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COMMUNIQUE: NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA (NIDO) CONFERENCE, Toronto, Canada, January 18-20, 2007

Following the successful completion of the events at the **First Nigerian Worldwide Diaspora Conference** hosted by **NIDO Americas** in Toronto, Canada, from January 18-20, 2007, NIDO wishes to:

- Reaffirm its unwavering commitment to function as a reliable and legitimate organization platform for mobilization of Nigerians in the Diaspora to effectively engage and dialogue with the Nigerian Government and Nigerians to build a greater nation.
- Thank the Nigerian, United States and Canadian Governments, Ministries, parastatals and Agencies, Universities, private and public corporations in Nigeria, USA, Canada and elsewhere, as well as private individuals for the continued support of NIDO and its objectives.
- Encourage the Nigerian Government at all levels to sincerely commit to long-term human capital development, infrastructural and utility improvement, anti-corruption drive, law enforcement, and security of lives and property as essential national imperatives in sustaining Nigerian development.
- Advocate continued Diaspora support for ongoing socio-political, economic, educational, energy and structural changes for a greater, attractive and more internationally respected Nigerian nation.
- Encourage greater Diaspora investment in Nigeria, initiation of developmental projects and concerns at local and federal levels in Nigeria, active involvement in promoting the positive image of Nigeria abroad, and making genuine suggestions for progress and improvement of the society.
- Encourage the Nigerian Government at all levels to relentlessly continue and creatively advance its Diaspora engagement policies, by providing substantive support for meaningful Diaspora mobilization, dialogue and empowerment, the cultivation of the enabling environments for executing Diaspora initiatives, enfranchisement of legitimate members of the Diaspora community, and the demonstration of genuine interest in Diaspora expertise/skill utilization for national development, resource management and governance.
- Finally appeal to all members of the Nigerian Diaspora community to join the current Diaspora mobilization movement, to collectively galvanize our people to join hands in building a greater and progressive Nigerian nation.

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