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## ODELAN INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Conference Update

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**Theme: Global Spaces, Local Contexts: Digital Transformations and Innovations in Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODEL)**

**Venue: Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo, Ogun State, Nigeria**

**Date: May 2-4, 2023 (Arrival, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)**

### **Conference Information Update 1**

Preparations are in top gear for the upcoming ODeLAN Inaugural Conference. With over 300 participants expected, the ODeLAN Inaugural Conference at Babcock University promises to be enriching, stimulating and exhilarating. As we anticipate this huge and exciting conference, find some information on the conference:

**Registration:** Registration is **COMPUSLSORY** for all intending participants. All ODeLAN members intending to attend the conference **MUST** register for the conference.

Those whose abstracts have been accepted **MUST** register for the conference. Submission of abstract is NOT equal to Registration.

Conference registration link is <https://codel.babcock.edu.ng/odelan>

With an overwhelming number of registered participants, the REGISTRATION will be CLOSED on **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

**Payment:** Registration fee **does not** apply to all ODeLAN financial members. (However, registration using the link is required). **N25, 000** registration fee applies to **non-ODELAN** members.

The sponsorship for ODeLAN members and N25, 000 for non-ODELAN members covers registration materials, attendance of sessions, refreshment break and lunch **only**.

**Pre- Conference Workshop:** Pre-Conference Workshop themed **Research in ODeL: Theories, Approaches and Methods** is organized by The Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning (RETRIDOL). The Pre-Conference Workshop which takes place on **Tuesday May 2, 2023** accommodates **ONLY THE FIRST 150 Pre-Conference Workshop Registered Participants** on a first come first served basis. Participants willing to attend the Pre- Conference Workshop are required to register **SEPARATELY** for the Workshop using <http://bit.ly/3FBv7N0>

**Conference Opening Ceremony:** The opening ceremony for the conference is planned for **Wednesday, May 3, 2023**, at 9.00am. Colleagues and members of the public are cordially invited.

**Conference Keynote Addresses and Lead Paper Presentation:** The confirmed keynote and Lead speakers are:

1. Prof. Olufemi Peters, Vice Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN); (Keynote)
2. Dr. Abiodun Aibinu, Vice Chancellor, Summit University, Offa, Kwara State; (Lead Paper)
3. Dr. Ruth Aluko, President, National Distance Education Association of South Africa (NADEOSA), Pretoria, South Africa. (Lead Paper)

**Conference Special Guests:** Distinguished personalities, prominent government officials, Heads of Higher Education Institutions and Associations, CEOs of IT and Communication Industries will grace the occasion. More details will follow.

**Conference Luncheon and Award Ceremony:** Conference Luncheon in an inspiring atmosphere of ingenious creativity, pageantry and aesthetics is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2023, at 1.30pm. More information on luncheon and Award Ceremony will be circulated soon.

**Tech Fair:** A wide array of Tech industries, particularly those who offer Educational Technology services will be participating in the tech fair. Participants can interact with Tech industries and forge partnerships and collaborations to advance ODeL. Feel free to inform Tech industries to contact LOC for more information.

**ODeLAN AGM:** AGM will hold Thursday May 4, 2023. Only Finical ODeLAN members are eligible to participate. Critical decisions affecting the association and election will take place at the AGM.

**Roundtables:** Roundtables featuring ICT industries related to Educational Technologies and ODeL practice will be featured. More detailed information soon.

**Presentation Mode:** Smartboards and projectors are available for PowerPoint or other visual presentations.

**Publication of papers:** We affirm that we have every plan in place for quality conference papers to be published with highly reputable publishers after post-conference review and re-submission.

**Paper Submission:** PowerPoints of presentations and /or full papers are expected on or before the **April 15, 2023**. For publication consideration, **corrected of full papers** are expected latest **May 30, 2023**, for reviews to commence. All papers must be original, with a 6,000-8,000 word count, and follow the APA Style of referencing.

**Security:** Babcock University is situated in a serene, safe and secure environment, and the security of all conference participants is assured. We have also put in place additional security measures for the duration of the conference and have left no stone unturned to guarantee that your stay is completely hitch-free in this regard.

**Conference Website:** Please visit the conference website for regular updates and information, at: <https://codel.babcock.edu.ng/odelan>

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