

**Welcome Remarks by Prof. Yemi Akinseye-George, SAN, President Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the Training Workshop on the ACJA Organised by the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies in collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force on 12th July 2017 at the Merit House Auditorium, Maitama Abuja.**

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to this Training Workshop on the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.

The Act which was passed into law in 2015 introduces a uniform criminal procedure system applicable throughout the entire Federal Republic of Nigeria. As the Supreme Court has held in the case of Saraki v. FRN, the Act has replaced the Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) and the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC). In a recent address delivered by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, his Lordship the Hon. Justice Walter Onnoghen, GCON, at the Induction Ceremony organized for newly appointed Judges and Khadis, directed the judges to ensure that they give effect to the provisions of the ACJA. His Lordship also urged the states which have not domesticated the ACJA to do so.

We salute his Lordship for the progressive attitude he has taken in support of the ACJA. This will go a long way in enhancing the realization of the objectives of the ACJA which are to bring about improvements in the administration of justice and maintenance of law and order in the country as well as protecting the society from crime while ensuring that the rights and interests of victims and defendants are not trampled upon.

This Training workshop which is organised in collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force signals that the ACJA equally enjoys the highest level of support from the foremost law enforcement agency in the

