

Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA)

33rd Annual Conference

Programme of Activities

Theme:

**Democracy and Development in Nigeria's Fourth Republic:
Issues and Challenges**

Date	25th - 27th May, 2021
Venue	Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin
Host	Professor Aloysius-Michaels Okolie

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise O! Compatriots!
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in Freedom
Peace and Unity

Oh! God of creation
Direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right
Help our youths the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country,
To be faithful, loyal and honest,
To serve Nigeria with all my strength,
To defend her unity, and
Uphold her honour and glory,
So help me God!

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APPRECIATION

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1. University of Ilorin
2. Independent National Electoral Commission, Abuja
3. CLEEN Foundation
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IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COLLEAGUES

The Executive of the Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA) fondly remembers our colleagues who departed from this world recently. The Association shall continue to remember them now and always. These include:

1. Professor Ogaba Oche, Department of Political Science, University of Jos, and one-time Director of the Research and Studies Department of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Lagos.
2. Professor Oyeleye Oyediran, formerly of the Department of Political Science, University of Lagos.
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6. Professor John Anyam, Department of Political Science, Federal University Dutsinma, Katsina State.
7. Associate Professor Victor Egwemi, former Secretary-General of NPSA, and former Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences, Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida University, Lapai.
8. Professor Kunle Amuwo, Department of Political Science, Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, and former Executive Secretary, African Political Science Association.
9. Professor Isa Hashim, first Professor of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano.
10. Dr. Usman Abu Tom, Department of Political Science, Nasarawa State University, Keffi.
11. Professor Kimse Okoko, formerly of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Port Harcourt, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association.
12. Dr. Humphrey Nwobodo Agbo, Department of Political Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
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14. Professor Adeoye Akinsanya, first Professor of Political Science at the University of Ilorin.
15. Dr. Chinedu Cyril Ike, Department of Political Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
16. **And any others not captured in this document.**

DAY ONE

TUESDAY, 25TH MAY, 2021

BILLY J. DUDLEY LECTURE Login Session - 11:40am

Time: 12:00 - 1:30pm
Lecturer: Professor Osioma B.C. Nwolise
Chair: Professor Warisu O. Alli
Venue: UNILORIN Auditorium

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY LECTURE

Time: 2:00 – 2:50pm
Lecturers: Professor Victor Adetula
Professor Makodi Biereenu-Nnabugwu
Moderator: Professor Aloysius-Michaels Okolie
Venue: University Auditorium

ROUNDTABLE: *Making Local Governance Work for the People of Nigeria: The Challenges and Prospects* – Sponsored by ActionAid Nigeria

Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm

Chairman of the Panel: Professor Hassan A. Saliu

Panelists:

1. Lead Paper by Staff of ActionAid Nigeria
2. Professor Yesufu Zoaka - *Dynamics of Local Government Reforms and Rural Development.*
3. Professor Shuaibu Ibrahim - *State-Local Government Joint Accounts and Grassroots Development*
4. Professor Godwin Onu - *Leadership Recruitment Pattern in the Local Government System and Challenges of Rural Transformation.*
5. Rapporteur for the Panel – Dr. Abdurashed Muhammad

END OF DAY ONE

Interaction between the National Executive Committee and Zonal Leaders.

DAY TWO

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MAY, 2021

Login Session: 9:00am prompt

OPENING CEREMONY

Chairman: Professor Ayo Rauf Dunmoye

- 9:00am – 9:10am Introduction of Dignitaries
- 9:10am – 9:15am Welcome remarks by the Chairman, Local Organising Committee (LOC) and Head of Department, **Dr. Abdulrasheed A. Muhammad.**
- 9:15am – 9:20am Welcome remarks by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, UNILORIN, **Professor I.P. Ifabiyi.**
- 9:20am – 9:30am Welcome Remarks by **Professor Sulyman Age Abdulkareem**, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin.
- 9:30am – 10:15am *State of the Nation Address* by the President of NPSA, **Professor Aloysius-Michaels Okolie.**
- 10:20am – 10:25am Goodwill Message from the Executive Director, CLEEN Foundation, **Dr. Benson Olugbuo.**
- 10.30am – 11.00pm Induction of New Members/Investiture/Awards of Fellows.
- 11:00pm – 11.30pm: Tea Break
- 11.30pm - 12.15pm Keynote Paper by **Professor Christopher Isike** – President, African Association of Political Science (AAPS), and Vice President, International Political Science Association (IPSA).
- 12.15pm – 1.00pm Lead Paper by **Professor Okechukwu Ibeanu** – NPSA Fellow, and National Commissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission, Abuja.
- 1:00pm – 1:10pm Presentation by **Professor Godwin Onu**, West African Regional Coordinator, African Association for Political Science (AAPS)
Interactive Session
- 1:10 – 1:50pm LUNCH BREAK
- 2:00 – 3:50pm **FIRST BREAK-AWAY SESSION – PANELS 1-10**

END OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE

THURSDAY, 27th MAY, 2021

Login Session: 9:00am

PLENARY SESSION

9:30 – 11:00am **Roundtable on *Electoral Reforms, Youth Participation and Consolidation of Democracy in Nigeria*** – Sponsored by INEC.

Chair: Professor Habu Mohammed

Rapporteur: Dr. Adebola R. Bakare

Panelists:

1. Professor Jaja Nwanegbo (NPSA nominee)
2. Dr. John Tor Tsuwa (NPSA nominee)
3. Ojooluwa Ibiloye (FES nominee)
4. Hassan Nurudeen Olanrewaju (FES nominee)
5. Dr. Sa'eed Hussaini (CDD nominee)

11:00am – 11:30am **TEA BREAK**

11:30 – 3:00pm **BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS – PANELS 11-27**

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair: Professor Aloysius-Michaels Okolie

Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Agenda:

1. Presentation of Reports
 - a. Report by the Secretary
 - b. Report by the Treasurer
 - c. Report by the Director of Research
 - d. Report by the Conference Rapporteurs
 - e. Presidential Report
2. Reading and Adoption of Conference Communiqué
3. Theme and Venue for 34th Annual Conference 2022
4. Election of new National Executive Committee
5. A.O.B.
6. Adjournment/Closing

Members of Conference Rapporteur/Communiqué Committee

1. Dr. C. Nnaemeka Okereke
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