

INAUGURAL ADDRESS DELIVERED BY BARR BASIL ONYEACHONAM ONUORAH, THE PIONEER PRESIDENT GENERAL OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMAL INAUGURATION OF THE RESTRUCTURED OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE, AT THE ORGANISATION'S OFFICE IN AWKA ANAMBRA STATE DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.

Protocols

A time comes when God intervenes in the lives of men and women. When the heavenly father does this, everything falls into right places and through His irresistible will, He decides and points the way forward for the people. It's in this context that we are assembled here for the proclamation of a new dawn for Ndigbo who have collectively chosen their own team to pilot the affairs of OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE.

I speak as the President General of OHANEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE. My beloved NDIGBO brothers and sisters, I am conscious of the fact that you have not done so, because of any extraordinary attributes in me. I realize that I am not the oldest among you, nor the wisest, nor the wealthiest, nor the most experienced, nor the most learned. I am therefore humbly grateful to you for elevating me to this high pedestal.

I am honoured and humbled by the support of notable Igbo leaders in Nigeria and diaspora who are committed to the unity, security and prosperity of NDIGBO.

OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY is not a factional body but the main Ohanaeze Ndigbo which is being restructured to exist legally as a lawful organisation, represent the interest of Ndigbo and be accountable to Ndigbo.

It is a thing of joy to announce to Ndigbo all over the world that OHANAEZE NDIGBO for the first time is now registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in Nigeria with the registration number RC N0:144918.

We are all witnessing its first formal inauguration today as a lawful organization with corporate identity.

As the apex Igbo sociocultural organisation, we will provide the much needed unity, direction, guidance, advice, mentorship to our youths and political way forward for NDIGBO.

I make bold to say that come 2023 an Igbo man will be elected as the President of Nigeria. The unity of Ndigbo is paramount and sacrosanct in actualising Igbo Presidency come 2023.

The Igbo people have reached the crossroads and it is for us to decide which is the right course to follow. We are confronted with routes leading to diverse goals, but as we see it, there is only one road that we can safely recommend for us to tread, and it is the unity of Nigeria and Igbo presidency come 2023.

It is said that ‘the only room that is always available, is the room for improvement’, and it will be our top priority to ensure that OHANAEZE NDIGBO takes full occupancy of that room.

We need peace and security in Igbo land and Nigeria at large, we need development, empowerment of Ndigbo in strategic governmental positions, we need equitable distribution of national resources and national development projects in Igbo land.

We want the Federal Government of Nigeria to equitably address the genuine agitations of our people. The President must sit up to the current security challenges in Nigeria most especially in Igbo land, to dissuade our people from inevitable self-help.

We commend President Muhammadu Buhari for the ongoing construction of the Second Niger Bridge. This project is visible and we hope that it will be completed as promised. The ongoing rehabilitation of Enugu Airport is also commendable.

Together, we resolved that a great nation must care for the vulnerable, and protect its people from life’s worst hazards and misfortunes.

Covid-19 is real, I call on various arms of government in Nigeria to sit up and put an end to this coronavirus pandemic. The Holy Bible emphasised in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that we cannot be tempted more than we can handle. Together, we will send coronavirus away through collective actions that provide safety from its devastating impact.

The Welfare of NDIGBO is of utmost importance and we will maintain our exceptional, unique practices in this area. The bond that holds us together will be effectively exploited to celebrate key achievements and provide assistance to those in need.

We will provide financial assistance to our people in dire need of help; those in critical need of paying medical bills should endeavor to contact us via www.ohanaezendigbo.org

We will also render free medical and free legal services to any deserving indigene of Igbo land anywhere in the world within the resources available.

We have a team of medical doctors and team of lawyers who have volunteered free professional services to NDIGBO as a way of contributing their widow's mite to the welfare of our people.

We also have team of Pastors, Bishops and notable men of God who have undertaken to pray for NDIGBO day and night.

Please whatever good you can do for NDIGBO, do it now as time waits for nobody.

OHANAEZE NDIGBO Television Station and OHANAEZE NDIGBO Motors will soon be launched officially by our company OHANAEZE NDIGBO INTERNATIONAL LTD also registered at the Corporate Affairs Commission with the RC NO:1661342.

We are committed to the development of Igbo land and creating job opportunities for our unemployed youths.

We appreciate the efforts of OHANAEZE NDIGBO Founding Fathers and hereby promise to conspicuously keep your vision alive.

It is the vision of our founding fathers to unite NDIGBO and speak with one voice.

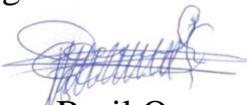
The ongoing restructuring of OHANAEZE NDIGBO became imperative, because the organization has been reduced to a mere pressure group, an elders forum of certain political persuasions, existing without corporate legal status and driven with egocentrism.

We have taken the bull by the horn, we will consult and involve all Igbo leaders in the affairs of NDIGBO, we will not discriminate against any political party.

NDIGBO, ONE PEOPLE - ONE VOICE.

Long live OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE!
Long live The Federal Republic of Nigeria!

Signed:



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OHANAEZE NDIGBO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORLDWIDE.