



WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN TAX CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
OF COUNCIL AT THE 13TH ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE HOLDING AT
NICON LUXURY ABUJA BETWEEN WEDNESDAY 11TH TO SATURDAY 14TH
MAY 2011

The Former Head of State and Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, General Dr. Yakubu Gowon, GCFR

The President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Prince Rasaq 'Kunle Quadri, FCTI

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The Chairmen of District Societies

Paper Presenters

Chairmen of Paper Presentation Sessions

Invited Guests

Distinguished Members of CITN

Gentlemen of the press

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my singular honor and privilege to welcome all of you to the 13th Annual Tax Conference of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) and to the capital city of Nigeria, Abuja. I particularly welcome to our midst, the former Head of State and Commander –in-chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Dr. Yakubu

Gowon GCFR whose commitment to the improvement of the Nigerian tax system is highly commendable.

My dear colleagues, the institute shall continue to be grateful to you all particularly our friends from Ghana, Liberia, Cote de Voure, South Africa and other African countries who have come to Nigeria to attend this unique event, in the spirit of African unity, to discuss ways of improving the tax system in West Africa in particular and generally amongst African countries.

The theme of this year's Conference is **Taxation and the New Global Order**. This theme was carefully chosen by members of the Tax Conference Committee and approved by Council to draw the attention of Governments of various countries to the taxation challenges in this

new global order and the need to quickly address them through sound tax policies.

In order to achieve the above stated objectives, erudite scholars have been selected to do justice to the theme and sub-themes of the conference. Paper one which is the theme of the conference, Taxation and the new global order will be presented by Professor A.S. Mikailu, ACTI , former Vice Chancellor, Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto. Paper two which is ‘The Role of Taxation in Foreign Direct Investment’ will be presented by Engr. Mustafa Bello while the third paper, ‘Achieving vision 20-2020 through effective Taxation’ shall be presented by Dr. Adedoyin Salami. The luncheon talk shall be delivered by Mr. Kola Awodein, ACTI while the gala night shall be chaired by

Malam Magawata Mohammed Usman, the Director General of the Nigerian Television Authority.a

Other activities lined up for participants during this conference include; Hospitality Nite, Sight-seeing, Gala Nite, Games and sporting activities with valuable prizes to be won. Participants should also note that the first Miss Tax shall be crowned during the Gala nite while various gift items and the usual raffle draws are also earmarked for the event.

On behalf of members of Tax Conference Committee of Council, I welcome all participants and members of CITN to the 13th Annual Tax Conference of the institute.

I wish you fruitful deliberations and enjoyable stay during the conference.

Thank you

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Chairman, Annual Tax Conference Committee