

# African Educators Forum

Fostering Collaborative Relationships and Knowledge Exchange  
Among African and Canadian Scholars

## NIDO Canada Manitoba Chapter News Release

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The Nigerians in Diaspora Organization (NIDO) Canada, Manitoba Chapter is organizing a one-day forum for African Educators in Manitoba. The theme of this forum is: Fostering Collaborative Relationships and Knowledge Exchange Among African and Canadian Scholars. The forum is aimed at bringing together African professionals in academia and experts from various works of life, to network and explore avenues of common interest, for interaction and partnership, with their counterparts in Canada and across Africa. It is also expected to attract policy makers and other relevant stakeholders from Manitoba.

The conference is scheduled for Saturday March 26, 2011 at the Lecture hall of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals (RCFFN), University of Manitoba.

Among some of the important dignitaries attending this conference are: Professor Julius A. Okojie, the Executive Secretary of National University Commission, Abuja Nigeria. He is the conference special guest and will also deliver the keynote address.

Professor Bath Okolo, the Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, one of the premier and top class universities in Nigeria (visit the following link for more information: <http://unn.edu.ng/preview/index.html>). One of Prof Okolo's priorities is to upgrade and enhance the Computer Science research, training and teaching programs of the university.

The Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, (FUTO), Professor Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, a Parasitologist by training, will be coming with two other staff; among them, Dr. D. O. Ohajianya, the HOD of Agricultural Economics Department.

Professor Olayemi Akinwumi, Chairman of Deans & HOD, Nasarawa State University, Nasarawa.

Professor Abel Babalola Ogunwale, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Ladoko Akintola University of Technology.

Representing the High Commissioner of Nigeria to Canada is Katyen C. Jackden (Mrs.), Ag. High Commissioner, Nigerian High Commission, Ottawa, Canada.

The President of the University of Manitoba will be represented by Dr. James Dean, Executive Director, Office of International Relations.

Leading the Manitoban government contingent is Honourable Christine Melnick, the Minister of Water Stewardship.

The Manitoba Deputy Minister for Education, Citizenship and Youth, Gerald Farthing. PhD.

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