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**5TH RMRDC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION**

11th - 13th July, 2017

VENUE

**ROCKVIEW ROYALE HOTEL
NO 194/196, ADETOKUNBO ADEMOLA CRESCENT
WUSE II, ABUJA FCT NIGERIA**

THEME

**RE-FOCUSING NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION**

NOTICE AND CALL FOR PAPERS

SUB-THEMES

- Comprehensive Value Chain Development of Natural Resources for Economic Diversification;
- Leveraging Technology and Innovation for Enhanced Competitiveness;
- Liberalizing Financing Options for Resource-Based Entrepreneurship;
- Policy Consistency and Effective Implementation: Imperatives for Sustainable Economic Diversification;
- Quality Assurance and Standardization of Raw Materials for Industrial requirements.
- Bio-fortification Adoption for Sustainable Nutrition Reformation and Agro Enterprise Transformation.
- Imperatives of Small Scale Minerals Processing in Economic Development

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Empirical evidence shows that countries with a diversified economic structure are more resilient to exogenous shocks. During the great recession between 2008-09, economies with a more diversified export structure weathered better international trade shocks. More importantly,

output and revenue volatility tends to be lower in economies with a more complex structure. However, effective diversification would require using the right measures, methodology and the right tools.

It is in this respect that, the Raw Materials Research and Development Council instituted this International Conference to provide forum for deliberation on issues related to natural resource development and utilization, global competitiveness, innovation and technology transfer, and necessary policies for economic diversification.

The 2017 conference is being organised in collaboration with HarvestPlus. The mandate of HarvestPlus is to improve nutrition and public health through the promotion of biofortified food crops rich in vitamins and minerals, and provide global leadership in biofortification evidence and technology. The International Conference is expected to attract both local and international participants to discuss topical issues as they pertain to the development and management of natural resources.

BENEFITS:

TO AUTHORS

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CLOSING DATE: Friday 30th June, 2017

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ROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date	Morning	Afternoon
July 10, 2017	Arrival	Arrival
July, 11, 2017	Opening ceremony	Technical Session I, Technical Session II
July 12, 2017	Technical Session III	Technical Session IV /
July 13, 2017	Closing ceremony	

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is Africa's most dynamic economy and has a vast array of investment opportunities made possible by friendly business facilitation, legislation and reforms of existing structures and institutions.

The main policy thrust of the present government is the generation of employment through a gradual divestment from crude oil to increased local content of industrial inputs and the export of locally manufactured goods driven by robust private sector participation.

The priority areas of investment include:

- Agriculture and the establishment of agro-based industries;
- Mining and mineral processing;
- Oil and gas, at upstream and downstream;
- Tourism development;
- Banking and allied industries;
- Road, rail and air transport; and
- Information and Communication Technology

RMRDC AT A GLANCE

The Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), is an agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria under the Federal Ministry of Science & Technology vested with the mandate to promote the development and utilization of Nigeria's industrial raw materials. It commenced operations on February 10, 1988 and is presently the nation's focal point for the development and utilization of Nigeria's vast industrial raw materials.

The need for nations to control and utilize their natural resource endowments and the obvious limitations facing developing nations in resource trading and development, with respect to

advanced economic powers, has necessitated increased concern being shown by Nigeria on raw materials development.

RMRDC provides a platform for Nigeria's active participation in international programmes related to raw materials exploitation, development and utilization.. RMRDC is the headquarters of the Action Committee on Raw Materials (ACRM), of the Group of 77 nations of the United Nations. It represents Nigeria in many Joint Commissions, UNIDO and UNDP Experts Meetings, the Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) programmes and the World Association of Industrial Technology Research Organizations (WAITRO), among others.

RMRDC CORE PROGRAMMES

- Raw Materials Information Programme
- Technology Development Programme
- Raw Materials SME-Based Cluster Programme
- National Raw Materials Research and Development Programme
- Local Raw Materials Content Development Programme
- Investment Promotion Programme

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OBJECTIVES

The conference is to provide a forum where experts can share their thoughts on how developing countries can do things differently to grow their economy and avoid frequent economic volatility, inform the public on the current trends in raw materials development and effective utilization for economic growth and highlight the role of MSMEs as the most prolific job creators and pioneers in developing new ideas.

Sub-themes: The scope of the conference will cover topical issues as they relate to natural resources development focusing on the following Sub – themes.

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TARGET AUDIENCE

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- ✚ Environmentalists, Financial Experts, Technocrats
- ✚ Officials of Federal, State and Local Governments
- ✚ International Organizations, NGOs

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