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## Professor Ogwu Honoured with Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR)

Professor U. Joy Ogwu, Director-General of NIIA was conferred with the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR). She was among 48 very eminent Nigerians conferred with that class of national honour in October 2004. The honour is in recognition of hard work, ingenuity, selfless service and above all her invaluable contribution to the Nation. A member of the 8-man Makarfi Committee, she was also recently appointed member of the on going National Political Reform Conference.



Professor U. Joy Ogwu (OFR)



L-R.. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Gen. Ike Nwachukwu (rtd); President Olusegun Obasanjo and Professor U. Joy Ogwu (OFR) during the Official opening of the NIIA Exhibition at the PAC Foreign Policy Retreat in Abuja

## PAC Foreign Policy Retreat

The Presidential Advisory Council (PAC) on International Relations of the Federal Republic of Nigeria organised a retreat on Nigeria's Foreign Policy at the Banquet Hall of the State House in Abuja from the 26th to the 28th of October 2004.

The purpose of the retreat was three-fold. First, to take an objective stock of the foreign policy successes of the current civilian administration since May 29, 1999. Second, to review the foreign policy challenges facing Nigeria globally and regionally, including the Gulf of Guinea, and map out the future directions of Nigeria's foreign policy in line with Nigeria's national and strategic interests. And, third, to identify the institutions and structures that would provide effective platforms for the realisation of Nigeria's foreign policy objectives and the advancement of Nigeria's national interests.

Issues discussed include:

- The costs and dividends of Foreign Policy
- The impact of domestic environment on foreign Policy
- Nigeria's national interests in the light of global changes
- Defence and Foreign Policy
- Terrorism and Global Security
- The Foreign Policy implications of Nigeria's oil and gas
- Nigeria's Multilateral Diplomacy: UNO, WTO, World Bank, IMF and the Commonwealth
- African Union and NEPAD
- Current Economic Reform and Foreign Policy
- Nigeria and her neighbours
- Cultural Exchanges and Sports as instruments for Foreign Policy
- The African diaspora question and human capital abroad
- The role of media in Nigeria's Foreign Policy.

## About niianews

The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1961, modeled after Chatham House London, with the aim of providing a nursery of ideas on what direction Nigeria should take in international affairs.

Since inception, the Institute has been organising Conferences, Roundtables and Lectures. These are aimed at addressing current foreign policy issues and anticipating others still on the horizon.

The NIIA also disseminates information to the Nigerian public and the world in a variety of ways, one of which is through the newsletter - niianews.

The niianews is published by the NIIA Publications Committee and has the following objectives:

- to report and make visible the activities of the Institute to the public
- to inform the public of upcoming events
- to promote the scholarly research publications of the Institute.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and educative.

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## Foreword from the Director-General

### PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: THE REAL STRATEGIC CHALLENGE

Over four decades ago, a group of distinguished Nigerian statesmen from academia, law, government and business began to chart a course for an institute dedicated to research and teaching. Their mission was to use this institute to promote the scientific study of international relations especially as they affect Nigeria's national interests. The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, NIIA, which was subsequently established in 1961, was the outcome of these efforts.

Over the years, the Research Fellows of NIIA have pursued painstaking research and analysis of issues ranging from economics to politics, from foreign policy to strategic studies.

However, in the modern age of electronic communications and globalization, developing economies encounter increased budgetary and financial difficulties. The result of this is that their public sectors are invariably unable to fund and sustain effective research into various areas of national concern. It is, therefore, imperative that developing economies should begin to seek and find ways of funding research efforts that are critical to development.

The New Partnership for Africa's Development, NEPAD, has attempted to solve this problem by initiating strategies for public/private sector partnerships. And it is in the spirit of this NEPAD initiative that the NIIA presents this strategic challenge to the Nigerian corporate world.

The NIIA has already taken the first tentative steps forward in seeking partnership with the Nigerian corporate world. The responses from Fidelity Bank Plc, Nigerian Breweries Plc, Emerald Energy Resources Ltd, Zinox Computers, Belloxi Company and Okhai Akhigbe & Company (Legal Practitioners) point to the consolidation of an idea whose time has come.

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Professor Ogwu Re-appointed  
Member of the UN Secretary-  
General's Advisory Board on  
Disarmament Matters.

Professor U. Joy Ogwu, Director-General (NIIA) who has been a member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the past two years, has been re-appointed to serve for another one year.

## RESEARCH Activities

Conferences, Seminars, Roundtables, Lectures:

The Institute in collaboration with the Centre for Values in Leadership (CVL) hosted a public lecture on "Nurturing Renaissance in Nigeria" on 21st March, 2005. The distinguished Speaker was Professor Richard Joseph. The lecture attracted a distinguished audience from the universities, the corporate world, the civil society groups, the media and members of the public.

"Good Governance for Nigeria". A lecture on the above subject was delivered under the auspices of both the PAS, US Embassy and the NIIA by Larry Diamond, a well-known scholar of Nigerian politics and Professor of Sociology at Stanford University, United States of America, on February 22, 2005. As would be expected from Larry's antecedents, the lecture continued the advocacy of enabling political space for democratic principles and the harnessing of democratic dividends in the Nigerian polity.

On February 11, 2005, a Roundtable to review the report of the UN "High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change", was organized by the Research Department. The central issues discussed included disarmament, collective security, intra and inter-state conflict, poverty/disease/environment, terrorism, transnational crimes, reforms of the Security Council, peace-building and peace-keeping capability, economic and social council.

"The African Union and the Future of the African Continent". The African Union and the future of the African continent was the subject of a conference on January 13, 2005 at the Institute. Ambassador Lawrence Agubuzu, former Interim Commissioner of the AU, delivered the keynote address. It emphasized the need for harmonization of policies and standards in political, economic and social realms, through a process of relinquishing some sovereignty by African states as part of the price for continental goal of unity and transformation.

NIIA Founders Day Lecture, December 13, 2004. On the occasion of the Founders Day of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, a public lecture entitled "The ECOWAS Agenda In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Promoting Good Governance, Peace and Stability, Sustainable Development" was delivered by Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary (ECOWAS). His lecture reiterated the inevitability of the culture of peace, tolerance and sound democratic practices as conditions for good governance, sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the sub-region.

NIIA in collaboration with Frederick Ebert Foundation organised a Roundtable on Gender Perspectives to the New Partnership for Africa's Development. The aim was to examine

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whether the NEPAD document was gender-sensitive, and articulate recommendations that will enhance its proper implementation in a way to ensure that women are not left out. (1st and 2nd December 2004)

**"South Atlantic as a zone of Peace : Nigeria's Security Interest".** The Research Department organized a Roundtable on the above on July 15, 2004. The focus was maintaining the South Atlantic as an area free from threats of nuclear proliferation and a zone of security.

**"Globalization and Catching-up in Emerging Market Economies"** On July 15, 2004. Professor Grzegorz W. Kolodko, former Deputy Premier and Finance Minister of Poland delivered a public lecture on the above subject. The emphasis was on the impact of globalization on emerging markets in developing countries, against the backdrop of huge disparity between the rich North and the poor South.

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### NIIA Founders' Day Lecture



Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary (ECOWAS) delivering his lecture.



A cross section of the invited guests at the Founders' Day Lecture.

### Visits to the NIIA

A delegation from the Chinese Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) visited the NIIA and held roundtable discussions with the Research Fellows on December 31, 2004. The Chinese delegation was led by Professor Li Shaoxian. Others were; Yang Mingyil, Li Limeis, Farg Jingin, Xu Weizhong and Xing Yuchun of the Chinese Embassy.

## NIIA LIBRARY: THE POWER HOUSE OF THE INSTITUTE

The NIIA has been described as a national treasure, the nations think-tank on foreign affairs, with research as its central focus. At the heart of the Institute is it's Library, a research, reference and information centre on international affairs. The library serves the needs of the Institute's research fellows and it's members. It also offers various resources to the public.

A unique feature of the Library is the press section. The *Press library* is the first of its kind among libraries in Nigeria.

In an effort to increase library users' access to current information there is also a *Cyber Café* that has 24 hours internet service.

Other library units are *Technical Services, Documentation* as well as *Reference and Bibliographic Services (R&BS)* which attends to

readers who are mainly the research staff and Institute members. It is also responsible for producing topical bibliographies in line with the research department's interest. The Circulation Section of the R & BS sees to it that books are loaned out to the public for a period of one month, renewable for another month as long as no other reader wants it.

Inter-Library loan services exists for

those who require this service.

On the ground floor is the reading room with the library's collection of reference materials made up of the following specialized subject areas: *Political Science, History, International Law, International Trade and Finance, Military Science, Political Sociology, Economic and Development Planning.*

The collection is currently made up of 65,000 volumes. The library is also a



Reference and Bibliographic Services section of the NIIA Library

United Nations and World Bank depository. It as well has the responsibility of collecting and storing every treaty signed by the Nigerian government.

The library also plays a very important community role, that of holding public exhibitions, based on the calendar of international events . It in addition has a calendar of Nigerian events.

The Director of African Affairs, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Dorothea Janetzke-Wenzel visited the Institute and exchanged ideas on the AU with the Director-General and Research Fellows on Thursday, January 27, 2005. She was accompanied by Klaus Zillikeens, and Hans Koppel.

The Director, West and Central African Division of the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ian Mckinley visited the NIIA and exchanged ideas on Canadian/Nigerian bilateral relations with the Director-General and Research Fellows on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. He was accompanied by Karen Garner of the Canadian High Commission.

Students of International Law and Diplomacy, Babcock University, Ilesan-Remo and Department of Economics, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, paid a one day visit to the Institute on 10th March and 24th March 2005 respectively. The students received lectures on Nigeria's Foreign Policy and International Relations. They were also conducted on a tour of the Institute.

### NEW ARRIVAL: DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND STUDIES

Professor Waris Oyesina Alli has been appointed the Director of Research and Studies with the Institute. He has had several years of distinguished career as a lecturer with the Department of Political Science, University of Jos, where he rose to become Head of Department and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. He is well published in the area of Nigerian Foreign Policy, African Affairs and International Relations. He is married with children. He has since assumed duty.



Professor W. O. Alli

## NIIA Publications

The broad objective of NIIA publications is to promote a wider and more informed understanding of international issues among a wide range of audiences. In our in-depth analytical approach to contemporary issues, we combine excellence in scholarship and accessibility in style without losing policy relevance. We encourage research excellence and the cultivation of expertise on international politics, economics and jurisprudence; promote independent policy analysis by a mixture of scholars, practitioners and policy-makers on the most pressing issues of the day.

List of Current NIIA Publications:

*NEPAD in the Nigerian Dock*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*NEPAD For Journalists*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*Globalization and Catching Up in the Emerging Market Economies*, by Grzegorz W. Kolodko, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*Nigeria, Africa and the Commonwealth*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*Nigeria and the World Trade Organisation*, by Osita C. Eze, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*Human Security and Development: Nigeria and Ethiopia*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N550.00

*MULTILATERALISM: The United Nations and the War on Iraq*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N550.00

*Advancing Nigerian-Russian Relations in the 21st Century*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N300.00



L-R. President Obasanjo, Prof. U. Joy Ogburn (OFR) and Prof. Alaba Ogunsanwo (1st right) inspecting books at the NIIA Publications Exhibition during the PAC Foreign Policy Retreat, Abuja.

*The State and Civil Society in Nigeria*, by Mark E. Egbe, NIIA (2004) - Price: N600.00

*International Relations, International Law and Functions of the Parliament*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N250.00

*Commonwealth in Africa, Governance and Democracy: A Select Bibliography*, NIIA (2004) - Price: N800.00

*The New Partnership for African Development: Challenges and Progress in Organizing International Support*, by Ibrahim A. Gambari, NIIA (2004) - Price: N300.00

*From the OAU to AU: The Challenges of African Unity and Development in the 21st Century*, by Lawrence O. C. Agubuzu, NIIA (2004) - Price: N300.00

*Democracy and Renaissance in Africa*, Thabo Mbeki, NIIA (2004) - Price: N200.00

*Nigerian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol.31, No1, 2005. Price: N500.00

*The Nigerian Forum*. Price: N250.00  
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Vol.26, Nos.3-4, Mar.-April, 2005

For further information on NIIA publications, please visit the Free download centre page of the Institute's official website [www.niiianet.org](http://www.niiianet.org).

## NIIA and the Environment

The environment has become a more critical issue to the survival of our world and those of future generations since the end of the Cold War in the late 1980's which also signaled the intensification of globalization. The linkage between the environment and development also constitutes an important aspect of the foreign policies of the states in the developing world including Nigeria, where there is a need to balance issues of economic growth with those of sustainability and human security.

The fragility and beauty of flowers always reminds us of, and reconciles us with, the need for balance and harmony in foreign policy, so that relations among nations will continue to flower and yield its full radiance and benefits.

As a research centre for international relations, the Institute's pursuit of



environmental perfection and ambience demonstrates the blend of nature and knowledge in advancing Nigeria's foreign policy and diplomacy.

### Hi-Tech

*The NIIA Cyber Cafe is open to the public as follows:*  
Monday - Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Location: NIIA Library

*Come and enjoy a reliable and fast access to the Internet!*

## On-going Book Projects

- Debt Relief in Nigeria's Diplomacy
- South Atlantic and the Gulf of Guinea
- Forty years of Nigeria's Foreign Policy
- The Southern Heartland Thesis
- The ECOWAS Agenda: Promoting Good Governance, Peace, Stability and Development.

## Upcoming Events:

- NIIA and the Royal Institute of International Affairs (CHATHAM HOUSE):
- Launching of Special Edition of the Royal Journal of International Affairs - 12 April, 2005
  - Roundtable on Niger-Delta Today - 13 April, 2005.
  - Roundtable on Corporate Social Responsibility - 14 April, 2005

Ambassadors Forum to sensitize the public on the AU Summit in July, 2005.

- Seminar on the International Political economy of Oil and Gas and Nigeria's National and Regional Imperatives.
- Public Lecture to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ECOWAS.

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