

VOTE OF THANKS BY HIS LORDSHIP, THE HONOURABLE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA, HON. JUSTICE MAHMUD MOHAMMED, GCON ON THE OCCASION OF THE DINNER ORGANISED FOR THE 2015 ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, HELD AT THE ALOMA MARYAM MUKHTAR BANQUET HALL, NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE, ON 26 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7:00 PM

In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the most Merciful.

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Let me begin by acknowledging the presence of my Learned Brothers, the former Chief Justices of Nigeria and thanking your Lordships for making time to be part of this special occasion. You are most welcome indeed.

I would also like to thank the Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute for ensuring a good turnout of jurists despite our many privations. Despite this, in the well organized events of the past few days, you have either led or indeed contributed richly in providing solutions that will

propel the Judiciary into taking concrete steps towards improving the administration of justice in Nigeria. It is my hope that our colleagues and indeed all members of the Bench will continue to play their part as Hierophants in the Temple of Justice.

The events of the past four days could not have taken place in a more serene environment. With its well manicured environment and the quality of hospitality provided, credit must go to whom it is due and I wish to praise the Administrator and Staff of the Institute for working ceaselessly and tirelessly to support all events held during this Conference, including this delicious Dinner.

I am sure that these events could never have become a reality without the need to provide qualitative judicial education to your lordships. Your lordships are the reason why this Institute exists and we must thank you for leaving your full dockets and travelling here to participate in the memorable Conference. Indeed I must also appreciate your lordships for being long suffering, yet selfless and service oriented in the

dispatch of your duties and we are indeed grateful to you all for upholding the Rule of Law in Nigeria.

As we leave here tonight, it is my earnest hope that we shall all return to our jurisdiction, empowered in the knowledge that the leadership of the Judiciary is actively seeking ways to improve our Judiciary. I certainly expect that these changes will be more evident when we next gather again to discuss the progress that we have made individually and collectively to give our people the justice system they deserve. In the meantime, I wish to assure you all of my unflinching support in realizing our commonly held aspiration of an independent, well resourced and well equipped Judiciary that will raise the bar for justice delivery in Africa and the world.

I wish you all the best of the evening and may Almighty Allah grant everyone journey mercies to their respective destinations.

Thank you.

MAHMUD MOHAMMED, GCON,
Chief Justice of Nigeria