



Date: September 12, 2025

Dr. Emma Asonye  
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Dear Dr. Asonye,

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN LINGUISTIC PRACTICE 2025

I bring you warm felicitations from the Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN).

LAN regulates activities relating to the languages of Nigeria. It is also concerned with the linguistic situation in Nigeria and has tried over the years to find solutions to some of Nigeria's linguistic challenges. Since 1980, when it was formed, it has primarily among other goals provided a foundation for the study and development of Nigerian languages as well as cooperate with other associations or bodies with similar goals.

Given your contributions to the development of the Igbo language, you have been nominated for an award of excellence in linguistic practice, 2025. The award will be presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association which will take place from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.

To enable the processing of the ceremony and proper documentation of the award, may I request that you kindly submit a brief statement (100 words maximum) of what you consider your best contributions to the development of the Igbo language.

Should you accept this award, we will be very delighted to see you in Awka.

Congratulations!

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

Professor Imelda Udoh, FLAN, FNAL  
President, Linguistic Association of Nigeria