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VISION

To advance the scholarly study and practice of communication by promoting and facilitating the pursuit of excellence in academic research and professional practice in Nigeria.

MISSION

ACSPN aims to support the process of shaping communication scholarship, training and practice in Nigeria whilst complementing the work of other bodies with similar aims and building on the potentials of the field of communication in Nigeria, conscious of the needs of the country for critical inputs from communication scholars and professionals to shape a future that will promote growth and development.

ACSPN Empowerment Series (AES): Session 6: Journalistic Options for Responding to Ethical Issues in the 2015 Election Campaigns in Nigeria



Lanre Idowu Presenting

Mr Lanre Idowu, Chief Executive Officer, Diamond Publications Ltd and Diamond Awards for Media Excellence (DAME) on February 5 at the Lagos Television Complex, Ikeja, addressed ethical issues in the 2015 Nigeria elections in the 6th edition of the ACSPN Empowerment Series (AES).

The most interactive presentation, among others, covered the significance of elections, issues in the 2015 elections, guidelines for coverage, underlying principles guiding the code for electoral coverage, code of ethics for Nigeria journalists, and challenges in redressing ethical infractions in the media.

He stressed the need for ethical reporting and mentioned two platforms that deal with ethical journalism issues in Nigeria. They are: Nigerian Press Council (NPC) - a statutory agency whose legitimacy is a matter of litigation, and Independent Ombudsman - a self-regulatory mechanism of the Newspapers Proprietors Association of Nigeria (NPAN), which is supported by the Nigerian Guild of Editors and Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ).

• Snippet: "We say the Nigerian media have grappled with the challenges of reporting the 2015 elections. They have done well in general terms reporting the utterances and activities of politicians, the political parties and other principal stakeholders. They haven't done enough independent reporting or analysis to justify public confidence in their editorial prowess as independent analysts of the political process. It is desirable for the media not to take public patronage for granted but continue to explore means of strengthening that bond in their own enlightened interest.

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<http://www.acspn.org/index.php/en/2014-09-10-11-17-31/2014-09-10-11-18-03/sixth-edition2>

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2014 ACSPN Report Endorsement



Prof Andrew Moemeka
(Emeritus Professor of Communication, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain) Atlanta, USA
January 6, 2015

Link - http://acspn.org/images/acspn_2014_report2.pdf

"Please accept my congratulations on your well-packaged and presented 1st Annual Report of the association. I can imagine what it took to get it done as well as you did. More grease to your elbows."

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Consultative Meeting of Communication Scholars and Practitioners on the 2015 General and Presidential Elections and National Security Issues

A consultative meeting to discuss the 2015 elections and national security held at the Covenant University, Ota January 30 with participants from the Association of Communication Scholars & Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN), The African Council for Communication Education (ACCE), Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Covenant University and the mass media.

It was the first forum featuring ACSPN and ACCE working formally together, was convened by Prof Cecil Blake of Covenant University and opened by the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Prof Charles Ayo.

The meeting was also attended by the Chairman, Board of Trustees of ACSPN, Prof Idowu Sobowale and other officials of ACSPN including the President Prof Lai Oso, General Secretary, Prof Nosa Owens-Ibie, Vice-President South-West, Dr Odion Odiboh; National Coordinator, ACCE, Prof Danjuma Gambo; Messrs Dimeji Kayode-Adedeji, Dele Atunbi and Kunle Idowu of NUJ and Head, Department of Mass Communication, Covenant University, Dr Oladokun Omojola and staff and students of the department.

Full communique at: http://acspn.org/images/consultative_meeting_communique.pdf



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ACSPN Empowerment Series 2nd Edition Voice Simple Data Presentation and Analysis in Communication Research

- Prof Onuora Nwuneli

“Quite insightful and very educative. It should at least happen bi-monthly.”

- Chris Nwaogwegbe - Professional (Media Consulting)

“The workshop has been a real eye-opener in data analysis in communication research. I have a brief knowledge of the SPSS software and the workshop has now made me determined to really understand the software and apply it in content analysis studies I am still passionate about.”

- Raheemat Adeniran - Scholar

“It was enlightening. The idea of convening professors of communication and emerging scholars in Nigeria is a brilliant one. Mentoring guaranteed!”

- Anuli Agina – Scholar

“The workshop was very enlightening. It simplified the survey method and reduced it to bare essentials which were both interesting and inspiring. I am fired up to delve into more research areas.”

- Ifedolapo Ademosu – Scholar-in-Training

However, I could benefit more professionally if issues on media selection and consideration were given prominence.”

- Babajide Adegunju - Professional (Outpost)

“As a first-timer, I find this enlightening. Research is something I have passion for and an outing like this has really helped me in understanding how best to code, analyze and interpret data correctly. It will also help me to supervise my students well in their mandatory research work.”

- Oluwafisayo O Alao - Scholar