



**GLOBAL AFRICAN DIASPORA SYMPOSIUM
(GADS) ABUJA, 2023.**

GOODWILL MESSAGE

BY

**THE CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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APRIL 27TH - 28TH, 2023.

1.0 Protocols

2.0 I am truly delighted to be among you at this auspicious time to, partake in the **Global African Diaspora Symposium (GADS) Abuja, 2023**. This day has been set aside to, among other intentions, promote the implementation and institutionalizing of Pan-Africanism at the UN, through the celebration of the International Decade for People of African Descent.

3.0 This is on the evidence that the continuous development of Africa requires the support and participation of those in the continent, and our Diaspora who are key players in the global arena.

4.0 The Federal Government of Nigeria on its part as always, will continue to engage with its Diaspora through institutions such as the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), 'the one-stop agency' for all Diaspora issues in Nigeria. Let me reiterate the commitment and support of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for Diaspora-related programmes. This is premise on the resources, talents, skills and global exposure of the African Diaspora that when harnessed, can be a catalyst for the accelerated development of Arica.

5.0 Permit me to use this opportunity to congratulate and celebrate the GADS Abuja 2023 organizing and facilitating team. It is through such events that we are truly able to recognise and celebrate the

outstanding achievements, resilience and positive impact Africans in the Diaspora continue to make globally. They have flown our flags very high and have been good ambassadors in their respective host countries, so I say a big thank you for your consistency in promoting the development of Africa, despite global challenging times.

6.0 Thank you, and God bless all Africans at home and in the Diaspora, as I wish us all fruitful deliberations.

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