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PREFACE

Government is to provide governance, from which development emerges. The output and the impact of Government in Nigeria, especially in this democratic dispensation, have been x-rayed in this book. Scholars interrogated the issues in Public Administration, which have served as hindrances to development within the governance structures. The various intellectual integrations are captured in this work in seven different parts.

Part One – identified contemporary issues and problems of public administration and the prospects of adopting a New Public Management System, given the frustration with Orthodox Public Administration. It also sought to outline the processes of globalization and the essentials of communication within Governance institutions for outputs which induce development. Part Two evaluated a major sub-set of Public administration – Local Government and canvassed how to make it development oriented.

Part -Three is an overview of one of the processes for attaining speedy development in Federalism. It then identified why Nigeria's form of Federalism has been anti-development; while Part-Four reviewed the unfortunate Niger-Delta which lays the eggs but never gets the dividends of the egg layer. Part Five identified the steps to be taken by Nigeria to obtain Development in the polity.

Part-Six examined security of lives and properties as one of the output of Governance, but raised doubt as to whether the Nigerian government has done this as the increasing frustration of the military over Boko-Haram and the so-called bandits is quite disturbing. This section presented robust suggestions on how to turn the situation around for good. Finally, Part Seven discussed international politics with focus on terrorism and threats to world peace.

The entire work illustrates the linkage among Government, Public Administration, Governance, the challenges which "Personnel" present to Governance and development and the output of Public Administration, while the impact is the 'Pareto Optimality' on the lives of Nigerians.

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FOREWORD

I am delighted to write a foreword for this classic study on contemporary issues in public administration and governance in Nigeria.

It offers me an opportunity to welcome new contributions concerning public administration and governance. The growth of administration and governance is widely recognized as one of the major social trends in our time. As a result, remarkable progress has been made in recent years in advancing citizens' knowledge of public administration and governance due, in large part, to the need to understand the vast expansion of activities at every level of government and its implication for democracy.

The appearance of this academic piece is very timely in the sense that public administration and governance are sine-qua-non and essential for success of any organized society like Nigeria. Incidentally, the subjects of discussion in this book are in line with the federal government agenda of bringing change through the instrumentality of administration and governance and is of overwhelming importance to all of us who live in one of the most trying epochs in Nigerian history.

There is no doubt that this book has provided sound and relevant pedagogical strategies to help readers understand and be familiar with the subject matter under consideration.

The work which is divided into seven parts and twenty-seven chapters covers many of the practical issues which Nigeria as a nation is contending with on a daily basis. It ranges in scope from local government administration to development issues in the Niger Delta region; and from fiscal federalism to political participation and religious matters.

What is unique about this book is that it is a corpus of contributions by distinguished scholars who have not only drawn from their experiences as university teachers and those familiar with the terrain, but have indeed exhibited sound didactic knowledge which, hopefully, should help revolutionize the art and science of administration in Nigeria. It must be sincerely admitted that the publication of this book is not an elusive quest to signify the end of an intellectual trek. Instead, it represents an important step in looking at administration and governance in Nigeria from a different perspective that will provoke further debate among scholars, administrators and politicians.

Therefore, a proper understanding of the workings of administration and governance will assist those in the helm of affairs at various levels, to provide the best of leadership and service to the people.

Knowledge gained from reading this compendium will also add impetus to service and the living standard of Nigerians. I am quite convinced that this book will be of significance to administrators, academics, policy makers, legislators, politicians, analysts, environmentalists, community leaders, multinational companies, students and others.

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