



OPENING ADDRESS BY DR. GABRIEL S. BOMIDE, PRESIDENT OF FIDUO AT A JOINT MEETING OF FIDUO AND IKUN CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICES HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON JANUARY 25, 2015.

Dear Fellow Ikun-Ekiti Citizens:

I have the pleasure of welcoming you to this historic meeting between FIDUO and the three candidates contesting to represent our community in the Federal House of Representatives and Ekiti State House of Assembly – in persons of Hon. Robinson Ajiboye (House of Reps. – APC), Mr. Adebayo Aborisade (House of Reps. –LP) and Hon. Adebajo Anifowose (Ekiti State House of Assembly – PDP).

Permit me to say that, today marks an important milestone in the history of our fatherland, Ikun-Ekiti. I feel delighted and honored by the unique opportunity to witness and be part of this epoch-making event in which three Ikun sons are contesting legislative posts at both the Federal and State levels for the first time ever. This is the Lord's doing and it's marvelous in our eyes!

We are here today to dialogue on issues that can affect the electoral victory of our political candidates, and how such victory can significantly benefit Ikun community. We are also here today because we believe that Ekiti North Federal Constituency II and Moba Constituency II can do better, much better in terms of the overall quality of life of the citizenry. To realize our great potential as a people, both constituencies need a fundamentally new direction. They need a Representative at the Federal level, and an Assembly man at the State level with a new vision and plan that transforms the constituencies and significantly improve the quality of life of the hard working people. We strongly believe that our political candidates have the proven ability, integrity and track record to provide the new leadership and direction that Ekiti North Federal Constituency II and Moba Constituency II need at this time.

While we are trusting God for electoral victory for our political candidates, I want to stress that we are not unaware that they are contesting for legislative posts, not executive posts. Thus, the extent to which they can perform and impact their constituencies will be determined to a great extent by their abilities

to navigate the political terrain through lobbying and effective legislation. To these ends, it is expected that if voted to office, our political candidates would use their good offices to bring a more rapid socio-economic development to our community, through funds such as the Federal Constituency Project Fund, State Assembly Constituency Project Fund, and the State Budgetary Allocation.

In closing, I want to assure our guest political candidates that we at FIDUO hereby pledge our unflinching support and cooperation for your campaign and wish you a resounding success at the polls in February. Together, we can help our candidates actualize their political vision and plans.

Once again, I welcome you to this historic event. I wish you a productive and rewarding deliberation and God bless you all!