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A 2-DAY THESIS CLINIC ON ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THESIS & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (ICESTIDA) was organized by ICT Academy of Indian Government, University of Port Harcourt Business School, Evangel University Akaeze and Welfare & Industrial Promotions (WIPRO) International.

Both events, which held in Silicon Valley Hotel & Resorts, 2 Mike Omeje Street (Off Park Avenue, Opposite Enugu Golf Pitch, GRA, Enugu, Nigeria on 15th and 16th October 2018 respectively, attracted abstracts and participants from various tertiary educational institutions in all geo-political zones of Nigeria and various countries of the the world.

Delivering a keynote paper titled *Research Skills and Packages*, Dr. Dominic Ojatta (University of Science, Pulau Penang, Malaysia), submitted that no nation in Africa was developed because:

1. No nation can outgrow its knowledge output;
2. Africa makes up 14% of the world population, but produces less than 1% of world research;
3. On a list of global flag bearers in research, the best African country is South Africa which took the 35th position, after the U.S. (1st), China (2nd), the U.K. (3rd) and 31 other countries;
4. Expectedly, the HDI of the U.S. is 2077, the U.K. is 1281, South Africa 391 and Nigeria 166.

The conferees noted that the problems of research in Africa include poor research funding, infrastructure, mentorship, skills and visibility. To address this ugly situation, the conduct of Thesis Clinics and International Conferences has become imperative. This informed the need for the conduct of THESIS CLINIC ON ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THESIS & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (ICESTIDA), as well as the well-chosen keynote topic: RESEARCH SKILLS AND PACKAGES.

Participants enjoined all stakeholders in research and development (R&D) to redouble their efforts to provide research funding, infrastructure, mentorship and skills.

They commended the organizers for excellently putting together the much needed events.

They urged researchers and practitioners to attend the similar events, THESIS CLINIC ON RESEARCH WRITING STYLES & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN CAPITAL IN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (IHCADIA) to hold 12-13 November 2018 in Ekulu Greens Guest House, 30 Park Avenue, GRA, Enugu, Nigeria.

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A group of THESIS CLINIC participants



A presentation session at the ICESTIDA 2018