

# National Conference DEFENCE, SECURITY, ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA February 26 – 28, 2017 Department of History and War Studies Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna

The Nigerian Defence Academy Kaduna has over the years acquired an unrivalled reputation for defence and security studies, offering unique gateway for teaching, research and consultancy and delivering practical solutions that make real difference to military personnel and civilians across the globe. Given the array of security and economic challenges ranging from insurgency, terrorism, militancy, ethno-religious and communal conflicts, armed robbery, kidnapping, rural banditry and other emerging security threats which present disturbing patterns and implications for national security and development, the Department of History and War Studies, NDA, is organizing a National Conference to provide a platform that will bring together the intelligentsia/academics, historians, researchers, policy makers and practitioners, politicians, students, civil society and statesmen to critically deconstruct and reconstruct issues of defence, security, economy and development in Nigeria. The Conference is apt and deliberately designed to provoke a debate that will lead to a more nuanced understanding of the defence, security and economic sectors with a view to overcome the challenges of today. The challenges we face as a nation are real as seen in the current political narrative of our national identity and thus need an urgent response.

### **CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES**

## A. Nigeria's Defence Sector since 1960

- Conceptualizing defence and security
- Issues in the leadership of the defence and security sector
- Defence transformation
- DICON and arms production
- Strategies and tactics in managing defence and security
- Weapons system
- Arms procurement: challenges and prospects.
- Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons
- Civil-military relations

# B. Security Threats: Patterns and Implications for Nigeria

- Conceptualizing security threat
- Origins and dimensions of security threats
- Digital warfare and cyber security
- Boko Haram insurgency
- Niger Delta challenges
- ✤ Militancy, kidnapping, hostage taking and armed robbery

- ✤ Agrarian/communal crises and rural banditry
- Herdsmen and farmers conflict
- Critical thinking in security sector reform
- Post conflict humanitarian interventions
- Secessionist agitations

### C. Nigeria's Economy

- Theoretical and conceptualization of economy
- Origins, nature and character of Nigeria's economy
- Perspectives/approaches to Nigeria's economic diversification
- ✤ Revamping agricultural sector for export
- ✤ Agricultural policies and food security
- ✤ Electricity and the manufacturing sector

### D. Politics and Development

- Historical perspectives to politics and development
- Media, civil society and politics
- Politics and development.

#### **Conference** Venue

Inquiries

Ejoor Hall, Postgraduate School Ribadu Campus, Old Site Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna

#### **Conference Fees**

Local Participants N15,000 International Participants \$100 Students N5,000 www.nda.edu.ng

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