

## CHAMPION'S CONFERENCE 2016 (CC2016)

### Executive Summary

Teo-Inspiro International, a social enterprise, in partnership with Tony Oruaroghene Foundation (TOF) will host the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Champion's Conference on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 in Lagos, Nigeria. The theme of this year's conference is **'BUILDING OUR AFRICA: LOOKING INWARDS'**.

The focus of the conference this year is to encourage young Nigerians to begin the demonstration of leadership from their immediate environment and sphere of influence. Our emphasis is on the fact that every citizen is a leader and has a huge role to play in achieving the 'CHANGE' we all clamour. Although we want to hold our government at every level responsible and accountable, the most important place to effect change is in our communities.

The theme, 'BUILDING OUR AFRICA: LOOKING INWARDS' draws attention to the fact that the continent of Africa will be built and developed by Africans. This year we want to encourage young people to deliberately brainstorm on creative solutions to our challenges as a continent, with special focus on science, technology and the arts. We strongly believe that a fusion of Science and Art will bring about innovative solutions. Looking inwards emphasizes the importance of ownership by young Africans to create the continent they want to live in a leave to other generations

**Target audience:** Young Nigerians (12-35 years)

### Goals

- To gather 200 young Nigerians during CC2016
- To provide a platform for peaceful, insightful, motivational and positive interaction amongst young Nigerians
- To provide mentorship and networking opportunities for young Nigerians

### History of Champion's Conference

The idea for Champion's Conference was launched in 2008 with over 300 young people in attendance. The aim of this conference has always been to create a platform where young people who are not directly involved in governance can meet to share ideas on nation building and development.

Over the years, our focus has been on leadership. We believe that leadership begins at the individual level, where everyone is responsible and takes ownership for their actions. We share the opinion that if everyone makes positive impact locally, it will contribute to global impact. So, our themes always align with the big picture, that leadership is not a position, it is an act.

As a result of our focus at Champion's Conference, we have deliberately restricted our participants to youth leaders, young community influencers and people who have a kin interest for leadership and development in Nigeria and Africa. We have hosted an average of 150 youth

leaders physically present at every conference since 2008. It is not a gathering for the crowd; it is specially designed to attract leaders.

### **The Agenda**

At this year's conference, we intend to give more room for young Nigerians to showcase their talents and share with the world their ideas and thoughts on the way forward for the continent of Africa. There will be opportunities for debates on the best strategies for solving Africa's challenges, talent displays by different schools and community groups in songs, dance, drama, etc. The best presentation in each category based on the scores by judges and audience vote will receive a prize.

We will also have speakers to address various aspects of how science, technology and the arts can be maximized in proffering solutions to the leadership, health, developmental, etc. challenges of Africa. The conference will then climax in group sessions where teenagers (youth) will have the opportunity to have a one-on-one interaction with a mentor on their field of interest; arts, science or technology.

### **Panelist Session:**

Science-Art Fusion; The Creative Way out for Africa

### **Post-Conference**

We have always made it our responsibility to keep the conversations going after every conference; this year will not be any different. Participants will be given the opportunity to join the Champion's group in whatever capacity and area of interest they prefer.

**From our archive:** You can watch video experts on our YouTube channel (Teo-Inspiro International).

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