



**ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNICATION SCHOLARS
& PROFESSIONALS OF NIGERIA**

2018 ACSPN Conference

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Venue: Best Western Elomaz Hotel, Asaba. Delta State.

Voices

“The association has done a very good job of putting this conference together and making it an annual event. I foresee a future when the Association will become so vibrant, firm and solid like ICAN, NIB and other similar professional bodies that it begins to control and regulate journalism practice in Nigeria”.

Adunola Najeem Omotayo - Lecturer, Ibadan Polytechnic, Oyo.

“The forum is apt. The discourses were focused, enlightening, informative and educative. Stemming the tide of fake news and hate speech should indeed be seen as a collective responsibility”.

Amenze Igiebor – Manager, News & Current Affairs, NTA Asaba.

“ACSPN 2018 has come to stay. The conference activities went well. The turnout was very high. The theme “hate speech, fake news and political stability” was discussed extensively and the problems, solutions and recommendations were well articulated”.

Dr. Okafor Clementina - Senior Lecturer, Enugu State University of Science and Technology.

“The theme is timely and everybody - both producers and consumers should work together in order to curb this menace in Nigeria”.

Dr. Ifeyinwa Nsude – Senior Lecturer, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki.

I congratulate the organisers of this conference, first on the theme selected which I believe is very timely and the invited guests who did justice to the conference theme. The entire process from the communication level to the registration and to the special panel was excellent. I have no regrets attending this year’s conference.

Ezeh Nkiru Comfort – Head of Department (Senior Lecturer), Department of Mass Communication, Madonna University, Nigeria.

“I appreciate the choice of theme and also the personalities involved in the conference. It was a resounding success. Congratulations”.

Stella Jibrin – Director, Nigerian Press Council.

“The conference is a powerful eye opener and the topic was a wake-up call for all stakeholders especially with elections around the corner. The seasoned speakers have emphatically stated with one voice that Nigeria must not be torn apart but remain as a formidable entity. Kudos to the organisers. In treating the topic hate speech, we must tread carefully not to throw away the essence of the media”.

Princess Bettina Oboakore Otadaferua, Delta Stae Polytechnic, Otefe. Oghara.

“The opening ceremony was well organised. I believe this points to the whole conference although, it all seemed overloaded. The conference should have held for three days”.

Halimat T. Oyedele – Deputy Director, National Human Rights Commission, Abuja.

“The organiser’s good taste reflects in the choice of venue. The process was well managed. Noise control was perfect. ACSPN has been considerate in organising their programmes. The conference is well attended and the title is of topical interest for the nation’s unity, growth and future”.

Ezeanoikwa Andrea – Lecturer, Nassarawa State University, Keffi.

“The conference was well organised. The welcoming speech and ceremony was apt, simple and dignifying. The special panel was very articulate, intelligent and vast in perception. The master class was very informative, educative and current and it challenged participants to be more sensitive in consuming and sharing information”.

Theresa Tanko – Catholic Institute of West Africa (Affiliated to University of Calabar).

“Nice ceremony. It had an orderly registration process..... We should also find a way of incorporating a summary of each speaker’s presentation into the programme to aid recall of the essentials since each day is extremely loaded”.

Dr. Titilayo R. Osuagwu – Lecturer, University of Port Harcourt.

“The opening ceremony was interesting especially the address by the head presenter, but from the goodwill messages, it was evident that we need to guard against the blame game by different media stakeholders; we need to work together instead”.

Dr. Maine A. Onyilo – Lecturer, Benue State University, Makurdi.

“Well organised. The speeches are fantastic and enlightening”.

Reader Azeez Adesina.

“The opening ceremony started in good time. It was well organised and quite educative. Kudos to the organisers”.

Gregory Obinna Ugbo – PhD Candidate, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka.

“I commend the early commencement of the opening ceremony”.
Okoro Ferdinand Eloke – Lecturer, Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe – Oghara.

“Very interesting and educative”.
Assay Benjamin Enahoro - Lecturer, Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku.

“The organisers of the programme did perfectly well but there is always room for improvement. There is also need to carry the crusade on ethical values to our institutions”.
Dr Christiana O. Chukwu – Senior Lecturer, Federal University Ndufu Alike Ikwo, Ebonyi State.

“The ACSPN conference was interesting and would hopefully generate key policies that would be implemented in helping Nigerians curb hate speech, fake news and political instability”.
Mrs. Catherine Isioma Temofeh – Lecturer, Mass Communication Department, Wellspring University, Benin City.

“It was an awesome organisation. The panel sessions and almost all the programme were well organised”.
Ben Ibe Onoja – PG Student, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka.

“Excellent!”
Anonymous

“Rich and well organised”.
Dr Jide Jimoh – Senior Lecturer, LASU School of Communication.

“There is need to rethink communication especially in the areas of digital media and information literacy”.
Austin Franklin I. Ezejimofor - PhD Candidate, Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt.

“Fake news and hate speech have been with us for a long time. They have only grown exponentially because of the internet. We must recognise that there is no once-and-for-all cure. Weeding out this scourge must be a continuous and joint exercise”.
Fred Ohwahwa – Manager, Communications Unit, Total Nigeria Ltd.

“It was well organised, and evidence showed it was well attended with eminent personalities participating”.
Mrs. Juliana Ogargare Ogbeni – Lecturer I, Delta State University.

“I really appreciate the efforts of the organisers - ACSPN. The activities were informative and educative. I hope the association will keep maintaining the high standard in subsequent conferences, workshops, empowerment series and other programmes”.
Usman Ibrahim Abubakar – Lecturer, Bayero University, Kano.

“It is impressive to be part of the opening ceremony. The quality of speakers put life into the ceremony. It will be appreciated if we get copies of all the presentations”.

Folarin Jamiu – Lecturer, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“After just a few hours into the conference, I felt immensely opportune to be a part of this year’s edition. As a new member, I am impressed with the choice of topic as well as the media, academic and other field experts gathered to discuss the concepts. I look forward to subsequent editions of the association’s conference”.

Bolanle Adijat Ismail – Lecturer, Mass Communication Department, Crescent University, Abeokuta.

“I have listened to some wonderful presentations from scholars, professionals and veterans of the media industry. My knowledge and understanding of hate speech fake news and related issues have really been enriched”.

Dr. Ibrahim Siraj – Lecturer I, Department of Mass Communication, Bayero University, Kano.

“The calibre of representation on the high table was intimidating. The programme was massively attended”.

Professor Rotimi Olatunji – Lagos State University School of Communication

“A well packaged conference. The topic was interesting; however, I implore the organisers to focus on quacks in journalism during future conferences. Fake news is linked to quacks and non-professionals”.

Patrick Nwanze – AGM, Editorial/News.

“Well organised and presented”.

Pat Pythagoras Iwebo.

“The conference was well organised and the theme on point. The theme is a very topical issue in the country’s media industry. The effort of the organisers is well appreciated”.

Olutope L. Abiola – Media Relations Officer, Osun State Polytechnic, Iree.

“The opening ceremony was well packaged, loaded and eventful”.

Abiodun Idowu Akinrosoye – Head of Department, Osun State Polytechnic, Iree.

“The opening ceremony was simply excellent. The guest lecturer dealt with the theme with clear illustrations and experience. He challenged us to go back to the ethics of journalism as the basis that can help curb hate speech/ fake news. With all sincerity, ACSPN has demonstrated an uncommon pedigree and excellence in the organisation and delivery of the 2018 conference in Asaba. It gave more than it promised from the special panel to the master’s class, group panels and the sumptuous six course meals; ACSPN has done it again”.

Fatonji Stephen Somayon – Assistant Lecturer, Lagos State University School of Communication.

“An interesting package”.
Odu Fred – DGM, News.

“It was well organised, a serene environment; it had an atmosphere of friendliness. A much larger place should be used next time”.

Rev. Dr. Joel C Ughuoke, Lecturer II, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

“The opening ceremony was very satisfactory owing to the calibre of resource persons involved in the ceremony”.

Anastasia Eluwa – Member, NUJ, Delta State Council/Assistant Secretary, NAWOJ.

“ The conference went as planned in terms of quality attendance, quality representation and pervasive representation”.

Garba Kabir Alabi – University of Lagos.

“Impressive!”

Dr. Chudi Okwechime - HOD, Mass Communication Department, Samuel Adegboyega University.

“Fake news and hate speeches must not be allowed to stay in journalism. Nice and attractive topic”.

Dominic Adewole - Bureau chief, Nigerian Telegraph, Delta State.

“The conference is worth every effort put into it. Very enriching as it has provoked much food of thought”.

Dave Okpogdie – Reporter, ITV.

“A topical and well put together conference. The remarks, concerns and historical perspectives of Prof. Oyovbaire will set the tone for further national discourse in years to come”.

Dr. Austin Godwin Mbose – Lecturer, National Open University.

“The distinguished and noble persons and institutions that were involved made the conference wonderful. The conference is great and educative”.

Dr. Idamah Patrick Akpoghiran - Lecturer, Delta State University, Abraka.

“The opening ceremony was quite superb. It has really been a wonderful time both in knowledge acquisition and other interactions. It is worth all the time and effort expended on this outing”.

Dr. Chidinma Henrietta Onwubere - HOD Mass Communication/Senior Lecturer, National Open University.

“As a first timer, I must confess that the conference was well organised beyond my expectation”.

Ayodele Simon Okaiyeto - Assistant Lecturer, Salem University, Lokoja.

“The theme of the conference is very topical considering the fact that 2019, our election year is just around the corner. The conference has afforded communication scholars and professionals

the opportunity to interact and proffer solutions to the problems of fake news and hate speeches in Nigeria. However, I would suggest that a book of proceedings be produced in subsequent conferences”.

Dr. Mrs Erere Joy Anho - Snr Lecturer, Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku.

“The conference as a whole provided an opportunity to update knowledge and skills in ethical journalism for teaching research and practise. It was robust and insightful. The experience of scholarly and professional discussions of contemporary issues are important at this crucial phase of Nigeria’s political history”.

Dr. Oriola Oluwakemi, Senior Lecturer, Tai Solarin University.

“Hate speech and fake news are twin evils that have the capacity to destroy an individual, state or nation. But the challenge is huge and would demand the commitment of all well-meaning Nigerians to fight it. It is expensive given the technological base on which hate speech and fake news thrive; a lot of negotiation, education and tutoring of journalists is necessary”.

Ifeyani Olannye - Vice chairman, NUJ.

“The conference activities were educative and informative”.

Dr. Patrick I. Akpoghiran – Lecturer, Delta State University.

“On a positive note, the theme of the conference was appropriate and timely. The guests and the speakers made intelligent presentations. The hotel environment was good. The outcomes of the conference should be taken to another level”.

Anyancho Raphael C - Asst Director, APCON.

“A well organised conference. However, I suggest that more time should be given to the plenary session to allow papers presented to be fully discussed”.

Dr. Nkiru Comfort Ezeh - Senior Lecturer, Madaonna University.

“The conference is highly educative and informative. I have learnt more in a few hours than I have in a year ... Time has been taken to dissect and actively discuss each topic for the benefit of people with different levels of understanding making sure everybody gets the message. With this experience I believe my desire to become a journalist has been reinforced”.

Favour Amaka Adiefe – Student, Delta State Polytechnic, Ozoro.

“Topic and comments were on point”.

Jonathan Eghweree Oghenero – Correspondent, FRCN.