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**IVORY TOWERS AND BEYOND
THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN
AFRICAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Case Study: Nigeria**

Thursday, November 13, 2008
Low Library, Faculty Room, Columbia University
116th Street & Broadway
New York, NY
8am–3pm



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Dear NHEF Symposium Participants:

We are delighted to welcome you to the groundbreaking inaugural NHEF Symposium, "Ivory Towers and Beyond—The Role of Partnerships in African Sustainable Development, Case Study: Nigeria."

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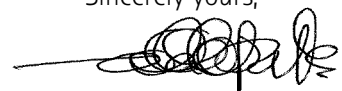
The Symposium highlights the contributions made by prominent experts and researchers to help Nigeria attain Millennium Development Goals. Leaders of the five NHEF Universities as well as renowned scientists, policymakers and business professionals in the diaspora will discuss the challenges and opportunities in education and socio-economic development in emerging economies with a primary focus on Nigeria.

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The Symposium and the SIMS project will build and expand on academic and other linkages between Nigerian and foreign universities by convening Nigerian professionals in the diaspora and friends of Nigeria in the USA.

Many thanks to the speakers, moderators, panelists, participants and sponsors without whom this Symposium would not be possible. We welcome all of you to stay engaged with our work. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,



'Sola Olopade
President



Schedule

7:45 AM SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION OPENS

8:25 AM NHEF President Welcome
C. 'Sola Olopade, MD, MPH, University of Illinois at Chicago

8:40 AM Introduction of Ambassador
Yewande Odia, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

8:45 AM Opening Address:
H.E. Uche Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations

A Question and Answer Opportunity will follow each session

9:05 AM SESSION 1: LINKAGES—COLLABORATION OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Ferdinand Ofodile, MD, Columbia University

Panelists:

- Joanna Rubinstein, DDS, PhD, Earth Institute at Columbia University
- Prof. Don Baridam, VC, University of Port-Harcourt
- Sola Omole, Chevron Corporation
- Deen Solebo, West LB Bank

10 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS: BUILDING GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction: Ferdinand Ofodile, MD, Columbia University

Speaker: Jeffrey Sachs, PhD, Director, Earth Institute at Columbia University

11 AM (Break)

11:15 AM SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

Moderator: Tayo Akinwande, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Panelists:

- The Obi of Onitsha, H.E. Igwe Nnaemeka Achebe, MBA
- Wole Soboyejo, PhD, Princeton University
- Samuel Ofodile, PhD, University of Port-Harcourt
- Ilesanmi Adesida, PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana

NOON LUNCHEON ADDRESS: EDUCATION AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER

Introduction: Wale Adeosun, CFA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Speaker: Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

12:45 PM THE NHEF SKILLS INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (SIMS)

Speakers:

- Edward Mensah, PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Fidelis Umeh, Chairman, Versay Solutions, LLC

1:15 PM SESSION 3: FROM BRAIN DRAIN TO BRAIN GAIN: USING SIMS EFFECTIVELY

Moderator: Mora McLean, The Africa-America Institute

Panelists:

- G.O.S. Ekhaguere, PhD, University of Ibadan
- Bola Omoniyi, PhD, Earth Institute at Columbia University
- Sonia Sachs, MD, MPH, Millennium Villages Project
- Elton Ndoma-Ogar, Merrill Lynch

2 PM SESSION 4: UNIVERSITY OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP: THE KEY TO ACADEMIC EVOLUTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Moderator: Ola Akinboboye, MD, MPH, MBA, SUNY at Stony Brook

Panelists:

- Ibrahim Gambari, PhD, Professor of Political Science
- Anthony Olorunnisola, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
- Prof. Shehu Usman Abdullahi, VC Ahmadu Bello University
- Funmi Olopade, MBBS, FACP, University of Chicago Medical Center
- Katie Murphy & Lucia Rodriguez, Earth Institute at Columbia University

2:45 PM Closing Remarks
C. 'Sola Olopade, MD, MPH

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