr Efosa Idemudia (3rd L)

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management as well as marine waste collection.

Dr. Adejare called on the participants to work together to ensure a sustainable environment and brighter future, noting that there was no cause greater than shaping a world in which every life that enters it can look to a future of security, opportunity, dignity and where the environment was put in better shape for the next generation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, while declaring the Conference open, charged the participants to free their minds to entertain destructive thoughts which would bring the desired change to the nation. "This conference must not end without coming out with some tangible things that can change the fortune of this nation as we have it today by the instrumentality of freeing our minds to entertain destructive thoughts," he advised.

Professor Atayero noted that it was

time in the history of the nation where positive changes are inevitable and thus must be generated. One of such changes, he said, was in the power/energy sector. Covenant University, he noted, was currently working on a number of projects on alternative energy sources, an area it ranked the best institution in wind power worldwide by Thomson Reuters.

He enjoined the participants to ensure that the outcome of the conference turn the woes hitherto associated with the nation's energy sector into testimony.

In her welcome address, the President, Science Association of Nigeria (SAN), Professor M. Bakare-Odunola, FSAN, stated that in order to enjoy the renewable energy generated from the natural resources, the eco-system must be made friendly. This, she said, would be a source of empowerment for the people which would yield sustainable development. ■

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AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, expressed delight at receiving the report of technical deliberations between representatives of the University and their Cledop counterparts. He said that the four cardinal points identified are areas the University would be glad to go into partnership with Cledop.

While thanking the Cledop team for the enthusiasm demonstrated, the Vice-Chancellor's representative affirmed that the partnership will go a long way in advancing the nation's cause. ■