

### Elucation Africa 2030 and Beyond — Sustainability and Social Impact in an African Context

No one ever arrives at a future he cannot see.

And no one arrives at a future he is not prepared for

Africa is not where she is because she is black, **but largely because she is** "blind"

The **"what-will-happen-willhappen" mentality** is what has brought Africa to where she is today

#### We don't wait to see problems solved; we take steps to solve problems

#### Someone has said; **"you are not a** failure until you look for who to blame for it"

#### Interestingly, our core mandate as a University is to see the lost glory of Africa restored

— this is why the theme of this conference is very much in line with the Vision and Mission of Covenant University

I believe, finding Indigenous Solutions is the only way forward for any community of people — this is because man is absolutely

responsible for the outcome of his life.

# Our forefathers solved their problems brazenly without a school system in

place

But here we are today with chains of degrees a proof of how intelligent we are as a people, yet with not much impact on the society.

I undertook an interesting study on the Human Brain; some 25 years ago And to my amazement the human brain is same for all races and his applies to both male and female.

The brain is said to have about 86 billion neurons, with over 100 trillion connections. — Each neuron is a little learning centre, capable of storing knowledge

But each neuron desires to be "fed" with vital information to be healthy enough to perform at peak and optimum levels, thereby provoking creativity.

If we fail to feed and exercise the muscles of the brain, through the art of peak learning and solutiondriven reasoning, it will sag and become flabby, just like the muscles of a weak body that is not exercised.

Anecdotally, Man is said to be operating only 5% of the rated capacity of the human brain

I believe our problem in this part of the world lies in the lack of adequate engagement of this natural endowment, which is largely responsible for where we are today.

Every great nation is a function of the Valuable Contributions of individuals and organizations within her domain.

### A developed people is what results in a developed nation.

But what is responsible for the pitiable state of the black man? — Simply, Lack of adequate capacity utilization of this natural endowment

The Human brain has intuitive capacity to **Innovate**, **Invent**, and **Create** if properly engaged

According to Adadevoh, an erudite academic — "Africa today is an eagle that is yet to soar. She needs to tell herself she is an eagle which belongs to the sky. Every imagination that places Africa in a lower category in relation to other people shall be replaced with new thoughts that see Africa in the centre stage in global development."

Until we become intellectually innovative and creative, our situation may as well remain with us for life Covenant University is an Afrocentric university, with a burning passion for a New Africa No one goes forward sitting down, people only go forward taking appropriate steps Without a departure, arrival at one's destination is not in view!

The Founding Philosophy of this University describes this assertion in unmistakable terms viz — A Departure from — Form to Skill — Knowledge to Empowerment — Figures to *Future Building* — Legalism to *Realism* — Points to Facts — Mathematics to *Life-matics* 

This **Departure Philosophy** has made our products unique in every way, as Covenant University still produces the highest number of employable graduates in Nigeria today

So my challenge to Africans in the Knowledge Industry is to come awake and begin to chart the way forward by developing learning modules geared towards the birth of a New Africa

# This is without prejudice to remaining relevant on all Ranking Platforms

But I want to insist that great rankings void of great impact in society is of no value Let me at this juncture, sincerely thank the organizers of this conference for choosing this ground for this **epochmaking conference**.

### Thank You