

## WELCOME REMARKS FOR WORLD SAVINGS DAY WORKSHOP.

I was brought up to believe that savings was everything. It was a competition in my family and the best saver got a prize. Isn't that interesting?

CAFEi is committed to actively raising the quality of life for every child. We want all our children to imbibe the habit of saving from childhood and to achieve their potential of becoming responsible, informed adults. Our task at CAFEi is to make this possible. Our mission is to provide practical step by step assistance through our Volunteers programs.

There are many people in this room who have attended some of our programs and quite a number have signified to be "volunteers". I want to welcome you all to this webinar on "Train the Trainer" and I look forward to our conversation that will unfold over the next few hours.

What is the story of CAFEi and why this workshop? Our story is all in the telling. To be without a story is to be lost. To figure out how we can tell our story is what this workshop is all about.

The goal is as pertinent as it was when I was growing up. It is a goal we all share as a body and we are honoured to have an International facilitator and Personal Coach, Ms. Laura Weston to take us through today. She brings up her passion and knowledge of how to get through to children to this workshop. She will be properly introduced by the moderator later on.

The World Savings Day or World Thrift day is recognized internationally on the 31st of October every year to foster the culture of saving. Our plan this year is to teach students in primary schools about "Saving" and we hope you will all be willing to go on this journey with us.

I want to specially appreciate my dear friend, the Honourable Commissioner of Education, Lagos State for accepting to set the tone for this workshop. Our journey of friendship started in 1969 when we were both dropped off at the gate of Queens School Ibadan. Having undergone serious admission process, with £2 pocket money in our pockets and with instructions to manage our resources prudently. We could only buy things we needed and not things we wanted. Here we are today with that which was put into us at an early age, teaching other children on how 'Life begins with Savings'. Thank you Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo for accepting to come on CAFEi's program once again.

We hope you all will enjoy this workshop dedicated to tooling you on the necessities required to conduct a successful enlightenment session.

Before I leave you in the hands of our able moderator Mrs. Remi Williams, I want to say once more on behalf of CAFEi, Welcome! It is wonderful to see many of you here. My name is Otunba Debola Osibogun, President Consumer Awareness and Financial Enlightenment Initiative. Good morning.