



## VISION

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

## 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 ELECTS NEW VP



He replaces Dr Beatrice Okonkwo who relocated from Abuja and is now Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Anambra State, Awka as well as an Ex Officio Member in the executive.

**C**hido Onumah, Coordinator, African Centre for Media & Information Literacy, Abuja is the new Vice-President, North Central, Association of Communication Scholars & Professional of Nigeria (ACSPN). He was elected at the 2nd Annual Conference in Lagos.

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## YOUNG SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS

Young scholars and professionals made up of undergraduate and postgraduate students, youth corps members and new entrants in the field are finding space for expression and interaction under ACSPN.



Prof. Idowu Sobowale, middle, with younger scholars and professionals

### Spot On

“Leadership in tertiary institutions across Nigeria should strive to ensure that the critical digital technologies are provided

and also utilized for the advancement of communication education in their institutions”.

For more from the ACSPN 2nd annual Conference 2015 visit: <http://www.acspn.org/index.php/shortcode/accordion>.

## BECOME A MEMBER

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GRAPHICS

ACSPN Empowerment Series 5th Edition Voices

November 18, 2014

Challenges facing the Communication Discipline and Profession in the Age of Terror and minant Non-state

Actors: "An Alarm for a Paradigm Shift"

- Prof Cecil Blake

**"Thank you Professor Blake for this lecture. It is an eye-opener which is like a mustard seed, and I pray that this will germinate into a mighty oak. Journalists are supposed to be teachers, therefore they must continue to acquire knowledge, Intercultural communication is a must if the practice of journalism is to further enrich and enhance our society."**

- *Ayodele Akinkuotu (Professional/ Journalism)*

**"I am particularly happy with today's presentation. I think more of this needs to be encouraged and I am suggesting that media owners should be invited to throw more light on why ethics of journalism is being jettisoned as observed by Professor Blake."**

- *Lateef Odegbenle (Professional/ Broadcasting)*

**"I enjoyed today's lecture. We were given an in-depth analysis on the issue of intercultural communication. We were taught the power of rhetorical irritants and the influence of ethics on a society."**

- *Oyinkansola Ige (Student)*

**"Prof. Blake stressed the need to include intercultural communication and political science as required courses in mass communication curriculum in Nigeria. I believe this can produce a generation of media professionals who are aware of the underlying factors of modern day conflict around the world. The low turn-out of participants was however disappointing as more academics and professionals should have been present."**

- *Rabeemat Adeniran (Scholar)*