

**A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON “THE NORTH AND THE FUTURE OF  
THE NIGERIAN FEDERATION**

A two-day conference on “The North and the Future of the Nigerian Federation” organised by the Arewa Research and Development Project (ARDP) in collaboration with other key groups of the North including; the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation, the Northern Elders Forum (NEF), the CODE Group, the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), the Northern Reawakening Forum, the Northern Delegate Forum, the Jam’iyar Matan Arewa and the Forum for Northern Youth Organizations, at the Arewa House, Kaduna on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

The conference was well attended by the various segments of the North - the political leaders, the traditional rulers, the elders, the scholars and intellectuals as well as women and youth.

The main objective of the conference was not only to respond to the demand for a review of the nature and structure of the Nigeria federation, to examine and evaluate the North as a major component of the Nigerian federation, but to also get experts to guide the north in

identifying its priorities and position as it goes into the debate and the forthcoming negotiations.

After exhaustive discussions based on the five key speeches and eight papers presented covering all aspects of our lives political, economic, social and constitutional and after two panel discussions with over fifteen panellists, the conference ended with a resolution to prepare and submit the report to the Committee of Northern Governor's and Traditional Rulers on restructuring for final preparation and consolidation of one northern united position on the current debate.

With your mandate the ARDP and the other collaborating teams will liaise with the Northern Governors and Traditional Rulers Committee to make sure that the views expressed here see the light of the day in the formation of the Northern stand.

The final report of the conference will be communicated to all participants through their emails.

Thank you.