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CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

he popular saying "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied", a fundamental human rights norm with respect to the right to Speedy Justice seems, sadly, to remains just a myth in Nigeria and many other countries all over the world. The dispensation of justice holds very little meaning if it is not delivered on time; each time a litigant approaches the court to seek redress, he or she does so with the desire for expeditious justice. In simple terms, a clear understanding of this desire underscores the need and indeed the clamours for quick dispensation of justice. A delayed justice is almost no justice, at all.

Unfortunately, in many developing countries, owing to a myriad of factors including inadequate court facilities and personnel, poor remuneration and welfare packages, political interference, ineptitude of most judicial staff and corruption in the system. People want quick, pure, unpolluted and inexpensive justice, and they have every right to receive the same. However, in reality, what they are being served are deplorably long delay in the dispensation of justice. There a danger in that scenario for "If Justice is not executed speedily men may persuade themselves that there is no such thing as justice."

A judicial system which proclaims that a person is innocent until proven guilty but incarcerates over two thirds of those awaiting trial without any guilt having been proved, locking them in overcrowded prisons, keeping them there for years and decades while their conditions of health deteriorate, makes its citizens to lose faith in the judicial system. The forgoing scenarios constitute torture, inhuman and degrading treatment of those victims of long detention without trial.

It is worrisome that cases linger for so long that no one can say with certainty when litigations will end. This is in spite of ongoing global efforts to improve the system. The delay in justice delivery makes it expensive to seek justice. The



slow and needlessly cumbersome process of seeking justice has led to the perception among the average citizen that the justice system is deliberately made slow and that justice is most times for the highest bidder. This has made some to resort to self-help with the clear danger it portends, including having the tendency to lead to anarchy.

Nexus Between Delayed Justice and Development

Evidence is widespread and commonly available to show that there is an inseparable link between justice and development. President Muhammad Buhari in his speech to the 2021 All Judges Conference in Abuja on Tuesday, 15th November, 2021 stressed that Nigeria would not be able to attract foreign investors if its justice system was seen as "ineffective and inefficient". According to a 2011 landmark report of the World Bank, "addressing injustice and insecurity is fundamental to poverty reduction". While the law, on one hand, plays a significant role in producing sustainable development outcomes, in expressing justice and in serving as a catalyst for justice from different perspectives, justice institutions, on the other hand, is pivotal in deepening those roles that the law play, by impacting on credit markets and firm growths, protecting the vulnerable, socially excluded and underserved populations, building the capacity to deter violence, and influencing the peoples' trust in the formal institutions.

OBJECTIVES:

AGS is hosting the Conference with two main objectives:

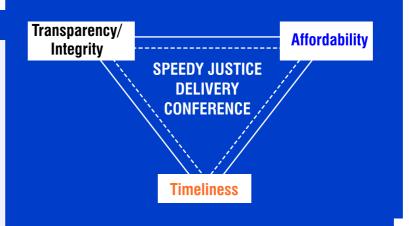
- To provide a platform for judges, public prosecutors and other justice sector stakeholders to explore common grounds for synergizing their efforts towards providing speedy criminal justice to their citizens; and
- 2. To draw attention to the far-reaching damage which inefficient and infective justice delivery system inflicts on the development of countries laboring under such affliction.

PROGRAM CONTENT

- Role of Prosecutors in the Criminal Justice Sector
- Relationship between Public Prosecutors and Judges.
- Infrastructural provisions in the courts.
- Prisons conditions, with particular reference to awaiting trial prisoners.
- Implementation of Information and Communication Technologies-Data gathering and dissemination and their effect on efficient and effective administration of justice. Use of technology to drive reform process in the judiciary in order to hasten the process of justice delivery.
- Development of jurisprudence of High-tech Court Hearing and Digitization of Justice Sector Institutions.
- Best practices in Case Management Systems.
- Ways for improving remunerations and welfare packages of judges and other judicial staff.
- Access to Justice: Scope and Relevance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms as tools in the Civil and Criminal Justice Reforms, Plea Bargain/Acceptance and Restorative Justice.
- Establishment or strengthening of Fast Track Courts (FTC).
- Setting up of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) to handle specialized cases.
- Dedicated Central Video Conferencing Infrastructure.
- Establishment of Community Conflict Resolution Centres.
- Adoption of e-filing system/e-payments of court fees.
- Other related matters.

CONFERENCE PILLARS/OBJECTIVES

The curriculum for this Speedy Justice Delivery and is National Development Conference blends several overarching themes that encompass the key drivers of effective and efficient justice delivery system. Throughout the conference, these themes are fused together:



Topics:

- 1. Delayed Justice Delivery; *Implications for National Development & Poverty Alleviation*.
- 2. Adopting the Election Petition Model as a Means of Fast-Tracking Justice Delivery in the Regular Court System: Problems & Prospects.
- 3. Developing an Effective Online-Filing and Online-Service Model as a Way Out of Justice Delay in Nigeria.
- 4. Decongesting the Courts in Nigeria through Effective Legislation and Judicial Activism.
- 5. Fast-Tracking Court Trials through Efficient Deployment of ICT: *Practical Recommendations for Nigeria.*
- 6. Access to Justice: Scope and Relevance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms as Tools in the Civil and Criminal Justice Reforms; Plea Bargaining/Acceptance and Restorative Justice.
- 7. Establishment and Strengthening of Community Conflict Resolutions Centres.
- 8. Agitations for Judicial Autonomy: *Implications for the Nigerian Legal Profession.*
- 9. Strategies for Exiting Delay in Justice Delivery.

Who Should Attend

Judges of Various Courts, State Counsel/Public Prosecutors, Magistrates, Legal Practitioners, especially those in Civil and Criminal Law Practice, Law Makers, Academics, Law Enforcement Agents, Law Officers in Administrative Positions in the Judiciary, Law Officers in Government Agencies, as well as other interested participants.