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## JUDGES ARE PRISONERS TO JUDICIAL PRECEDENCE - JUSTICE AKINYEMI

**H**onourable Justice Abiodun Akinyemi, the presiding Judge of Ogun State High Court 4, Abeokuta, Ogun State, has said that Judges decide cases according to the law which may not be in line with biases, public opinion or general public expectation. He stated this at the maiden Law Faculty Lecture Series at the Redeemer's University, Ede.

Speaking at the event with the theme: "How Judges Think", Justice Akinyemi noted that public approval, biases or sentiments has no place with the judge in the making of judgements because he has no audience to please other than the case before him. "The judge is a prisoner of his own conscience because conscience, in line with the law, keeps telling you what you are doing right or wrong," he said.

He further stated that in arriving at a proper judgement it is important to pay attention to cues like body language, facial expressions and a witness or defendant's voice before giving the final judgement, as the duty of a Judge is to deal with the facts before him. He also admonished the students present at the event to give



**Justice Abiodun Akinyemi**

The Presiding Judge of Ogun State High court 4, Abeokuta, Ogun State.


their all to what they are being taught and excel in practice beyond good grades. He further advised them to refrain from copying lawyers who resort to speaking through the media, including radio, television and even social media, with the aim of influencing Judges and colleagues, no matter the lawyer's status.

Also speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele noted that the lecture series was a historical event for the Faculty

of Law. He further emphasized the need for such lecture series across faculties noting that this particular one would help educate the public on how Judges make decisions on cases. Prof. Akindele also informed the audience that, the Faculty of Law building was ready for use, much to the delight of staff and students present.

Other personalities present include, the Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Ifeolu Koni as well as staff and students.

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The guest speaker, Prof. Charles Ukeje; (4th left) Management team; H.O.D History and International Studies, Dr. Benjamin Anaemene; and other participants during RUI MUN 2024 Conference

## RUI MUN ADVOCATES FOR PEACE, PROSPERITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

**R**edeemer's University International Model United Nations (RUI MUN) has called for the sustainability of global peace amidst conflict being experienced in some parts of the world.

The call was made by delegates during the 2024 edition of RUI MUN Conference held at Sapetro Hall, Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State.

Addressing the delegates, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and spokesperson for the world's freedom, Mr. Antonio Guterres, who joined the event virtually, stressed the importance of preaching peace amidst the various conflicts being experienced worldwide. He also lauded the significance of the conference for ensuring global peace.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ahmed Yerima, spoke on the theme of the conference, 'Peace, Prosperity, and Sustainability: A Collective Call to Action.' He noted that the conference is a youth-led initiative

that brings together delegates from around the world to learn, interact, and share ideas that will foster peace and sustainable development. According to him, the gathering brings together national and international delegates who come together to learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the activities of the United Nations towards fostering a constructive and innovative forte for open dialogue on complex rural issues, including international peace and security. He, however, called on all the delegates to embrace this clarion call for sustainable peace and prosperity across the globe.

A lecturer from the Department of History and International Relations at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, Prof. Charles Ukeje while delivering his keynote speech during the opening plenary session, said the only way to teach and sustain peace operations is to promote peace and security through mutual understanding among nations of the world.

According to him, mismanagement of crises around the world can be very costly, urging the UN

to continue to strive for a better and more peaceful world. Prof. Ukeje also called on the youths to foster an atmosphere of peace and prosperity by networking, thinking, working together, and solving problems together.

In his contribution, the Head of Department of History and International Studies, Dr. Benjamin Anaemene, noted that RUI MUN is a platform for students to experience the model of international relations: "It represents real situations in all countries of the world." Also speaking during the closing plenary, Mrs. Asabe Okeme admonished the delegates to understand the basic tools of entrepreneurial success in life. Speaking on sustainable entrepreneurship, she highlighted the importance of having consistent financial freedom and the need to embrace mentorship so as to go far in life.

Ambassador Ayoola Olukanni while giving his speech at the closing plenary, said the youths can use the power of interaction and networking to achieve a better nation, calling on all the youths to raise the banner by making Nigeria and all the nations represented at the RUI MUN conference a better world.

# DON BERATES DEARTH OF DAIRY FARMS IN NIGERIA

- Gilbert Ekugbe

**A** Professor of Human Nutrition and Hospitality at Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Professor Paulina Adeniji, has expressed concerns over the dearth of dairy farms in the country.

Delivering a lecture with the theme, "Give Us Adequate Food in Due Season: Establishing a Path to Healthy Living," at the 12th inaugural lecture of the university in Ede, Adeniji said that it is worrisome that Nigeria does not have enough and well-established dairy farms to meet its dairy needs despite having the capacity to be one of the exporters of dairy products on the continent.

She said: "The World Health Organisation (WHO), and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) recommended that the total daily protein should be 67 grammes for average Nigerians.

"Of this, 58 per cent, that is 39 grammes should be of animal origin, but survey showed that only 20 grammes (30 per cent) was fulfilled. It is a setback that we do not have enough well-established dairy farms in Nigeria to supply our needs. The few dairy farms have seriously suffered neglect in the recent past. In most cases, only the local people rear cattle mainly for meat and little dairy products."



Prof. (Mrs.) Paulina Olufunke Adeniji, Professor of Human Nutrition and Hospitality, Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, Redeemer's University, Ede, delivering her lecture.

She, however, warned against nutritional deficiencies among Nigerians, which she said could lead to a range of health problems.

The university don said that nutritional deficiencies occur when the body does not receive an adequate amount of essential nutrients needed for the proper functioning of the body.

Adeniji said that apart from proper nutrition for healthy living, regular physical activity is also very important.

"Regular physical exercise activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health apart from eating a properly prepared balanced diet.

"Physical exercises can improve your brain health, help

manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthens bones and muscles," she said.

Adeniji also urged the National Universities Commission (NUC) to increase nutrition education and awareness in schools as a way of promoting a healthy lifestyle.

She also said that Nigerians should be encouraged to secure a space in their various house for home gardens to afford them fruits and vegetables.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the Redeemers University, Prof. Shadrack Akindele, said that the lecture was significant because it was the first to be delivered since his assumption of office.

*Culled from ThisDay*

# EMPOWER THE GIRL-CHILD TO BREAK BARRIERS - PROF. AKINDELE URGES

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele, has called for empowering the girl-child to break down barriers to success. He made this call at the 2024 International Women's Day (IWD) themed "Inspire Inclusion, Count Her In and Accelerate Progress", organised recently by the Center for Gender, Humanitarian, and Development Studies (CGHDS), Redeemer's University, Ede.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. (Mrs) Adebola Adebileje, stated that he is a firm believer in the power of inclusion. "I recognise the importance of counting every woman into the pursuit of progress". He further stated that by accelerating progress towards gender equality, "we not only enrich our workplaces and communities but also create a just and prosperous world for all."

Prof. Akindele also added that through collective efforts at Redeemer's University and the nation at large, women and the girl-child should be empowered to break down barriers to success. "We can inspire future generations of women and girls to pursue their dreams and break down every barrier that has hindered their progress," he said.

Delivering the keynote address at the event, the Osun State Chapter representative of the Nigerian Red Cross, Mrs Similoluwa Olofintuyi, said that "counting her in" is not only symbolic, but it is a call to action which recognises and values the contributions and achievements of women in all aspects of life as well as adorning them with the credits they deserve.

According to her, inclusion is not just a moral imperative but a strategic one that urges us to change the existing norms and create a more



Prof. (Mrs) Adebola Adebileje  
Former Deputy Vice-Chancellor

inclusive and equitable society. "There is a need to appreciate and recognise the worth of women, break down and eliminate the barriers of discrimination against women, combat gender-based violence, and ensure the safety and security of women," she said.

Also speaking at the event, Pastor (Mrs) Hannah Akindele, wife of the Vice-Chancellor and the Mother of the Day, shared a personal experience of how she and her sisters were rejected by their biological father simply because of their gender. "Our mother single-handedly sponsored our education, as my father chose to follow tradition by believing that it was a waste of his money to educate female children

who would either get pregnant out of wedlock or get married and abandon his last name."

As a result, she further emphasised that, on the journey to gender equality, it is crucial to ensure that "every woman is counted in, her voice heard and her contributions validated." she charged everyone to empower women to reach their full potential.

Giving her remark at the event, the Acting Director of the Centre, Dr Oluwatoyin Ilesanmi, noted that International Women's Day is a significant day for women across the globe. "commemorating it with an event such as this contributes to the empowerment of women to accelerate progress."

The workshop comprised of lecture delivery and discussions of topics such as Count Her In: Breaking Barriers to Women's Multi-Sectoral Advancement; Count Her In: Property Documentation, Will Writing and Will Execution; Count Her In: Inclusion of Women in Education Governance; Count Her In: Empowerment and Education for All Movement; Count Her In: Political Appointment and Elective Positions.



Cross section of participant in attendance

# JUSTICE AKINYEMI ENDOWS THREE PRIZES IN FACULTY OF LAW

In line with the mandate of celebrating and rewarding academic excellence, Honourable Justice Abiodun Akinyemi has pledged a total of Five Hundred Thousand naira annually to the Best Graduating Students in different categories in the Faculty of Law, Redeemer's University, Ede.

Justice Akinyemi, who made the pledge at the maiden Faculty of Law Lecture Series themed "How Judges Think" held recently at Sapetro Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Engineering complex, said the purpose of the endowment is to "ignite the hardworking attitude in



Middle: Honorable Justice Abiodun Akinyemi; Pro. Shadrach Akindele, Vice-Chancellor; Mrs. Mojisola Oje, Registrar; (5th left) Prof. Koni, Dean, Faculty of Law and other senior member of staff with dignitaries at the event.

the mind of law students as they strive for excellence."

The endowment prizes which will be disbursed annually are: One Hundred Thousand naira each for the best graduating

student in Jurisprudence Law and Land Law, respectively; then three hundred thousand naira to the Overall Best Graduating Student in the Faculty of Law.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### APPOINTMENT AS COORDINATOR OF DEPARTMENT

#### ESTATE MANAGEMENT:

Mr Olayinka Stephen Awosode, of the Department of Estate Management has been appointed as **Cordinator, Department of Estate Management** in the **Faculty of Built Environment Studies** with effect from **22nd March to 31st July, 2024.**

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Dr Leke A. Oluwalogbon, of the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences has been appointed as **Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences.** This took effect from **10th January, 2024 to 31st July, 2024.**

### RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Dr. Duro Thomas Ayodele's appointment as **Assistant Director, Directorate of Educational Services and Training (DEST)** with effect from **1st November, 2023 to 31st July, 2024.**

### NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

This is to notify the Redeemer's University community that **Olubunmi Olufunke Akingun now wishes to be addressed as Olubunmi Olufunke Oladosu**

This is to notify the Redeemer's University community that **Oluwaseun Oladayo Fagbongbe, now wishes to be addressed as Oluwaseun Oladayo, Olatidoeye.**

# IT IS BETTER TO DISTRIBUTE PROPERTY PER HEAD - DR. AINA-PELEMO

**A** legal expert and lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Redeemer's University, Ede, Dr Adetutu Aina-Pelemo has lent her voice to the significance of considering women in matters of property distribution and 'Will' execution. She states that, "it is better to distribute property per head, as there is a need for fair and equitable treatment regardless of gender."

She made this statement as she joined her voice with other speakers during the commemoration of this year's International Women's Day, with the theme "Inspire Inclusion, Count Her In, and Accelerate Progress" held recently in Redeemer's University, Ede.

Addressing the misconceptions surrounding will writing, Dr Aina-Pelemo said, "You can write your will as early as the age of 21 in Nigeria because the legal age to write a will is 21 years. She emphasised that writing a will ensures the proper distribution of assets and provides clarity on burial wishes and property sharing, promoting peace and harmony among family members in the event of demise.

Also highlighting cultural barriers that disenfranchise women, she raised concerns about practices in certain cultures, particularly the Igbo tradition, where females are often excluded from their father's will. "Igbo culture is barbaric in the sense that females are extricated from their father's will." Aina-Pelemo, therefore,



Dr. Adetutu Aina-Pelemo  
Faculty of Law, Redeemer's University

called for a legal reform to rectify such discriminatory practices.

Also speaking at the event, a legal practitioner, Barrister Christy Ayeni, spoke on the need to include women in cultural rites and decision-making processes to accelerate progress in gender equality. "There is a need to count women in, include women in the performance of cultural rites, help them to be able to accelerate progress," she urged.

In advocating for women's multi-sectoral advancement, Ayeni stressed the importance of maintaining connections and bridges for future opportunities. "Don't burn the bridge no matter what because you might need the link for the future," she advised, urging individuals to cultivate and nurture professional relationships.

Dr. Aina-Pelemo and

Barrister Christy Ayeni's advice came at a critical juncture where societies worldwide grapple with persistent gender disparities in property rights and inheritance. Their advocacy underscores the imperative of inclusive policies and cultural reforms to ensure that women are counted in, empowered, and afforded equal opportunities in all sectors of society.

The former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University, Prof. Adebola Adebileje, who spoke on the Inclusion of Women in Educational Governance, advised against using culture, environment or governance to affect our God-given talents. "As women, do not allow culture, environment or governance to affect your God-given talent," she said.



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