

M. Teresa Lawrence Visits Toronto for NiDEC, Introduces Landmark Conservation and Research Initiative in Nigeria

Lawrence met Dr. Adeniyi Tinubu to discuss how the Sanctuary of Butterflies could advance Nigeria's conservation, education, and sustainable development goals.

TORONTO, CANADA, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- International author, visionary leader, and President of [The Trueness Project](#), M Teresa Lawrence, visited Toronto this week to participate in the [Nigeria Diaspora Economic Conference \(NiDEC\)](#), where she unveiled her ambitious and transformative initiative: The Sanctuary of Butterflies and Library Research Center, to be established in Nigeria.



M. Teresa Lawrence (R) poses for a group photo with, among others, King Wale Adesanya (second left), Chairman Nigeria & Canada Business Network (N&CBN), Engr. Fauziya Buhari (fourth left), Senior Special Assistant to Governor of Kaduna State on School feeding Programme.

During her visit, Lawrence engaged in an exclusive and highly productive meeting with Dr. Adeniyi Tinubu, a distinguished figure in Nigeria's academic and development landscape.

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Their conversation centered on the profound impact the Sanctuary of Butterflies and its accompanying research library could have on Nigeria's global standing in conservation, education, and sustainable development.

[M. Teresa Lawrence](#) emphasized that the project is directly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), particularly those focused on quality education, climate action, life on land, and global partnerships.

She highlighted that Nigeria's commitment to such a forward-looking conservation initiative would send a powerful message to the world: Nigeria is serious about environmental stewardship, scientific research, and sustainable development.

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The Sanctuary of Butterflies and Library Research Center is envisioned as a premier hub for ecological study, biodiversity preservation, and educational programming for students, researchers, and international partners.

The initiative aims to foster scientific inquiry, promote environmental awareness, and strengthen Nigeria's role in global conservation efforts.

Lawrence shared her intention to seek funding and strategic partnerships from major institutions, including:

- Dangote Foundation
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- UNESCO
- Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Education

Her meeting with Dr. Tinubu concluded on an exceptionally positive note. Dr. Tinubu affirmed his full support and commitment to championing the project, including facilitating introductions to key government agencies and private sector leaders in Nigeria.

"Dr. Tinubu's encouragement and willingness to help advance this vision mark a significant step forward," Lawrence noted. "His support strengthens the pathway to making this dream a reality for Nigeria and for future generations."

Lawrence's participation at NiDEC and her strategic



Lawrence with Dr. Adeniyi Tinubu (L) during the Nigeria Diaspora Economic Conference. /NiDEC.



Lawrence in Toronto for the NiDEC. /M. Teresa Lawrence.

engagements in Toronto underscore her dedication to building global partnerships that uplift communities, protect ecosystems, and inspire sustainable progress.

About M. Teresa Lawrence

M. Teresa Lawrence is a best-selling author, creative visionary, and President & Executive Director of The Trueness Project. A lawyer, educator, and advocate, she is known for her work empowering displaced and less privileged children, inspiring leaders, and building initiatives that promote truth, resilience, and global betterment. She is also a global Official Ambassador of Kindness and Happiness.

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