

## EXCERPT FROM NEW YEAR BROADCAST BY THE REGISTRAR/STC



### **My Dear Beloved INCENT Family! The year 2018 has dawned on us.**

On behalf of INCENT, I am delighted to be able to welcome the New Year with members of INCENT, her affiliates - African Society for Female Entrepreneurship (ASOFENT), Society for Agribusiness and Agribusiness (SOFAAG) and International Association of Technology Entrepreneurs (IATECH), as well as all the students and officers of College of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (CESBUM). I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

### **My INCENT Family!**

Last year was a challenging one for INCENT due to economic recession in Nigeria that hampered our membership drive efforts. But, 2017 also marked a turning point in our ambitious journey "To be the Africa's master brand in provision of entrepreneurship education for sustainable development".

As we commence the New Year, I would like to express my utmost gratitude to all members of the INCENT family for your contributions to the accomplishment of the institute's objective of producing professional, classic and successful entrepreneurs.

### **My Cherished INCENT Family!**

Through your support, our activities have been trailblazing in provision of quality entrepreneurship education by raising its standard as the key to a more productive and sustainable development of Africans through globally acceptable best practices.

No doubt, throughout our history, we've done things differently. We put our values into practice so we're regularly the first in the profession to introduce new products and services, and showcase new research and policies.

From being the first entrepreneurship body in Nigeria to conduct professional exams with internationally-competitive examination structure, develop curriculum for professional certificate to doctorate programmes in entrepreneurship with required study materials, establish a training arm (Africa's first College of Entrepreneurship and Small Business) to the creation of female entrepreneurship arm (ASOFENT) among other affiliates like IATECH and SOFAAG, to the floating of African Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management, we're proud to be pioneers.

## **My Esteemed INCENT Family!**

The INCENT's success is measured in our results. These are more than numbers – they represent the hopes, dreams and the hard work of several individuals and families each and every year. Through your tireless efforts and contributions, we have been able to achieve the following results within 2017:

- INCENT member manufactured fueless generator
- 21 start-up businesses created
- INCENT member manufactured wooden wrist watch
- INCENT member manufactured wooden wall clock
- 45 consulting clients who have grown their businesses
- 334 jobs created or impacted
- INCENT member produced presidential medallion
- Over 10 programmes and seminars educated more than 250 business leaders
- 27 graduates in Diploma and 32 graduates in the Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship Class of 2017
- Anambra state coordinator – Grace C. Isaac, manufactured anti-inflammatory cream, medicated soap and powder
- Zamfara State Coordinator –Aliyu Ahmad Warra, manufactured cosmetics, disinfectants and authored books on the production process.
- CESBUM with INCENT reviewed the trailblazing curriculum/minimum academic benchmark for award of certificate to doctorate in entrepreneurship developed by her Founder – Nuru Oyekolaa
- Our INCENT's Fellow and Patron (Prof. Stephen Ocheni) appointed as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- One of our Governing Council Members and Coordinator of our Centre for SMEs and Business Development Services –(Dr. Raimi Lukman) appointed as Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship at American University of Nigeria, Yola
- One of our Governing Council Members (Dr. Adetunbowale A. Bello) appointed as Registrar, International Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship College, Ajase Ipo, Kwara State, Nigeria.
- A Governing Council member of the Institute - Femi Oyetunji, A Chartered Accountant of great repute and Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, has been appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Financial Management Studies, The Polytechnic Ibadan, Nigeria.
- INCENT reviewed her groundbreaking study pack in 46 courses/areas of entrepreneurship authored by her Founder – Nuru Oyekolaa and published by CESBUM
- Kogi State Governor –Alh. Yahaya Bello is now a Fellow of INCENT.
- We have added another Doctor of Entrepreneurship, Dr. Gabriel C. Udu to our Fellowship. An Erudite Scholar, professional entrepreneur par excellence, a management guru and Fellow of Nigerian Institute of Management.
- We have added Professor (Mrs.) Bilkisu Aminu Shinkafi to our Fellowship. A Notable Academic, Renowned Professor of Fishery Management and Aquaculture and Female Entrepreneurship Trail Blazer. She is currently the Dean, Faculty of Science and Member, Governing Council, Federal University Gusau, Zamfara State.

## **Dear INCENT Family!**

While I encourage non-performing governing council members and state coordinators to wake up from their slumber, I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the President and Chairman in Council – Ass. Prof. John Alabi, Kogi State Chapter, Deputy President (Programmes and Membership) –Dr. Raimi Lukman, Vice President (Corp. Affairs) – Dr. Juliana Nathaniel, National Treasurer –Ass. Prof. Suleiman Bashir, Pioneer and Immediate Past President – Alh. (Hon.) Samaila Mohd A. Mafara, Ebonyi State Coordinator – Dr. Isaac Ikpor, Anambra State Coordinator – Grace Chimallume Isaac, Mrs. Uzoamaka Yahaya, Governing Council Members – Dr. Adetunbowale O. Bello, Chief Segun Ogunyemi, Akwa Ibom State Coordinator and National Secretary – Barr. Victor Ekong, Yobe state coordinator – Alkali Rabi, and Zamfara state coordinator – Aliyu Ahmad Warra for their immense contributions to reaching this target.

## **My Adored INCENT Family!**

As I look back, with your support, I am fearless about the challenges that lay ahead for our institute as I know that together we stand strong, determined and ready to respond with conviction. Let me share with you the five factors that will help guide us in the progressive direction of accomplishing our desired results.

- 1. Effective membership drive**
- 2. Organising of Workshops, seminars, conferences**
- 3. Promoting the Institute's journal – African Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (AFRIJESB) among academics**
- 4. Publicity/Collaboration for INCENT/CESBUM**
- 5. Payment of our annual subscription**
- 6. And lastly and most importantly, commitment, loyalty and enthusiasm of members, especially Governing Council members and state coordinators.**

IT IS MY EXPECTATION IN 2018 THAT I WILL FEEL THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS, STATE COORDINATORS AND MEMBERS (ESPECIALLY THOSE IN ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT) IN THE AREAS OF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, ORGANIZING OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, FACILITATION OF COLLABORATION WITH TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND PROMOTION OF INSTITUTE'S JOURNAL (AFRIJESB).

## **My Revered INCENT Family!**

This New Year Message would be incomplete without gratitude to Niger State coordinator and Deputy National Secretary – Dr. Olawale S. Adebayo and our Vice President (Youth Mobilization) – Prince Kabir Olaoye for their effort in coming up with this INCENT membership communication medium. Moreover, I need to confess that am impressed and quite appreciate the inspiring contributions of members, especially Pastor Michael Essien, Mal. Shauibu Ahmed Gasamu, Dr. Adetunbowale O. Bello, and Dr. Raimi Lukman through this medium.

I wish you all a successful 2018. Once again, allow me to express my unconditional affection and appreciation for my admirable INCENT Family members.

**On the first morning of 2018**

**Registrar and Secretary to the Council - Nuru Oyekolaa**