

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE, HON. JUSTICE R.P.I BOZIMO, OFR, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF, HELD AT THE ANDREWS OTUTU OBASEKI AUDITORIUM OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE, ABUJA ON THE 22ND OF MAY 2017.

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I am delighted to welcome you all to the opening ceremony of this maiden edition of the National Workshop for Information and Communication Technology Staff. This Workshop is in realisation of one of the objectives for establishing the National Judicial Institute to wit- **“conduct courses for all categories of judicial officers and their supporting staff with a view to expanding and improving their overall knowledge and performance in their different sections of service”**.

It is against this backdrop that the theme for this workshop which is: **“Information and Communication Technology as a Catalyst For Better Justice Delivery,”** becomes very appropriate, especially as it conforms to the on-going reforms in the Judiciary. The theme also creates the perspective of enabling participants to draw from best practices that could potentially impact on better justice delivery using ICT.

The benefits to be derived by participants at this workshop will be far reaching, as they would be able to successfully handle electronic documentation, filling of cases, recording of courtroom proceedings, automation of the cases in the Courts' docket and electronic case management.

Furthermore, the on-going reforms in the Judiciary in Nigeria under the Judicial Information Technology Policy reinforces the need for staff of the judiciary to constantly improve on their competence and capabilities in this area, despite the challenges they may face concerning inadequacy of infrastructure.

I have no doubt in my mind that the array of topics for this workshop including the Resource Persons and Chairmen of Sessions are rich enough to provide a worthwhile experience. It is my expectation that this workshop will generate a robust discourse and participants will benefit immensely from deliberations. I therefore urge participants to take full advantage of this training.

My Lord, distinguished participants, It is now my honour and privilege to invite my lord, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, and Chairman, Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute, the Hon. Justice W.S.N. Onnoghen, GCON, FNJI, to deliver his

keynote address and also declare the workshop for Information and Communication Technology Staff open.

I thank you for your attention.

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