

CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA HOLDS COTTON SEMINAR

The Development Finance Department on behalf of the Central Bank of Nigeria is organizing a seminar with the theme: "Repositioning the Cotton Industry in Nigeria – The Way Forward". The seminar is holding on 23rd and 24th April, 2008, at the Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna, Kaduna State. His Excellency, Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State would be the Special Guest of Honour.

The objectives of the seminar among others are to:

- ◆ Sensitize the general public and in particular, the small, medium and large scale investors and farmers on the possibilities and challenges of creating wealth from cotton;
- ◆ Encourage stakeholders to adopt and integrate cotton growing into the traditional farming system;
- ◆ Create awareness for sustainable harvesting, processing, storage and marketing of cotton products; and
- ◆ Sensitize the stakeholders on its export potentials.

Papers will be presented at the seminar by experts drawn from research institutes and other agencies involved in the cotton production and management.

Participants **would include** Government officials at all levels; Cotton Producers; Processors; Marketers; Researchers; Bank Executives; and other stakeholders from the private sector.

Participation is free, but participants will be responsible for their transportation accommodation and similar costs.