

PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC SPENDING IN NIGERIA

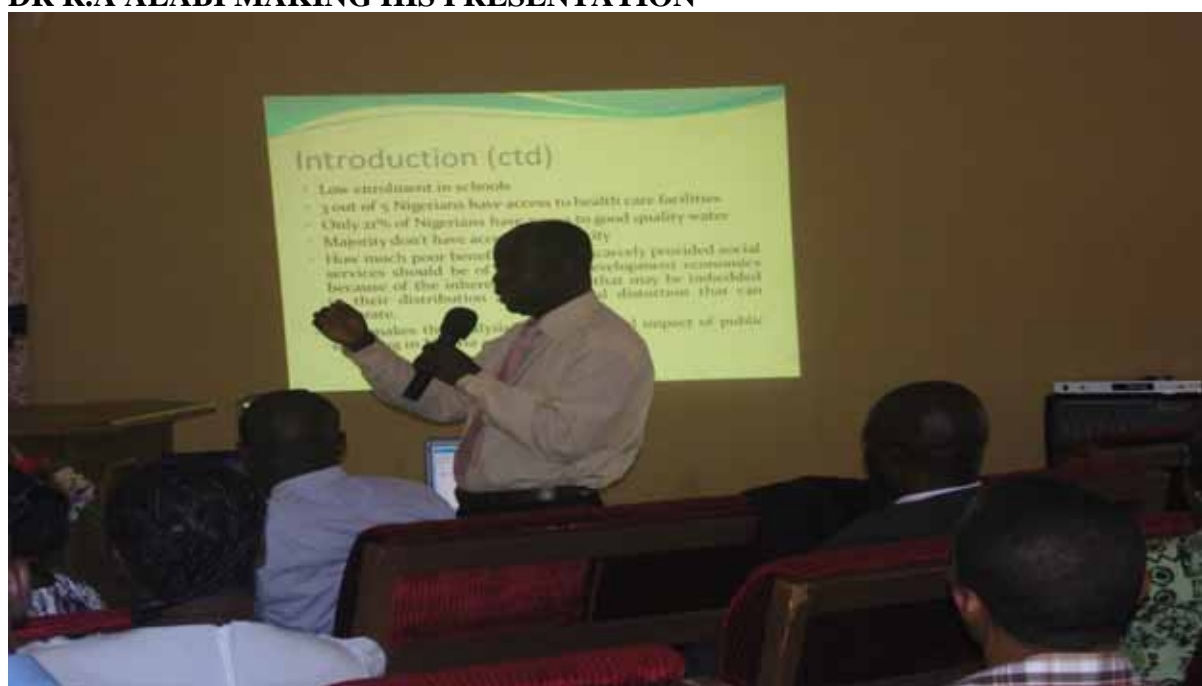
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EXTENSION, AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH PEP
(Poverty & Economic Policy Research Network), CANADA**

**VENUE: ALUMNI CONFERENCE HALL, AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY
EKPOMA
DATE: 16-17TH FEBRUARY, 2011
TIME: 10 AM**

WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2011		
TIME	Activity	SPEAKER
9.00-10.00	Arrival and Registration	
OPENING CEREMONY		
10.00-10.30	Opening Remarks	Prof Uniamikogbo, S VC, A.A U, Ekpoma
10.30-11.00	Presentation of Gifts to the Principal Officers	Mrs Agulana, F. University of Ibadan
11.00-11.30	Group Photograph	Mr. A.A. Osifo, Ambrose Alli University
11.30-11.45	Marginal Benefit Incidence (MBI) Analysis of Public Spending in Nigeria	Dr Reuben A. Alabi Ambrose Alli University
11.45-12.15	Transparency and Accountability in Public Expenditure in Nigeria	Reverend Ugolor David The Executive Director, African Network for Environment and Economic Justice, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.
12.15-12.45	The Economics of Public Sector Spending in Nigeria	Dr Ailemen, Moses Ambrose Alli University
12.45-14.00	LUNCH	Dr (Mrs) Erie, G.O Ambrose Alli University
14.00-14.30	Public Expenditure on Agriculture and Rural Development In Nigeria	Mrs Agulanna, F.T University of Ibadan
14.30-15.00	Impact of Fiscal Deficit on External Sector Performance In Nigeria (1970-2008)	Dr Imimole, B. et al Ambrose Alli University
15.00-15.30	Public Preferences for Federal Government Spending in Nigeria: Evidence from Stated Choice Experiment	Mr Abubakar, M.I. Amadou, Z UDU, Sokoto and Oklahoma State University, USA
15.30-16.00	Pro-Poorness of Spending on Fertilizer Among Rice Farmers in Edo State	Mr Osasogie, D.I et al Ambrose Alli University
16.00-16.30	The Neglect of Pro-Poor Budgeting and Challenges to MDG One: Evidence from Bayelsa State	Dr Ibaba S.I Niger Delta University, Bayelsa
THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2011		
10.00-10.30	Influence of Fertilizer Subsidy on Fertilizer Use in Nigeria: A Macro-Econometric Analysis	Dr. R.A Alabi and Ighalo, S.O

		Ambrose Alli University
10.30-11.00	Public Spending as an Object of Sustainable Development	Dr Ignatius Adeh University of Bremen, Germany
11.00-11.30	Benefit Incidence of Public Spending on Education and Health in Edo State	Mr Adams, O.O et al Secretary, Etsako Central LGA
11.30-12.00	Hindrances to Democratic Public Budgeting in Nigeria	Prof Azelama, J Ambrose Alli University
12.00-12.30	The Determinants of Fiscal Deficit in Nigeria	Dr (Mrs) Okojie, E.I and Dr Ailemen, Moses University of Benin and Ambrose Alli University
12.00-13.00	What is the Next Step? A Closing Remark	Dr. R.A Alabi Ambrose Alli University

DR R.A ALABI MAKING HIS PRESENTATION



NATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY COVERAGE OF THE WORKSHOP



PARTICIPANTS AT THE WORKSHOP



**MR ADAMS, O. O. (SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY)
REACTING TO SOME POLICY ISSUES RAISED DURING THE WORKSHOP**



Rev David Ugolor Making His Presentation During the workshop



THE NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE WORKSHOP¹ (The online version: http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39010:varsity-dons-task-govts-on-budget-implementation&catid=1:national&Itemid=559)

¹ **Varsity Dons Task Govts On Budget Implementation**

SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2011 00:00 FROM ALEMMA-OZIORUVA ALIU, BENIN CITY NEWS - NATIONAL

UNIVERSITY teachers and intellectuals across the country yesterday lamented what they called continued deception of Nigerians by political office holders and policy makers on the management of the country's resources and therefore called for appropriation of resources into the areas that would benefit the people. They spoke at Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State, during a two-day workshop on 'Public spending in Nigeria' organized by the Department of Agriculture Economics and Extension in conjunction with Canada-based Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network.

They lamented that the country has not achieved up to 10 per cent of yearly budgetary allocations, yet reports celebrate implementation of budgets. Speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of the school, Professor Sam Uniamikogbo, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Patrick Onolemhemgen said while the false claim by politicians was lamentable, the workshop was timely to draw their attention to the plight of Nigerians as politicians prepare for April elections.

"The workshop is very timely. We are all aware that during budget, so much is said to be set aside for various purposes but at the end of the day, we do not see anything on ground to show for it but we are told that the budget was executed to about 65 to 70 per cent. However, what is really on ground does not show budget execution up to 10 per cent. So I think a conference of this nature will help to focus our attention on how public money should be spent and when this is done, Nigeria as a nation will be better for it," he said. In his keynote address on 'Marginal Benefit Incidence (MBI) Analysis of Public Spending in Nigeria', Dr Reuben Alabi said there was need for pro-poor policies in order to "accelerate the speed at which the poor benefit more from increases in access to social utilities in Nigeria".

In his paper titled 'Transparency and accountability in public expenditure in Nigeria', Executive Director, African Network For Environment And Economic Justice (ANEEJ), Rev. David Ugolor, said that in the last five decades, government budgets (national, state and local) have been "designed and presented with the best of government intentions in terms of policies and government service delivery to its electorate or citizens. However, the budget implementation has posed a serious challenge because of high level of corruption and mismanagement or outright misappropriation. Consequently, very pertinent questions remain fresh in our minds," he said.