

# Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology Administration

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### PROFESSIONAL CRIMINOLOGISTS CONFERENCE ABUJA 2017.

### THEME

Corruption and Criminal Justice System in Nigeria an Overview

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Abuja	18 & 19 Oct, 2017	Nugget Hotels Ltd, Utako Abuja	

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#### INTRODUCTION

Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology Administration (ICJCA) is a Professional Body in the core area of Criminal Justice System, Prison Administration and Law Enforcement. The Institute was established under ACT 1 CAP of 1990 as a non-profit organization limited by guarantee

The importance of criminal justice to the smooth running of any society cannot be over emphasized. Indeed, an effective criminal justice system is regarded by many as fundamental to the maintenance of law and order. However, the Nigerian criminal justice system is not only dysfunctional it is also outdated and absolutely not fit for the required purpose. This much was highlighted by the Vice President Federal Republic of Nigeria Professor Yemi Osinbajo (SAN) when addressing the challenges of the criminal justice system in Nigeria by asserting that "many of the provisions are outdated and in some cases anachronistic. Besides, the loopholes in the law and procedure have become so obvious that lawyers especially defense lawyers have become masters in delay tactics. It has thus become increasingly difficult to reach closure of any kind in many criminal cases. Convictions and acquittals have become exceedingly rare". While the foregoing assertion is quite instructive, it is pertinent to note that these views are widely held among many legal practitioners and eminent jurist, who have also called for fundamental reform to the Nigerian criminal justice system.

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In pursuing our objectives and to ensure that our desired impact and influence in creating a fair and better criminal justice system in Nigeria is achieved, we are organizing the **First Professional Criminologists Conference: ABUJA 2017** with the theme: **Corruption and the Criminal Justice System in Nigeria an Overview;** as one of the windows of bringing together opinion leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, victims and potential victims of Crimes and the justice system, professionals, business executives, decisions makers, the cream of the society, etc; to rob minds, create awareness and professional chart ways of making our criminal justice system a fair heaven for all. This conference has been carefully thought out, packaged for a time like this to create a platform to effectively and sincerely announce the existence of a window committed to effectively provide a workable and incorrupt Criminal Justice System in Nigeria.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

As an institute, we shall be fulfilled to use the outcome of the conference to plan and focus our research and training activities. Thus, we are calling on all persons and institutions that desire a true and effective criminal justice system in Nigeria to be part of this.

Broadly, we shall be using the occasion of the conference to further create awareness of the activities of our great and unique **Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology Administration (ICJCA)** to the nation.

Specifically, we shall also be using the totality of the events to:

- 1. **Create** a platform for various persons and bodies interested in criminal justice system in our society to meet and interact.
- 2. **Create** networks and acquaintances of CRIMINOLOGISTS, and persons/institutions committed to criminal justice and administration.
- 3. **Examine** the impact and challenge of Criminal justice in Nigeria
- 4. **Sensitize** participants and the general public on the urgent need for people to put into practice a fair justice system campaigns, lessons, knowledge, skills, etc.
- 5. **Honour,** some deserving individuals and organizations with awards in recognition of their efforts and contributions in the criminal justice system
- 6. Admit some new members into our great, unique, and most timely professional institute.

#### **CONFERENCE FOCUS AND STRUCTURES**

Be a part of the move to create a new and fair criminal justice in Nigeria. Come as we initiate a move to take Criminal Justice System to a position of trust, performance, achievement, excellence, and devoid of corruption. In this eye-opening two-days conference, you will definitely feed and be inundated with a great insights and positions in Nigeria Criminal Justice System.

The event brings together political leaders, community leaders, religious leaders, traditional leaders, business chieftains, professionals, experts, Criminologists and stakeholders, in an atmosphere of seriousness and commitment to interact, learn, and share ideas in the new movement manifesting as **criminologists**.

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#### **CONFERENCE UNIQUE FEATURES**

In view of the above, the conference is planned with the following unique features, to ensure that the conference objectives and the people's expectations are met:

- 1. The caliber of the conference faculty is consciously targeted to ensure that the conference makes the desired impact achieving the targeted goals and aspirations. The presence of the notable Nigerians, opinion leaders and molders shall ensure that platform created by this conference becomes a foundation for necessary and successful corrupt free criminal justice system in Nigeria.
- 2. The proceedings of the conference shall be carried in the major television stations across the country. Plans are on to ensure that the proceedings of the conference are aired in a TV station in each of the thirty-six states of the federation and Abuja.
- 3. The proceedings of this event shall also be put in a book, audio, and visual formats (DVD, CD, etc) with deep and rich comments from experts. These shall serve as reference materials for researchers, and policy makers in addressing issues that MUST be raised at the conference.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Our happiness is that every person warried by the statuesque attends this conference. However, as a minimum expectation, we look forward to all persons that are genuinely concerned with the disturbing level of the corrupt judiciary system in our society, to attend. Be that as it may, we specifically look forward to the following persons and/or class of persons to grace the conference event because of the great impact it will make on the society through such persons or class of persons:

- 1. Members of the Executive, legislative and judiciary arms of the government.
- 2. Commanders of Army and/or military formations, Commissioners of Police.
- 3. Religious leaders Leading Imams and Pastors.
- 4. Permanent secretaries and directors of government ministries, departments and parastatals.
- 5. Heads of immigration, customs, prisons, FRSC, EFCC, ICPC, NDLEA, CBN, NDIC, NAFDAC, INEC, NYSC.
- 6. President and executives of the labor unions, Trade associations and chamber of commerce.
- 7. Chairmen, Managing Directors and Chief Executives of businesses.
- 8. Bank managers, insurance executives, stock brokers, etc,
- 9. Heads of academic institutions and Executives of students' bodies.
- 10. Media outfits.
- 11. Elder statesmen.
- 12. Markets leadership (men and women).
- 13. Executives of town and developmental unions.
- 14. Executives of social and charitable organizations, clubs, etc.
- 15. Elder statesmen, senior citizens, etc.
- 16. Professionals: Bankers, Lectures and teachers, Engineers, Lawyers, Accountants, Estate surveyors and managers, Medical doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses and midwives, Farmers, etc.

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#### **CONFERENCE FEES AND REGISTRATION**

To ensure orderliness, **participation in this conference event is strictly by registration**, done before the conference date. To register for this conference, visit the website www.icjca.org. Participation fees are as follows:

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Time	Day						
	Pre 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Arrival and Registration	of Participants				
10.00am		Opening Ceremony					
10.30am	First Day	Key Note Addresses					
11.30am		Lead paper: Corruption and Criminal Justice System in Nigeria an Overview					
12.30pm		Lunch break					
02.00pm		Panel Discussion					
		Plenary Sessions					
		Session 1	Session 2		Session 3		
9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Second Day	Tea Break					
01.00pm		Lunch Break					
04.00pm		Award / Induction Award Lecture: Awards Induction of new memb Inauguration of the Gov					
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