

## 8th AAF ANNUAL LECTURE 2010

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#### **Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Aret Adams Memorial Lecture**

The Hon, Minister of Petroleum Resources, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke will be the Guest Speaker, while His Royal Majesty, (Rtd) Major Gen. Felix A. Majakperuo will Chair the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Aret Adams Memorial lecture series slated for March 3, 2011 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Victoria Island, Lagos.

According to the Programs Coordinator of Aret Adams Foundation, Mr. Akin Jokojeje, the theme for this year's lecture is "Nigeria's Petroleum Industry: Its Growth Post PIB". He said that the Foundation was launched in honour of the late Aret Adams, the first Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation from 1988 to 1990, adding that Aret Adams made outstanding contributions toward the growth of Nigeria's Oil & Gas industry and the nation's economy in general.

The Foundation, Mr. Jokojeje said, is aimed at promoting and building educational capacity and policy formulations. He disclosed that the National Energy policy delivered to the Federal government in April 1980, was formulated by the late Adams and that it was him that re-energized negotiations that led to the successful execution of shareholders agreements for the execution of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) project in 1989.

He went further to reveal that the Foundation has successfully, in conjunction with Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), institutionalized the Aret Adams Professorial Chairs in the University of Port Harcourt. Scholarship awards were also given to some Post Graduate students of the University of Ibadan which has propelled them for further studies abroad.

Also speaking on the forthcoming annual lecture, the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Foundation, Mr. Egbert Imomoh noted that "Chief Aret Adams left behind a legacy of professionalism and humanitarianism as epitomized in many lives he touched, irrespective of tribe or religion affiliations. It was those virtues of his that motivated few colleagues and associates to establish the Foundation, to propagate and sustain the life-long dreams of the late Godwin Aret Adams".

The BOT Chairman also revealed that one of the major highlights of this year's lecture would be the presentation of scholarship awards to another set of Post Graduate students of the University of Ibadan.