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EMBASSY OF NIGERIA TO THE HOLY SEE

*ENHANCING THIRD WORLD'S HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
INDEX THROUGH ECONOMIC AND
TECHNO-SCIENTIFIC RE-ENGINEERING*
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TO COMMEMORATE THE 155TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ADVENT OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN NIGERIA,
THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF NIGERIA'S
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE HOLY SEE
AND NIGERIA'S 58TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018

0830-1400 HOURS

ISTITUTO PATRISTICUM AUGUSTINIANUM

CENTRO CONGRESSI

VIA PAOLO VI, 25 – 00193 ROME



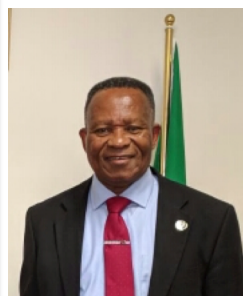
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 0830-0855** **Registration**
- 0855-0900** **Group Photographs**
- 0900-0905** **Opening Prayers**
- 0905-0915** **National Anthems of Nigeria & Vatican**
- 0915-0920** **Welcome Address by HE Ambassador (Gen) GG Umo OON**
- 0920-0930** **Opening Address by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin**
- Keynote Speakers:**
- 0930-0950** **HE Geoffrey Onyeama, Nigerian MFA**
- 0950-1000** **HE Enzo Moavero Milanesi, Italian MFA**
- 1000-1010** **Setting the Tone by HE Ambassador (Gen) GG Umo OON**
- 1010-1040** **First Presentation by HE Cardinal Peter KA Turkson**
- Topic:** *“The Challenges of Governance to Development in Africa”.*
- 1040-1110** **Second Presentation by Prof Obiora Francis Ike**
- Topic:** *“Standing Up To Ethical Challenges Of Economic Management And Finance, Technology And Governance To Enhance Africa’s Development Potentials In The 21st Century”.*
- 1110-1125** **Tea Break**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 1125-1155** **Interactive Session – Moderator [Prof (Fr) Bede Ukwuije]**
- 1155-1220** **Third Presentation by Dr Paulinus Chukwudi Nweke**
Topic: *“Poverty and the Quest for Sustainable Development in Africa: Reality, Challenges, and Opportunities”.*
- 1220-1245** **Fourth Presentation by Prof John Egbulefu**
Topic: *“The Ecclesiastical Contributions to Techno-scientific Productivity as to an Imperative for the enhancement of the well-being of humans on the earth planet. The Input of African Christian Theology since ‘Ecclesia in Africa’ (1995, n.115)”.*
- 1245-1310** **Fifth Presentation by Prof Jacquineau Azétsop**
Topic: *“Ebola In West Africa: The Nigerian Strategic Containment Approach”.*
- 1310-1330** **Interactive Session – Moderator [Dr (Fr) Cosmas Ekwere]**
- 1330-1335** **Conference Wash-up**
- 1335-1345** **Presentation of Souvenirs**
- 1345-** **Cutting of Independence Cake, Lunch & Dispersal**

SPEAKERS



H.E. AMBASSADOR (GEN) GODWIN GEORGE UMO OON

Born on 15 August 1956, Ambassador (Gen) Godwin George Umo OON attended all the necessary schools culminating in his admission into the Nigerian Defence Academy in 1975, from where he was commissioned Second Lieutenant into the Nigerian Army in 1977. Ambassador Umo rose to become the Commander Corps of Signals, with the rank of Major General. Prior to being the Commander Corps of Signals, the Ambassador (then a Colonel), was the Commander of the ECOMOG Signals Command from 1996-1999 during the Wars in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau. He attended the University of Ife (Obafemi Awolowo University), where he read Electronics and Telecoms Engineering. Umo has had practical factory work experience at the ERICSSONS Communications facilities in Kista, Sweden as well as exposure to other forms of training at the Université de Benin, Togo, Administrative Staff College of Nigeria, Badagry; and Governance and Management Systems Institute, UK, to mention a few. His work experiences include equipment and systems testing and verification in India, South Africa, Australia, the UK, Israel and Sweden. Ambassador Umo is an avid Tennis player who originated, over 40 years ago, the “Agwo System” of play, now popularly employed by professional Tennis stars. He has Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan. He was appointed the Ambassador of Nigeria to the Holy See in 2017.



H.E. CARDINAL PETER KA TURKSON

Born in October 1948 in Ghana, Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson had his education in Ghana, USA and Italy, which he rounded up with a doctorate degree in Sacred Scripture. He served as Archbishop of Cape Coast in 1993, during which time he held several appointments, including the President of Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference. His Eminence has held and is still holding very eminent positions in Ghana’s ecclesiastical and academic landscapes. Cardinal Turkson was the Vice President of the Association of Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (AECAWA) from 2004. Cardinal Peter Turkson has been given a Ghana national award, an academic award from the USA and a traditional award from the Anamabo Area of Ghana. His Eminence is well published and has an unsurpassed flair for languages. The distinguished Cardinal is a polyglot.

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PROF OBIORA FRANCIS IKE

A Nigerian-born national and German citizen, based in Geneva, Prof Obiora Francis Ike is an Executive Director of a leading international ethics resources provider – Globethics.net. Prof. Ike's prowess spans a wide spectrum of specializations, which include Philosophy, Theology, Political Science, Journalism, International Relations and Economics. Ordained Catholic Priest in 1981 and elevated to a Prelate (Monsignor) in 1999, Prof Obiora Ike is a recipient of over 50 international and national Laureates and Awards. He is an innovator, a teacher, a development practitioner, author and human rights activist, to mention a few. He has served or currently serves on many socio-economic organizations and academic boards including the Nigerian Constitutional Conference of 2014, the University of Stellenbosch Executive Business Ltd, South Africa and Godfrey Okoye University, Enugu, Nigeria. Besides being the Chairman of Enugu State Economic Advisory Committee since 2015, Prof Obiora Ike had been in charge of Umuchinemere Micro Finance Bank (UPMFB) Ltd with assets worth over 4 Billion Naira (€10 Million). He is a polyglot.



DR PAULINUS CHUKWUDI NWEKE

Paulinus Chukwudi Nweke is a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Jos, Nigeria. Paulinus Nweke received his tertiary education in several institutions in both Nigeria and Italy, including St. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary, Makurdi, St. Augustine Major Seminary, Jos, the University of Jos, Jos, and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He holds separate Bachelors degrees in philosophy and theology (Pontifical Urban University, Rome), Post-Graduate Diploma in Conflict Management and Peace Studies (University of Jos, Jos), and Bachelors, Licentiate, and Doctorate degrees in the Social Sciences (Sociology), at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Paulinus Nweke has had several pastoral and academic experiences in both Nigeria and Italy. He is currently the Chaplain of Our Lady of the Laity Hospital, Amelia (Umbria) and a lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, where he teaches courses in Sociology, Politics, and Methodology of Social Science research.

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PROF JOHN EGBULEFU

Born on 19th April 1950, Prof John Okoro Egbulefu was ordained Priest in May 1976 in Austria. He was educated in Nigeria, Austria and Germany and specializes in Theology and Philosophy. Egbulefu is a teacher, a thinker, a researcher and founder; and has written 83 articles and books and 44 Hymns. During his 30-year sojourn in Rome, since 1989, Prof John Okoro Egbulefu has been primarily occupied with teaching and research at the Pontifical Urbanian University, Vatican City, and with rendering service to the ecclesiastical Magisterium from close range. The main ideas contained in the published writings of Prof Egbulefu concentrate on 10 themes – 6 on the triune God and His divinity, 4 on Christ the incarnate Son of God. His secondary occupation has been the intense apostolate on the young men of the priestly missionary Religious Congregation of Christ the Emmanuel that he founded in 1983.



PROF JACQUINEAU AZÉTSOP

Father (Prof) Jacquineau Azétsop SJ is a 46-year-old Jesuit Catholic Priest, from the Republic of Cameroon, and an erudite scholar. The Prof, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Social Science at the Pontifical Gregoriana University, Rome, Italy, has decried the stereotype thinking on the AIDS scourge in Africa. Rather than dwell on the behavioural causes of AIDS, Prof Azétsop believes that the AIDS scourge can be tackled from theological, pastoral and medical perspectives, using the structural causes of the spread of the virus, such as marginalization, poverty and discrimination against women as investigative parameters. His knack for researches knows no bound; consequently, he investigated the issue of the deadly Ebola virus, which claimed some 12,000 lives in 6 countries: Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Mali and the USA. He is particularly interested in the virus incursion into Nigeria and its timely containment.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



H.E. GEOFFREY ONYEAMA

Sworn in as the Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs on 11 November 2015, the soft-spoken international affairs guru has, intelligently, repositioned the Foreign Affairs Ministry towards achieving national foreign policy objectives. This is as it should be, because St Thomas Aquinas had in his treatise on angels, described a “minister” as an instrument of intelligence. Prior to this appointment, he had a successful career with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) from 1985 to 2014, during which time he held several appointments that saddled him with many responsibilities. Mr Geoffrey Onyeama initiated the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organization (IFRRO), the process within WIPO that culminated in the adoption of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, in 2008. He equally served as the Acting Director, Cooperation for Development Bureau for Africa between 1999 and 2006.

H.E. ENZO MOAVERO MILANESI



Born on 17 August 1954, Prof Enzo Moavero Milanesi, an Italian, is an authority on various dimensions of Law. Little wonder, therefore, that he is the current Dean of the Law School at the LUISS University in Rome and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation since 01 June 2018. He has been Italian Minister for European Affairs and the President of Chamber and Judge at the EU Court of Justice. While at the European Commission, Prof Milanesi held a couple of important appointments and superintended over a series of critical assignments. His wealth of knowledge, stemming from his numerous exposures, has seen him serving as an adviser to the Italian government. Prof Milanesi has authored many books and currently serves as a member of the editorial board of Law Reviews, as well as some scientific boards and advisory bodies.

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H.E. CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN

His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin was ordained a priest in 1980. In 1983, he entered the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy and entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1986. He obtained a degree in Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1986. In 2002 he was appointed Undersecretary of the Section of the Secretariat of State for Relations with States. He is an expert in matters concerning the Middle East and has worked specifically to build up and reinforce relations between the Holy See and Vietnam. In 2008 he led the delegation that took part in the work of the Permanent Bilateral Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel. On several occasions, he has acted as spokesman for the Apostolic See expressing its wish to work with international organizations to safeguard the basic rights of the person, including religious freedom. In 2009 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Venezuela and was elevated to dignity of Archbishop with the titular Episcopal See of Acquapendente. He received his episcopal ordination in 2009. In 2013 Pope Francis appointed him Secretary of State, member of the Council of Cardinals established to advise Pope Francis in the governance of the universal Church; and to study a plan for revising the Apostolic Constitution on the Roman Curia, ‘Pastor Bonus’. He was created and proclaimed Cardinal by Pope Francis in 2014.





