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Presidential Address

Distinguished guests, respected colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, good morning and very warm welcome to the 2020 APAS International Conference.

Our Conference this year has been shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has spread to nearly every continent in the world, and case numbers have continued to rise.

At this time of difficulty, we express solidarity with all our members who are going through difficulty as a result of the pandemic. Notwithstanding the negative realities that we are facing during this period, let us keep hope alive, for in spite of the present pestilence, divine providence is not in doubt.



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I thank all the members of this association for the cooperation they showed when the LOC decided that we take advantage of modern communication technology to overcome the huddles of the present lockdown. The members of the LOC headed by Prof. Nkechinyere Nwokoye have not only been committed to this course, but have been exceptionally innovative.

I convey the Association's affectionate and respectful sentiments of welcome to:

- The Commissioner of Police, Anambra State Command, J. B. Abang, fdc, the Keynote Presenter
- Professor Maduabuchi Dukor, H.O.D Department of Philosophy, Unizik, the Lead Paper Presenter

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I congratulate all the members of APAS on the success of last year's conference. Our academic labors were very fruitful: Four APAS Journals were published, and have not only been included in Google Scholar but indexed in Academic Journals Online for the visibility of the contributions of APAS scholars to knowledge. Four books of proceedings and three Books of Chapters were also published.

We are working towards indexing our journal with Scimago and Scopus for the benefit of members of APAS. We are also working towards organizing an International Conference on COVID-19 before the end of the year. We have secured sponsorship, meaning that it is going to be free of charge for Presentation, Certification and publication.



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The context of this year's International Conference is a living and dynamic potential of energies and values ready to be dynamized, as it provides us a wonderful opportunity to encounter valuable insights and fresh ideas on human security and peace-building.

In spite of the obvious hurdles, I look forward to a very successful conference. Once again, I wish to express my sentiments of gratitude to all of you; and also wish you a warm welcome to our 2020 APAS online conference.

May God bless the Association for the Promotion of African Studies



About APAS

The Association for the Promotion of African Studies (APAS) was founded by Professor KANU Ikechukwu Anthony, O.S.A. in 2016 to promote and encourage research and scholarship within the parameters of African philosophy, religion, history, culture, social movements, linguistic, literature, arts, science and technology; to forge intellectual links and network with scholars, policy makers, and activists in Africa and beyond; to participate actively and collaboratively in continental and global debates with interested organizations in Africa and other countries in the world, on issues specifically relevant and correlated to African studies; and to work proactively for the promotion of African language with interested organizations and/ or institutions in diverse regions of the world.

This association has the vision of putting Africa and African scholars on the global map. As a learned society and professional association of teachers and research scholars, the Association for the Promotion of African Studies has members who teach in various higher institutions in Africa and beyond. The objectives of APAS are accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, publications, programs, and membership services. APAS has members from within Africa and beyond.

Books of Chapters Published by APAS

- *African Cultural Personalities in a World of Change: Monolithic Cultural Purity and the Emergence of New Values*. Publisher: Author House, UK.
- *African Governance and Development Issues in a World of Change: The Changing Patterns of a Static Universe*. Publisher: Author House, UK.
- *Africa at the Cross-roads of Violence and Gender Inequality: The Dilemma of Continuity in a World of Change*. Publisher: Author House, UK.
- *Human Rights in Africa: Perspectives within the Ecology of Religion, History and Governance*. Publisher: Author House, UK.
- *Gender Equality and Power Relations in Africa: Insights from Religious and Socio-Cultural Perspectives*. Publisher: Lambert: Germany.
- *Religion, Politics and Development in Africa: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives*. Publisher: Lambert: Germany.
- *Religion, Morality and Peace-Building in Africa: Ambiguities and the Imperfect Human Condition*. Publisher: Lambert: Germany.
- *Justice and the Rule of Law in Africa*. Nigeria: Association For the Promotion of African Studies. ISBN: 978-978-979-502-4. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.18218.98243. Autograde Publisher, Nigeria.
- *Climate Change in Africa: Problems, Prospects and Perspectives*. Nigeria: Association For the Promotion of African Studies. ISBN: 978-978-979-503-1. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.11508.09606. Autograde Publisher, Nigeria.
- *African Indigenous Knowledge Systems: Problems and Perspectives*. Nigeria: Association For the Promotion of African Studies. ISBN: 978-978-979-501-7. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.29124.17280. Autograde Publisher, Nigeria.

Journal Publications of APAS

The Journal of the Association is the respected Journal of African Studies and Sustainable Development (ISSN: 2630-7065; eISSN: 2630-7073), Indexed in Academic Journals Online (Acjol).

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Ikechukwu Anthony KANU is a Professor of African Religion and Cultural Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Tansian University. He is currently the Rector of Villanova Polytechnic, Imesi Ile, Osun State and a Visiting Professor to the University of Jos. He is the Global President of the World Cultural Studies Research Association, based in India. He is the Director of Igwebuike Research Institute and the Editor-in-Chief of IGWEBUIKE: An African Journal of Arts and Humanities (IAAJAH); Journal of African Studies and Sustainable Development (JASSD); Villanova Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and AMAMIHE: Journal of Applied Philosophy. Professor Kanu has First Class Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome and a First Class in Religious Studies from the University of Jos. He has Master's Degree in Metaphysics from the University of Nigeria, and a second Master's Degree from Nnamdi Azikiwe University. In addition, he holds a Ph.D in African Traditional Religion from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, and a Post-graduate Diploma in Education. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by London Graduate School and certified in different aspects of leadership by the prestigious Harvard University, Boston, USA; Business School of the University of Michigan, USA; HEC International Business School, Paris, France; College of Business, University of Illinois, USA; Wesleyan University, USA, etc. Professor Kanu has to his credit more than 200 journal articles in national and international peer reviewed journals, more than 200 papers presented in national and international conferences, has written and edited more than 55 books and about 50 papers published as chapters in peer reviewed books.