

# ORGANIZATION OF GREAT BENIN KINGDOM (OGBK) WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE/LAUNCHING 2023 TAGGED “EDO CULTURE, OUR HERITAGE” AND HOSTED BY NIGERIA CHAPTER

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### 1.0. PREAMBLE

The Organizing and Fund Raising Committees set up for Organization of Great Benin Kingdom (OGBK) Conference/Launching 2023 was constituted by the President, **Engr. Isaac Igbinosun** during the Organization general meeting via Zoom. To oversee the affairs on the Organizing Committee, **Elder Chris Okunkpolor (UK)** was appointed as Chairman, while **Engr. Aghadiaye Ayo (Ireland)** was appointed as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. Other members of the Committees are as follows:

#### a. **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Orobosa Iyamu	-	Secretary	-	Nigeria
Madam Edith Egbeobawaye	-	Financial Secretary	-	Nigeria
Dr. George Idusuyi	-	Member	-	UK
Mrs. Esther Emeshili	-	Member	-	Nigeria
Engr. Aghadiaye Ayo	-	Member	-	Ireland
Dr. Sunshine Omorokunwa	-	Member	-	Italy
Madam Eki Okundaye	-	Member	-	Germany
Mrs. Lizzy Erinmwingbovo	-	Member	-	Nigeria
Mrs. Edowaye Igbinedion	-	Member	-	Nigeria
Mr. Victor Ediae	-	Member	-	Sweden
Madam Nekpen Ogiemudia	-	Member	-	Nigeria
Madam Helen Osayuware	-	Member	-	Nigeria

#### b. **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Orobosa Osawe	-	Assistant Secretary	-	Ireland
Mrs. Diana Igiebor	-	Member	-	Ireland
Mrs. Esther Olatunji	-	Member	-	Germany

The Committees were given the following as its terms of reference

### 2.0. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES

- To fix a suitable date for the Conference
- To Propose events for the Conference Activities
- To propose venues for each activities

- d. To propose a lists of Guests to be invited for the Conference Activities, in conjunction with the President and Executive Council Members
- e. To prepare and present a budget proposal for consideration at a General Meeting of OGBK
- f. To propose any other recommendations that will add colour, drive participation and add values to the 2023 Conference Activities
- g. To come up with modalities for fund raising
- h. To submit a report to the House through the Executive Council at the end of the Conference

### 3.0. MODUS OPERANDI

The Committees in its relentless bid to fulfill its Terms of Reference held several virtual meetings via Zoom and Whastapp voice calls where members were given different assignments, reports were given regularly and strategies were adopted in order to be able to deliver on its mandates before and during the Conference. The Organizing Committee drafted a well detailed proposal, which was presented to the House by the Chairman and Secretary of the Organizing Committee, **Elder Chris Okunkolor** and **Mr. Orobosa Iyamu**. In other for strangers not to gate crash the venue of the Conference, the Committee made it a point of duty that the invitation card will and was used to access the venue on the day of the Conference.

### 3.1. PROPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE AND ADVERTS IN BROCHURE

The Fund Raising Committee through the Chairman, **Engr. Aghadiaye Ayo** told the House that Members are expected to make contributions for the Conference at will, that is as much as they can willingly contribute but the minimum was pegged at **Five Thousand Naira only (N5,000)**.

The Organizing Committee also made a proposal for Advert placement/fees in the Brochure that was produced for the Conference and the fees are as follows;

- |    |                    |   |                     |
|----|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| a. | Full page          | - | <del>N</del> 10,000 |
| b. | Half page          | - | <del>N</del> 7,000  |
| c. | Inside Front Cover | - | <del>N</del> 20,000 |
| d. | Inside Back Cover  | - | <del>N</del> 20,000 |
| e. | Back Cover         | - | <del>N</del> 20,000 |

As at the time of this report, a total number of Seventy One (71) cash donations were recorded, which summed up to **Three Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Five Naira only (~~N~~3,458,425)**. Also, Three (3) donation in kind were recorded, which summed up to **Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Naira only (~~N~~290,000)**.

For Adverts, only Two (2) Companies/Businesses paid for full pages which was **Twenty Thousand Naira only (₦20,000)**.

The Committee in order to minimize the number of pages in the Brochure decided to allocate the free Inside Front and Inside Back Covers to the Two (2) Companies/Businesses which is supposed to be **Twenty Thousand Naira only (₦20,000)** for the full page of **Ten Thousand Naira only (₦10,000)** they paid for.

#### 4.0. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS TOWARDS THE CONFERENCE

S/N	NAMES	COUNTRY	CASH	DONATION IN KIND
1.	Engr. Isaac Igbinosun	Ireland	₦200,000	
2.	Elder Chris Okunkpolor	UK	₦200,000	
3.	Engr. Aghadiaye Ayo	Ireland	₦100,000	
4.	Mr. Orobosa Osawe	Ireland	₦150,000	
5.	Mrs. Diana Igiebor	Ireland	₦60,000	
6.	Mrs. Queen Olatunji	Germany	₦100,000	
7.	Mrs. Bose Ogbemudia	Germany	₦90,000	
8.	Mr. Jovita Oduagbon Itotayuwa	Canada	₦50,000	
9.	Madam Rosemary Esohe	Ireland	₦120,000	
10.	Mr. Collins Edo Osayi	Canada	₦100,000	
11.	Mr. Edosa Igbinosun	Ireland	₦100,000	
12.	Mrs. Mary Oviawonyi	Germany	₦100,000	
13.	Mrs. Rita Iyamu	Germany	₦100,000	
14.	U.S.A. Coordinator	USA	₦100,000	
15.	Prof. Daniel Okunbor	USA	₦50,000	
16.	Mr. Osaretin Omoruyi	France	₦100,000	
17.	Mr. Osagie Idehen	Ireland	₦100,000	
18.	Mr. Victor Ediae	Sweden	₦100,000	
19.	Mr. Osagie Edobor Friday	Ireland	₦100,000	
20.	Mr. Emmanuel Idehen	UK	₦150,000	
21.	Mrs. Stella Igbinosun	Ireland	₦50,000	
22.	Mr. Kevin Efe	Ireland	₦60,000	

23.	Prof. Alex Igbineweka	USA	₦31,000	
24.	Mrs. Clara Ereyi-Oshodin	UK	₦77,425	
25.	Mr. Osas Ogbemudia	USA	₦50,000	
26.	Mrs. Elizabeth Hannisdal	Norway	₦50,000	
27.	Mr. Sam Obadiaru	Ireland	₦20,000	
28.	Madam Stella Holzer	Germany	₦50,000	
29.	Mr. David Igbinovia	Ireland	₦20,000	
30.	Mrs. Joy Idehen	Uk	₦20,000	
31.	Mr. Francis Igbinosun	Japan	₦100,000	
32.	Madam Nekpen Ewemande	Canada	₦30,000	
33.	Mr. Richard Egbon Igbineweka	Germany	₦50,000	
34.	Dr. George Idusuyi	UK	₦50,000	
35.	Mr. Christopher Izevbuwa	UK	₦50,000	
36.	Mrs. Sarah Omoruyi	Dubai	₦10,000	
37.	Engr. Isaac Aghedo	USA	₦30,000	
38.	Madam Eki Okundaye	Germany	Video Coverage	₦160,000
39.	Dr. Sunshine Omorokunwa	Italy	Free Music	₦100,000
40.	Mr. Sule Otabor Agbonleni	Nigeria	₦5,000	
41.	Mrs. Edith Egbeobauwaye	Nigeria	₦5,000	
42.	Mrs. Helen Osayuware	Nigeria	₦5,000	
43.	Mrs. Benedicta Airhenbuwa	Nigeria	₦5,000	
44.	Madam Rosaline Ogbodu	Nigeria	₦5,000	
45.	Mrs. Hauwa Isibor	Nigeria	₦5,000	
46.	Madam Ibie Imuetinyan	Nigeria	₦5,000	
47.	Mrs. Nekpen Ogiemudia	Nigeria	₦5,000	
48.	Madam Satina Igbinedion	Nigeria	₦5,000	
49.	Mr. Ivans Etinosa Igbinosun	Nigeria	₦5,000	
50.	Dr. Mrs. Beauty Ehikioya	Nigeria	₦5,000	
51.	Miss Blessing Orobosa Igbinosun	Nigeria	₦5,000	
52.	Mrs. Esther Emeshili	Nigeria	₦10,000	
53.	Mr. Prince Sunny Aigbedion	Nigeria	₦5,000	
54.	Madam Mary Edowaye Igbinedion	Nigeria	₦5,000	
55.	Mr. Freedom Iyobosa Ajayi	Nigeria	₦5,000	

56.	Mr. Odion Ehima	Nigeria	₦5,000	
57.	Mrs. Ameze Ikponmwosa	Nigeria	Cutleries	₦30,000
58.	Hon. Mrs. Lizzy Erinmwingbovo	Nigeria	₦50,000	
59.	Barr. Fred Ogieriakhi	Ireland	₦20,000	
60.	Mrs. Hanna Okunkpolor	UK	₦30,000	
61.	Mr. Michael E. Osawe	Holland	₦50,000	
62.	Mrs. Osaretin F. Igbinosun	Nigeria	₦5,000	
63.	Mr. Justice Agbonzuadun	Nigeria	₦5,000	
64.	Mrs. Flora Ifueko Omoruyi	Nigeria	₦5,000	
65.	Mr. Orobosa Iyamu	Nigeria	₦5,000	
66.	Miss. Isoken Igbinosun	Nigeria	₦5,000	
67.	Dr. Osaro Idusuyi	Nigeria	₦10,000	
68.	Mr. Marvis A. Eghidemwinvbie	USA	₦50,000	
69.	Mr. Nosa Amadin Omorodion	Nigeria	₦5,000	
70.	Mrs. Osunde Edowaye	Nigeria	₦5,000	
71.	Mr. Evans Ogiemwanye	Nigeria	₦5,000	
72.	Mr. David U. Ajayi	Ireland	₦30,000	
73.	Mr. Victor Adagbonyin	Ireland	₦20,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₦3,308,425</b>	<b>₦290,000</b>

#### 4.1. PAYMENTS FOR ADVERTS IN THE BROCHURE

S/N	NAME	AMOUNT
1.	Scoremaxten Properties	₦10,000
2.	Visit Edo	₦10,000
		<b>(₦20,000)</b>

**GRAND TOTAL OF INCOME (₦3,308,425 + ₦20,000) = ₦3,328,425**

## 4.2. EXPENDITURES

S/N	ITEMS	COST
1.	Payment for Hall	₦350,000
2.	Decoration	₦250,000
3.	Printing of invitation Cards and Envelops (100 Copies)	₦21,000
4.	Printing of Certificates (100 Copies)	₦20,000
5.	Printing of Brochure (50 Copies)	₦150,000
6.	Printing of Gift Bags (20 Pieces)	₦14,000
7.	Frames for Certificates	₦10,000
8.	Banner for Red Carpet (8 by 7)	₦15,000
9.	Additional Banners	₦18,000
10.	Printing of Stickers	₦3,000
11.	Transportation (2 times)	₦20,000
12.	Production of T-Shirts, Face Caps and Printing (100 each)	₦260,000
13.	Food stuffs and logistics	₦739,500
14.	Cow	₦600,000
15.	Transportation of Cow	₦15,000
16.	Butchering of the Cow	₦40,000
17.	Red Wines (6 cartons)	₦48,000
18.	7 Cartons of Non- Alcoholic Wines, 7 Cartons of Fruit Juice and 2 bottles of Gin	₦137,000
19.	Beer, Malts and Minerals	₦186,700
20.	OGBK Customize Water Production	₦75,000
21.	Transportation of Water	₦4,000
22.	Renting of 6 drums to cool the drinks and water	₦6,000
23.	Ice Blocks	₦4,000
24.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cameraman	₦60,000
25.	Production of Jingles by Promise Bon (For Online Promo)	₦88,200
26.	Production of Jingle by Mosis Obakpolor (For Radio Announcement)	₦35,000
27.	Production of Jingle by Orobosa Iyamu (For TV Announcement)	₦15,000
28.	Radio Adverts for 2 months	₦60,000
29.	TV Adverts for 2 months	₦75,000

30.	Cultural Costumes	₦71,000
31.	Cultural Practice and Preparations	₦44,000
32.	Cultural Dancers	₦59,000
33.	Purchase of Artefacts (8)	₦310,000
34.	Security on Saturday (Soldiers)	₦200,000
35.	Bouncers on Saturday	₦40,000
36.	Hiring of 2 buses on Friday for the Tour	₦28,000
37.	Room at Baden-Baden Hotel on Saturday	₦22,000
38.	Master of Ceremony	₦50,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₦4,143,400</b>

Interim loss = Total Income – Total Expenditure = (~~₦3,328,425~~ - ~~₦4,133,400~~) = ~~-₦804,975~~

## 5.0. REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### 5.1. DAY 1 (13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023): VISITATION

The Conference began with visitation to two locations in Benin City. As early as 9am, members started gathering in front of former Leventis building, Sakponba Road, which was the takeoff point.

The first place visited was Christlike Foundation Group of School, owned by **Mrs. Ruth Agbonlahor**, a member of OGBK Nigeria Chapter. At the School, the children were given books to aid their learning and a cash gift was presented to the school too.

The second point of call was a tour to VisitEdo Art Gallery, Sakponba Road by Aruosa Junction. OGBK members were taken round by the Manager of the Centre, **Mr. Uwa**, who took time to explain the different Art works in the gallery, some history relating to each Art work and some members bought some items there, as a way of showing support to the Centre. Group pictures were taken inside and outside the Art Gallery.

### 5.2. DAY 2 (14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023): CONFERENCE/LAUNCHING

The day's event started with members and guest been hosted to the Red Carpet. It was a well-attended ceremony. Guests were treated to good music entertainment by Dr. Sunshine Omorokunwa, OGBK Cultural Troupe and other entertainers who are members of OGBK.

Most notably, the event was graced by **Dr. Osaretin Enadeghe**, who represented the Chairman of the day, **Chief Lucky Nosakhare Igbinedion**, Edo State former Governor who was not in the Country. Also physically present was the Edo State Commissioner for Arts, Culture, Tourism and Diaspora Affairs, **Prince Bamidele Obaitan**. The Royal Father of the day, **His Royal Highness, Felix Omorodion**, the Enogie of Evbohuan who flew in from the United State of America was present. The guest Speaker for the day, **Prof. Mrs. Esohe Mercy Omoregbe** of the Department of Linguistics Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Benin delivered a lecture on **Teaching of Edo Language in Schools; Problems and Prospects**.

In the course of the Ceremony, as a mark of honour, some dignitaries were presented with Artefacts and they includes;

- a. **Engr. Isaac Igbinosun** - President, OGBK Worldwide
- b. **Elder Chris Okunkpolor** - Vice President, OGBK Worldwide
- c. **Chief Lucky Igbinedion** - Chairman of the Day
- d. **HRH, Felix Omorodion** - Royal Father of the Day
- e. **Prince Bamidele Obaitan** - Special Guest of Honour
- f. **Mrs. Stella Igbinosun** - First Lady, OGBK Worldwide
- g. **Mrs. Hanna Okunkpolor** - Wife of Vice President, OGBK Worldwide
- h. **Mrs. Esther Emeshili** - OGBK Nigeria Coordinator and Host

Additionally, members who made contributions were given a Certificate of Appreciations, as a sign of respect and for their commitment to the growth of OGBK.

There was enough to eat and drink as everyone present was treated to good refreshments. Security was very tight as there were Soldiers in the vicinity and Bouncers in the Hall.

It can be said that the event was a huge success at the end of the day.

### **5.3. DAY 3 (15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023) : THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

To appreciate God for the success of the Conference/Launching 2023, a special thanksgiving service was held at the **Holy Aruosa Cathedral**, Akpakpava Road, where Members of OGBK gathered to give thanks to God.

During the Service, the Priest invited OGBK members to the front of the Congregations, introduced and a brief of the foundation of OGBK, Executive Members and OGBK Aims and Objectives was read to the Congregations.

OGBK Members led by the President, **Engr. Isaac Igbinosun** gave thanks to God.

## 6.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. In future Conference, the Committees should be set up at least a year early
- b. The Organization should as a matter of urgency organize a training/seminar for all Worldwide Executives, Country Coordinators and financial officers.
- c. The Organization should give the Committee set up 100 % charge of any event, from the planning to execution
- d. Once a Committee presents a proposal, the Committee should be given full support
- e. Committed and proactive members only should be appointed to form the Committee
- f. If any member wish to sponsor or handle any of the items in the proposal presented by the Committee, the person should monetize it and let the Committee be the one to engage whom they deem fit
- g. Moving forward, Countries where OGBK is active should be able to mobilize members there to attend future Conferences instead of no one or few representing
- h. Competent persons/establishment should be engaged to handle different aspects of an event and should not be contracted out base of people we know or familiar with as the Committee would have carried out their findings to know those best to handle such and recommend them to the Organization.
- i. Media awareness should include News Coverage so the public can know or see how everything happened.

## 7.0. CONCLUSION

The Committee uses this means to appreciate the President, **Engr. Isaac Igbinosun**, Members of the Executive Councils and all OGBK Members worldwide for their support before and during the Conference. Special thanks go to all members who made financial contributions and also supported in kind, with their time and resources to see to the success of the Conference. We also thank members of the Organizing and Fund raising Committee for their steadfastness, diligence and commitment in seeing that the assignment given to us was followed duly. The Conference has come and gone but the memories will be here for a long time.

Once again, we say thank you to all members of OGBK Worldwide who found us worthy to serve and we hope to see OGBK grow stronger as we move forward.

To God all the Glory.

OGBK..... Edorisagbon..... Oba gha to kpere ..... Iseeeeeee.

**Elder Chris Okunkpolor**  
Organizing Chairman

**Engr. Aghadiaye Ayo**  
Fund Raising Chairman

**Mr. Orobosa Iyamu**  
Committee Secretary