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HER HONOUR MRS. DEBORAH THOMAS-FELIX DELIVERS PUBLIC ADDRESS AT THE 2022 LEGAL YEAR (LAW TERM) OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COURT OF NIGERIA



Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix, President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago, is welcomed by His Lordship the Honourable Mr. Justice Benedict Bakwaph Kanyip, President of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria (NICN), to the National Industrial Court in Abuja, Nigeria.

Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix and His Lordship the Hon. Mr. Justice Benedict Bakwaph Kanyip (centre) with senior judges (*left to right*) The Hon. Mme Justice Maureen Esowe, The Hon. Mme. Justice Faustina Kola-Olaleke and The Hon. Mme. Osat Obaseki-Osaghae



Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix (*front row centre*) with the Judges of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria at the 2022 Legal Year Ceremony in Abuja, Nigeria. (*fourth from right*) His Lordship the Honourable Mr. Justice Benedict Bakwaph Kanyip, President of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria

Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix, President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago is currently in Nigeria on the invitation of the President of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria, His Lordship the Honourable Mr. Justice Benedict Bakwaph Kanyip, to deliver a public address for the 2022 Legal Year celebrations (opening of the new law term) of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria. The theme for the 2022 Legal Year is “Labour Justice and Socio-Economic Development” and the events took place this week from 5th to 7th October, 2022.

For her public lecture today, Her Honour Mrs. Thomas-Felix examined “The role of Industrial Courts and International Labour Standards in promoting good governance to support economic and social development.” As a Member of the International Labour Organization’s Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, Her Honour elucidated on the importance of the International Labour Standards to support socio-economic development globally. She emphasised the key role Industrial Courts play in ensuring access to justice and upholding the rule of law – a key component of good governance and sustainable development. According to Her Honour Mrs. Thomas-Felix. *“These goals and ideals of inclusive sustainable development and decent work can only be achieved through good governance, the promotion of good industrial relations, and the adherence to international labour standards, anchored by the rule of law and administered by National Industrial Courts globally.”*

In addition to the public lecture, the President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago will participate and deliver a goodwill message at a Bar and Bench Forum tomorrow on 7th October, 2022.

This visit strengthens the ongoing collaboration and cooperation between the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Industrial Court of Nigeria – a relationship that dates as far back as 2002 when then President, His Lordship the Honourable Mr. Justice Babatunde Adeniran Adejumo and Judges visited the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

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