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**Aspects of the Foreign Relations
of the Benin Empire in History.
Benin City, Nigeria, June, 2009**

Tayo Akpata Foundation in collaboration with Institute for Benin Studies invites participants to submit abstracts and papers for an international conference scheduled to hold in Benin City, June 2009, with the theme of *Aspects of the Foreign Relations of the Benin Empire in History*. Sub-themes include: Historiography of Benin; Edo Diaspora and Relations with Benin; Origins of Benin; Edo Diaspora in Yoruba land: Akure, Ekiti, Owo Akoko (Owo Division), Ilorin, Ikale, Ilesha and Eko-Lagos; Edo Diaspora in Igbo land and the Niger Delta; Benin Kingdom, the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade and Edo Diaspora; Influences in Sao Tome and Principe, West Africa and the Americas; Impact of colonialism on the Benin.

Please send an abstract of not more than 250 words should be submitted electronically as attachment through the e-mail address: insbeninst@gmail.com, and cc. insbenst@hotmail.com, or as a hard copy and disk copy; typed double space, using Times New Roman 12 point font, to the undersigned. Deadline for submission of abstract is February 28, 2009. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstracts by March 15, 2009. Completed Papers must be received May 30, 2009. Completed papers must include references, tables and figures on standard paper (A4) with 1 inch margin all around. All enquiries should be addressed to: Uyilawa Usuanlele, Coordinator, North America, uyilausu@gmail.com, +1-315-312-3485, or, Aiko Obobaifo, Secretary, 18 Ezoti Street, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, aiko_aifo@yahoo.com; Institute for Benin Studies, 18 Ezoti Street, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria; email: insbeninst@gmail.com.