

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS (ICONS 2008)

15TH and 16TH MARCH 2008

All sessions on Saturday, 15th March and Sunday, 16th March, 2008 will take place in the Conference Centre, University of Hull, Hull City, UK.

PROGRAMME

Sat 15th March 2008 - Conference Centre, University of Hull.

09.00 - 10.30	Arrival, Registration and Coffee
10.30 - 10.40	A Welcome to the City of Hull by Councillor Carl Minns Leader of Hull City Council
10.40 - 10.50	A Welcome to the University of Hull by the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Professor Bill Bruce
10.50 - 11.10	Opening Address by the Acting Nigerian High Commissioner To the UK, His Excellency, Ambassador Dozie Nwanna OON
11.10 - 11.30	Coffee/Tea Break
11.30 - 11.50	First Guest Speaker, Dr. Mark Abani , Chairman, Central Association of Nigerians in the UK (CANUK)
11.50 - 12.10	Second Guest Speaker, Dr. Alimi Abdul-Razaq , Federal Commissioner in charge of Legal, Licensing and Enforcement, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission
12.10 - 12.50	First Seminar Series - 3 concurrent sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magbor Akat - Talk about Finding Jobs in Africa• Ms. Nazmina Panju - Working in the UK and Nigeria• Mr. Cliff Dedynski - Working in the UK and Nigeria
12.50 - 13.10	Summary of First Seminar Series
13.10 - 13.30	Award Presentation to Special Guests by Akanimo Odon Conference Chair and Co-Founder, X ⁿ Foundation and Ife Bello , Manager of Volunteering, X ⁿ Foundation
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 - 14.50	A Presentation by Mr. Jason Ivory , First Secretary Head of Visa Section, Abuja, Nigeria

- 14.50 - 15.10 Third Guest Speaker, **Chikodi Onyemerela**, British Council, Nigeria
- 15.10 - 15.30 A Presentation by **Mrs. Sade Sangowawa**, Managing Director, Inspirational Arts Limited, UK
- 15.30 - 16.10 Second Seminar Series - 3 Concurrent Sessions
- **Dr. Lawrence Ezemonye** (Associate Professor of Environmental Science, University of Benin) - *The Nigerian Environmental Industry- the way forward*
 - **Mr. Alex Akinusi** (Public Relations Officer, Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre, Jos, Nigeria - Leadership
 - **Engr. Titi Omo-Ettu** (CEO Telecoms Answers Associates, Nigeria) - Opportunities in the ICT sector for Nigerians in the Diaspora.
- 16.10 - 16.20 Award Presentation to Special Guests by Guests by **Akanimo Odon** Conference Chair and Co-Founder, Xⁿ Foundation and **Olakunle David Fashina**, Director of Protocol, Xⁿ Foundation
- 16.20 - 16.40 Talk about Xⁿ Foundation Projects by **Benedict Okhumale** Co-Founder, Xⁿ Foundation and Programme Manager, Centre for Values and Leadership, Lagos, Nigeria.
- 16.40 - 16.50 Vote of thanks by **Bamidele Adebisi**, The Director of Protocol and Logistics, Xⁿ Foundation and Chairman, Organising Committee.
- 16.50 -18.00 Creativity showcase, Display of works - academic, business, talent, discoveries (inventions)/Poster presentations, Exhibitions, Networking.

BUFFET DINNER/ SOCIAL/ AWARD NIGHT

Saturday 15th March, 2008 - Ceremony and Buffet

- 19.00 - 19.10 Opening Address by **Akanimo Odon** Co-Founder, Xⁿ Foundation and Ambassador, Lancaster University
- 19.10 - 19.20 Chairman's Address by **Honourable Phillip Orebiyi**
- 19.20 - 20.00 Entertainment by Bounce
- 20.00 - 21.15 Buffet Dinner along side Musical Performances

21.15 - 21.30	Award Presentation to Student Delegates by Valentine Ururuka , Chair, Award Committee and Director of Special Duties, X ⁿ Foundation and Chikodi Onyemerela , Business Development Manager, British Council, Nigeria
21.30 - 22.00	More Entertainment by Bounce
22.00 - 22.15	Closing Remarks, Vote of thanks and Announcements
23.00 - 02.00	Night Party

NISA FORUM/PRESENTATIONS/NETWORKING

Sunday 16th March 2008

09.00 - 10.00	Tea / Coffee served in the conference room
10.00 - 10.10	Opening Speech by Akanimo Odon , Co-Founder, X ⁿ Foundation
10.10 - 10.50	Presentations by Student Delegates
10.50 - 12.00	NISA FORUM led by Akanimo Odon , Co-Founder, X ⁿ Foundation and Bamidele Adebisi , Director of Protocols Logistics, X ⁿ Foundation.
12.00 - 12.10	Closing Remarks by Dr. Ife Akintunde , Executive Secretary X ⁿ Foundation and Updates on Future Events.
12.10 - 12.45	Lunch and departure of delegates.