

**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL
SCIENCE, PROF. I. F. ADU AT THE 8TH INDUCTION CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUTE
HELD IN PORT HARCOURT ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

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It is with distinct joy and tremendous pleasure that I welcome our distinguished Guests, Animal Scientists, Ladies and Gentlemen here seated, on behalf of Council, Board of Fellows and indeed the entire members of the Institute to our 8th Induction Ceremony. Our gathering here today is a demonstration of the Faithfulness of God who has promised to keep his own in the midst of numerous challenges in the Country, so we give all the praise and trust Him to continue to keep and preserve you and yours.

Permit me to warmly welcome the Executive Governor of Rivers State, Chief Barrister Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, CON. We note with satisfaction his leadership in running the affairs of the state and your support in particular, in hosting the 8th Induction and the 5th Annual General Meeting of our Institute and Association respectively. It is refreshing for us to once again, visit the garden city under a Leader that has exuded us as an energetic trekking/walking Governor who is openly making a statement in good governance. I say Congratulations and wish you many more years of fruitful service to your people and to God.

I equally extend my very warm greetings to Our Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Chief Audu Ogbe and pray for good success in the drive to once again direct attention to Agriculture as a business in which we allow Agriculture to give birth to Agro-allied Industries that fully optimize the value chain in the commodities being promoted in the milieu of appropriate financial, pricing and marketing policies. The Honourable Minister, Sir, a major ingredient in the implementation of the diversification mantra is to truly professionalize the various areas/disciplines involved in the livestock production system. Enough of mismatches that will spell doom for Government goals and the expectations of Nigerians. Sir, we wish you success once again.

I lack adequate words to express our depth of gratitude to our hosting Vice-Chancellors Professors Ndowa E.S, Lale and Blessing Didia of UNIPORT and RSUST respectively who have released excellent facilities to make our conference and indeed our stay comfortable and memorable.

I specifically welcome distinguished Animal Scientists and wish to congratulate us for yet another gracious outing. In particular I welcome and congratulate our members who will be inducted into the Institute today. I equally welcome their families, friends of the inductees to this ceremony.

At this year's induction, 420 Animal Scientists will be inducted into various levels in the Institute, 364 Animal Scientists as Graduate Animal Scientists, 24 as Associate Animal Scientists 119 as Registered Animal Scientists (RAS) and 13 Registered Animal Scientists as Fellows of the College of Animal Scientist of Nigeria.

Distinguished Guests and members, the Institute has continued to make very good progress, the current challenges in the country notwithstanding. Let me appreciate the Council, Board of Fellows and staff of the Institute for their sacrifice, labour of love and unflagging support. You are, indeed, my strength.

Of special mention for appreciation is the JAM 5 LOC under the leadership of Dr. (Mrs) Letorn-Akinola Akinola and our senior colleagues in UNIPOINT and RUST for the doggedness and sacrifice in the preparation for this Annual General Meeting in the face of daunting challenges. May the good Lord abundantly reward you all. We appreciate you.

As a brief welcome remarks, I don't want to be like the Pastor who has finished his sermon but don't know how to stop.

Your Excellences, my Lords spiritual and temporal, members of the Institute, Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.

Thank You.

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