Experts to Discuss E-government at Covenant University's Conference

As Nigeria marks the first anniversary of the current administration, experts on the issues of governance and Information Communication Technology (ICT) will converge at the 3rd Covenant University Conference on E-government in Nigeria (CUCEN) between June 8 and 10 to discuss “Information and Communication Technology for Governance in Nigeria: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities”.

The Conference which debuted in 2014 is to provide a platform for academics, policy makers, industry practitioners and civil society actors to address the general theme of the integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in administrative and organisation practice in Nigeria.

The Conference, according to the facilitator, Professor Patience Akpan-Obong of the Arizona State University, USA, would also afford the policy makers and industry practitioners to gain deeper understanding of the factors facilitating or hindering greater integration of ICT in governance.

Nigeria's Minister of Communication, Barrister Adebayo Shittu will be the Special Guest of Honour while the Chairman, SmartCity Resort Plc, Sir Demola Aladekomo and the Vice Provost, International Affairs and Professor of Political Science at the

CU Faculty, Staff Begin ISO Management Training

Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, on Tuesday, took yet another step towards the realization of its Vision 10:2022 project by flagging off a three-day awareness training programme on International Standard Organisation (ISO 9001:2015) Management Awareness for selected members of Faculty and Staff.

The ISO 9000 family addresses various aspects of quality management and contains some of ISO's best known standards. The standards provide guidance and tools for companies and organizations who want to ensure that their products and services consistently meet customer's requirements, and that quality is consistently improved. The ISO 9001:2015, the latest in the range, which Covenant University staff are being exposed to, sets out the requirements of a quality management system. The Vice-

U.S. Scholar to visit Covenant University for Research, Teaching

A United State-based Scholar, Dr. Efosa Idemudia, will from June 11, 2016 be a guest of Covenant University, Canaan Land, Ota, Nigeria.

During the visit, Dr. Idemudia will engage in research, teaching and other service oriented initiatives in the University.

Dr. Efosa C. Idemudia is an internationally renowned scholar. He holds degrees from universities located on three different continents: a PhD in Management Information Systems from Texas Tech University, a Master's in Computer Information Systems from the University of Texas at El Paso, and an MBA in International Business from the Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration.

He is a full-time faculty member and coordinator of the Business Data Analytics programme at Arkansas Tech
University of California, USA, will deliver the Keynote Papers.

The major highlight of this year’s conference, according to Professor Akpan-Obong, who is currently a Fulbright Scholar at the Department of Computer and Information Science of Covenant University, are the public presentation/launching of the book, “Issues and Concept of E-governance in Nigeria-A Reader,” the commissioning of the Covenant University Centre for E-governance and E-business Research (CUCEER) as well as two workshop sessions on “E-government 101.”

“The workshop will provide hands-on training on utilization of ICTs to achieve efficiency and increase productivity in the work place. They are designed to meet the administrative needs of civil servants, legislative staff, local government workers, teachers and business owners,” she explained.

Other guest speakers are the endowed ICT professor at Southern University, USA, Professor Victor Mbarka; Chair of the Department of Sociology, Delaware State University, USA, Professor Ezekiel Ette; Principal Data Scientist, Microsoft, USA, Dr. Valentine Fontama; Digital Curator and Founder of Visual Collaborative, Washington, USA, Mr. Ade Olufeko; Odo State Commissioner for Commerce and Industry, Honourable Abdul Oroh; Ogun State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Chief Dayo Adeyenye; Lagos State Commissioner for Finance, Dr. Mustapha Akinkunmi; General Manager, Ogun State Printing Corporation, Mrs. Oyinkansola Cole and Group Head, Customer Operations and Services, Galaxy Backbone Limited, Mr. Frank Ugbodaga among others.

Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, who declared the programme open on behalf of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, said it had become imperative that Covenant University get ISO certified considering the challenge posed by its ambition of being among the top 10 universities in the world by 2022. “As much as we strive to be 1 of 10 in 10, it is not restricted to teaching, research and product,” he said. “It is also about the way we organize our system, our structure and our processes.” “There is the need for us to step up quality of our services and level of responsiveness to issues. We are not doing badly but need to put in place some little details,” he added.

While congratulating participants for being found worthy of taking part in the training programme, Professor Ayo, who expressed his desire to add the ISO certificate to his profile, said Covenant University had to take the initiative as the universities CU is competing with, in its efforts to be among the best, are already ISO compliant. Mrs. Adenike Akinbote, a representative of Bureau Vetas, who is handling the training, described ISO 9001 as a standard for an organization to be certified.

Dr. Idemudia, who is an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Information Systems at Georgia State University, where he has been teaching for 5 years, said he was the first member of the editorial boards of the International Journal of Information Technology Diffusion, Journal of Information Technology Management, American Journal of Science and Technology of AASCIT. He is a member of Strathmore Who’s Who of Professionals.

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Dr. Idemudia taught both graduate and undergraduate students as a visiting scholar in the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department at Georgia State University, which the U.S. News & World Report ranked within the top ten CIS departments in the United States.

Also, for six years, he was a faculty consultant to the Educational Testing Services (ETS) for the College Board’s AP computer science reading programme.

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