

COMMUNIQUE ADOPTED AT THE 40TH ANNUAL COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA, HELD AT ABUJA ON THE 17TH – 21ST AUGUST, 2015

The Counselling Association of Nigeria at the end of the 2015 national conference arrived at the following communiqué:

1. The theme of the conference is Counselling for National Stability and integration, is in line with the National yearning
2. In line with the theme, the Association calls for a change of attitude of Nigerian leaders at every level, i.e. attitude to serve and not amassing wealth.
3. That young Nigerians should have a re-orientation for National rebirth.
4. There is the need for the creation of enabling environment for counselors to practice and offer psychological support to a nation in distress, internally violent extremism and de-radicalization of Nigerian youths.
5. The Association is campaigning for zero tolerance for corruption in our daily and national lives.
6. We should be gender sensitive in our national activities – in order to promote gender mainstreaming.
7. There is the need for religious leaders to be sensitive to the needs of others and do things that will promote national stability and integration.
8. We salute the courage of our security personnel in combating insurgency we encourage them to be more proactive and civil in the discharge of their duties.
9. The government should support the Association in her drive for professionalization.

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21st August, 2015

Reviewers Comment

General Comment: The issues addressed by the paper are quite relevant but the paper needs a lot of improvement. The abstract is too long, it needs to be reduced. The title is not reading well it needs to be re-adjusted.

Introduction: The paper reads fairly well. The hypotheses need to be corrected.

Methodology: More details is required on how the samples were selected, no reasons were give for the purposive selection.

Results: The results appear o.k.

Discussion: The discussion is scanty. Each of the hypothesis should be discussed one by one.

Decision: The paper requires a number of corrections. After corrections, the paper can be published in the Journal.

Reviewers Comment

General Comment: The issues addressed by the paper are quite relevant but the paper needs a lot of improvement. The title needs to be changed as well.

Introduction: The introduction is blurred I could not read much of it.

Methodology: The methodology needs to be re-written. The sample and sampling procedure requires that more explanations and details need to be provided. How was the 200 social studies selected?

Results: The results appear o.k.

Discussion: The discussions need to be strengthened. Each finding need to be discussed separately.

General observation and decision: The paper has a number of grammatical errors and it needs a major editorial work. I would recommend this paper requires major corrections to improve its quality. I would recommend that the paper be published in the Conference proceedings after the corrections.

Reviewers Comment

General Comment: The issues addressed by the paper are relevant. The paper reads fairly well.

Introduction: The introduction reads well but the purpose needs some corrections.

Methodology: The author needs to provide explanation on how the samples were randomly assigned to groups.

Results: The results are fairly well presented.

Discussion: The discussion needs to be improved upon. Each of the hypotheses should be discussed one by one.

Decision: The paper is publishable in the journal if all the corrections are effected.

Reviewers Comment

General Comment: The paper reads very well. The research questions need to be rewritten.

Methodology: More details are needed on the way the sample and sampling procedures were conducted, e.g what informed the purposive sampling.

Results: The results appear o.k.

Discussion: The discussions can be improved upon. Some discussion can also be built around the research questions

Decision: The paper reads well and it should be published after the corrections have been effected.

Reviewers Comments

General Comment: The paper is a theoretical paper it reads fairly well but I will recommend it should be published in the conference proceedings.

Methodology: Not applicable.

Results: Not applicable.

Discussion: The justification is fairly well discussed.

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OF NIGERIA AT THE END OF THE 39TH ANNUAL
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Theme: Counselling for Youth Empowerment

10. Youths should be properly integrated in the policy and decision – making bodies of the nation.
11. Emphasis should be placed on acquisition of entrepreneurial skills at all levels of education and this should be beyond theoretical stance.
12. Sexuality education should be incorporated into the curricular of Nigerian educational system.
13. The disparity in job placement between polytechnic graduates and university graduates should be removed to pave way for more opportunities for young people.
14. Mentoring and proper modelling should be enshrined in the school system.
15. Behavior modification, life skills and assertiveness training should be integrated into the curricula at the secondary school level.
16. Federal and State Governments, Local Governments should support youth-led NGOs and Youth focus NGOs to organize workshops and seminars for their youths.
17. Trained Counsellors should be employed in non-school settings, such as work place, and community settings.
18. Assertiveness training should be organized for our students to enable them stand up for their right. This, of course, will enhance their self-esteem.
19. Employment creation for young people should be made mandatory in all sectors of the economy.
20. Affirmative action for young people between the ages of 18 and 35 years should be enforced in Nigeria.
21. Young people should be considered not only as future leaders but as partners of today.

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