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2019 ACSPN South West Empowerment Series

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Venue: Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

Voices

“The topic of the empowerment series is apt and the guest lecturer – Mr. Oloja did justice to it as he explored the flaws of the mass media during the 2019 election just as he made worthwhile suggestions to improve professionalism in subsequent elections. Kudos to ACSPN!”

Nurat Yusuf - Student, Crescent University, Abeokuta.

“I see this forum as an opportunity to enlighten journalists on the in-depth knowledge they need to function in their careers. I love to always partake in the series.”

**Oluwafemi I. Abdusalam – Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University,
Abeokuta, Ogun State.**

“This is an excellent initiative. The outcome must be given good publicity and the empowerment series must be regularly held.”

**Dr. Bolu John Folayan - Department of Mass Communication, Federal Polytechnic
Iloro.**

“It was an incisive, educative, eye-opener, rich, profound and down-to-earth presentation.”

Segun Orisajo, Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta.

“The empowerment series is an eye-opener to happenings in the society. This series should be sustained and all communicators encouraged to be part of it.”

Michael T.Oyetayo – Department of Mass Communication, Federal Polytechnic Ilaro.

“This series has been very informative and educative. It is an eye-opener to the areas the communication practitioners in the country has been lagging in the discharge of their duties. Therefore, more programmes like this are needed to enable us know the way forward.”

Orire Olakunle, Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta.

“The empowerment series was a very good one as the lecture was an eye-opener to how journalists [or the media] have failed in articulating issues concerning governance. As the fourth estate of the realm, our constitutional role has been duly highlighted and awakened in the hearts of reporters here. The repulsive need for data journalism was also a vital and enlightening aspect of the lecture. A big thank you to the organisers.”

Oluwatola Oluwaluyi – Student, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun State.

“The series is very educative. It talks more about processes upcoming journalists can follow to help in the development of our economy. The lecture has said a lot about how much we can do to change the current situation. It is very helpful to the young-minded journalists.”

Miss Oluwatoyin H. Sholarin – Federal Medical centre, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“The empowerment series is a wonderful programme. I have a positive opinion about the empowerment series because it encourages it encourages credibility and accountability if journalists. This programme also helps journalists and future journalist to improve on their work.”

Mujeebat Idris – Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta.

“This is a commendable effort that will go a long way in shaping the practice of journalism in Nigeria. The programme must be sustained and made more interactive with more scholars from the academia participating to make the discussion more robust.”

Amos Kolawole Zachariah – Department of Mass Communication, Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta.

“The programme was expressive of the on-the-job challenges being faced by media practitioners. It is an opener in that neophytes [young journalists] can have a foresight of the peculiarities of the industry and prepare themselves ahead.”

Olubukola O. Fakeye – Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, Ogun State.

“In a nation where journalism which is meant to be the fourth estate of the realm and the voice of the voiceless is losing its relevance, importance and purpose to failures in ethical standards, the credibility and existence of the profession is being questioned regularly. I believe this programme is a broad step towards reviving the hope of journalism in Nigeria and making a better nation of this country. However, the question remains - ‘has the welfare of journalists in Nigeria been addressed?’ How then can the imposing challenges be stopped without this being addressed?”

Oluwapelumi H. Shokunbi – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro. Ogun State.

“Journalism in the Nation is meant to be one of the most sought after professions. It is meant to be the voice of the voiceless, but the profession is losing its relevance, purpose etc. as a result of failures of ethical standards. I specifically believe that this empowerment series is a broad step at bringing back the hope of journalism in Nigeria and making the country better.”

Aderinsola A. Banjo – Student, Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro. Ogun State.

“The empowerment series is important and educative. It helps to know more about data journalism and to promote reporters. ACSPN helps us to know more about Mass Communication and how we can be better mass communicators. Thank you.”

Eniola R. Olaosegba – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta.

“ACSPN is really impressive and educating. It complements the work of other bodies in the field of communication in Nigeria and helps to shape a future that will promote growth and development.”

Boluwatife A. Akinwale – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta.

“I think this empowerment series helps journalists and communication professionals to realise the depth and importance of their profession and also helps them perform their duties well.”

Gbemisola S. Oguntayo – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“Sincerely yours, it is a successful programme of enlightenment and an eye opener. No regret for my participation.”

I.A. Yunus – Crescent University Library. Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“Generally, it is a good creative project. This particular edition is apt for the times and quite informative.”

Dr. Goke Rauf – Lecturer, Adeleke University, Ede. Osun State/Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta.

“It is a welcome development. It will bring synergy between the academics and the industry as both lecturers and students know the trend in the industry and write research in that direction.”

Mrs. Omolara Olorunyomi – Yaba College of Technology. Yaba. Lagos State.

“It was an educative programme, showing the way towards accuracy. It shed light on a better way towards journalism and effective news reporting. The speaker mentioned that facts and figures are tools of good journalism.”

Aina Adebisi Adeyanju – Student, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“The guest lecturer did justice to the topic on election coverage. The attendance of people from the academia is also encouraging. I think it can only get better but the outing is encouraging.”

Abiodun W. Ogunjobi - OGBC

“This is great and should be encouraged regularly for scholars, practitioners and students to be on the same page for a better journalism today and tomorrow.”

Kehinde Adekunjo – McKlair Consult Ltd, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“The ACSPN empowerment series has been able to add to what I have been taught in our journalism courses. The guest speaker emphasized that ‘facts are sacred, while comments are free’. He encouraged students who are interested in journalism not to give up on the career; they should also be factual and fearless when reporting the truth.”

Ekundayo O. Ajongbo – Student, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“The topic chosen for the lecture is quite timely and apt.”

Nurudeen Oyewole – Media Trust Ltd [Publisher of Daily Trust Newspapers].

“The ACSPN empowerment series has been very productive so far, it has been able to widen and broaden my knowledge concerning certain issues affecting our media and I have been able to learn about data journalism and the need for media credibility when covering issues in the area of politics.”

Hafsat Muhammad – Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“The empowerment series is a nice initiative and I am looking forward to more of it and in a bigger way”.

Okikiola Banjo – Student, Department of Mass Communication Department, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun State.

“The lecture was very educative and interesting. It opened my eyes to some of the challenges of electoral reporting and data journalism. It was well-organised and I enjoyed it.”

Mariam A. Akinsanya – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.

“This is a good development and it is my joy to witness the program today. All the student of mass communication should be more enlightened and encouraged to be a member.”

Architect A.A Oyedokun – Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

“It should be a regular programme. It should be more interactive. The time factor should be duly considered and enough publicity should be done.”

Bukola Mary Jonathan – Staff, Department of Mass Communication, Federal Polytechnic Ilaro. Ogun State.

“As usual, this series like other ACSPN events I have attended is an eye-opener. I am going back as a trainer with a lot to think about on what should be the focus and content of the training for my students”.

Dr. Omolade A. Atofojomo – Lagos State University.

“I think the empowerment series is a nice concept. The lecture was self-explanatory. The message was brief, precise and concise.”

Adebore Ayomide Abdulmalik – Student, Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta. Ogun State.