

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CHAIRMAN NNMA GOVERNING BOARD CHARGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

The Chairman of the Governing Board of the Nigerian National Merit Award (NNMA), Prof. Oluwafeyisola S. Adegoke, Ph.D, D.Sc.(Hon), FAS, FNMGS, NNOM has called on the federal Government to formally recognize and use the laureates of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) as ‘Think-Tank’ in matters related to research and development (R&D) in the nation.

Prof. Adegoke said this at the recent visit of the NNMA Governing Board and body of NNOM Laureates to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to present the Communiqué of the just concluded 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Forum of NNOM Laureates.

He said the need to resuscitate Nigeria’s Research and Development efforts for the attainment of Industrial development and the goals of Government’s vision 20-2020, can not be done in isolation of NNOM laureates and members of the Academies who are the highest Intellectual icons the Nation can boast of.

Prof. Adegoke said the communiqué contained other useful recommendations that if the Federal Government sincerely implement would go a long way in proffering solutions that will facilitate socio-economic, scientific and technological development that would lead Nigeria to the attainment of vision 20-2020.

In his own address, the Secretary to the Government of the Federal Dr. Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, CFR, said he was indeed glad to receive the Communiqué, adding that since he resumed office as the Secretary to the

Government of the Federation, the visit of the Governing Board of the NNMA with its body of NNOM laureates is the best and most qualitative audience he has received so far, and said the visit has left a lasting impression on him.

Dr. Yayale Ahmed said his policy in life is not just to talk and do nothing but to talk and put what he says into action, and promised that the Government will definitely study and implement recommendations presented in the communiqué.

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