



Covenant University Newsflash

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Development Possible by Optimally Engaging Resources to Create Solutions and Opportunities –Professor Atayero



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, declaring the Conference open on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero

The Vice Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has stated that achieving development was possible, if resources could be optimally engaged to create solutions and opportunities as established over time, from the agrarian era to the industrial era, and now in the knowledge era.

He stated this in an address delivered on his behalf by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom

Chinedu, at the just concluded 2nd Covenant University International Conference on Entrepreneurship (CU-ICE) 2018, organised by the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies of the institution.

Commenting on the theme of the conference titled, 'Cultivating Entrepreneurial Capacities in the Knowledge Economy', Professor Atayero said that it focused on vital entrepreneurial issues that shift the economic status of individuals and organisations in a knowledge economy. He expressed delight at the conference package, which he hoped would make a lot of impact towards changing the status quo and inspire practical solutions to the issues facing the Nigerian economy.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the world had since evolved to the knowledge era, where standardisation, division of labour, and specialisation were not able to cope like they did in the industrial

era. The knowledge era, he added, demands more flexibility, innovation, speed, and efficiency.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, appreciated the University Management for the support and encouragement given to the Centre towards the success of the conference. He described the event as a deviation from theory to actual application of knowledge in order to bring forth solutions to the problems facing the polity.

He emphasised: "We are in a new economic era called the 'Knowledge

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Covenant Dusts Others in General Economics, Econometrics and Finance



Dr Kehinde Adetiloye

As far as General Economics, Econometrics and Finance research endeavours are concerned, Covenant University is the best in Nigeria.

This verdict is captured in a recent Scival report, which evaluated the research productivity of forty-eight Nigerian universities between 2013 and 2018. Among the institutions assessed are the premier University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University, Universities of Ilorin, Lagos, Benin, University of Nigeria Nsukka and Federal University of Technology Akure.

In the report, Covenant University leads with 83 research publications, 127 authors and a field-weighted citation

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Research in Signal Processing: Covenant Shines in Scival Rating

Covenant University has again led in the field of Signal Processing.

Grossing a total of 13 publications, 20 authors and 0.35 citation impact, the university outshines Federal University of Technology Minna, University of Nigeria Nsukka, University of Ilorin and Obafemi Awolowo University in that field of research.

Indeed Minna comes second with 8 publications and 14 authors, while a third-placed Nsukka also has just 8 publications and 6 authors.

In the authors' ranking category, Grace Akinlabi and Sunday Edeki, two Covenant academic staff are leading in a pack of 500 authors across Nigerian universities assessed in the Scival report. ■

Nigeria				
2013 to 2018				
Signal Processing				
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Data source				
Summary Topics Awarded Grants Published Viewed Cited Economic Impact Authors Institutions				
Institutions in Nigeria				
23 of the 48 institutions in Nigeria have publications within Signal Processing (2013 to 2018).				
Institution	Publications	Authors	Field-Weighted Citation Impact	Citations
1. Covenant University	13	20	0.35	3
2. Federal University of Technology, Minna	8	14	1.04	21
3. University of Nigeria	8	8	1.08	31
4. University of Ilorin	8	12	0.10	2
5. Obafemi Awolowo University	8	3	1.18	16
6. Abdulkar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	8	8	0.33	3

Don Canvasses Adoption of ICT, E-Governance for Government-Citizens Engagement

A professor of Public Administration in the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Covenant University, Professor Daniel Gberevbie, has canvassed the adoption of diverse platforms of Information Communication Technology (ICT) for reaching out to the governed irrespective of their locations, so as to get them acquainted with governance and improve their living condition through enhanced service delivery.

Professor Gberevbie made the call at the Covenant University Conference on E-governance in Nigeria (CUCEN 2018), where he delivered a paper titled, 'Role of Information Communication Technology in Service Delivery at the Grassroots Level in Nigeria'.

He posited that ICT has a major role to play in facilitating transparency and speed in service delivery at the grassroots level in Nigeria, and to achieve this goal there is the need for the Federal



Professor Daniel Gberevbie, making his presentation

Government of and government at the local level to educate the citizenry about the gains of ICT and invest in both human and equipment for the successful realisation of ICT application and deployment at the grassroots level.

Professor Gberevbie stated that with the growing demands of citizens and changing global rules and regulations, governments were under pressure to deliver quality services with speed and timeliness. He added that this had prompted government's attempts at tackling

the demand by re-engineering their processes, with ICT playing a central role in the proposed solution in different nations.

He noted that in developing nations like Nigeria, a successful and effective implementation of ICT adoption at grassroots level in the area of service delivery was likely to bring about some efficient outcomes for the governed, but only if adequate resources were provided and all barriers removed.

While highlighting some of the benefits of adopting ICT towards enhanced service delivery to the citizenry, Professor Gberevbie said that ICT adoption was more likely to enable governments and organisations to improve on service delivery, and thereby improve the living standard of the citizens. "Transparent use of public resources equals a higher level of trust in the government and its activities by the people, which ultimately leads to societal development through the availability of more funds for the provision of required social amenities in the society for better living condition," he added. ■

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impact of 0.84. A second-positioned University of Nigeria Nsukka has 75 research publications, 104 authors and 0.39 citation impact only. University of Ibadan is third while

Obafemi Awolowo University and University of Lagos are placed fourth and fifth.

Also, Adeyemi Ogundipe, Dr. Kehinde Adetiloye and Phillip Alege

(a professor and dean in the institution) are among the top five General Economics, Econometrics and Finance researchers in Nigeria. ■

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Economy' and we need to understand the times that we are in. Some jobs, which existed years back, no longer exist and there are jobs now that would not exist in ten years' time. I hope that this conference would help us to re-evaluate the issues at hand and bring up solutions that can move the world forward."

The first keynote address at the event, titled, 'The Role of Universities in Fostering Entrepreneurship', was delivered by an erudite scholar from the Department of Management and Accounting, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Professor Erlinda Adetayo..

According to her, higher education is a process for the development of the totality of the individual to enable him live a meaningful life and to be able to contribute and discharge his responsibilities towards the development of the society where he finds himself.

Universities, she said, exist as institutions for creation, dispersion, and furtherance of the knowledge of virtually everything; they have played a significant role in societal development many centuries ago.

Professor Adetayo asserted that Universities have five primary goals,

which include being a repository of the knowledge of mankind; fostering the generation of new knowledge through research; the transference of knowledge to the next generation through teaching; the conversion of knowledge to practice, thereby creating a link with the industry; as well as supporting knowledge-based resource and generating economic development.

Others at the event were the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; the 2nd Vice Chancellor of Covenant University and Director, African Leadership Development Centre, Professor Aize Obayan, and other senior officers of the University. ■