



**Speech Presented by Ani Edohoukwa, the National President of Ubium Development Association in USA at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Dallas, Texas on July 9, 2022.**

Mr. Chairman, esteemed special guests, members of the high table, Ubium Board of trustees, members of the National executive, sons and daughters of Ubium, invited guests, and distinguished ladies and gentlemen, good evening. It is indeed a special honor and privilege to welcome you to the 18<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Ubium Development Association in Dallas Texas on this beautiful day of July 9, 2022.

Ubium Development Association in USA is a non-profit 501(c3) organization. Our core mission and mandate is to improve the quality of life in our community through education, poverty alleviation and other basic socio-economic endeavors such as the rehabilitation of our healthcare facilities, provision of safe drinking water to over 21 primary schools, micro finance scheme for our entrepreneurs, and medical missions to meet the yearnings of our people in need of accessible healthcare. We attempt to accomplish our core mandate through collaborations with corporate bodies, philanthropic organizations and individual donors such as yourself.

In keeping with our established goals and objectives, this year's convention theme is 'Investing in Ubium Youth through skills training, health management and career advancement'

Most of you in this hall today and those not present now have contributed to our many successes, for that we owe you a debt of gratitude, and appreciation for your continuous support to our

cause. We have been prudent with the resources entrusted in our care over the years, and you can be assured that your financial contributions this evening, will be used exclusively for its intended programs and projects. As we demand accountability of our elected and appointed leaders, we as leaders in a not-for-profit organization must exercise same attributes to ensure that the doctrine of substantial compliance is archived.

All of us have a duty and responsibility no matter where we are in life to be relevant to one another especially those in need. Ross Perot in his acclaimed book, *The Principles for Success*, said, and I quote “Ultimately, the only things that really matter are God, family, country, friends, and caring for those in need”. You are here this evening because you care for those in need and are willing to offer your financial contributions and support to our organization.

Special thanks to previous administration of this great organization led by our amiable Mr. Essien Samuel Essien who led the association through the Covid-19 era by staging a historic first ever virtual convention in Ubium. And to the Chairlady of the 2022 Convention planning committee, Madam Eka Inoyo Morgan, and all their members, members of the current executives, thank you for an extraordinary work to ensure the success of this event.

Finally, to my dear wife Dr. Grace Edohoukwa, and my children, Harry Edohoukwa, & Dr. Ubong Edohoukwa, thanks for giving me your shoulders to lean on. I will always remain grateful for your support.

Eagles they say do not flock together; you must find them one at a time.

Thank you  
Anietie Edohoukwa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anietie Edohoukwa', written in a cursive style.

National President - Ubium Development Association, USA