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## 61ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

## THEME: NIGERIA COUNTS: ISSUES OF NATIONAL REBIRTH

### BACKGROUND

Since becoming a sovereign state in 1960 Nigeria has had a chequered history. It has stumbled from one crisis to another leading to an environment of poverty, squalor, avoidable diseases, illiteracy, religious bigotry, coups and counter coups, inter-ethnic conflicts and general insecurity. Pan-Nigerian thinking has become an exception rather than the rule. Paradoxically, within this trajectory of retrogression, there are also stories of successes and triumphs. This has provoked political narratives on the possibilities of a national rebirth. There cannot be a rebirth without a sense of identity; there cannot be a sense of who we are without an understanding of our history, which is our reality and encompasses our journey from colonial to post-colonial status. The 61th HSN conference provides a platform for historians, academics, researchers, policy-makers and the civil society to engage in cross-cutting debate on this pertinent issue. Papers are invited that explore the general theme through the various sub-themes listed below

#### SUB-THEMES:

- Decolonization in Nigeria Since 1960
- Fifty Years after the First Military Coup in Nigeria: Legacies and Lessons
- Fame and Infamy: Heroes, Heroines in Nigerian History
- Leisure, Sports and Entertainment in Nigerian History
- The Nigerian Petroleum Industry in Historical Perspective

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts can ONLY be submitted online to the following email [hsn2016ph@gmail.com](mailto:hsn2016ph@gmail.com). Submissions by any other method will be rejected.
- Abstracts can ONLY be submitted under a sub-theme. Authors should therefore indicate the sub-theme for their paper on submission.
- Abstracts will be reviewed under sub-themes for acceptance and subsequent publication. Abstracts without sub-theme will be rejected.

#### KEY DATES

- March 30<sup>th</sup> 2016: Deadline of abstract submission
- June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016: Deadline for full paper submission
- July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016: Deadline for early registration

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