

**PRESIDENT SPEECH DURING AANI EXCO COURTESY CALL ON
H.E. ARCH. MOHAMMED NAMADI SAMBO, VICE PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA,
ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2013, IN ABUJA**

NOTES FOR AANI PRESIDENT

APPRECIATION

Appreciation to His Excellency the 4th Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Arch Namadi Sambo GCON for granting the new Executive members elected at the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association held at NIPSS Kuru, Jos on Saturday 2nd of March, 2013.

(Myself, was democratically elected as the 10th President of AANI. Dr. Garba Usman Tetengi, PhD, SAN, mni, Vice President, Comrade Issa Aremu, B.sc, MA, mni, Secretary General, Hajjiya Ramatu Usman, BB.Ed, mni, Assistant Secretary General and Dr. Bello Rabiu Alkali, PhD, mni, Publicity Secretary. Others are Hon. Sola Ephraim-Oluwanuga, LL.M, BL, MA, FCI Arb (UK), mni, Legal Adviser; Dr. Pat Emembolu Eze, MON, PhD, mni, Welfare/Social Secretary; Alhaji Abbas Bello, FCA, mni, Financial Secretary and Mrs. Comfort Olu Eyitayo, CFA, FCA, mni, Treasurer.)

COMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT GOODLUCK JONATHAN

For the transformation agenda, commitment to democratic process and power sector reform among others.

AANI

As the supervising office of the NIPPS, the VP is already at home with AANI. But for further emphasis the aims and objectives of AANI remain the same;

- To promote the noble ideals of the National Institute as embodied in its motto: “Towards a Better Society”;
 - To promote understanding, unity, brotherhood and cooperation among the members;
 - To strengthen the relationship between the Association and the National Institute with a view to maintaining synergy;
 - To interact with the Federal and States Governments of Nigeria, other organizations or associations, with similar objectives;
 - To establish the means of contributing objectively to national discourse on any issues affecting the positive development of Nigeria and proffer appropriate recommendation and implementation strategies to the Government;
 - To serve as think-tank to the Federal and States Governments of Nigeria;
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- To maintain the highest standards of conduct, etiquette and discipline among its members;
 - To establish schemes for the promotion of the welfare, security and economic advancement of members;
 - To create and maintain an endowment fund for the proper observance and discharge of any of the objectives of the Association.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

Since our election this year the new National Executive Council members (NEC) have moved to consolidate on the achievements of the past and open new chapters. Sokoto and Kebbi states were the first states we visited where we met AANI members as well as the respected members of Heritage Council notably, His Eminence, Emir of Zuru and Emir of Gwandu.

Your Excellency the distinguished members of our Heritage Council are headed by His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto, HE Alhaji Mohammed Sa’ad Abubakar III mni, Sultan of Sokoto.

Other members are HRM Igwe Nnaemeka Alfred Ugochukwu Achebe mni, Obi of Onitsha, HRM Oba Rilwan Babatunde Aremu Akiolu mni, Oba of Lagos, HRH Alhaji Iliyasu Bashar mni, Emir of Gwandu and HRM Alhaji Sani Sami mni, Emir of Zuru. Others are HRH Alhaji Ahmed Hassan II mni, Emir of Nasarawa and HRM Orhue Felix Mujakperuo mni, Orodje of Okpe.

In May we had an inaugural Meet-the-Press session where we popularize AANI and made comments to topical issues of national importance with a view of drumming support for the Federal government under President Goodluck Jonathan.

AANI is encouraged that under Jonathan administration there have been massive investments in agriculture, housing and construction, manufacturing, aviation, power, roads, rail, solid minerals and the information and communication technology (ICT) sectors by both the government and the private sector.

These sectors are gradually transforming the economy, and creating jobs in the process. It is encouraging to see that the hitherto moribund railway is being revived. The lesson of the recent positive development is that governments at all level have critical role to play in reviving the economy, through appropriate industrial policies, infrastructural development and financing of critical sectors like education, health and railways.

We have inaugurated participants of Course 35.

Through your intervention and the support of your Excellency Vice President, we have gotten a pledge of N600 million for NIPPS development and completion of outstanding projects.

The new Executive Council has resolved to build on the legacy of the founding fathers of the Association through our programme of action. We are determined to take AANI to a higher level through many activities and initiatives that include;

Seeking the continued support, guidance of the office of the Vice President for the Repositioning AANI in governance;

Making AANI's policy ideas accessible to government;

Putting tested AANI members in position of responsibility to enhance public service delivery and compliment President Jonathan's administration in good governance;

Resuscitation of AANI State Chapters and empowering of those already active;

Introduction of a yearly AANI Reunion Day through a national retreat;

Completion of the multiple purpose AANI centre;

Promotion of the visibility of AANI through regular constructive policy suggestions to all tiers of government towards a better society.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VP's ACHIEVEMENTS

we are proud of the continued support and loyalty of the VP for the President which has consolidated peace development in the country.

In particular the VP based on the vision of the President has been commendably driving the power sector reform, full value chain in agriculture, the railway rehabilitation and renewal, textile industry revival among other critical sectors.