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FOREWORD

It is my singular honour and delight to present this very important and timely publication titled '50 Years of Nigeria's Nationhood: Issues and Challenges for Sustainable Development' which is a result of the Conference on Nigeria's 50 years journey to nationhood organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

The collection of some of the papers presented during the Conference and which are published in this book remains not only apt, but the degree of the diversity of the issues addressed in each, has also drawn attention to the multi-variety and depth of the challenges that face the country in the last half decade of its existence as an independent country. The scholarly analysis of these challenges and as well, the recommendations proffered for ameliorating same, affirm the commitment to resolving them and thus help in propelling the engine of growth and development of Nigeria.

I therefore commend the efforts of the Faculty of Social Sciences for its steadfastness in promoting several valuable scholarly engagements including the one that culminated in the publication of this book. This, no doubt, attests to the Faculty's determination to remain visible and relevant in the drive to reposition the country to achieving greatness.

I strongly recommend this book to scholars, students, professionals and the general readers desirous of understanding the nuances and dynamics of Nigeria's journey to nationhood.

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