



Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc.

2017 Annual National Convention
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel,
1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta Georgia 30344
Friday June 30th – Sunday July 2nd, 2017

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2017 Atlanta Convention Announcement

Rumu Ndah Anuh Meka!

I bring you good news on this year's Annual National Convention that is taking place in Atlanta, Georgia. Your 2017 National Convention Planning Committee has informed us that all plans to host this year's convention are almost set. It is now my pleasure to announce that you can start making plans to be in Atlanta come June 30th 2017. As you prepare for Atlanta please reach out to our brothers and sisters that have not attended for a long time now, to consider attending this year's convention to take advantage of our amnesty gesture that forgives some of their old debts. This year is the final year of the amnesty.

I wanted to give you heads up on issues that would require our actions during the convention (1) approval of amendments to our constitution (you already have this for your review). These amendments will strengthen and make our organization more effective. (2) Signing up for Ngbaru Benefits Program (\$100 annually). We have set up the mechanisms for proper management. Contact Mr. Ikem Wonodi, Mr. Frank Odum and Mr. Chika Wosu with any of your questions. (3) You will be receiving an electronic copy of the 2015 New York Convention Minutes. Please, please read it, make a copy and bring your to Atlanta. (4) International Conference on Ikwerre report, (5) 20th Anniversary celebration (1996-2016). There will be an OIUSA pageant competition for youths 18 – 26 years old. Details will be release soon.

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Our women should remember to bring their white blouse and blue ntorica wrapper. Men should bring their white etibor/akarta wears. Women's wrapper plus head tie is \$120.00. Please contact Mrs. Patience Igwe (614-260-3630) for attires.

Plan to have your breakfast (7:00 am – 8:30 am), as opening ceremony will begin **promptly** at 9:00 am.

This year our plan with your cooperation is to finish all Ogbakor matters on Saturday morning, have one of our Special Guests – former governor H.E. Sir (Hon) Celestin Omehia address the General Assembly on the topic – Panacea for Peace and Unity in Ikwerre after lunch. On Sunday we would resume at 9:00 am and complete before lunch. After lunch we would have Round table discussions with our guests from home. Please do not let our guests down by being late.

We would round up and have our elections. Ogbakor is in a new era, we want people of credible integrities to be voted for various offices. Please be there and be counted. Cities that want to host us next year should notify the EC Secretary – Mr. Chika Wosu. We would let you know those cities for the general assembly to vote and choose. We want to save time.

Our arrangements this year are for families to have some saved time to visit historic places in Atlanta, come back at 6:00 pm for our Gala night **STARTING AT 7:00 PM PROMPT**. Get ready for our flamboyant cultural displays – Children, Women and Men (Oboni dance and

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Egelege.) Our women must bring their Red blouse, head tie and Blue (ntorica) to participate in women's dance.

The Theme is “Preparing Our Youths for the 21st Century Skills”. We have invited cream of Ikwerre VIPs, friends and we are excited many of them have accepted to come. Will crown the winner/s of our first ever beauty pageant as part of our 20th Anniversary celebration. It will be a great and wonderful fun at Atlanta, Georgia.

Host City: Atlanta, Georgia

Date: Friday, June 30th – 2nd, 2017 (July 4th Weekend)

Venue: The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel
1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30344

Airport Information:

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the most proximate airport to **The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel**. There is a shuttle bus, please do not forget to tip the driver.

Hotel Reservation: Reservations can be made through any of the methods below:

❖ <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49085683>

❖ Local telephone number is 1-888-233-9527. If your reservation is done over the phone, to obtain the special discounted group rate of \$101 per night, identify yourself as an **OIUSA** member. This

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discounted rate is offered to members and guests who make their reservations **on or before June 1st, 2017**. Any reservation made after then will be at the hotel's normal commercial rate based on room availability.

Arrival & Departure Dates: The National Convention Planning Committee (NCPC) has arranged with the hotel management to allow convention attendees arriving or departing two days before and after the convention to enjoy the discounted rate. This arrangement allows members to enjoy the beauty of Atlanta and to visit entertainment centers, historic sites, shops and visit friends and family members within Atlanta. Tuesday is 4th of July holiday.

Convention Pre-registration: In order to simplify members' convention registration process OIUSA has established early registration by mail. The NCPC encourages members to complete registration by mail in order to avoid queuing up in a possible long line at the registration desk during the convention. Receipts will be mailed for checks or money order received on or before June 20th, 2017. To ensure that members receive their registration receipts everyone is advised to provide the followings: **name, mailing address, telephone number and email address.** This early registration is for current members and those who were absent at past conventions. The aim is to help reduce the burden of paying past dues all at a time. Call our Financial Secretary Mr. Chima Wami to find out your debts and plan to settle them. Those wishing to take advantage of the early registration should make their checks or money order payable to: **Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc. and mail to our financial secretary – Mr. Chima Wami, 27481 Deer Creek Ct., Corona, CA 92883. You can also pay via our PayPal account at oiusa.org.**

20th Anniversary Celebration: As part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations, the Executive Committee is planning to have an OIUSA beauty pageant contest. The winner will be announced and crowned during the gala night.

Membership and Convention Annual Dues: The table below is a breakdown of the approved membership and convention dues.

New Members

<u>Category</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couples</u>
Registration	\$50	\$75
Convention Fee	\$100	\$200
Annual dues	\$80	\$80
Total	\$230	\$355

Returning and Current Members

<u>Category</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couples</u>
Convention Fee	\$100	\$200
Annual Dues	\$80	\$80
Total	\$180	\$280

* Plus any past unpaid annual dues

Youth and Children’s Cultural Activities: To preserve the future of this organization OIUSA encourages children to participate at the convention. OIUSA requests parents to bring their children to the convention. The NCPC has scheduled activities for adolescent youths and all children. One of the events is to honor our 2016-2017 high school graduates during the convention. Parents are encouraged to bring their sons and daughters to celebrate this remarkable occasion and the achievements of our children. The NCPC and the Georgia Chapter have planned numerous events to accommodate our adolescent youths and children.

- Any parents who have 2017 high school graduates should submit the names of such children immediately to Mrs.

Patience Igwe at 614-260-3630 to ensure that they receive their deserved recognitions and awards.

Convention Advertisements: The NCPC is soliciting advertisements, congratulatory goodwill messages, and greetings from our members, friends and supporters to help defray the cost of printing the convention brochure. Please use the Order Form below for advertisement solicitation and follow instructions as indicated. Collectively, let us support members of the National Convention Planning Committee (NCPC) in their efforts to solicit funds for the convention.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you and your family as we prepare to receive our visitors from home in Atlanta, Georgia. If you have any questions or suggestions on how to improve our events and organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-554-2778 or Dr. Chuck Nsiegbé Chairman, NCPC at 404-915-1793.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to OIUSA mission. OIUSA wishes you and your family a safe trip to and from Atlanta USA.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Dr. Fortune Wolugbom
President, OIUSA Inc.



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ADVERTISING IN CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

Contact information		
Name of Company/org/Family		
Name of Contact Person		
Full Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Telephone Number + Area code		
AD SIZE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
8.5x11	Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Inside Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$250.00
8.5x11	Inside Middle Page Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Full Pages	\$100.00
8.5x5.5	Half Page	\$80.00

- ❖ All requests from individuals or organizations in USA, Canada and Europe must include full payment in US dollar. Please make your check or money order payable to:
Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc;
ATTN: Dr. Chuck Nseigbe,
3150 Haverhill Cove
Atlanta, Georgia 30012
- ❖ The deadline for all advertisements and payments is May 30, 2017. No advertisements will be published in the program brochure without full payment.

For questions and additional information please contact the 2017 National Convention Planning Committee Chairmen: **Dr. Chuck Nseigbe at 3150 Haverhill Cove**
Atlanta, Georgia 30012
404-915-1793