

MAKE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE YOUTHS, CHANCELLOR CHARGES ACADEMICS.

On Wednesday 11th May, 2016, the Chancellor, Landmark University, Dr David Oyedepo charged Academics at the 2016 Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities (ADAN) Workshop to overhaul the curricula of agriculture-related courses in order to make their study and practice attractive for the youth.

The Chancellor gave the recommendation while addressing the participants at a dinner organised by Landmark University to round off the four-day Workshop on “*Agropreneurship: A Veritable Tool for Food Security and Economic Prosperity*,” marking the 60th anniversary of the association. Dr David Oyedepo who identified how germane Agriculture is to National development said the Workshop came at the time when it is most needed. He therefore urged participants to ensure that the outcome of the workshop is felt in the nation and in Africa. He added that the solutions to the problems confronting the Continent lie with the individual. ***“We should be brave enough to change the ancient custom of doing things. Our bravery has been trapped and we need to become intellectually brave. All these courses run are not created by God; they were developed by man so we should address our own pressing issues by raising generation of armies.”***

Dr Oyedepo further encouraged ADAN members to work on curricular development to enhance agricultural policies, food security and economic prosperity and salvage the economic downturn facing Africa. ***“My prayer is that you are going to take it forward from here into practical reviews where they can be implemented. For instance, the subject of agriculture should now come to the curriculum as part and parcel of what we teach, curriculum reviews and curriculum development are not the same, and we should start developing best way to address our issues.”***

The Chancellor, who had earlier appreciated ADAN executives for their foresight in organizing such workshop, made it known that, ***“the subject for this conference is the very reason for establishing Landmark University.”***

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, in her remarks noted that all activities in Landmark University was borne out of vision and divine mandate to restore dignity to the Continent of Africa by providing solutions to food insecurity, drought and malnutrition through her agrarian revolution, while she described Dr David Oyedepo as the man running on divine vision. She blessed God for the leadership quality possessed by the Chancellor whom she referred to as a source of inspiration to all. ***“We came in; we received the vision of Landmark University. We listened to it passionately delivered, and we stepped to run with it and today we keep receiving greater levels of the vision. There is no time that we are privileged to listen to the Chancellor that we are not further inspired, in him we see vision ... in him proceed the possibilities that lie ahead for tomorrow, in him we see transformation and we are able to look ahead to that which will happen tomorrow. The vision for agriculture as we have heard in the vision of Landmark University, digging up the huge treasure is that which by the grace of God we will testify to.”***

Earlier, the President of ADAN, Professor F. Morenike David-Abraham expressed gratitude to the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and the entire University community for the warm hospitality given to them during the Workshop, adding that the significance the Workshop holds for the Association coupled with the Chancellor's presence would forever speak positively on the Association. *"This is the testimony of ADAN, we heard about Landmark University we have never been here but with the report we got from the delegates sent earlier, we were eager to come and when we came, we saw wisdom, commitment, discipline, passion and vision and I said we are going back with so many things we have picked from here."*



The Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, giving his remarks at the dinner organized for the ADAN Workshop participants by Landmark University.



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, further intimating 2016 ADAN Workshop participants on the vision of establishing Landmark University.



The President of ADAN, Professor F. Morenike David-Abraham, expressing her sincere appreciation to the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, University Management ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan for hosting the 2016 ADAN Workshop.



The Executives of ADAN in a group photograph with the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo (Centre)



The Executives of ADAN in a group photograph with the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo and Members of University Management at the end of the 2016 ADAN Workshop dinner.