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Grand Investiture Of The 5th National Chairperson Of the Society Of Women In Taxation (SWIT), Mrs Bosede Florence Ikhanoba FCTI.

he investiture of the 5th National Chairperson of the Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Mrs Bosede Florence Ikhanoba FCTI, and the inauguration of the Executive Committee held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Palme D'or Gardens/Hall, Area 1, Garki, FCT- Abuja was a grand success, filled with joy and excitement.

Mrs. Bosede Florence Ikhanoba FCTI, mentioned in her acceptance speech that SWIT will carry out a lot of enlightenment on tax matters during her tenure. She stated that during her tenure, SWIT would help to advocate for women in business. She remarked that we want everybody to know why they should pay their tax. Tax is an obligation. She reiterated that "every one of us must understand that you are obligated to pay part of your income to the government. It is what you pay that the government uses to fix infrastructure. So, once you pay your tax, you can hold the government accountable."

The National President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) and the Chief host of the event, Mr Samuel Agbeluyi FCTI swore in Mrs Ikhanoba. In his remark Mr Samuel Agbeluyi said he expected the society's and CITN's progress during Mrs Ikhanoba's tenure.

The Executive Secretary, Joint Tax Board (JTB), Hajiya Nana-Aisha Obomeghie, said the board would collaborate with SWIT to help enlighten women in business on their obligation in terms of tax filing and the benefits they would get when they were tax-compliant.

The Executive Committee inaugurated by Mrs Bosede Ikhanoba were Dr Caroline Ndubuisi (Vice Chairperson), Dr Odunayo Ani (Deputy Vice Chairperson), Mrs Oluwaseun Olajube (General Secretary), Dena Rose Ajayi (Treasurer), Mrs Ruth Arokoyo (Financial Secretary), Mrs Olaitan Babatunde (Publicity & Publication Secretary), Dr Virginia N Udeh (Social & Welfare Secretary) Mrs Janet E Olaoye (Membership Secretary) Mrs Angelina Chinonso Ajoku (Assistant General Secretary, Mrs Buseri Tonye (Assistant Membership Secretary, Dr Eunice Odum (Assistant Publicity Secretary), Esther Nyam (Assistant Social/Welfare Secretary) and Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula (Immediate Past Chairperson).

Some of the dignitaries present at the event included past president Dame Gladys Simplice FCTI, Hajia Queesly Soghesime, some of the CITN council members, Dr Mrs Titi Fowokan FCTI, Prof Godwin Oyedokun FCTI and CITN Registrar Mr. Lanre Olasunkanmi.





BY THE PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENT, SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR (DVP, ICAN) AND PIONEER CHAIRPERSON







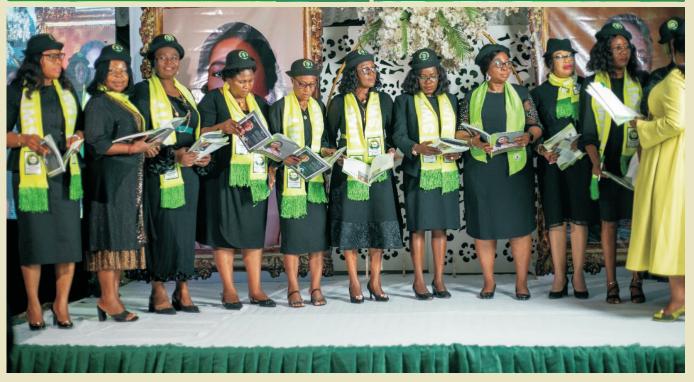
The National Chairperson reading her acceptance speech



The National Chairperson addressing the Media on her Tenure Action Plan



The investiture cake inscribed with names of all Executive members



NEWSFLASH FROM THE NATIONAL





Traditional wedding of the son of our referred National Chairperson, Barr. Ezinwa Okoroafor at the United Kingdom. SWIT was ably represented by the Deputy Vice Chairperson, Dr. Odunayo Ani



On 7 of May 2023, SWIT held a farewell dinner in honour of the Immediate Past Chairperson, Dr. Abiola Adimula to celebrate the success of her tenor.



SWIT paid a courtesy call to the Accountant General of the Federation, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Madein. She was decorated into the prestigious SWIT Hall of Fame



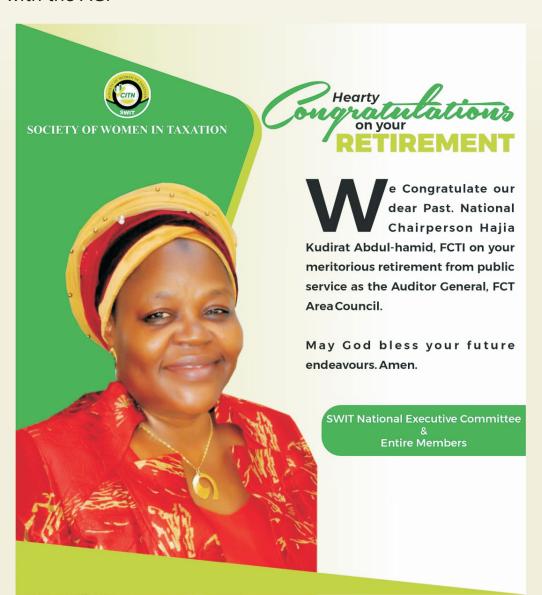
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National Chairperson & VC with the AGF



With Executive Chairman, FCT- IRS
Alh Haruna Abdullahi



SWIT Play a Prominent Role at the Investiture of the 16th President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria

n the 10th of June 2023, Mr Samuel Olushola Agbeluyu was invested as the 16th president of the Charetered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). The event, which took place at the Lagos Continental Hotel in Victoria Island, Lagos, was well attended by guests and dignitaries

As the female arm of the Institute, SWIT was massively represented by members across the country. The SWIT delegation was ably led by the National Chairperson, Mrs Bosede Ikhanoba.









Mummy Simplice with the Chairperson and her Vice. Movers and shakers of SWIT

SWIT ANAMBRA CHAPTER VISITTO ONITSHA MARKETMBRA SWIT CHAPTER VISIT TO ONITSHA MARKET

he chapter's visit to Onitsha market's sector leaders had a clear mission: to emphasize the importance of proper record-keeping. This effort aimed to empower businesses by promoting financial transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability. It encouraged the adoption of modern tools and practices while fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility within the marketplace. The visit marked the beginning of a transformative journey towards a more efficient and trustworthy business environment in Onitsha market. Attached are copies of some of the pictures, which speaks volume.





SWIT ANAMBRA

Collaborates with Anambra State Internal Revenue Service on Enlightenment Campaign Anambra chapter of SWIT, in collaboration with the Anambra State Internal Revenue Service, enlightened the public on tax matters, emphasising Personal Income Tax. The Chapter Coordinator, Dr. (Lady) Ifeoma Obieri and Mrs. Ify Josephine Okafor represented SWIT. It ended very well. We thank God for the privilege.





SWIT LAGOS STATE CHAPTER

REPORT ON THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN TAXATION (SWIT), LAGOS STATE CHAPTER

BY NWAMAKA OSUEZE ITIE, ACTI (PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS SECRETARY, SWIT LAGOS STATE CHAPTER).

was a memorable day for everyone who graced the occasion of the investiture ceremony of Mrs Sandra Chinedu-Momah, FCTI as the 5th State Coordinator of SWIT Lagos State Chapter. The Ceremony was held at the prestigious Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja. The occasion was graced by renowned dignitaries who flocked in their number to render support to the incoming State Coordinator and her executives.

In attendance were our everamiable SWIT National Chairperson - Mrs Bosede Ikhanoba, FCTI. The CITN Registrar - Dr. Lanre Olasunkanmi, FCTI; CITN Deputy Vice President - Mr Simon Kato; Chairperson of the Society of Women Accounts of Nigeria (SWAN) - Mrs Hilda Ozor, FCTI; other distinguished council members, State Coordinators from other SWIT Chapters across Nigeria, Past Presidents of CITN and SWIT Lagos, representatives of the revenue authority, the most significant tax consulting firms in

the country and the industry. The program was a strategic success and was well executed by the Chairman of the Investiture Planning Committee, Mrs. Jenifer Gbalajobi, who is serving as the Lagos State Vice State Coordinator.

Mrs. Sandra Chinedu-Momah is a fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW), a Member of Nigeria Institute of Management (Chartered), Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN), Pioneer President, Professional Women's Network (PWN) and Founder of Insightful Ladies Forum (ILF). Currently, she is running her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Finance at Babcock University, Nigeria.

She is an Associate Partner with Ernst and Young (EY) Nigeria,

where she leads the Financial Services sector in the Tax Unit. Sandra is also a Pastor at Mercyseat Tabernacle International. She is happily married to Pastor Chinedu Momah with children.

Some of the focal points which Mrs Sandra Momah promised to deliver on during her tenure include:

- · Fostering continuous learning and professional growth through seminars, workshops, and networking events
- · Initiating taxpayer outreach programs to enhance tax awareness among market communities and enlighten taxpayers about their civic rights and duties.
- Collaborating with fellow professional bodies across Lagos to convene a symposium addressing pivotal issues affecting our members.
- Publishing a comprehensive compendium titled 'Nigerian Women in Tax and their Achievements' celebrating the incredible contributions of women in our field.

In her acceptance speech, she expressed her gratitude to all those who had stood by her and or supported the success of the SWIT Lagos Chapter. She promised to leverage the existing foundation of







the Chapter in empowering women within the tax industry to effect positive contributions within the broader communities.

In her interview with the mass media houses, Mrs. Sandra Momah spoke about the Tax to GDP ratio and the importance of tax revenue to the government. She emphasised that research showed organisations managed by women were more profitable. Hence, she called for women to be at the forefront of the tax reform process in Nigeria and for the SWIT Lagos State Chapter to contribute its quota in tax reforms.







REPORT ON THE SENSITIZATION OUTING BY THE SWIT LAGOS CHAPTER TAXPAYERS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

n Tuesday, the 19th of September 2023, the Taxpayers Outreach Committee of the SWIT Lagos Chapter held a Taxpayers Sensitization Awareness Campaign to cover the Lagos Mainland West Region and its environs. The venue was at the Eko Club, Surulere, Lagos State. The theme of this program was "Taxpayers Education: Tax Innovations in the Nigerian Tax System".

In delivering this objective, SWIT Lagos partnered with the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Surulere and environs during its One-Day Taxpayers sensitisation program to provide taxpayers with valuable insights on:

- · Finance Act as an Innovation to the Nigerian Tax System
- · Recent updates to Tax Pro Max.

Some key moments from the event have been captured below:









SWIT BAYELSA CHAPTER

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MENTORING, SKILL ACQUISITION AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME.





-day entrepreneurship, mentoring, skill acquisition and empowerment programme was organized by SWIT Bayelsa state Chapter on Saturday 29th July 2023, at the CITN Yenegoa and Distinct Society Secretariat.

The Chapter Coordinator, Mrs. Tonye Buseri emphasized on the importance of having a skill set in her welcome address, she encouraged all participants to pay rapt attention to the programme.

About seventy participants were in attendance of the programme, Mrs Tonye Buseri also remarked that among the objectives of the programme was to empower ten of the participants to be well grounded in catering skills by ensure payment of their training fees to have a three-month intensive training in Catering services.

The first paper presenter; Mrs. Ebiladei Okoto demonstrated a practical session on how to prepare small chops, which includes Puff-Puff, Samosa and Spring Roll. The second session was anchored on how to make drinks such as Chapman, Yoghurt, Greek Yoghurt and Fruits parfait. The third Lecture was on how to Combine fruits for fruits Juice and Smoothies including Avocado peer & Beetroot + Banana and Water Melon & Pineapple etc. It was an impactful programme.

SWIT OYO CHAPTER HELD 5TH INVESTITURE IN IBADAN









he Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Oyo State Chapter invested Chief Mrs. Simbiat Olayinka Amure-Oduwaye as the 6th Coordinator on July 13, 2023, in Ibadan, hosted by Mr. Samuel Olushola Agbeluyi. inaugurated the committee which includes.

Mrs. Bosede Ikhanoba, SWIT's National Chairperson, EMPHASISED on expanding the tax net and gender-inclusive tax laws.

Prof. Olayinka Adenikinju delivered the investiture lecture.

Chief Executive Mrs. Amure-Oduwaye accepted the role and Mrs Olaitan Babatunde (Vice Coordinator), Mrs Adeniran (Deputy Vice Coordinator), Mrs. Bisi Adeleke (Treasurer), Mrs B. K. Aderemi (General Secretary), Mrs Akinfaye Adepoju (Social/Welfare), Mrs Soremekun Olateju (Financial Secretary), Mrs Adewoyin Mojisola (Membership Secretary) Mrs Akinbowale Sileola (Publicity Secretary) Alhaja Adedeji (Assistant Social/Welfare), Mrs Olagunju Stella (Assistant General Secretary) and Mrs Arinde Rosemary (immediate past Coordinator).

SWIT BENUE CHAPTER SENSITISATION VISIT BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY

Benue SWIT Chapter paid a Courtesy Call on the Dean faculty of Management Sciences/HOD Accounting and Taxation at Benue State University on 16 August 2023. The Benue Chapter coordinator, Mrs. Shiva Rae Kondoun led the SWIT team,

The purpose of the visit was to partner with the school to promote CITN and encourage the setup of a tax club in the institution. Also, to seek approval for introducing the Association of Nigeria Taxation Students (ANTAS) in the department. The visit was a huge success.







SWIT KWARA CHAPTER SUPPORT LIFE PATRON AT EVENT IN ILORIN

WIT Kwara Chapter, led by the State Coordinator, Mrs. Oluwakemi Obakemi, was at Whitefield Hotel on Thursday, 7th September 2023, to support one of our Life Patrons, Prof. Teju Somorin, at a discussion/workshop on Domestic Tax for North-Central Geopolitical Zonal Stakeholders organised by the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning in collaboration with World Bank. Other facilitators at the event were Prof. Muritala Awodun and Dr. Bilikisu Oniyangi.

The objective of the workshop was to resolve issues surrounding domestic tax and come up with possible solutions that will be collated and presented to the Federal Government.

In attendance were tax administrators - KW-IRS, KGIRS and FCTIRS. Some local government representatives, Abuja Municipal Area Council and Kuje Area Council were also present.

Also in attendance were some stakeholders - Kwara State Association of Marketers, Kwara



3rd Investiture of

SWIT KWARA CHAPTER

Coordinator and Inauguration of Excos.







he investiture ceremony of the 3rd SWIT Kwara Chapter

Coordinator was a momentous occasion that celebrated the empowerment and leadership of women in taxation. Held at the prestigious Rotana Hotel Hall in Kwara State, the event brought together notable dignitaries, including the National Chairperson of SWIT, Mrs Bosede Ikhanoba, as the Host of the event, the immediate past president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Chief Adesina Adedayo, mni FCTI, and Council Member, CITN, Dr. Titi Fowokan, FCTI. Also in attendance was the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Mrs Shade Omoniyi, ACTI, as the Special Guest of Honour and her predecessor, Prof. Muritala Awodun, FCTI as a Guest.

The event's highlight was the official swearing-in of Mrs. Oluwakemi Obakemi, ACTI, as the 3rd SWIT Coordinator, Kwara State Chapter, and the Excos' inauguration. In her acceptance speech, she expressed her commitment to promoting gender diversity, inclusiveness, and excellence in taxation.

Distinguished guests, including Prof. Shaykh Luqman Jimoh, the Ag graced the investiture ceremony. Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University, Malete, who delivered an inspiring keynote address on the role of women in shaping the future of taxation in Nigeria; Hakeem Ajonbadi, PhD, Birmingham City University, UK, who delivered the Investiture lecturer on Demystifying the Anathema of Women's career progression in the Tax Profession;

the Registrar/Chief Executive, CITN, Lanre Olasunkanmi, PhD, FCTI; the National Vice Chairperson, Dr Caroline Ndubuisi; SWIT National Deputy Vice Chairperson, Dr Odunayo Ani and SWIT Coordinators of other Chapters.

Several accomplished individuals were recognised and awarded for their outstanding contributions to society. This served as an inspiration to all attendees, highlighting the potential inherent in Taxation as a profession.

The ceremony provided an excellent platform for networking and collaboration among professionals from diverse fields. Members of Tax Clubs of various Secondary Schools and higher institutions also graced the occasion to ascertain catching them young, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose in

advancing the tax profession.

The investiture ceremony of the 3rd SWIT Coordinator, Kwara State Chapter, was a significant milestone in the journey towards gender equity and excellence in taxation. It showcased the determination and dedication of women in the field and encouraged further collaboration and support for their endeavours. With distinguished dignitaries and accomplished professionals in attendance, the event left a lasting impact on the taxation community in Kwara State.

This ceremony began a new leadership era for SWIT in Kwara State and emphasised the organisation's commitment to empowering and uplifting women intaxation.

SWIT OSUN CHAPTER

HELD A HEALTH TALK FOR MEMBERS

n Thursday, August 31, 2023, SWIT Osun held a health talk for members. The program that was held at Union Baptist Church Hall, Odi Olowo Osogbo was well attended. The resource person that handled the health talk was Dr. Babatunde Adeola Afolabi the CEO of Emmanuel Medical Centre, Osogbo

who spoke on the topic "Overcoming The Scourge Of Depression And Diabetes In The Society".

He started his presentation by diving into the meaning of depression as a Common mental disorder that presents with depressed mood, loss of interest or pleasure, feelings of guilt or low self-worth, disturbed sleep or appetite, low energy, and poor concentration.

He explained further the causes of depression, factors leading to depression, and solutions to depression. He explained that 70% of women are more likely to experience depression than men due to the fragility of women, trouble from children, husbands, workplaces, inlaws, and emotional trauma surrounding women.

He then analysed the meaning of DIABETES as a group of metabolic disorders characterised by abnormal metabolism, which results most notably in hyperglycemia due to defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both.

He explained the risk factors of diabetes and the correlation between diabetes and depression. He mentioned classes of diabetes, a few preventive measures, and care for diabetes. He emphasised the symptoms of diabetes and implored we all, who see any of the symptoms, should head to the hospital immediately.

He concluded by mentioning that early disease detection is a step to cure. Delay may be dangerous.



SWIT RIVERS CHAPTER

HELD REDEDICATION/THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT THE CHRIST CHURCH INTERDENOMINATIONAL, PORT HARCOURT

t was refreshing in His presence on 25th June 2023 when SWIT-Rivers members came out to say "God, thank you" for thus far you have led us. Having gone through an election and a successful change of baton of the Executives, the chapter felt it was necessary to rededicate themselves afresh unto Him who has made it possible.

The Vicar in charge, Revd. Michael prayed and presented them to God for a fresh anointing, safekeeping and empowerment for greater exploits.





SWIT Rivers Held a Radio Enlightenment Program

SWIT Rivers held a Radio Enlightenment Program on 24/8/23, targeted at the Nano, small & medium size enterprises on the Wave 91.7 FM Port Harcourt. The team led by facilitated by the State Coordinator, Dame Eunice Odum, PhD, FCTI spoke on the benefits of Business Registration, Financing and statutory obligations (Taxes) Compliance. It was a 30-minute discussion program aimed at educating the Petty Traders and SMEs on the right way to start & grow businesses & obligations that must be complied with to operate safely & be a "going concern"







On 14 September 2023, the SWIT Rivers chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Accountant General of River State, Dr Uche Ideozu, FCA and the Director of Treasury of the State to inform them of the SWIT Enlightenment Programs & also solicit Financial Assistance to enable the chapter to carry out other activities on the action plan. The team was warmly received, and the AG promised his support.







SWIT BAYELSA CHAPTER

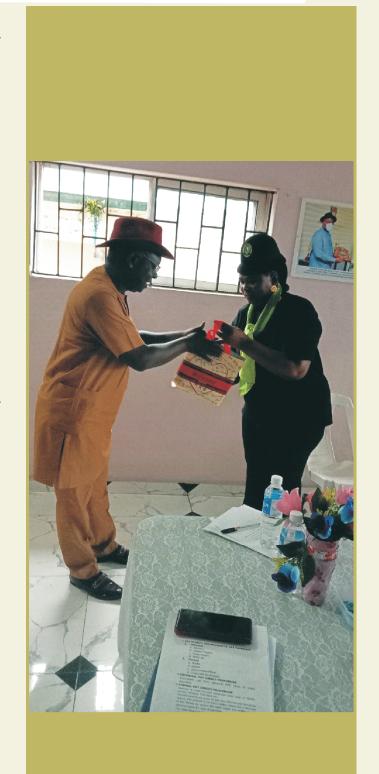
ORGANISED CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON TAX REGULATIONS AND REFORMS.

Superson organised a day training titled "Tax regulations and Reforms". The programme was held on June 20th, 2023 at theThe main objective of the programme was to further enrich the horizons of all participants with adequate knowledge on tax reforms.

The coordination of the programme was done by a committee, chaired by Mrs. Rosemary K. Alafegha, the chapter Vice Coordinator with other committee members include Madam Blessing T. Tebepah, Madam Violet Obubo, and Barr. Blessing Nnaemeka-Nwonu and Madam Matilda D. Tamunokare.

The programme was supported by the Federal Inland Revenue Service Yenagoa MSTO, the Bayelsa State Board of Internal Revenue (BYSBIR)and the Office of the State Auditor-General Bayelsa State.

It was an engaging, resourceful and insightful training as Mr. Brown Serigha Seriyai ACTI, a Manager of Tax in FIRS presented a lecture on Tax regulation and reforms. Madam



SWIT BAYELSA CHAPTER

ORGANISED CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON TAX REGULATIONS AND REFORMS.

Doubra Ineye Bozegha from VAT unit FIRS Yenagoa MSTO also lectured participants on the stepby-step procedure on using the Tax Promax Portal, a tax reform to file Value Added Tax & companies income tax. Another Resource person from the BYSBIR, Mr. Reuben Lugard, an Inspector of Taxes lectured on Tax Reforms procedures adopted in Bayelsa State Board of Internal Revenue which cut across reforms on Automation of Tax Payment for the informal and formal sectors and online process of Tax Clearance.

The programme was a huge success, at the end of the training, participants were more informed and exposed to tax reforms especially to reforms adopted by Bayelsa State Board of Internal Revenue and the procedures to achieve ease of tax payment.

SWIT Bayelsa state coordinator, Mrs. Tonye Buseri appreciated all stakeholders that contributed to the successful delivery of the programmee.





SWIT OGUN CHAPTER Investiture









he Ogun State Chapter of the Society of Women in Taxation, SWIT, held the Investiture of the 4th State Coordinator and inaugurated her executive committee members on the 16th of August, 2023.

Mrs Patience Oluwatoyin Olatunbosun, FCTI, was sworn in as the 4th Chapter Coordinator by the National Chairperson, Mrs. Bosede F. Ikhanoba FCTI, who was ably represented by the National Deputy Vice Chairperson, Dr. Odunayo Ani, FCTI. The National Chairperson charged all the members to hold dear the tenets of the Society and join hands with the new administration in projecting the image of SWIT in their immediate environment and, by extension, the country of Nigeria.

In attendance were the National

General Secretary, Mrs. Oluwaseun Olajube, FCTI, and the Oyo State Chapter Coordinator, Alhaja Simbiat Amure-Oduwaiye, FCTI.

The investiture featured two paper presentations. The first was titled "The Role of Women in Building the Society" by Mrs Olubisi Eniola Ajomale FCTI (2nd Ogun State Coordinator). The second paper, "Growth and Way Forward for the Society," was delivered by Mrs Mopelola Omolara Bello FCTI (inaugural State Coordinator).

In her valedictory speech, the Immediate Past Coordinator, Mrs Oluyomi Dawodu FCTI, thanked all for the support she enjoyed during her tenure and admonished that the same should be extended to the new Coordinator and her excoteam.



LAGOS Chapter









Mrs. Abidemi Rukayat Olawumi, aged 63 years died on Monday 10th July, 2023 after a protracted illness.

Mrs Olawumi was SWIT Lagos Chapter Representative for CITN V/I -Lekki and District Society and an active Member of Swit Lagos Chapter Taxpayers Outreach Committee.

Members of the Chapter attended her

Wake Keep on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023 at her residence in Lekki, Lagos and Funeral Service on Thursday, 20th July, 2023 at The Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos.

Swit Lagos Chapter sent a condolence letter to commiserate with her family and also gave cash donation.

