



**OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS OF NIGERIA, UCHE MESSIAH OLOWU, PH.D, FCIB AT THE WORKSHOP FOR EXAMINERS ON COMPUTER-BASED TESTING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 AT THE BANKERS HOUSE, 19 ADEOLA HOPEWELL, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS**

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Dear colleagues, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second edition of the Workshop for Examiners on Computer Based Testing holding at the Bankers House, Victoria Island, Lagos. The aim of this workshop is to train examiners on the techniques of setting quality and standard Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ) and Short Answer Questions (SAQ) questions for the CBT examination and to consolidate on our achievements so far.

Permit me to specially appreciate all our Examiners, Supervisors, Superintendents and Invigilators who have sustained the legacy of high quality examinations to date. As key stakeholders of the CBT examinations, this event was designed to further equip you with the necessary tools required in carrying out your duties.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you already know, we made history last year. The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria became the first professional Institution in Nigeria to conduct Certification exams on the CBT platform. To be precise, the Institute conducted two examinations last year, in the April and October 2018 diets. Both diets were adjudged successful by our candidates with calls for further expansions. We owe this success in part to you, our examiners for ensuring the quality of examination questions and in turn determining the quality of standard of graduates of the Chartered Banker Certification.

Through the achievement of this feat, we are assured of our path towards achieving the Institute's objective to deliver distinctive banking and finance professional certification; accreditation; and continuous professional development required for competence building.

For the sake of our new examiners let me explain the benefits of the CBT platform. Firstly, the CBT platform affords us the opportunity to conduct examinations four (4) times in a year as against the current practice of two (2) times in a year. This would not only ensure early completion of the examinations by students, but it would also afford them the opportunity to spread the papers written throughout the year. Secondly, this innovation is also beneficial as it serves to further enhance efficiency and flexibility for students and working professionals on



their journey towards becoming professional bankers. Given the success of the CBT examinations held in 2018, we are further encouraged to continue with examinations in 2019.

Permit me as I must take a moment to commend the efforts of the Capacity Building and Certification Committee of the Institute, currently led by the indefatigable, Mr Abdulrahman Yinusa, FCIB. The efforts and support of this Committee were indeed instrumental in the success of the examinations. We acknowledge and appreciate their pivotal roles played in making the CIBN, Africa's most influential professional body in the provision of capacity building in banking and finance industry.

Permit me as I also seek to speak on the selection process for our technical vendor. As you probably know, Dagnet Solutions Ltd was appointed to provide the platform for the implementation of the CBT examinations for the 2018 Diet of Examinations. It is pertinent to mention that the process of choosing this vendor was no simple feat. All five(5) potential vendors went through an arduous and painstaking selection process which screened for key evaluation procedures such as technical capabilities, experience, security & integrity, functionality of the platform and cost.

The screening process to take place this year would be no different. To deploy the CBT platform this year, three (3) reputable organizations are currently being considered. Examiners, examination candidates and other key stakeholders can be rest assured that as the standard of examination questions are upheld, likewise the standard through which the CBT platform is implemented would be upheld and further improved upon. It would please you to note that we have taken into consideration the learning points from the past two examinations and would ensure that the necessary improvements are effected.

As we embark on another year of CBT Testing, it is our aim to further extend the CBT examinations to other West-African countries in which we presently conduct the paper-based testing. Currently, paper-based testing examinations are conducted in The Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone. We greatly appreciate our stakeholders in these countries and with their support, would work towards this expansion.

Let me close this address with the words of The French philosopher Albert Camus who stated that "**...Every achievement is a servitude. It compels us to a higher achievement.**" As we embark on a new year of CBT Testing, I implore us all to strive for greater standards and successes which would ultimately lead to a formidable banking industry.



Thank you for your kind attention and God bless.

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