



Central Bank Of Nigeria Organizes its Annual Microfinance Conference And Microfinance/Entrepreneurship Awards: January 22 - 23, 2009

The Central Bank of Nigeria is organizing its Annual Microfinance Conference and Microfinance/Entrepreneurship Awards from January 22 - 23, 2009. The Programme will hold at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Abuja, Nigeria. It will be declared open by Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua (GCFR), President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

The Theme of the Conference is “**Commercial Microfinance as a Tool for Poverty Alleviation**”. The programme will provide opportunities for stakeholders to discuss on best ways of conducting microfinance practice to achieve the objective of alleviating poverty in the Nigeria. Participants would include, local and foreign experts, development partners, top government functionaries, micro entrepreneurs, representatives of deposit money banks, microfinance banks, non governmental organizations, amongst others

The **Microfinance/Entrepreneurship Awards** would hold at the same venue on **Thursday, 22nd January, 2009**. This is to reward financial institutions, individuals, cooperative societies and other corporate bodies, who have distinguished themselves in entrepreneurship development in Nigeria in the year 2008.

Each participant is to pay a registration fee of ^ 10,000.00. Registration commences on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at the Conference Venue at 3.00 pm.