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1st ANNUAL CISON CONFERENCE

T H E M E :

**Mainstreaming Innovative Statistical Approaches
to Understanding and Solving Nigeria's
Economic Challenges**

Date: November 13 – 15, 2024 | **Time:** 9.00am
Venue: Exclusive Serene Hotel & Suite, Wuye, Abuja

National Anthem

Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

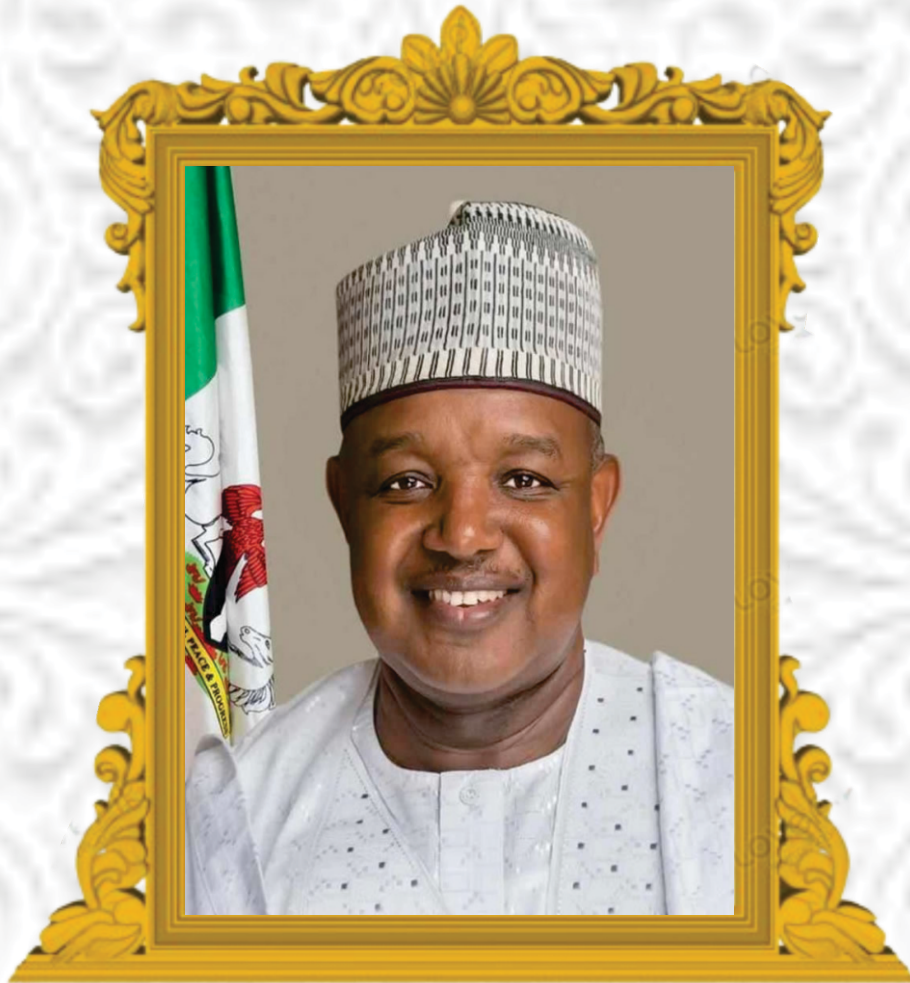
O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.



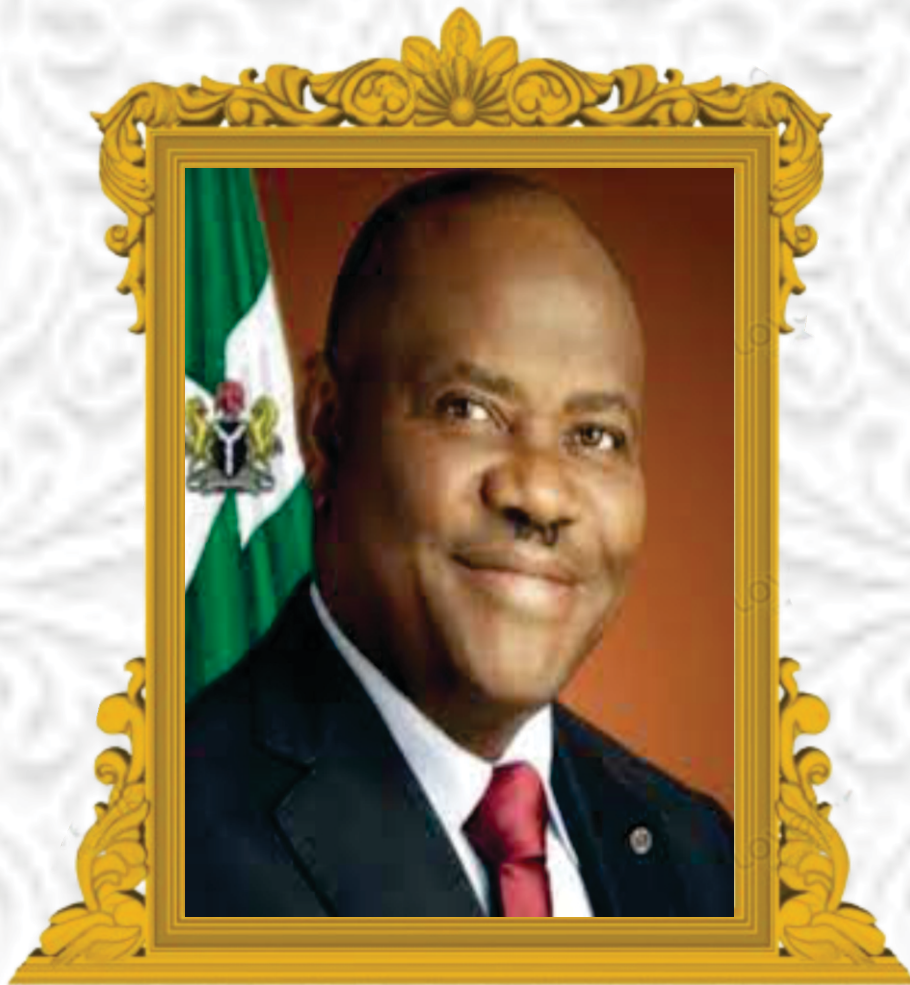
Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR)
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



Senator Godswill Akpabio (GCON)
Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu (CON)
Honourable Minister of Budget and Economic Planning



Barrister Ezenwo Nyesom Wike (CON)
Honourable Minister of Federal Capital Territory



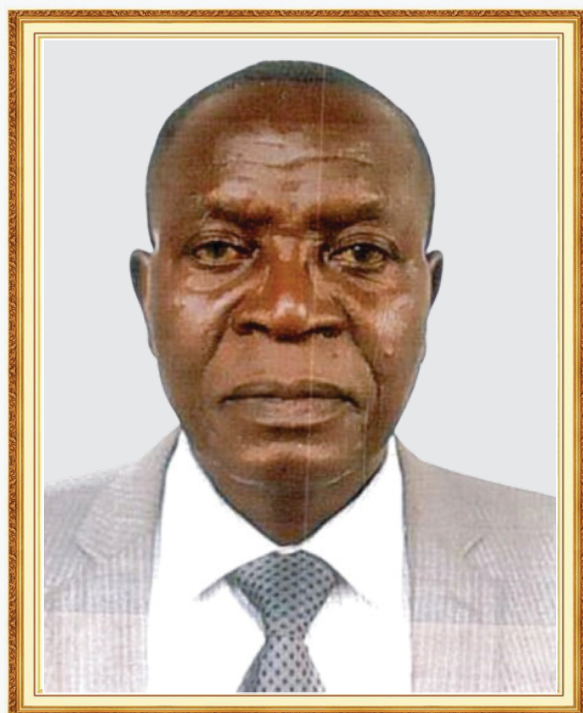
Prince Adeyemi Adeniran
Statistician General of the Federation and Chief
Executive Officer of the National Bureau of Statistics



Dr. Godday U. Ebuh
President, CISON



Prof. S. U. Gulumbe
Vice President, CISON



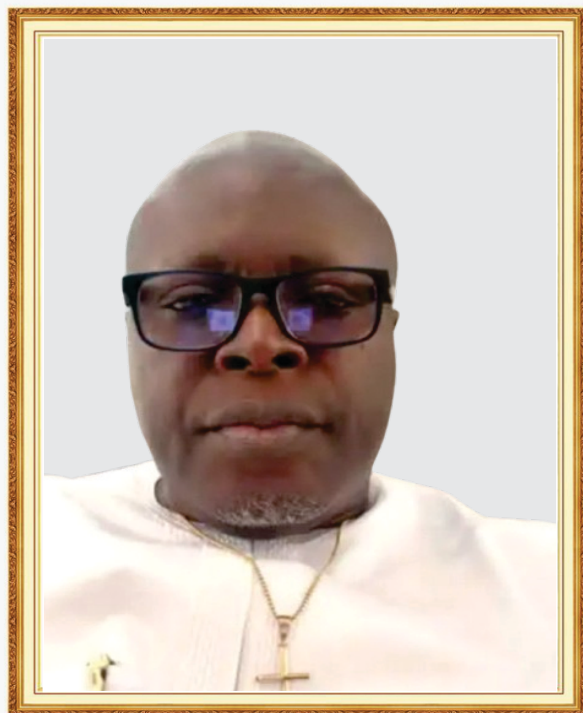
Christopher M. Okafor
Registrar, CISON



Dr. Michael Mba
Council Member, Represents Central Bank of Nigeria



Crown Prince Abubakar Bello Afegbua
Council Member, Represents National
Population Commission



Augustine Chuks Anyakorah
Council Member, Represents the
National Bureau of Statistics



Prof. Polycarp E. Chigbu
Editor-in-Chief, JCISON



Atoi, Ngozi Victor (Ph.D)
Managing Editor, JCISON and Secretary, NOC



Dr. OlaOluwa S. Yaya
Associate Editor, Journal of CISON

THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF STATISTICIANS OF NIGERIA

Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (CISON) was created by virtue of the CISON Act 2022 to streamline the practice of Statistics profession and coordinate the issuance of official Statistics based on international best practices. The institute also facilitates the exchange of research and insights on statistical advancements, advocates for a statistical culture in society, and disseminates statistical information through journals, bulletins, newsletters, and conferences to raise public awareness of the importance of statistics. This is to enhance effective policy formulations, planning, implementation and evaluation of economic and development programmes of governments and organised private sector. The Nigeria Statistical Association (NSA), formed in 1976, birthed the CISON following the signing of the CISON Bill into law.

Our Mission:

To advance statistical science and practice in Nigeria through professional excellence and innovation.

Our Vision:

To be Nigeria's leading professional body for statisticians, driving excellence and impact in statistical practice.

THE CISON CONFERENCE

The 2024 CISON Conference marks the inaugural event of the Institute. It commenced with a two-day pre-conference workshop held from November 11 to 12, 2024, at the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Abuja. The workshop, themed - “*Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches to Statistical Analysis*” aimed at equipping participants with hands-on experience with innovative statistical techniques and tools. Given the economic conditions of Nigeria and the critical role of statistics, this year's conference theme: “*Mainstreaming Innovative Statistical Approaches to Understanding and Solving Nigeria's Economic Challenges*” was thoughtfully chosen to explore innovative statistical methodologies and their applications in addressing Nigeria's economic challenges. Additionally, it is important to highlight that the discussions and activities from both the pre-conference and main conference will be documented in the Journal of CISON and the Conference Proceedings.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**Topic: Conference Theme****Professor Benedict Oramah**

Prof. Benedict Oramah has been at the helm of the AFREXIMBANK Group since September 2015, guiding the organization with his remarkable vision and expertise. A distinguished economist, he earned his BSc, MSc, and PhD in Agricultural Economics from the esteemed University of Ibadan and Obafemi Awolowo University, attaining these degrees in 1983, 1987, and 1991. In 2018, his expertise was recognized by Adeleke University, one of Nigeria's premier private institutions, where he became a professor of international trade and finance. With a career spanning more than three decades, Prof. Oramah began his journey at the African Export-

Import Bank as Chief Analyst in 1994, rising through the ranks to Senior Director of Planning and Business Development by 2007. He was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President of the Bank in October 2008. He has become a revered authority in his field, authoring over 30 impactful articles on African economic and trade issues and publishing in leading international journals. His book, "Foundations of Structured Trade Finance," stands as a testament to his profound knowledge and dedication. With his exceptional experience, Prof. Oramah continues to inspire and shape the economic future of Africa.

**Topic: Conference Theme****Dr. Olorunsola Olowofeso**

Dr. Olorunsola Olowofeso is the Director-General of the West African Monetary Institute (WAMI) in Accra, Ghana. With a strong background in regional integration and current ECOWAS developments, he represents the Institute at multilateral forums, engages with the Convergence Council, leads multilateral surveillance efforts, and oversees research activities. Before joining the WAMI, he was a Director at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). Dr. Olowofeso was an Associate Professor at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria, until 2008 when he joined the CBN. He was also an Executive Member of the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics at the Bank of International Settlements in

Switzerland. Dr. Olowofeso has significant expertise in statistical computing, econometrics, monetary and trade integration, and payments system development. He has published numerous scientific papers in both local and international journals. He is a member of several professional associations, including the Mathematical Association of Nigeria and a Fellow of the Nigerian Statistical Association. Dr. Olowofeso is married with children.



PANELISTS



Prince Adeyemi Adeniran

Prince Adeyemi Adeniran is the Statistician General of the Federation, Chief Executive Officer of National Bureau of Statistics and National Coordinator of the National Statistical System (NSS). He was a career Civil Servant and Professional Statistician with bias in Demography and Social Statistics. With over 32 years of experience as a Statistician prior to his appointment as CEO of National Bureau of Statistics, the apex Statistical Agency in Nigeria. A scientist by training, with expert knowledge and experience in Survey Design and Management, Sampling, Data

Management, Health and Nutrition Statistics, and Poverty and Welfare Analysis, he has managed and coordinated countless number of major surveys in Nigeria, with remarkable innovations in line with modern statistical practices. Outside the Bureau, Prince Adeniran has also served on various Steering and Technical Committees set up by the Federal Government, including the Presidential Committees on Human Capital Development, Presidential Committee for the Implementation of the National Development Plan (2021 – 2025), High Level Advisory Committee on National Women's Economic Empowerment and Gender in Nigeria, Committee on Food Security and Agriculture Development, National Steering Committee on Grid'3, Spotlight initiative Steering Committee and the Steering Committee on Economic Sustainability Plan.



Dr. Tope Fasua

Tope Fasua, FCA, PhD is the Special Adviser to the President on Economic Affairs in the Office of the Vice President. He is an Economist, Chartered Accountant and Public Policy Scholar with over 30 years' experience in banking, management consulting and research work. He was CEO, Global Analytics Consulting and President, Institute for Service Excellence and Good Governance, among other roles and directorships. He has also undergone executive training in some of the world's top universities including Harvard Business School, London Business School, and Oxford

University, among many others. He has authored 11 books and thousands of syndicated articles in Nigeria and beyond.



**Professor Polycarp Emeka
Chigbu**

Professor Polycarp Emeka Chigbu holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he also served as a Graduate Assistant and rose to the position of Professor. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of London and has held various administrative roles at his university, including Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). He is currently the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University. A recognized scholar, he has published over seventy academic articles and supervised twenty-four M.Sc. and ten Ph.D. works on his areas of research. Professor Polycarp has served on various institutional accreditation teams and participated

in global conferences where he received multiple awards that enhanced his international academic presence. His research primarily focuses on the design of experiments, optimization, and combinatorial statistics.

As an active member of several professional bodies, he served as a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of the Nigerian Statistical Association (now known as the Journal of the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria) and currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. In addition to his academic pursuits, Professor Chigbu is involved in community service and has played significant roles in university governance. He is married and has children.



**Dr. Godstime O.
Eigbiremolen**

Dr. Godstime Eigbiremolen is an economist with a specialization in micro development economics. His research interests and areas of policy engagements include data for policy, poverty and inequality analysis, education and labour economics, health economics, and early childhood development. Godstime obtained a Bachelor of Science (BSc.) degree in Economics from the University of Nigeria, Nigeria, a Master of Science (MSc.) degree in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Economics from the University Kent, United Kingdom. Godstime currently works as an

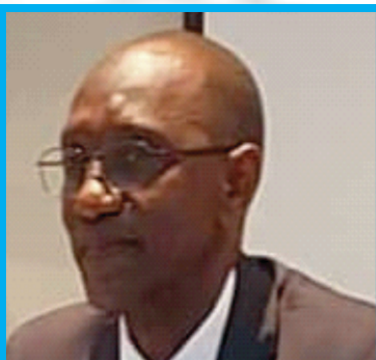
economist with the Poverty and Equity Global Practice of the World Bank where he co-lead analytical and operational engagements. He also leads World Bank's data for policy effort in Nigeria, with a particular focus on strengthening the national statistical system.



Professor P. A. Osanaiya

Prof. P.A. Osanaiya is a distinguished statistician with over four decades of experience. He joined the University of Ilorin in 1978, becoming a Professor in 1999 and retiring in 2023. Prof. Osanaiya holds a Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Essex (1984) as well as BSc and MSc in Statistics from the University of Ibadan in 1977 and 1980, respectively. A seasoned academic and consultant, Prof.

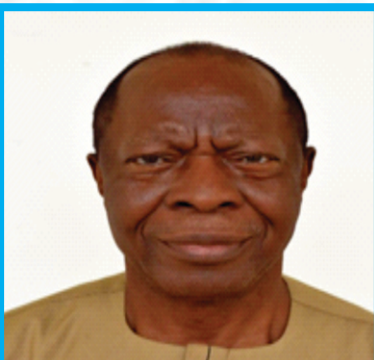
Osanaiya has supervised numerous students and undertaken high-profile consultancy engagements for organizations like the United Nations, World Bank, and National Bureau of Statistics. His expertise includes data analysis, statistical system development, and capacity building. Notable assignments include developing statistical master plans for Nigerian states and contributing to national and international projects. Prof. Osanaiya has also shared his expertise as a guest speaker and facilitator at conferences and workshops.



Yakubu Aminu Bello

Yakubu Aminu Bello is a seasoned economist and senior financial expert with over 30 years of experience in public financial management, fiscal policy, monetary policy, and data governance. He has a distinguished career at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), progressing from Assistant Economist to Deputy Director and currently serving as Acting Director of the Statistics Department. Mr. Bello's responsibilities include economic reporting, liquidity forecasting, financial programming, and overseeing departmental reports for CBN leadership. Beyond central banking, he served as Non-Executive Director at the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria,

chairing committees on performance management, financial oversight, and budget discipline. As Technical Adviser at the National Planning Commission from 2009 to 2013, Mr. Bello played a key role in shaping national strategies like Vision 20:2020 and the Transformation Agenda. He has represented Nigeria in global economic forums, including IMF and World Bank events, leveraging his expertise in macroeconomic policy and fiscal accountability. Mr. Bello is a respected figure in Nigeria's economic landscape, known for his dedication to policy advisory, economic analysis, and governmental leadership. He is married with children.



Chris Osiomha Itsede Ph.D
FIMC, FNIM

Chris Osiomha Itsede is a renowned expert in the field of economics and finance with over 40 years of working experience. He holds higher degrees in Economics, Banking and Finance, and Business Administration. An alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, African Center for Monetary Studies, World Bank, IMF, and African Development Bank Institutes, among others, Dr Itsede is a Fellow, International Institute of Management Consultants, Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Management, and Life Member, Nigerian Economic Society. Chris worked in the Research Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria and was appointed in 1997 as the first Director General of the West African Institute for

Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM), a center for capacity building in West Africa. Since retiring, Dr. Itsede has focused on policy advisory and consulting for governments and private organizations. He advises and designs curricula for training institutions and fosters partnerships with international organizations to support financial inclusion and sustainable development in West Africa. An experienced facilitator, Chris is dedicated to knowledge sharing and has published in various national and international journals.



**Mr. Charles Nwanne
Obiajulu Mordi**

Charles N. O. Mordi is a renowned economist with 35 years of experience at the Central Bank of Nigeria, where he served as Director of Research until his retirement in April 2015. He holds a BSc and MSc in Economics from the University of Lagos. Mr. Mordi's illustrious career includes stints as a Country Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Namibia and Botswana from 1993 to 1998, and as Special Assistant to Nigeria's Minister of Finance until May 1999. He represented the Central Bank on several federal parastatal boards, including ICRC and NISER. As a respected expert in his field, Mr. Mordi has been a life member and Vice

President of the Nigerian Economic Society, and a faculty member at the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management since 2000, specializing in macroeconomics and econometrics. He has also authored multiple publications and contributed to various training programs. Currently, Mordi serves as Executive Director at Polar-Afrique Consulting Limited, focusing on research, consulting, and training in economics and finance, and has been a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the West African Journal of Monetary and Economic Integration since 2018.

Programme

Day One (Wednesday 13 November 2024)		
Item	Responsibility	Duration
Attendance Registration	All	8.00am – 9.00am
Welcome Address	C. M. Okafor (Registrar, CISON)	9.00am – 9.15am
Opening Remarks	Dr. G. U. Ebu (President, CISON)	9.15am – 9.30am
Hall Identification for Technical Sessions	C. M. Okafor (Registrar, CISON)	9.30am – 9.40am
Tea Break	All Participants	9.40am – 10.00am
Presentations of Papers @ Asaga Hall	12 Papers on Statistical Applications	10.00am – 1.30pm
Lunch Break	All Participants	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Presentations @ Asaga Hall	9 Papers on Statistical Applications (Coordinated by JCISON Editorial Team)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Presentations @ Executive Hall	9 Papers on Statistical Theories (Coordinated by JCISON Editorial Team)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Presentations @ Board Room 2	9 Papers on Statistical Theories (Coordinated by JCISON Editorial Team)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Announcement/Closing Remarks at the Asaga Hall	Dr Amobi, B. O. [Chairman, National Organising Committee (NOC)]	5.30pm – 6.00pm

Day Two (Thursday 14 November 2024)

Item	Responsibility	Duration
Attendance Registration	All Participants	9.00am – 10.00am
Tea Break	All Participants	10.00am – 10.45am
Welcome Address	Dr. G. U. Ebuh (President, CISON)	11.00am – 11. 10 am
Address by Chief Host	Barrister Ezenwo Nyesom Wike (CON) (Hon. Minister, FCT)	11. 10 am – 11. 20am
Remarks on the CISON Act	Sen. Godswill Akpabio (Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria)	11. 20am – 11.30am
Goodwill Messages	Institutional Members of CISON	11.30am – 12. 00noon
1 st Keynote Speaker	Prof. Benedict Okey Oramah (President & Chairman, Afreximbank Group)	12. 00noon – 12.30pm
2 nd Keynote Speaker	Dr. Olorunsola Emmanuel Olowofeso (Director - General, West African Monetary Institute (WAMI), Accra, Ghana)	12.30pm – 1.00pm
Opening Address	Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR) (President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria)	1.00pm – 1.20pm
Vote of Thanks	C. M. Okafor (Registrar, CISON)	1.20pm – 1.25 pm
Lunch Break	All	1.25 pm 2.25 pm
Panel Discussion Session 1	Moderator: Prof. Joy Nwabueze Panellists 1: i. Prof. Polycarp. E. Chigbu ii. Prince Adeyemi Adeniran iii. Mr. Godstime O. Eigbiremolen iv. Dr. Chris O. Itsede	2.25 pm – 2.55 pm
Panel Discussion Session 2	Moderator: Dr. Mba Michael Kalu Panellists 2: i. Prof. Peter A. Osanaiye ii. Dr. Tope Fasua iii. Mr. Charles N. O. Mordi iv. Mr. Yakubu. A. Bello	2.55 pm – 3.25 pm
Announcement/Closing Remarks	Dr. Amobi, B. O (Chairman, NOC)	3.25 pm – 3.30pm
Banquet (Dinner) @ Exclusive Serene Hotel	All Participants	6.00pm – 8.00pm

Day Three (Friday 15 November 2024)		
Item	Responsibility	Duration
Attendance Registration	All Participants	8.00am – 9.00am
Previous Days Recap	Dr. Amobi, B. O (Chairman, NOC)	9.00am – 9.10am
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	All Members	9.15am – 11.15am
Election Procedure	Prof. Sidney I. Onyeagu (Election Committee Chairman)	11.15am – 11.30am
Election (Voting)	All Members	11.30am – 12.00pm
Election Results Announcement of	Prof. Sidney I. Onyeagu (Election Committee Chairman)	12.00pm – 12.30pm
Presentation of Communique	Dr. Abidemi Awopeju (Chairman of Communique Drafting Committee)	12.30pm – 1.00pm
Announcement/Closing Remarks	Mr. Okafor, C. M. (Registrar, CISON)	1.00pm – 1.10pm
Lunch Break	All Participants	1.00pm – 2.00pm
DEPARTURE		

Membership of National Organising Committee (NOC)

S/N	Name	Role
1	Dr. B. O. Amobi	Chairman
2	Dr. Baba Umaru	Member
3	Mrs. Grace Abioye	Member
4	Mr. Jafaar Bello	Member
5	Mrs. Timidayo Chilaka	Member
6	Mr. Stephen Dauda	Member
7	Dr. F. E. Adaka	Member
8	Dr. Bright Ajibade	Member
9	Prof. Polycarp E. Chigbu	Member
10	Mr. Stephen Aiyedun	Member
11	Dr. (Mrs.) Uchenna P. Ogoke	Member
12	Prof. Nwobi Felix	Member
13	Mr. Mimiko Daniel Oluwaseun	Member
14	Dr. Atoi Ngozi Victor	Secretary

Membership of Local Organising Committee (LOC)

S/N	Name	Role
1	Dr. Baba Umaru	Chairman
2	Mrs. Grace Abioye	Vice Chair
3	Mr. Joseph Arinze	Member
4	Mrs. Theresa U. Ogike	Member
5	Dr. Atoi Ngozi Victor	Member
6	Mr. Amechi Igweze	Member
7	Dr. Udoh Elijah	Member
8	Prof. Sarah Anyanwu	Member
9	Dr. Omoregie David	Member
10	Dr. Olaitan Rafiu	Member
11	Mr. Ichedi Sunday	Member
12	Miss Bernice Umemezia Adaze	Member
13	Miss Chinwe Onuzo	Member
14	Dr. Muntaka Mohammed Gambo	Member
15	Mr. Stephen Dauda	Secretary

Appreciation

On behalf of the Governing Council of the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (CISON), we wish to thank all those who through their physical or virtual attendance, moral or financial support made this first Annual Conference of CISON a huge success.

In particular, we thank the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR. We also thank the Senate President, Sen. Godswill Akpabio, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, the Chief Host and Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Barr. Nyesom Wike, other Ministers and members of the National Assembly, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Statistician General of the Federation and Chief Executive Officer of the National Bureau of Statistics, President and Chairman of the Board of Afrexim Bank, DG West African Monetary Institute, Accra, Ghana, the Institutional Members of CISON, other Council Members, Gentlemen of the Press, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We pray that the Almighty God, will grant you journey mercies as you return to your various destinations.

Kind regards,

Dr. Godday U. Ebuh
President, CISON

Christopher M. Okafor
Registrar, CISON

