

FROM NIAS COUNCIL

Hello dear colleagues . NIAS Council met today October 27, 2020 to consider the hosting of this year's JAM. After 2 hours of very fruitful deliberation Council arrived at the following;

1. Council noted the concern of ASAN NEC with respect to the security situation in the country leading up to Sunday October 25, 2020 and the plight of our academic colleagues who have not been paid salaries for up to 4 months, based on which it announced its decision on that day to postpone the JAM indefinitely. Council further noted that this was in the interest of members.

2. Council took cognizance of the full preparedness for the JAM as reported by the LOC and NIAS Secretariat specifically for the NIAS programmes, i.e. MCPE, Induction of RAS, AAS, Fellows of the College and of NIAS and Honorary Fellows, the Annual General Meeting inclusive of the elections into Council positions.

3. Council also considered the report of the situation across the 36 States and the FCT from the NIAS Zonal Development Officers as reported by the Registrar and some members of Council. While agreeing that relative calmness is returning to most of the states after the #Endsars #Endswat protests and the busting of warehouses for palliatives, Council also noted that pockets of upheavals are still recorded in places like Calabar, Kaduna, Taraba, Adamawa, all mostly related to COVID-19 palliatives.

4. Council greatly empathized with our members in the academia who have not been paid their salaries and wishes that the current talks of ASUU with FGN will be fruitful and the situation resolved quickly.

5. Council noted that the NIAS AGM is statutory (to hold once a year) as enshrined in Part VI, Section 31 (i) of our Principal Act, No 26 of 2007.

6. Council further opined that the provision in (5) above leaves it no option than to hold the AGM in remaining time this year but not beyond December 31st.

Having distilled the facts in the foregoing as enumerated above, Council decided as follows;

a) it is no longer feasible to hold the JAM from November 1-4, 2020 as earlier decided and advertised.

b) decided that the JAM be shifted and to hold from 15-18 November, 2020 with all the elements of the programme unaltered.

c) Council further directed that the LOC should continue to prepare for the successful hosting of the JAM.

d) Council prays and believes that the situation in the country will normalize before the new date.

****THANK YOU***

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