THE PROF. AKPAN H. EKPO CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY

UNIVERSITY OF UYO

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Roundtable on Nigeria's Economic Realities

Theme:

NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TRAJECTORY

DATE:
Tuesday December 14, 2021

VENUE:
Faculty of Business Conference,
Hall Annex Campus, University of Uyo

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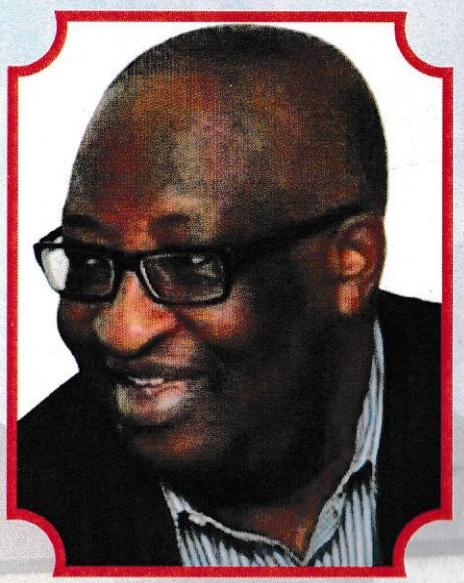

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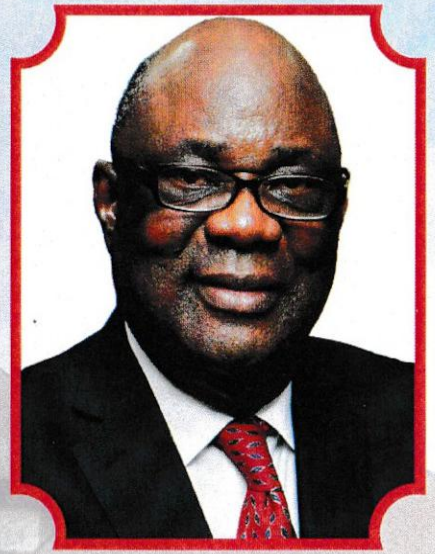

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PROGRAM AGENDA

N/S	ITEMS
1	Opening Prayer
2	National Anthem
3	Introductions
4	Chairman's Opening Remarks
5	A Brief Remarks by chairman of AHECPP - **Dr. Effiong E. Inyang**
6	**Paper 1:** Nigeria's Economic Recover y Trajectory: How Real? **- Prof. A.H. Ekpo**
7	**Paper 2:** A Midterm Assessment of Govt. Policy on Economic D iversification through the ERGP - Prof. Ndubisi Nwokoma and Dr. B. Adeoye
8	**Paper 3:** The World Bank/IMF on Govt. Subsidy: Economics or Politics? **- Prof. N.J. Umoren**
9	1ST PANEL DISCUSSION: - Prof. Chris Ekong - Dr. Uduak Ubom - Prof. Robert Dode - Prof. Okon Ansa
10	**Paper 4:** Agriculture in Nigeria's Economic Recovery and Growth **- Prof. G.S. Umoh**
11	**Paper 5:** Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria through the ERGP: Any Success Stories? **Prof. Ndubisi Nwokoma & Onyebuchi Iwegbu**
12	SECOND PANEL DISCUSSION - Prof. EnoAbasi Urua - Prof. A.I. Ayandele - Prof. Idara Akpabio - Prof. Des Wilson
13	Wrap-up - **Prof. Trenchard O. Ibia**
14	Chairman's Closing Remarks
15	Closing Prayer

AKPAN HOGAN EKPO CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY
UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO, AKWA IBOM STATE.

BACKGROUND

The family of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo former students, friends and colleagues decided to build a Centre to Honour him while he is still alive. The Centre organizes short-term courses for the training of senior, middle and executive public sector officials and their private sector counterparts in various areas of public policy. In addition, the Centre holds roundtable discussions on topical and relevant issues so as to contribute not only to public discourse but also to influence government policy in Nigeria, Africa and globally. These matters, among others have occupied the life of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo for several decades.

It is important to state that this type of Centre is not common in this part of Nigeria hence its establishment is beneficial to the university, community, the country and humanity.

VISION

To rank among the best continuing education and think tank outfits for Public Policy and Social Issues in Nigeria and the rest of the world.

MISSION

To upscale on a sustainable basis the skills and knowledge of public and private sector officials in various areas of public and social policy in Nigeria and rest of the world.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE

Upon application, the Vice Chancellor in 2015 conveyed the approval of the Governing Council of the University of Uyo that land be allocated in the permanent site for the building of the Centre to be known as **Akpan Hogan Ekpo Centre for Public Policy.** The committee overseeing the project met on 22nd September, 2015 in Uyo and approved the project. The committee was jointly headed by Dr. Effiong Inyang and Professor Ntiedo Umoren. The Centre was formally established on June 26, 2016.

OBJECTIVES:

These include to

- Upscale the skills and knowledge required in relevant areas of public policy.
- Be proactive in ensuring that public servants in the country are exposed to the current state of the art in terms of public policy theory and practice;
- Optimize the synergy between public and private officials in the implementation of public policy;
- Conduct policy dialogue on relevant and topical issues affecting national and the global policy space;
- Raise awareness on social issues such as poverty, inequality and gender; and
- Remain relevant to the university community and its environs.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure consists of a Board headed by a Chairman and a management team headed by an Executive Co-Chairman. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo shall be a member of the Board. A member of the family of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo shall always be a member of the Board.

FUNDING

The Centre is funded mainly from two sources, namely, fees from courses and grants from a diversified group of donors and friends. The initial seed money is provided by the family of Professor Akpan H. Ekpo. At the end of any financial year, 20 percent of any surplus would be credited to the University of Uyo while 80 percent would be used in running the Centre.

STAFFING

The Centre maintains a lean but efficient secretariat. Resource persons and consultants are drawn from the university system, public and private sectors within Nigeria and globally.

RESEARCH TEAM

The team is supported by Senior Fellows, Fellows and Research Associates drawn globally.

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SELECTED ACTIVITIES

- Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo Annual Lecture
- Short-term training on public and social issues
- Policy dialogue on current and relevant issues
- Strategic workshops/seminars on public and social issues on the economy
- Research on socio-economic matters.

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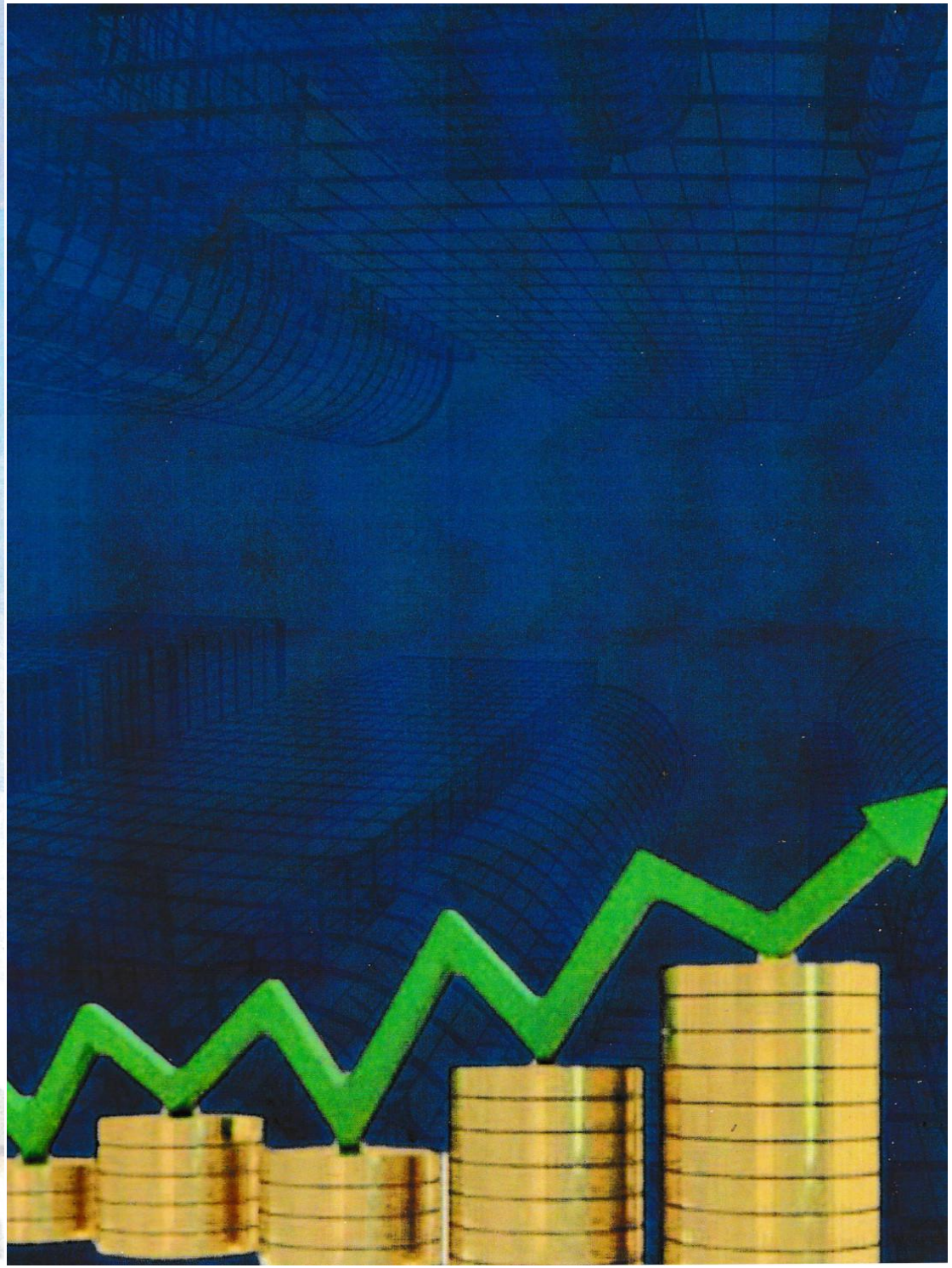
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