

**REMARKS BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON CULTURE,
HON. K.G.B OGUAKWA ON THE OCCASSION OF THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TITLED 'NIGERIA 100 YEARS AGO
THROUGH THE EYES OF LEO FROBENIUS AND HIS EXPEDITION
TEAM' ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2010 AT CYPRIAN EKWENSI CENTRE
FOR ARTS AND CULTURE, ABUJA.**

Protocols

It is with great pleasure and honour that I on behalf of the distinguished and vibrant House committee on Culture welcome you all to this important exhibition to showcase Nigeria 100 years ago, based on the observation and documentation carried out by Leo Frobenius.

The role of culture in the affairs of human beings cannot be overemphasized. This exhibition will no doubt sensitize our people on the importance of our cultural heritage and promotion of our cultural industry by encouraging the local communities to revive them.

The exhibition will also encourage the state and individual investors to collaborate and develop our cultural sector and cultural heritage.

The House committee on Culture is planning, through our legislative mandate to fashion out appropriate laws that will guide and galvanize the cultural sector. It is our responsibility as leaders to fashion out a brilliant future for generation yet unborn. This cannot be done in a vacuum. We need to get into the hearts of all of us, that the appreciation of our cultural heritage is the foundation on which we can build a solid future. That is why this exhibition is very auspicious; I therefore commend the National Commission for Museums and Monuments for this laudable initiative.

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again welcome and thanks for being part of this historic occasion.