



Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc.

2020 Annual National Convention

Miami, Florida

May 22 - 25, 2020

Dear Members and friends OIUSA/Canada,

I am delighted to once again announce to you that the 2020 Ogbakor Ikwerre USA (OIUSA)/Canada, Inc. Annual Convention will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Miami Airport West from May 22-25, 2020**. In keeping with our tradition, the National Convention Planning Committee (NCPC) has done a masterful job in finalizing accommodation and lodging arrangements for the convention, giving each and every one of us sufficient time and information to facilitate your travel. They have negotiated accommodations for our members, supporters and friends at three great hotels, at same location, to enable you make your choice based on your needs.

This theme is, *“Leadership, Unity, and Security: the challenges to Ikwerre’s economic development and youth empowerment in the 21st Century.”*

Our overall format will be Town Hall-like, where selected invitee will present a 15-minute panoramic overview of the theme. After that, our invitees and members will commence wide open robust discussions on the theme with a moderator facilitating the discussions. A communiqué team, headed by the Secretary General will take notes and summarize the critical and most salient points that were discussed. These will be compiled, archived and made available to attendees after the convention.

The NCPC has invited an array of dignitaries from Nigeria and U.S.A., including His Excellency, the Governor of Rivers State, Chief (Barr) Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, CON and the Minister for Transport, Rt. Hon. (Chief) Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, Sir Celestine Ngozichim Omehia, Esq (KSM, KSS), and Former Governor of Rivers State and many more.

Featured Entertainer: *Silver Chinyerum Wopara, (AdaIkwerre)*, and an award winning Ikwerre Gospel Singer.

Host City: Miami, Florida, USA

Host Chapter: Miami OIUSA Chapter Miami.

Date: Friday, May 22 - 25, 2020 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Event Venue: **Hilton Garden Inn, Miami Airport West**
3550 NW 74th Ave, Miami, FL 33122-1208
(305) 629-7701

Homewood Suites by Hilton, Miami Airport West
3590 NW 74th Ave, Miami, FL 33122-1208
(305) 629-7831

Four Points by Sheraton, Miami Airport West
3570 NW 74th Ave, Miami, FL 33122-1208
(305) 351-5730

Airport Information:

Miami International Airport (MIA) is the most proximate airport to the Hotel.

❖ *All of our three event hotels offer airport shuttles for guests please call upon arrival.*

It is important that you carefully review the following information: hotel [accommodation] discounted rates, air and ground transportation, convention pre-registration etc., and complete your reservation immediately. Attached is information for the convention to assist you and your family to complete your travel arrangements seamlessly.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE THREE HOTELS ARE IN THE SAME PLACE AND A WORKING DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. THE YOUTHS AND CHILDREN CONFERENCE AND EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FOUR POINT BY SHERATON, WHILE THE CONVENTION CONFERENCES WILL BE AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN. FEEL FREE TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT ANYONE OF THE THREE FACILITIES, HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE FOR A SUITE, PLEASE RESERVE AT THE HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON.

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



Please click on the image or call +1(305) 629-7701



Please click on the image or call +1(305) 629-7831



Please click on the image or call +1(305) 351-5730

Hotel Room Rate:

The hotel offers the following special discounted rates to members and guests who make their **reservations on or before April 22, 2020**. To take advantage of these special offers, you are encouraged to make your reservation immediately. Any booking made after this deadline will be at the hotel's normal commercial rate based on room availability.

Hilton Garden Inn

Rooms	Single	Double	Triples	Quads
Traditional Kings and Double Standard	\$124	\$129	\$134	\$139

Homewood Suites

Rooms	Single	Double	Triples	Quads
Traditional Kings and Double Standard	\$134	\$144	\$154	\$164

Four Points by Sheraton

Rooms	Single	Double	Triples	Quads
Traditional Kings and Double Standard	\$124	\$129	\$134	\$139

NOTE:

Individuals to pay own:

Members and guests are required to pay their own account upon departure. When reservations are made, hotel will require a deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night for each reservation. An individual's deposit is refundable to that individual if the Hotel receives notice of an individual's cancellation at least **72 hours** prior to scheduled arrival. Upon check-in, each guest will be required to present a valid credit card, on which an amount of

sufficient pre-authorization can be obtained to cover the room and tax charges for the length of the guest's stay, plus the anticipated use of the hotel's ancillary services.

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 or after the convention to benefit from the hotel discounted rate. This arrangement will allow members to enjoy the beauty of Miami and its surrounding tourist attractions.

Convention Pre-registration: Members, prospective members and guests are encouraged to conveniently pre-register for the convention online or by mail. This will help you to avoid queuing up in a possible long line at the registration desk during the convention, as this convention is expected to draw record attendance. For all early registration, your receipts will be mailed to you by the OIUSA Financial Team on or before April 30, 2020. To make sure that you receive your registration receipts you are advised to provide the following with your check or money order: **name, mailing address, telephone number and email address.** For existing members, who were absent at past conventions, you may mail in your membership dues to bring your membership up-to-date, and help OIUSA meet her financial obligations, and also help reduce the burden of paying past dues all at a time. Please take advantage of the early registration by making checks or money order payable to: **Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc., Attn.: Dr. Jonathan Asuru, 124 Silver Drive, Pelham, AL 35124, or call him @ 205-531-8083 for updated information on your membership status.**

You can also pay online with your credit card or paypal by logging on to <http://www.oiusa.org/Home/MemberPayments>

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

CATEGORY

NEW MEMBERS	SINGLE	COUPLE	GUEST (EACH)
Registration	\$50	\$75	
Convention Fees	\$100	\$200	\$120 (EACH)
Annual Dues	\$100	\$110	
TOTAL FOR NEW MEMBERS	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$385.00</u>	
RETURNING MEMBERS			
Convention Fee	\$100	\$200	
Annual Dues	\$100	\$110	
TOTAL FOR RETURNING MEMBERS	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$310.00</u>	
YOUNG ADULTS (23-25 Yrs)			
Convention Fee	\$25		

Youth and Children's Programs: The youths and children are the future of OIUSA. OIUSA requests parents to bring their children and encourage their grown youths to attend the convention. The OIUSA Youth Leadership Committee is working on program and activities for all the youths and children. For additional information, please contact the **Youth Administrator, Mrs. Peace Ogunleye @ +1 (213) 265-6355**

Graduating Studens:

Parents who have 2019-2020 high school and college graduating students, including adults should submit their names to the OIUSA Administrator for Education, or Chairman of the NCPC to ensure that they receive their deserved recognitions and awards. Please include the schools that they are graduating from and going to, their majors and future prospect. The OIUSA Administrator for Education is **Mr. King Okpobiri**, and he can be reached at **+1 (972) 898-0331**, and email all the needed information to him at kokpobiri@yahoo.com

OIUSA Uniforms:

During the 2019 Convention in Dallas, Texas, OIUSA created the position of OIUSA WOMEN LEADER, whose committee is to handle everything related to OIUSA's female members, including uniforms, etc. The OIUSA Women Leader is **Mrs. Patience (Dada) Osaih**, she can be reached at **+1 (313) 330-3446**

OIUSA wishes you and your family a safe trip to and from Miami, Florida.



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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 NCPC in their efforts to solicit funds for the convention.

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:***
- ❖ **Mail to; Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc;**
- ❖ **ATTN: Ven. Collins Asonye,**
4643 Seminary Road, #203
Alexandria, VA 22304

- ❖ The deadline for all advertisements and payments is April 30, 2020. *No advertisements will be published in the program brochure without full payment. Email your Ad to 03prince@concast.net*

For questions and additional information please contact the 2014 National Convention Planning Committee Chairman - **Mr. Maxwell Oparaodu** at @ 972-693-8178.