

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY AMB.(DR) HASSAN ADAMU, WAKILI OF ADAMAWA, BOARD CHAIRMAN AT THE IADI REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FOR THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORE PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE DEPOSIT INSURANCE AT TRANSCORP HILTON, ABUJA, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

I feel honoured to be here to give a welcome remark on this important occasion. We are pleased to have the personality of the Honourable Minister of State for Finance gracing this occasion despite his tight schedules for the day. You may wish to know that Mr. President will be presenting the 2012 Budget to the National Assembly today and the presence of the Hon. Minister at that occasion is indeed very critical. The Hon. Minister, your presence here clearly indicates not only your interest in NDIC and its activities but also shows the commitment of government towards ensuring a safe and sound banking practices in the country.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we want to seize this opportunity to express our appreciation to Mr. President for retaining our board in realization of our crucial role of ensuring the stability of the banking system. This is a clear testimony of Mr. President's confidence in our board. I also want to assure Mr. President of our unflinching support to his economic transformation agenda. We will also continue to give our support and guidance to the management of the Corporation so that it can continue to achieve its mandate.

At this juncture, it is my pleasure to welcome our facilitators and participants especially those that came from outside the country for being here today despite what they hear about happenings in Nigeria. Indeed it is a clear testimony of their interest in what they will learn from the workshop and its importance to the enhancement and effectiveness of deposit insurance systems.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the World Bank and the FDIC for providing financial and technical support to the workshop and IADI for their continuous support to the NDIC.

Thank you and God bless.

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