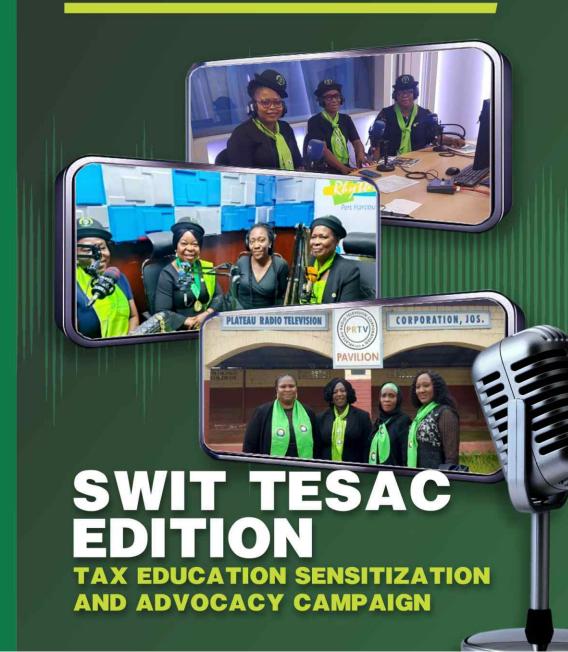






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#### VISION

To be a leading professional women association in Nigeria.

#### MISSION

To build a society that will promote the interest of Women in Tax Policy, Law and Practice in furtherance of the aims of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

SWIT is established to, among others:

- \* Assist the Institute in the protection of its Charter and status, as well as the interest of its female members; and promote and maintain a high standard of efficiency and professional conduct.
- Encourage and assist women entering the taxation profession; and promote the continuing education, intellectual growth and professional knowledge of its members.
- Encourage members to participate actively in the Institute and other professional tax organizations.
- \* Consider all questions affecting the interests of the taxation profession at large and create a forum for the objective study of contemporary problems in organizations engaging in taxation practice or administration.
- Undertake projects to enhance the image of women and publicize their achievements in taxation and the professions.
- Undertake tax awareness campaigns in various sectors of the society and economy to foster growth and inclusiveness.

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The Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT) was formally inaugurated on 7th May 2010 as an arm of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) to serve as an umbrella body of the female members of the Institute and to meet the yearnings and aspirations of women for recognition as a force to reckon with on Tax policy issues. It is also to serve as a forum for promotion of socioeconomic development of women.

The Society has two institutional Patrons and four life Patrons who have contributed to the development of CITN and the Society specifically. Members of the National Executive are spread across the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria, including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

The National Chairperson presides over the affairs of the Society. At the state level, SWIT Coordinators preside over the State Chapters and ensure that the overall objectives of SWIT are met in their states.



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# **EDITORIAL COMMENT**

e welcome you to another bumper edition of our newsletter in 2022, tagged the SWIT TESAC edition. TESAC: Tax Education Sensitization and Advocacy Campaign is the program to create awareness in the month of July on various radio stations across all SWIT chapters in the nation.

This involves different SWIT chapters all over Nigeria going on air (via radio stations) to discuss different aspects of tax. The program was very rich, educative, informative and entertaining.

This year CITN annual tax conference and SWIT seminar was fully attended and participation was both virtual and physical packed from the beginning to the end. Enjoy the reports of activities and pictures for posterity.

SWIT is growing from it's fifteen (15) chapters in the first quarter of 2022 to seventeen(17) chapters with the newly investiture of the coordinators and inauguration of the executive members of Bauchi state chapter, Benue state chapter and still counting. It's with great delight we invite you to enjoy the reports, lovely pictures of their investiture and inauguration.

Our Lagos chapter championed the colorful hip hop celebration of SWIT @ 12 in the event tagged "meet and greet" SWIT@SILK session.

Our publicity secretaries reported on some of the courtesy calls made to our esteemed partners and stakeholders to keep our relationship whole and fruitful by some chapters of Kwara, Plateau and Cross River etc.

Please come along with us to explore the inside pages of the carefully packaged publication to see how our institute, society, profession and developmental growth is spread all across our chapters in the nation.

You will agree with me that this is a good avenue to advertise and market your companies and products, we have the class and the reach - make a call and reach out to us today.



he Society of Women in Taxation is publishing another Newsletter in a grand style! This time around its dedicated to TESAC (Tax Education Sensitisation and Advocacy Campaign) events especially the radio programmes in all the SWIT State Chapters around the country in the month of July, 2022. Interestingly, leadership of chapters have discussed topics on taxation peculiar to the needs of their respective states, making the events very broad and deliberate for maximum impact.

The 2022 Annual Seminar of SWIT and the Annual Tax conference of the Institute are events that have showcased the immense versatility, availability and diligence of women in the tax profession.

Joyfully, the feel of having two more state Chapters of Bauchi and Benue added to SWIT network is soothing...

Details of all these and much more you will enjoy in this unique edition.

Relax as you enjoy this power packed piece.

Dr. Ruth Abiola Adimula, Esq., FCTI Editor-in-Chief









































# ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE (ATC) 2022 SWIT SEMINAR











# ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE (ATC) 2022 DAY 2

























































#### THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION

2022 ANNUAL SEMINAR

# THEME: TAXATION AND DIGITALIZATION: EFFECT ON WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES

#### RAPPORTEUR REPORT

#### **TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2022**

#### Introduction:

Seminar started about 10:10am with opening prayer, national anthem and CITN Anthem. Introduction of dignitaries by Dr Mrs Odunayo Ani, SWIT National Financial Secretary, after which the chairman of the planning committee gave her opening address in which she recognised and highlighted the qualities of all our dignitaries and the speakers. She thereafter welcomed everyone to the SWIT Seminar. The National Chairperson of \* SWIT in her opening address thanked everyone for honouring SWIT invitation to this Annual Seminar. She informed the audience of SWIT activities and programs which includes amongst others the support from CITN, formation of SWIT West Africa, National awards for Best SWIT active chapters and then appreciated all everyone that has made the activities of SWIT a successfully one most especially CITN council, all SWIT state coordinators for the hard work in ensuring that over 200 delegates were registered, the highest since the beginning of SWIT Seminars.

Mrs Okoror was called upon to give the citation of the Chairperson of session, Prof. Teju Somorin. In her remarks, she \* highlighted the history of SWIT, declaring that the theme of today's Seminar which is Taxation and Digitalization: Effects on women owned Businesses is timely considering the effect of covid on businesses and how digitalization can help women businesses to succeed. She also praised the choice of the lead Presenter, Dr Ifueko Omoigui-Okauru, explaining that it was during her tenure as FIRS Chairperson that digitalization of FIRS activities started. She rounded up remarks by inviting the President of CITN to give his Keynote Address.

In his keynote address, the 15th CITN President and Chairman of Council extoled the virtues of women citing great women in Nigerian history and how they have shaped the growth of women in Nigeria. He went further to say Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT)'s scope is limitless compared to other professional women organisations whose scope are limited to their area of specialisation. He then admonished SWIT to expand her scope beyond Nigeria and be the pacesetter in the professional women's organisations arena. He also advised SWIT on effective collaboration between all stakeholders in our professional area and for SWIT to establish a standing committee on women businesses that would provide the requisite direction for growth of women businesses. He \* concluded by welcoming all participants to the seminar and wishing us a fruitful deliberation.

#### Paper 1: Tax Digitalization and Challenges of getting Informal Sector into the Tax Net

#### LEAD PRESENTER: DR IFUEKO OMOIGUI-OKAURU

- Women are involved in either the tradition businesses like manufacturing, processing or Informal or unregistered business sector.
- Some working from home or locations without any form of identification (No signposts).
- An interactive session rather than speech giving through answering of questions as it relates to the theme of the presentation.
- Challenges: Issue of TRUST
  - o Tax payers are not feeling government in their lives
  - o Tax prayers providing all amenities (Water, Power, Security, health, education etc) for themselves
  - o No power to run their businesses
  - o No good tax system. Our tax system is not fair to those that comply with their tax payments, hence, it supports the evasion of taxes.
- Those that are visible are harassed and forced to pay to illegal collectors who used unorthodox methods to collect taxes from tax payers.
  - o Questions like why do tax payers have to pay taxes o What is the digitalization?
  - o What is the difference between Digitalization and digitizing?
  - o How do tax payers get the benefits of digitization?
  - o How do business women keep their books
  - o What kind of software are available for the tax payers to prepare their books.

#### Way Forward:

- Government should build systems that would build the tax base.
- Government to use technology to drive all their activities from car pack collections to MDAs activities.
- Government to help businesses develop their businesses through the provision of infrastructures that will enhance and transform businesses.
- Provision of power is very essential for digitalization
- Technology no longer a thing for just the IT people but for everyone.
- Government to build Trust, Credibility and Confidence in the taz system to encourage compliance with tax payment.

- Tax authorities to develop skills and capacity building amongst its staff.
- Tax authorities to engage in both tax education and awareness of tax payers.
- Modelling of tax payers right behaviour to taxation.
- Collaboration between all tax authorities and stakeholders.
- CITN to get involved in professional tax systems for tax professionals.
- Government to help grow people's livelihood to encourage tax payment.
- Government should not think about collecting taxes alone but use the taxes judiciously and think about what to give back to the tax payers and the society.

She ended her speech by asking Government and tax payers to use technology to put in place good systems driven by sincerity and collaboration to build a befitting Nigeria.

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

#### HAJIA NANA AISHAT OBOMEGHIE:

She discussed the practical issue as it relates to Tax Digitalization across the 36 states, FCT and JTB

- 23 tax authorities Fully digitized.
- 10 In the process of Digitization.
- 4 tax authorities Not digitizes at all.

How to manage illegal tax collectors - Deployment and harmonisation of technology, training of illegal collectors to be able to collect legally.

She enumerated the advantages of digitization as increasing revenue growth, reduced cost of collection, identifying and profiling of tax payers in assessing tax payers in a digital way.

Other issues discussed by her includes:

- Nigerians do not know their rights when it comes to
- Use of Presumptive tax in Informal Sector.
- Collections through Associations.
- No records.
- Tax to GDP ratio is still 6%.
- Informal sector is contributing about 65% to our GDP.
- 98% of tax payments in the Informal Sector not getting to the government purse.
- Informal Sector contribution to total tax collection.

o 2017 - 2.84%

o 2018 - 3.75%

o 2019 - 3.57%

02020 - 2.84%

o 2021 - 3%

#### Way Forward:

- JTB coming up with Data For Tax Initiative Linking JTB TIN to NIN.
- Amending Tax laws.

- Data Mining.
- Massive training of tax administrators.
- Data sharing and collaboration between Federal and States Government on databases.
- Tax payers to always challenge the tax collectors on what taxes they are collecting.
- Recruitment to be beyond state boundaries.
- Harmonization of all revenue laws for all the states.
- Tax payers engagement through interface with Tax authorities and the public.
- Stress-free tax payment systems to be deployed.

#### **MRS SHADE OMONIYI**

She discussed the KWIRS digitization experience:

- Different Sectors within the Informal sector, hence understanding each sector provides better way to address revenue collections of each of these sectors in the informal sector.
- Collection on a daily basis for those that earn daily income, i.e. ticketing model for the Okada riders and Market
- Collection of Associations list and digitizing of their records.
- Kwara Resident ID Cards to identify all residents of the state with respect to Social welfare and creating tax payers database.
- Joint Revenue Committee (JRC) –Used to collaborate with the Local Government Area Authorities with regards to collection of taxes that are collected by both the states and LGAs.
- Tax payers education and sensitization.
- Eradicating the use of Consultants SIFTAS Requirement.
- Codification of revenue codes.
- Collaborations with all stakeholders.
- Sharing of information with other States IRS and FIRS.
- Harmonisation of Bills such that the tax payers get only one bill instead of multiple bills.

She concluded that the only way forward for taxation in Nigeria is the use of technology to drive the collection of taxes and the growth of revenue in Nigeria which can only be achieved through the expansion of our tax bases.

The session was rounded up with the presentation of gift to the Chairman of the session, the Lead Presenter and the Discussants by the SWIT National Chairperson and other National Executive members around 1:30 PM.

#### PAPER 2: HEALTHY LIFESTYLE: HERBAL REMEDIES AND AGING TIPS

#### Introduction

The session Started at about 2.10pm and the Chairman of Session was Lady Dame Gladys Simplice FCTI. Her citation was read by VC!: Dr Mrs Caroline Ndubuisi FCTI.

The second paper was titled "Healthy lifestyle: Herbal remedies and aging tips" and it was presented by Dr Bolanle Deji-Okubanjo, the MD/CEO of OLIVE CLINIC.

The MC and National Financial Secretary Dr Odunayo Ani read the citation of the paper presenter.

In her opening remarks, the Chairman of Session encouraged participants to listen attentively as the messages to be passed across affects women directly and this would help us take care of our bodies.

The Chairman started by defining who a woman is and used phrases such as:

- Special species
- Takes care of all before herself
- Multitasking
- Gifted in all dimensions
- Known to over work herself for her household

She told a story of a woman who overworked herself to death shortly after her burial, her best friend went to visit her family but discovered that her husband had employed domestic servants to do the chores she thought she must do herself. She also told a story of a woman whose boss denied some days off from work with an excuse on who would do her work in the office in her absence but when a member of staff died and was replaced immediately. She had to go to the boss to say "who is not indispensable" she stressed the need for women to take care of themselves and to know that anyone is dispensable.

The speaker described aging as a pervasive experience and quickly added that it wasn't a disease. It is natural, it occurs for everybody. It will occur irrespective of how we take care of ourselves. According to her genes are involved in how long we live. In her presentation, the following are challenges of aging

#### Common aging problems/challenges

- Menopause
- Diabetics
- Hypertension
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Arthritis
- Depression
- Falls/falls injury
- Hearing loss
- Cancer
- Oral health
- Shingles

She went further to talk about menopause. According to her Menopause occurs when menses stops for a period of 12 months. It also marks the end of fertility, and it is not a disease.

#### The presenter gave symptoms of what happens before menopause

Perimenopause - body prepares for menopause.

Symptoms - hot flashes, etc. symptoms vary among women Seritone - declines as menopause sets in and this can sometimes be responsible for headaches in women.

#### **Causes of Menopause**

- Some come into menopause because of surgery, eq removal of womb.
- Chemotherapy/radiation therapy etc
- Primary ovarian insufficiency

#### Symptoms of menopause includes:

- Chills
- Mood swings
- Virginal dryness
- Irregular periods
- Night sweats
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Headache
- Dry skin mouth and eyes and also increases
- Sore and tender breast
- Reduced libido or sex drive

#### Risk of menopause

- Cancers
- Hot flashes
- Urinary incontinence
- Alzhe

#### Recommendations to reduce the effect of menopause

- Diet 50% raw food
- Less consumption of animal products
- Protein supplements
- Consume lentils
- Avoid stress
- Regular exercise moderate walk 3-4 times a week
- Avoid achohol
- Hot soups
- Substitute garlic or onion for salt
- Avoid sugar
- Avoid spicy food
- Avoid carbonated drinks
- Drink 2 quarts of quality water-8cups a day or eva big like 2

#### Useful Herbs for menopause

- St john's wort
- Chamoline
- Valerian root
- Black cohosh
- Sage
- Raspberry
- Dandelion
- Dong qual
- Aloe vera gel

#### Diabetics; type 1 and type 2 (if first generation of parents had it you are likely to have it)

#### Causes

- Overweight
- Insulin resistance
- Obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Genes and family history
- Pancreas does not produce enough insulin
- Symptom
- Hungry
- **Tiredness**
- Blurry vision
- Sores that do not heal
- Remedy-scent leaf, bitterleaf, ginseng, buchu, fenugreek, uva ursi, ewedu leaf

#### Hypertension

Increased BP-at least thrice

#### Causes

- Hardening of arteries
- Stroke
- Kidney disorders
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Lack of physical activity
- Stress
- Too much salt in diet
- Too much alcohol consumption
- Oldage
- Family history of high blood pressure

Note: create an atmosphere of Joy around you

#### Recommendations

- Keep your weight down
- Eat diet high in fiber
- Eat plenty fruits
- Active lifestyle
- **Enough sleep**

Due to lack of the time the presenter had to stop and participants were told to look out for the presentation slides.

#### Concluding remarks by the chairman of the session

Take charge of your life and do not take laughter out of your life. She reiterated the points emphasized by the presenter including watching your weight, enjoy sex with your spouse etc. The presenter in her concluding remarks emphasized lifestyle changes and intake of some common vitamins like Vit B, C, E, including Zinc, eat tomatoes and eat well generally, drink water-make a conscious effort.

In conclusion, it was a very intellectually stimulating environment, and a lot of new knowledge was made available for all participants.

The lecture ended with presentation of gifts to the presenter. The Chairman of the Session, the National Chairperson, the VC1 and VC 2 and all past National Chairpersons of SWIT jointly made a presentation to the presenter.

Thereafter, the chairperson called upon the chairperson of SWIT Lagos Chapter, mrs CECILIA ODENAFENALE ODIBO FCTI to give a say on the cake presentation on behalf of her Chapter to celebrate with the SWIT FAMILY for clocking 12 years on the Society's landmark of impacting greatly on the development of taxation and women in the tax profession. In her soft words, "celebration of little achievement leads to bigger celebrations...in her gesture she and Lagos Chapter intentionally wished SWIT greater SWIT achievements having gone international bearing in mind that SWIT has left primary level to an advanced level". Of course the cake was gladly cut under the supervision of mrs. Titilayo Fowokan the immediate past state Coordinator SWIT Lagos Chapter. Presentation of a branded gift to promote the SWIT image and publicity was also done to the National chairperson by the Lagos state Coordinator.

Also note of worth was the launching of the SWIT newsletter to the audience who responded positively to the beautiful piece.

Also to mention was the call for an AGM agenda that was attended by all Chapter members and presided by the amiable national chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Biola ADIMULA, FCTI.

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#### REPORT ON ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE

# THEME: GLOBAL DISRUPTION, TAXATION AND DIGITALIZATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIO-**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2022**

SWIT SEMINAR/ AGM: A motion was moved for the serving National Excos to serve for another one year tenure to enable them achieve all the strategies put in place to achieve their set goals. The SWIT action plan/work plan for 3 years was produced in a booklet to serve as a guide for all SWIT activities both at the national and chapter levels. Awards were given were given to 3 chapters who had outstanding performances in chapter activities, attendance at national functions and payments of both national and chapter dues. Plateau chapter, Lagos chapter and Abuja chapter came 1st2nd and 3rd respectively in that regard.

**CITN HOSPITALITY NIGHT:** was well attended by the delegates of various districts who took turns to do their presentations which was centered on digitalization of tax at various levels. Awards were given to the 3 best performing Districts, Abuja and District Society were the overall best, Yenegoa and District Society were first Runner Up while Jos and District Society were the second runner up.

#### WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2022

Representatives of Remita were present creating awareness on how it has keyed in the digitalization of tax which was tagged "Explore Remita corporate product for an end-to-end payment experience. The Remita corporate and tax payments made easy has to do with

- Easy electronic payment of supplies, salaries, pensions
- Multiple payment options, internet banking, bank branch, electronic cards mobile wallet, USSD etc
- Verifiable electronic payment receipt sent instantly to payers for all payments
- Detailed report on all payments
- Full integration with FIRS TAX-PROMAX payment portal

#### PAPER 1: Global disruption, taxation and Digitalization: Implications for Socio-Economic.

#### evelopment. Presented by Mr. Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede

Nigeria should not just use the digital global device but also global income device. Mobile technologies have generated a lot of jobs there by generating economic value in the country. Digitalization and digitization is also resolving the identity management problems in the financial system and the labor market increasing efficiency certainty and security in an environment where information flow is critical for its growth and development.

Nigeria is one of those countries leading in ICT improvement thriving to make progress in digitalization but in terms of global economic productivity and harnessing this opportunity properly to grow our country and to grow Africa we are missing the both. Nigeria has made progress in telecom payments and service areas yet to attain a high level of digitalization.

#### HEALTH TALK: WORK PLACE SAFETY AND GENERAL WELL-BEIGN DELIVERED BY DR. DEJI OSASONA

Every employee needs to feel psychologically safe for them to be able to give in their best. Most organizations put priority on physical and safety which there's nothing absolutely wrong with that but psychological safety is equally important because the productivity of a team is directly proportional to the psychology of their safety in that job.

When there is a change in the working environment anxiety sets in, this affects the productivity of a staff positively or negatively. If their psychological safety goes down their performance also goes down because the more the anxiety, the more the fear, the more the confusion and stress sets in. Therefore, organizations should put some modalities on ground to always check the mental health of employees in order to have feedbacks on how psychologically safe or unsafe an organization is which will go a long way to enhance productivity.

A worker exit interview can be done which can give a golden feedback on what is going wrong or what is going right. Perception Survey can be done by engagement survey, employee assessment program where employees can engage a dedicated EAP whenever they're in a psychological distress for counselling coaching and therapy ranging from mental health issues, work related issues, work stress conflict.

TAX QUIZ COMPETITION: The competition was well contested by students from different universities and Stephen Ajitoni a 300 level student of university of Ilorin Kwara State emerged as the winner, the first Runner Up was Ajuwon Oreoluwa 400 level student of Redeemers University while the Second Runner Up was Olarongbe Lukman from Bayero University Kano with cash prizes of 300,000.00, 200,000.00, and 100,000.00 respectively.

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Assistant National Publicity Secretary



# VISIT TO KWARA (CITN TAX ACADEMY)

The arrival of the CITN President Mr. Adesina Adedayo FCTI, mni, the VP, Barr. Agbeluyi FCTI at the llorin International Airport today 24-5-2022. They were received by Dr. Biola Adimula FCTI the National Chairperson of SWIT, Mrs. Janet Olaoye Chapter Coordinator of SWIT,Mrs. Obakemi,Chapter Honorary Treasurer and Mr. Taofeeq Alabi CITN Ilorin &/District Secretary. You are welcome to Kwara the State of Harmony sirs.





The National Chairperson of SWIT Dr. Biola Adimula FCTI, hosted the 15th President of CITN Mr. Adesina Adedayo FCTI, mni and his team for a lunch in her office - Biola Adimula & Co., a firm of legal practitioners, Ilorin. The lunch was sumptuous and there was also presentation of gift to the CITN president and his team. Dr. Adimula expressed deep appreciation to the president & his team for the honour to host them.





# **COUTESY VISIT** TO DR. TUNDE YUNUS

The National Chairperson Dr. Biola Adimula FCTI paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Tunde Yunus in his yesterday to appreciate him on his contributions towards SWIT and like Oliver Twist request for more support from him. With her were Mrs. Olaoye the Chapter Coordinator and Mrs. Obakemi the Honorary Treasurer of the chapter. Some of the staffs were also present.





Dr. Tunde Yunus presenting his office souvenir to the National Chairperson during the courtesy visit

# **CONDOLENCE VISIT**

Today Thursday 23rd June, 2022, the National Chairperson Dr. Biola Adimula FCTI, Kwara Chapter Coordinator, Mrs. J. F. Olaoye and the Chapter Excos paid a condolence visit to the TC FIRS Hajia Adama Isa on the demise of her beloved mother. May the soul of the departed rest in perfect peace.











# PREVIEW

TESAC: Tax Education, sensitization and Advocacy Campaign is the program SWIT National is using to create awareness in the month of July, SWIT tax month.

This involves different SWIT chapters all over Nigeria going on air (via Radio stations) to discuss different aspects of tax. This program is rich, educative informative and entertaining to the general public.

#### EDITORIAL ON THE SWIT TAX EDUCATION SENSITIZATION ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (TESAC) RADIO PROGRAM / COURTESY CALLS BY CALABAR CHAPTER

Studio in Calabar on July 14, 2022 where tax matters were discussed and members of the public sensitized on the need to pay their tax as at when due. The Chapter was ably represented at the Studio our amiable Chapter Coordinator Dr. Mrs. Obal Usang, ACTI, FCA, her Deputy Vice Chairperson Mrs. Glory Davies, ACTI, FCA and her Membership Secretary, Mrs. Glory Effiong, ACTI, FCA. It was indeed an explosive experience.

The teaming members of the The Cross River State Chapter of The Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), had a grand interactions with two heavy weight tax personnel within the State Capital through a courtesy call on May 31, 2022. On the same day the unstoppable SWIT members stormed the offices of the Tax Controller FIRS Calabar Mr. Temeketin Alphaeus and to the Chairman Cross River Internal Revenue Service (CRIRS) Mr. Akpanke Ogar.

t was an interesting radio programme With HIT FM Radio The Cross River State Chapter of The Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), had another courtesy call on the vibrant female Auditor General for Local Government in Cross River State. It was an amazing experience as tax issues were discussed extensively especially as it bothers on revenue generation for the State. This visit took place on July 28, 2022.

> It was a week-long programme that kicked off on Monday, July 31, 2022 with a courtesy visits to the Tax Controller, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Chief Alphaeus E. Temeketin and the Chairman of Cross River State Internal Revenue Service (CRIRS) Mr. Akpanke Ogar, It was a historic and amazing outing.

Mrs. Lizzy Ogban, ACTI, ACA **Publicity Secretary** SWIT Cross River Chapter















# REPORT ON SWIT TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME **CROSS RIVER**

he program was sponsored by the National Tax Education Sensitization and Advocacy Committee (TESAC). TESAC is a Committee of the Society of Women in Taxation. SWIT is the Female wing of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). SWIT marked her annual tax month in the month of July and each State Chapter in the Country took turns to host a tax sensitization radio talk show in their respective States. SWIT Cross River held her radio programme on the 14th of July 2022 at Hit Fm 95.9 at 8.30am earlier than the scheduled time of 10am on the flier circulated. The topic of discussion was on Rental Income and your income tax returns. The objective for choosing this topic was to create awareness on the NEED to include rental income in personal income tax returns. This very area has been topical in Cross River as the Cross River State Internal Revenue has been placing a lot of emphasis on the rental income tax and SWIT Cross River felt it is important to join in the conversation to create more awareness.

#### The Discussants were:

- Dr Obal Usang ACTI, Chapter Coordinator
- Mrs Glory Davies ACTI, 2nd Vice Coordinator
- Mrs Glory Effiong ACTI, Membership Secretary

The Radio talk show was aired live, and it cost N52,377 (fifty-two thousand three hundred and seventy-seven naira) only for 30minutes. The questions handled during the talk show were as follows:

- What is income tax returns? 1.
- What are the contents of an income tax return? 2.
- Who should file income tax returns? And are there 3. deadlines for filing returns?
- What is Rental Income and Rental Income Tax? Who is 4. expected to pay Rental Income Tax?
- Why do you think it is necessary to create awareness on 5. Rental Income Tax?
- 6. So, what is the difference between Rental Income Tax and

Tenement rate?

- 7. Are there legal provisions in the tax law (Personal Income Tax Act - PITA) which gives impetus to the collection of Rental Income Tax?
- Are there implications for non-compliance with declaring rental income and paying the relevant taxes?
- How often is one expected to pay tax on Rental Income?
- Is there a uniformed one-off charge for Rental Income Tax or does it vary according to the size of the property assessed?
- 11. What remedies are available to a taxpayer who feels he/she has been unfairly assessed?
- 12. What impact do you think collection of Rental Income Tax will have on Internally Generated Revenue of CRS?
- Withholding Tax (WHT) is usually withheld by some tenants before the balance of the rent is paid to their landlords? Are landlords of such properties still expected to pay rental income tax?
- 14. Should Landlords pay rental income tax when tenants have not paid rents (taxpayer)?
- 15. Is tax evasion an issue as it concerns rental income tax in CRS?

The video recording as well as photographs taken during the programme are here attached for your perusal.

Thank you.

#### Dr. Obal Usang

Chapter Coordinator Cross River













# THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (SWIT) AKWA IBOM STATE CHAPTER REPORT ON "SWIT ON RADIO" PROGRAMME HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH JULY 2022.

he Akwa Ibom State Chapter of SWIT was on XL 106.9FM from 9.00am to 10.00am for a Tax Education, Sensitization and Awareness campaign on the theme: "Informal Sector Taxes: A Panacea for Enhancing Internally Generated Revenue in Akwa Ibom State".

Discussants on the programme were:

- Mrs. Idorenyin William, FCTI Chapter Coordinator
- Mrs. Stella Thomas, FCTI Vice Coordinator
- Mrs. Uduakobong Ukpe, ACTI Deputy Vice Coordinator
- Mrs. Josephine Ebe, ACTI General Secretary

Listeners were informed about the existence of SWIT as an umbrella for all female members of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), the Society's objectives and reason for being on air. Credit was given to the National Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Abiola Adimula, FCTI for her foresightedness in putting in place the TESAC project. Also, the Committee was appreciated for their hard work and commitment.

The Discussants took turns to respond to the Moderators' questions which centered on the general overview of tax and taxation, need for tax collection, the different types of taxes and respective relevant tax authorities, as well as businesses that make up the informal sector. Being the central theme of the programme, emphasis was laid on the reasons why the informal sector players need to be tax compliant and impact of informal taxes on the internally generated revenue of the State.

The public were informed that the informal sector constitute all economic activities in all sectors of the economy that are operated outside the purview of government regulation, for example, those involved in subsistence businesses which span across open market traders, commercial bus/tricycle drivers,

farmers, artisans such as dressmakers, hairdressers, vulcanizers, etc. The sector is the highest contributor to the Nigerian GDP and offers employment to a greater proportion of the populace. However, Nigeria's over-dependence on petroleum-related income accounted for the glaring neglect of the informal sector. Recently, in an attempt to attain much-needed funding for development projects, and due to various factors such as the fluctuation of international oil prices, restiveness and insecurity in the Niger Delta region of the country and the global economic recession, the government is seeking to diversify its tax revenue base. Government's efforts on revenue base diversification can be seen in the significant changes being carried out in the Nigerian tax system and the attendant increment in the revenue generated by the Federal and States' tax authorities.

Highpoint of the programme was the phone-in segment, wherein calls were taken from eight (8) listeners due to time constraint. Issues raised by the callers and responses were:

- How the Chapter would drive home the message as a good number of informal sector players might not have tuned in to the programme. In response, the Chapter's planned Tax Road Walk on Thursday, 21st July and Sensitization/Awareness Seminar on Friday, 22nd July were publicized.
- Multiplicity of taxes and the need for harmonization. The Coordinator made public the efforts of the State Internal Revenue Service at establishing a Joint State Revenue Committee with a view to consolidating all tax revenue lines into a single Integrated Demand Notice with a proper sharing formula for sharing of revenue to all the relevant tax authorities.
- The high cost of collecting taxes from the informal sector and harassment by revenue agents. This issue was

addressed by encouraging informal sector taxpayers to join their respective trade associations through which they should remit their taxes to the tax authorities. Noncompliance was discouraged in order to avoid penalties.

- The perception about the programme being an introduction of more taxes by the government and the attendant problems/burdens it would create on the taxpayers was debunked by the discussants. The public were made to understand that the programme was aimed at educating the taxpayers on the extant tax laws, relevant tax authorities they should remit their taxes to and the economic benefits of paying taxes.
- An aggrieved caller wanted to know what government was doing in return for the citizens since they were not positively impacted by the government. He was pacified by drawing his attention to specific projects of the State government in the areas of education, health, security, infrastructural amenities, etc.

To drive home the message, discussion was done in both English and vernacular.

The Chapter enjoyed the Radio Station's goodwill through extension of program time from 30minutes (which was paid for) to one (1) hour.

Overall, listeners commended the efforts of SWIT and appealed for reduction in the number of taxes collectible from small scale businesses, who are struggling for survival, in view of prevalent economic realities.

Mrs. Idorenyin William, FCTI Chapter Coordinator

Mrs. Josephine Ebe, ACTI General Secretary









# **OYO CHAPTER TESAC PROGRAMMME** REPORT OF OYO CHAPTER TESAC PROGRAMME

s part of national SWIT action plan, Oyo chapter was not \* left out in compliance with the national directives. The radio program was held as follows:

Radio station: Noble FM 107.1

Date: 20th June, 2022

Time: 8am

Prof. Olayinka Adenikinju

- Pst Julius Olaniyan
- Dr. Adesoji Adedokun

Mrs Babatunde Olaitan was also in attendance. Thanks for the giving us the opportunity to serve.

Topic: Informal sector and Tax Compliance in Nigeria: challenges and opportunities.

Discussant:

Arinde Oluwatoyin Rosemary

Yours faithfully,

Arinde Rosemary Oluwatoyin

Oyo state Coordinator.















## REPORT OF SENSITIZATION AT **ELERUWA COMMUNITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

The sensitization was carried out in 14th July 2022 at Eleruwa Community Grammar School Ibadan, Oyo State. The sensitization was one of the proposed plan for year 2022. The purpose of catching them young was achieved through the talks rendered by our 2 SWIT ladies in person of Mrs. Arinde and Mrs. Enobu.

Token gifts were distributed to the Students and the Teachers. We











## SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (SWIT) ENUGU CHAPTER ON ENUGU STATE BROADCASTING STATION (ESBS) TELEVISION PRESENTING TAX EDUCATION SENSITIZATION ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN (TESAC) ON 9/7/2022

he radio station program started at 9:03 am and Nneife Dr. Nkemdilim Virgina Udeh; Coordinator (SWIT) and Chairman Enugu & District Society of CITN, Chief Chidi Ezema; Deputy Vice Chairman EDS, Okoro Angela .N; Member SWIT Enugu Chapter and Barr. (Mrs) Chinwe Nestor-Ezeme also SWIT member Enugu Chapter were the discussants and the Topic discussed was "Self Assessment Tax Return".

The Chairperson made the introduction of the topic, before the radio presenter Mr. Michael asked questions in the area of Taxpayers concern, who is responsible for completion of self assessment Tax return, some vital records to keep in self assessment, time of filing Returns, penalty for late returns filing and payment of interest & penalties.

They were call-in questions/comment: complain on funds mismanagement, citizens not remitting taxes rightly and what the organisation is doing to partner with the national orientation agencies.

Chief Ezema responded on how the body is partnering with the agencies and the need for sensitization to educate trade union, market women etc. who are not civil servant the medium of paying taxes to expand the tax net.

At the end of the session, a caller expressed how he was guilty of not been tax compliant as a self employed. He further stated that we do more of the sensitization to educate those like him on the essence to pay tax and applaud the women society on their great move.

The radio session ended at 10: 15am and the Television session started at 10:30am and ended at 10:55 am viewing the same topic.







## **BRIEF REPORT ON** SWIT.TESAC RADIO PROGRAM, EDO STATE CHAPTER

he radio program was held on Friday 29th of July ,2022. The Radio station is Silver bird Rhythm 93.7 FM, Benin City. Time, 8.00 am, 30 minutes at #59,730.

#### **Topics**

- 1. Taxation, a tool in Economic development.
- 2. Tax payment made easy.
- Tax, a social responsibility of the citizenry. 3.

#### Discussants.

- Pastor Mrs Eunice llavbare FCTI JP (SWIT. Coordinator.)
- Princess Maureen Orhue ACTI, (Vice coordinator)
- Dness, Mrs Mercy Osato Owen Osadiaye. ACTI, (2nd Vice coordinator)

Pastor Mrs EUNICE ILAVBARE FCTI JP, briefed the audience on Tax payment made easy and also on the history of SWIT.., that it was inaugurated in May 2010 to assist the main Body, CITN.. She said with modern technology, tax can now be paid at the comfort of our homes.

Princess Maureen Orhue, discussed on Taxation as a tool for economic development .She gave a brief introduction on Taxation, and the benefits the nation derives when we all pay our taxes as at when due.

Deaconess Mercy Osato Owen Osadiaye briefed the audience on Tax, a social responsibility of the citizenry, that it is our duty to pay tax, as long as we earn income for our livelihood. Questions were asked, and responses were given by the discussants.

It was very educative despite the short time.. Up SWIT, Up CITN, Up SWIT, Women talking Tax.

Thank you.

Pastor Mrs Eunice llavbare FCTIJP. Coordinator, Edo Chapter.









# **SWIT TESAC RADIO PROGRAM - RIVERS STATE**

"he Tesac Radio program, is a SWIT-National program with The discussants were: the aim of educating, sensitizing and advocating on tax matters in Nigeria. The month of July is tagged SWIT Tax Month and each SWIT Chapter was charged to talk on a chosen area of taxation on air.

SWIT-Rivers held its Tesac Radio Program on 20th July, 2022 at the Silverbird Rythm 93.7 FM Port Harcourt at 11.00 am and the Subject of discussion was PAYE Tax System, how it is operated, the responsibilities of Employers/Employees on documentation/reporting and obtaining Tax Clearance Certificate for the Employees.

- Dr. Eunice Odum, FCTI Coordinator-Elect
- Mrs. Helen Owhonda-Wopara, FCTI Immediate Past Coordinator
- Lady Mijaan Bartimaeus, ACA Social/Welfare Secretary

It was a live broadcast for 15 minutes, at a cost of N35,000.00 only. The audio/videos attached here give a more comprehensive coverage of the program.

Thankyou.

#### Dame/Dr. Eunice Odum, FCTI

Coordinator-Elect













# **OSUN CHAPTER SWIT TESAC RADIO PROGRAM: JULY 2022**











## **BRIEF REPORT ON SWIT** TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME BAYELSA STATE CHAPTER

he programme was held on Wednesday 13th July, 2022. RADIO STATION: PEOPLE'S FM93. 1YENAGOA. TIME: 11:30AM

TOPIC: ENHANCING INTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE THROUGH INFORMAL SECTOR TAX PAYMENT IN BAYELSA STATE.

## **DISCUSSANTS:**

- Mrs Tonye Buseri FCA, ACTI (SWIT Coordinator)
- Mrs Juliet Oyinkumo Francis ACTI (2nd vice coordinator)
- Barr. Nnaemeka Nwonu U. Blessing, ACTI (Member)

The SWIT Coordinator (Mrs Tonye Buseri) enlighten the general public on the need to pay Tax. She emphasized that that payment is an obligation that must be fulfilled by the tax payers. The 2nd Vice coordinator, explained who the Informal Sector are, and encouraged them to register their businesses at the Bayelsa State Board of Internal Revenue, get their Tax Identification Numbers, also get their yearly tax assessment and proceed to any Bank in Bayelsa State for payment. It is an automated payment platform. All tax payments are duly accounted for to Government.

Also, Barr. Blessing highlighted few benefits that citizens stand to enjoy when Taxes are being paid. Such as in BAYELSA Government will use the funds to augment statutory allocations from the federal government and renovation infrastructures such street lights and markets, fencing of Schools, construction of roads etc. She also informed Tax payers of the legal aspects emphasizing that the Law protects the tax payers.

She also encouraged business owners in the informal sector to pay their Tax correctly, through their respective trade unions and associations. IGR will boost revenue for Government in order to provide basic amenities to its citizens.

Phone lines were open for listeners to call and ask questions. Questions asked were responded to by the discussants. It was such an educative and entertaining programme. UPSWIT! WOMEN TALKING TAX.

Thankyou

## TEBEPAH TARIARAU BLESSING CNA, ACTI.

Publicity Secretary, Bayelsa State Chapter.











# SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (SWIT) LAGOS CHAPTER REPORT OF SWIT/ TESAC RADIO PROGRAM

s the Society of Women In Taxation (SWIT) National declared the Month of July, 2022 as Tax Month, the SWIT Lagos Chapter took her programme to Topradio 90.9 FM, Agidingbi Lagos on Wednesday, 27th July, 2022. The radio discourse was on TAXATION and TECHNOLOGY. The sensitization exercise dwelt on the impact of technology on taxation in Nigeria and particularly Lagos State residents, encouraged taxpayers on the need to utilise the various digital platforms that have been introduced by the various revenue agencies to ensure transparency and tax compliance. It was also, an avenue to allay fears and concerns about the vulnerabilities and security of the use of tax filing and payment platforms, which are inevitably developed with safety measures installed to safeguard the taxpayers. The chapter was ably represented by the State Coordinator, Barr. (Mrs) Cecilia Odenafenale ODIBO, FCTI, the Publicity Secretary, Barr. (Mrs.) Otivbo Ehi OLANIYI, FCTI and Chapter member Mrs Fatima Omonike MIYAKI, FCTI.









# REPORT ON SWIT TESAC RADIO PROGRAM - DELTA CHAPTER

Venue-Bridge fm Radio Station

Time-10am

Topic-The impact of Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance in the Nigeian Economy.

Discussants-

- Uwejeyan Juliet(FCTI), Chapter Coordinator-Delta
- Anyafulu Helen(ACTI)- 2nd Vice
- Ilide Maryann (ACTI), Chapter Treasurer

Amount-N25,000 only The audio and pictures has sent earlier.

Uwejeyan Juliet, FCTI

Chapter Coordinator SWIT-Delta





## REPORT OF PLATEAU CHAPTER SWIT TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME

he Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT) Plateau Chapter held its Radio programme on the 28th July 2022, live on Peace FM 90.5 Jos on the Topic: The Role of SWIT as a Female Arm of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN).

### The Discussants are:

- Mrs. Esther J. Nyam FCTI Chapter Coordinator
- Hajiya Halima Maidambe FCTI-1st Vice Coordinator
- Mrs. Afiniki S. Walbe FCTI General Secretary
- Mrs. Nene Dung Radio Presenter (PRTV)

The Discussions was drawn from the main objectives of SWIT as follows:

## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND BRIEF ANSWERS

# Briefly tell us about the Society of Women in Taxation

SWIT is the umbrella body of the female members of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) which was inaugurated on the 7th May 2010 at the national level which is to be replicated in all the district society of CITN in various states to meet the yearnings and aspirations of women for recognition as a force to be reckoned with on tax policy issues. It is also to serve as a forum for promotion of socio-economic development of women.

### SWIT vision:

To be a leading professional women association in Nigeria.

## **SWIT mission:**

To build a society that will promote the interest of women in tax policy, law, and practice in furtherance of the aim of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN).

National SWIT has been in existence for the past 12 years while SWIT Plateau Chapter is just one year plus, it was inaugurated last year 9th April 2022 with membership strength of 25 and

presently has over 45 members and 20 student members.

### What does it take to be a member of SWIT 2.

All CITN female members who are inducted automatically become SWIT members. They are to identify with their local District Society of their present location and register as members.

## We have 2 categories of entering the Institute or becoming a Member.

### **Professional Student Members**

In accordance with the Charter and Rules and Regulations of the Institute, a person is admitted as a professional member of the Institute if he/she satisfies the basic requirements of student membership of the Institute as stipulated in the Charter.

### B. Direct Membership

These comprise of candidates coming into the Institute directly without passing through examinations.

- ICAN and ANAN members, the applicant must be an accredited member of ICAN or ANAN: with a minimum of one (1) year post membership tax working experience.
- Staff of State Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Inland Revenue Service who must have passed the JTB/FIRS final Inspector of Taxes examination. They are required to request and transmit the official
  - transcript of their final stage of FIRS/JTB Inspector of Taxes examination or the certified true copy of certificates to the Registrar/Chief Executive. This must be received by the Institute before their application forms would be processed. Note: only staff in core tax departments would be eligible for consideration.
- Members of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Applicants will be expected to undertake a five (5) day conversion training on Nigerian Tax Law and Advanced Taxation organized by the CITN Tax Academy.

Applicants who have completed the Executive Advanced Diploma in Tax Administration and Management by the CITN Tax Academy and are duly certified by the Academy are eligible to apply for Direct Membership.

### How does SWIT encourage and assist women entering 3. the taxation profession.

- Inform and enlighten them on the profession. i.
- Encouraging and educate them on the benefits of the ii. profession where they can be in private practice and be self-employed and self-reliant.
- We guide them in all the processes of registration of becoming members.
- Encouraging and Involvement of female non-members of iv. FIRS and PSIRS in our activities and programmes.
- We also encourage female in other relevant professions V. such as ANAN, ICAN and Female Lawyers (FIDA) to join the profession.
- Any other profession can be a member after successfully passing the examinations and trainings of the Institute.

### 4. How does SWIT promote the continuing education intellectual growth and professional knowledge of its Members.

- i. National SWIT Annual Seminar once in a year.
- ii. By organising workshops and seminars by Chapters based on this year's Action Plan. For example, we reviewed the learning outcome of Cotonou 1st International Conference with theme: The role of Professional Women in National Building and training of Members on Tax Pro-Max an APP use by the FIRS.
- SWIT Chapter/CITN District meetings and activities. iii.
- International SWIT programmes e.g 1st International Conference was held in Cotonou Benin Republic this year February 2022 and there are subsequent upcoming conferences slated for 2023.
- SWIT family Meetings organise by the National Body.
- Mandatory Profession Training Programme (MPTP) vi. organised by CITN.
- vii. CITN Annual Tax Conferences.

## How does SWIT undertake projects that would enhance the image of women in the profession.

- SWIT organises guiz among schools to identify and sponsor female students that have outstanding performance in taxation and through their academic performances in taxation study. This keeps our image and it will encourage continuity in the profession.
- By initiating programmes on taxation through public ii. speaking, debate and guiz among schools.
- iii. Market activation: This is where we visit the women at their business locations and engage them by teaching them book keeping and give out souvenirs (Customize SWIT Note Books for their records, Pens, Aprons etc.)
- Visiting orphanage homes and Refuges camp as the need may arise.

### 6. What is the impact of SWIT to the Business Women

- We talk to them on the need, importance and the benefits of paying their taxes.
- Sensitization through seminars and workshops, educate ii. them on types of taxes, rates, how to compute taxes, how and where to pay and also on the current issues in Taxation.
  - Example; we recently had a Training for the Market women Leaders on Tax Laws, Policies and Guidelines basically on types of taxes collectable by the 3 tiers of Government.

## Conclusion

We want to encourage our female professional member of CITN out there who are yet to be members to come and join us and make impact, encourage awareness and payment of taxation which will increase the IGR of the State and the Nation.

We also want the public to note that it is open to eligible applicants to apply for membership.

SWIT Plateau State Chapter has notice that the market women are ignorant of the relevant tax laws and as such there are knowledge gaps that needs to be bridged by teaching them how to keep their records and we intend to embark on aggressive tax awareness that will create more voluntary compliance.







## **SWIT KWARA CHAPTER** TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME

he Kwara State Chaper of Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), on the 7th of July 2022 went on air at Diamond FM to sensitize members of the public on the Withholding Tax as it relates to the tax system. The State Coordinator of Swit Mrs Janet Funmilayo Olaoye led two other representatives of Kwara SWIT to the radio program. The two other members that participated in the program are the General Secretary, Mrs Adebimpe Ajayi and the Assistant General Secretary Mrs Bolanle Awogun.

Mrs Oloye while answering questions from the radio presenter mentioned the association's mission and objective one of which is to assist and encourage women entering the taxation profession and promote the continuing education, intellectual growth and professional knowledge of its members.

When asked about the benefits of the Withholding Tax, she said that it helps the individual to reduce his or her tax tax liability, it

provides more revenue for the government, because it brings more people into the tax net, it widens the tax base and curbs tax avoidance and evasion.

Other participants at the radio program also spoke at length about the withholding tax regulatory and enabling law, procedure for filling the Withholding Tax , who should pay withholding tax and penalties for not remitting the withholding tax as at when due.

Mrs Olaoye also mentioned some of the challenges facing the state chapter of the association, such as lack of sponsorship, problem of bringing in local market women into the tax net and the challenges of having to write qualifying exam to be able to join Chartered institute of Taxation (CITN).

## Dr Riyike Akintoye

SWIT Kwara Publicity Secretary





# **SWIT OGUN CHAPTER TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME REPORT**

■n line with the SWIT National Planning and awareness creation organized to sensitize the general public on tax related matters all over the states, the SWIT Ogun State had its radio program on July 6, 2022. It was a 30minutes program titled Personal Income Tax: Taxpayer's Responsibility aired on Sweet FM 107.1 Abeokuta at 12.30pm.

The Chapter Coordinator was the guest on the program and two other members that went with her are the Chapter Secretary Mrs Bosede Opawande and another EXCO member Ms Olabisi Omonayajo-Ilesanmi.

The 30minutes recorded clip has been shared of the NEC WhatsApp platform.

The cost of the program is N35, 000 (Thirty Five thousand Naira Only) and we will appreciate the refund as soon as possible.

Thanks to our National Chairperson, EXCO and the Tesac Committee for the opportunity avail us to educate the public and also showcase SWIT.

Oluyomi Dawodu FCTI Ogun Chapter Coordinator





# SWIT ABUJA CHAPTER **TESAC RADIO PROGRAMME REPORT**





# **Report for the Formal Inauguration of SWIT Bauchi State Executive and Investiture of the 1st State Coordinator**

he event which took place on Wednesday, 29th June, 2022 at Destination Hotel Bauchi saw the presence of the following personalities:

- The National President CITN/ Chairman Executive Council 1. Mr Adesina Adedavo FCTI. (Vitual)
- 2. National Chairperson of SWIT Dr. Abiola Adimula Esq, FCTI (Virtual)
- 3. National 1st Vice Chairperson of SWIT Mrs. Bosede F. Ikhanoba FCTI. (Virtual)
- Mr. Fisayo Awogbade FCTI, Register/CEO of CITN (virtual) 4.
- 5. Mrs. Emily Ufulul Deboer, SWIT Asst. National Publicity and Publication Secretary
- 6. Other National and Executive of CITN including, Vice President, Deputy Vice President, Honourary Treasurer, Deputy Registrar 1 and PA to the President (all virtual).
- Mrs. Esther J. Nyam FCTI, CNA Coordinator SWIT 7. Jos Chapter
- 8. Chairman Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Bauchi State Chapter Alh. Kabiru Ahmed FCTI
- Chairman of the investiture organizing committee Alh. Sama'ila Adamu FCTI, Deputy vice chairman JDS.
- 10. Representative of Bauchi State Chairman Board of Internal Revenue Alh. Mu'azu Usman FCTI
- 11. National Vice President AUPCTRE
- 12. Representative of the Emir of Bauchi Dr. Rilwanu Sulaimanu Adamu
- 13. Other Traditional Tittle Holders
- 14. Representative of the States Accountability, Transparency and Effectiveness (State 2 State) Project.
- 15. Members of the Press
- 16. Families and friends of the newly inaugurated officials among others.

## Activities featured during the program:

- The event begins with the opening prayers followed by the National Anthem.
- Welcome address by the Chairman inauguration and investiture organizing committee Alh. Sama'ila Adamu FCTI.
- Address by the National President CITN / Chairman of

- Council Mr Adesina Adedayo FCTI.
- Address by National Chairperson Dr. Mrs Abiola Adimula esq, FCTI
- Chairman Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Bauchi State Chapter Alh. Kabiru Ahmed FCTI delivers his address.

### CITATION OF COORDINATOR:

Hajiya Aishatu Tahir was born on 20May, 1975 in the Family of late Ibrahim Tahir, Talban Bauchi. She attended Shekal Primary School from 1981-1987.

She attended Government Girls College Bauchi from 1988-1993. She went to Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic Bauchi for her Ordinary Diploma in Business Administration and Management between 1995-1997. She obtained her Higher National Diploma (HND) in Business Administration and Management from Federal Polytechnic Bauchi between 2008- 2010. In addition, she obtained Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi between 2016-2017. She has completed course work of Masters in Business Administration and Management from National Open University of Nigeria, NOUN.

Hajiya Aishatu joined BIRS as Senior Inspector of Tax in 2013. She is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. She has successfully passed her professional exams for Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN). Hajiya Aishatu Tahir was happily married with children.

- \* Investiture/Swearing of the 1st Bauchi State Coordinator of SWIT Hajiya Aishatu Tahir, by the National Chairperson represented by Asst. National Publicity and Publication Secretary Mrs Emily Ufulul Deboer.
- \* Swearing in/Inauguration of the State New State executive by the State coordinator Hajiya Aishatu Tahir.
- \* Acceptance speech by the State Coordinator:









# ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY MRS. AISHATU TAHIR (ACTI) ON HER INVESTITURE AS THE FIRST COORDINATOR SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (S.W.I.T) BAUCHI DISTRICT

am humble today in this special occasion of my investiture as the coordinator, Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT) Bauchi District and Formal Inauguration of its executive under the auspices of the great Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) Bauchi State Chapter.

All thanks and salutations are for Allah (SWT) who destined for me to witness this historic occasion. I will also wish to express my propound gratitude to my family and friends who contributed in non-small measure towards making the occasion a reality.

therefore wish to call on my colleagues in the tax profession and other sister women organizations to join hands with SWIT to fast track the socioeconomic development of the state and the country as a whole.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SWIT:

The Bauchi District and Society I lead wish to pursue the following:

- 1. Understand tax awareness campaign to the various sectors of Bauchi State Economy with particular focus on women.
- Encourage members to participate actively in all matters of the Society and other professionals bodies.
- Expand the membership of SWIT among women tax 3. professionals in Bauchi State.
- Encourage information of tax awareness clubs in

- secondary schools in order to catch future tax payers young.
- 5. Support the CITN Bauchi and District Society in protection of its charter and all its activities.
- To collaborate with all revenue generating agencies towards improving IGR for the development of our dear state.

Finally, I thank you all for attending this ceremony and wish you a journey mercy back to your respective destination.

Thankyou all.

## Goodwill messages delivered by:

- Coordinator SWIT Jos, Mrs. Esther J Nyam FCTI
- Comrade Abdullahi Ibrahim (Marafan Madakin Bauchi) Vice president AUPCTRE
- Representative of States Accountability, Transparency and Effectiveness (State2State)
- Vote of thanks by the Vice Coordinator 1 Hajiya Balkisu Abba ACTI
- Closing prayer
- National Anthem.

## SUMMARY

The occasion was generally regarded as successful as everything was implemented accordingly. Furthermore, all the invited guests had a hitch free journey to Bauchi and back to their homes safely.











# THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TAXATION OF NIGERIA KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE 15 CITN PRESIDENT, ADESINA ADEDAYO, mni, FCTI, AT THE **INAUGURATION /INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF THE** BENUE CHAPTER OF THE CITN SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION

### **Protocols**

- t is my esteemed pleasure to welcome you all to the investiture ceremony of the 1st Coordinator of the CITN Society of Women in Taxation, Benue Chapter, Madam Shiva Rae Movul Kondoun.
- This event is very significant to the Institute as it remains a performance indicator of our progress and achievements from the perspective of women inclusion in developing the tax profession in Nigeria. It is my delight to inform you that from about 8 Chapters of SWIT as at December 2021, we now have an addition of Seven Chapters by virtue of today's event.
- I remain steadfast in my conviction that, women are critical stakeholders, not just in developing the tax system in Nigeria, but in the development trajectory of our nation. It is in recognition of this fact that the institute officially inaugurated the SWIT in 2010.
- Since then, it is a thing of joy to witness the achievements of SWIT over the years. As you are aware, SWIT is expanding on a continuous and consistent basis even at international levels.
- Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the concept behind the Society of Women in Taxation is pursuant to wisdom of council to ensure total women inclusiveness in developing the tax profession in Nigeria and beyond.
- For the sake of emphasis, SWIT remains the only recognized wing of the institute spearheaded by great women to make impact in the tax profession in Nigeria. This is mainly by selling the activities of the Institute and portraying its good image to all and sundry. As such, I must commend SWIT for her prowess in creating tax awareness through rigorous sensitization programs, tax awareness campaigns and training, especially in communities where little is known about taxation.
- Let me put on record that, SWIT is not just significant but necessary to the attainment of the aspirations of the Chartered Institute of Taxation which hinged on developing and sustaining professionalism in the Nigerian tax system. While I commend you for all your efforts, I beckon you not to sleep on yesterday's glory if your tomorrow must be greater.
- On this note, I heartily congratulate the newly elected 1st Coordinator of the SWIT, Benue Chapter, Madam Shiva Rae

Movul Kondoun, FCTI and other Executive members.

- lurge you to work effectively in ensuring that this Chapter becomes a crystal of admiration among other Chapters of SWIT in Nigeria. Be assured that from today, Members will be looking up to you for direction and responsive leadership. I am confident you will surpass expectations in terms of achievement.
- 10. Also, the Council of the Institute and the SWIT at National level will be looking up to you to perform exceptionally in the following areas:
- Projecting the image of CITN and upholding its Charter at all times;
- ii. Work closely with the SWIT at the national levels and make effective contributions to issues affecting tax and fiscal policy within your jurisdiction;
- iii. Build awareness on tax obligation in your jurisdiction and beyond;
- Liaising effectively with stakeholders within its jurisdiction;
- Providing a strong platform for capacity development for ٧. members;
- Attending to welfare of your members; and vi.
- Ensuring adequate publicity of the Chapter's activities.
- 10. I am confident that you will achieve all these and even surpass all expectations.
- 11. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I humbly thank everyone that has put in effort to ensure that the Benue Chapter of the SWIT is inaugurated today. I specially want to thank the National Chairperson of the SWIT for her tenacity and vision.
- 12. I hereby assure you that Council will continue to support the SWIT and by extension the Benue Chapter in anyway it can towards achieving its stated aims and objectives.
- 13. I, thank you and God bless you all.

Adesina ADEDAYO mni, FCTI 15 President and Chairman of Council Friday 19 August, 202

# PROFILE OF THE BENUE STATE PIONEER COORDINATOR



ADAM SHIVA RAE M'OVUL- KONDOUN began her accounting career over twenty one years ago with Benue State University, Makurdi, where she rose to apex positions of the Pioneer Financial Controller of the Benue State University, college of Health Sciences Makurdi, Acting Busar, and currently Deputy Bursar, Budget and expenditure control Division of the Bursary department.

Mdm. Shiva is a board member of the Chartered Institute of Forensics and certified Fraud Examiners of Nigeria (CIFCFEN). She is also an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) and the second (2nd )Vice Chairperson of CITN education committee.

Furthermore, she has served on various ANAN council committees. Presently she is a member of conferences, workshops and publicity committee (CWPC).

Her exceptional contributions to the various professional bodies has earned her prestigious fellow of ANAN, (FCNA) and CIFCFEN (FCCRA and FCCFE) awards.

She further encourages award mentors professional female Accountants to attain and maintain ethical professional standards.

Madam. Shiva indeed wears many hats. She currently doubles as the Benue state coordinator of professional Women Accountants in Nigeria (PROWAN) and the Society for Women in Taxation (SWIT).

She is a Former First Lady of Logo local government area in Benue state where she pioneered many women empowerment and health awareness programs.

Madam. Shiva Rae M'ovul- Kondoun, FCNA is a devoted Christian and a practicing catholic.

She is happily married to Hon. Michael Terhemba Kondoun and the marriage is blessed with four (4) children and many foster children as well.





## ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF THE BENUE STATE PIONEER COORDINATOR

bday I look back in retrospect to 26th November, 2020, the Guided by the vision of the chartered institute of taxation in day of the investiture of the 4th chairman and EXCO of the Makurdi district and society.

I call with reminiscence the charge to me by my mamma and mentor the immediate past president of CITN: DAME GLADYS OLAJUMOKE SIMPLICE, FCTI to start a SWIT CHAPTER in the district.

Am delighted that this investiture marks the fulfillment of that charge. To God be all the glory.

This ceremony signifies a call to service and I know the act of service requires humility and integrity which shall be my badge.

Nigeria: CITN and the objectives of the society for women in taxation: SWIT.

I Madam Shiva Rae M'ovul- Kondoun, ACTI, do hereby gladly accept my appointment as the Pioneer coordinator of SWIT, Makurdi chapter.

I resolve to use my TIME, TALENT, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, and TREASURES for the good of SWIT, SO HELP ME GOD.

LONG LIVE SWIT. LONG LIVE MAKURDI DISTRICT AND SOCIETY, LONG LIVE CITN.











## COURTESY VISIT TO THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, PLATEAU STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SWIT Plateau Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman Mr. Dashe Arlat Dashogot FCTI, to thank and appreciate him for the support to SWIT of Plateau Chapter from inception, and sponsoring the Female members of the Service to participate in SWIT Annual Seminar 2022.







The Chapter Coordinator, Mrs Esther J. Nyam FCTI making the presentations to the Executive Chairman.



SWIT PSIRS Members with the Executive Chairman Mr. Dashe Arlat Dasogot FCTI

# COURTESY VISIT TO THE TAX CONTROLLER OF THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE (FIRS), JOS PLATEAU STATE ALH. AUWAL MUHAMMAD GIDADO ACTI

SWIT Plateau Chapter visited the Tax Controller of the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Jos to mobilize support to sponsor FIRS Jos SWIT members to subsequent activities and programmes.



Plateau Chapter Coordinator Esther J. Nyam and Hajiya Halimatu Maidambe 1st Vice Coordinator.



Presentation of the 1st Newsletter to the Tax Controller Alh. Auwal Mohammad Gidado ACTI



Presentation of Jos and District Society uniform to the Tax Controller



SWIT Plateau Chapter representatives with the newly inaugurated Bauchi State Chapter Coordinator Hajiya Aishatu Tahir ACTI

## INTRODUCTION TO TAXPRO MAX SOLUTION PRESENTED ON 7TH JULY, 2022 @ FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE, JOS PRESENTED BY AUTA B. K.

Training of Plateau Chaper SWIT Members on Tax Pro-Max. Main Highlights of Taxpro Max \* Registration \* Tax returns filing e.g. CIT, VAT, WHT, CGT, STD etc. \* Tax remittance \* Collection \* Reports









Mrs. Ebwase Samme ACTI, shared with members on Filing of Value added Tax on Tax Pro-Max

SWIT Plateau Chapter in collaboration with the Informal Unit of Plateau State Internal Revenue Service held a sensitization and training of Market women leaders on Tax Law, Policies and Guidelines on the 3rd August 2022 at the PSIRS Conference Hall.

The Executive and Management were in attendance during the training.









The Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN) ICAN inaugurated and Investiture of the Chairperson Mrs. Loretta Takon FCA Jos Chapter on the 23rd April, 2022 which took place at Fox Hotel No.18 Akila Machunga Street, Jos Plateau State near Jay FM.









## SWIT PLATEAU CHAPTER REVIEW THE LEARNING OUTCOME OF COTONOU 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH THEME: THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN NATIONAL BUILDING

Institute gave more clarification and insight on:

Who is a Professional Woman? A professional woman is a woman who is well EDUCATED; with broad EXPERIENCE and sufficiently EXPOSED to deal with various challenges in public and private life.

Issues raised by the Presenter and his perception...

The wonder women... how did they break the glass ceiling? .. It is about TENACITY... not interpreting NO as NEGATIVE but as NOT YETTIME.

Breaking the Barriers: 1.A lifetime against POVERTY and IGNORANCE...

Manifesting in form of: \*Lack of adequate education / \* Prejuice/Indiscrimination / \*Culture/Religion/Male. Dominance ARE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE SOON.

As suggested by the presenter, in visualising new options, this will require DELIBERATE MENTORSHIP and KNOWLEDGE FINANCING.

MENTORSHIP/GUIDANCE by committing to a cause such as, "The empowered Girl" project where every professional

he role of professional women in National Building; commits to taking a girl child out of poverty and ignorance. The discussion of a paper presented by Hon. Abike Dabiri above will address other issues highlighted such as training, Erewa by Adesina Adedayo, mni FCTI the President of the skill acquisition resource management and entrepreneurship.

NOW MEET THE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN...

RESPONSE. ABILITY Transforming values into action.

LEADERSHIP: Leadership comes naturally to a woman by virtue of her strength and resilience. She manages to weave a thread of solution to various challenges.

Leadership: \*Empower people / \*Lead change / \*Inspire people / \*Shared vision

Resilience: \*Adaptability / \*Flexibility / \*Learning

Motives: \*Transaction motive / \*Precautional Motive \*Speculative motive

## CLOSING COMMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

.It is time for us to make the Serenity Prayer: "GOD, grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change, COURAGE to change the things I can, and WISDOM to know the difference." ~ Reinhold Niebulur (1892-1971).

A woman with a voice is by definition a strong woman... But the search to find that voice can be remarkably difficult.

~ Melinda Gates

You will be defined not just by what you achieve, but by how you survive. ~ Sheryl Sandars.

## THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (SWIT) LAGOS CHAPTER CELEBRATES SWIT @ SILK AT THE 1ST MEET AND GREET SESSION

t was with great joy that SWIT Lagos, the foremost Chapter, proceeded to celebrate our dear Society, The Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT) at 12 years. The event which was tagged "Meet and Greet - SWIT@ SILK, was preceded with the usual bi-monthly meeting of 9th April, 2022.

The event was the first physical meeting held after a long break due to COVID 19 pandemic which ravaged world in 2020. The excitement of the women could not be contained as there was a large turnout of both old and new members. The atmosphere was that of excitement and happiness as there was plenty to eat and drink; and when it was to time, sisters joyfully responded to cool music on the dance floor. In order to create familiarity and friendship among the SWIT sisters for better collaboration, there was a session tagged, "Blow Your Trumpet" where they introduced themselves and their business interest. The children were not left out of the fun; they also were treated to a good time as they interacted and played freely together at the event.

Gifts were presented to some deserving personalities in appreciation for their contributions, encouragement and activities in SWIT Lagos Chapter in the past 12 years. Most importantly, everyone went home with a gift from the State Coordinator, Barr. (Mrs) Cecilia Odenafenale Odibo.





## CelebrationTime





The President of CITN, Mr Adesina Adedayo, FCTI and Registrar CITN, Mr Fisayo Awogbade showed up briefly at the Meet and Greet Session



L-R Dame Olajumoke Simplice, Dr. ( Mrs) Titi Fowokan, the State Coordinator, Barr. (Mrs) Cecilia Ode afenale Odibo, the first State Coordinator of the Chapter, Mrs, Nkechi kolue and Mrs Sandra Momah, the Vice State Coordinator of the Chapter.













# **Cutting the Anniversary cake**









# **Dancing Time**



# **Gift Corner**

