



Acceptance Speech by Dr Adesola Adeduntan, Chief Executive Officer, First Bank of Nigeria Limited on the “Forbes Best of Africa” Award on Friday, 11 September 2020

PROTOCOL:

- I am truly humbled to receive the “Forbes Best of Africa” Award.
- I am grateful to the Forbes team for this coveted recognition and award.
- I owe profound gratitude to our customers; and to the Board, Management and Staff of the First Bank of Nigeria Limited and all our Subsidiaries, for their cooperation in delivering the best to our esteemed customers and shareholders, and ensuring that we give back to the society in which we have sustained our business for over 126 years.
- The unprecedented events following the Covid-19 era have once again proven that FirstBank is truly woven into the fabric of society.
- I am gratified that we have exemplified corporate leadership by providing seamless digital banking services, and by championing the safety and wellbeing of our society without let or hindrance. We achieved these because we have always worked to accentuate sustainable practices for over 126 years.
- We have not only provided excellent financial services to our teeming customers, we have also contributed in no small measure to the growth and development of this nation in all ramifications.
- Our support extends from individuals to SMEs, corporate, multinationals, governmental and non-governmental organisations. We have supported developments in education, the arts, agriculture, sports, the environment, health and welfare.
- This “Forbes Best of Africa” award is an incentive to do more in Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability as Africa’s bank of first choice.
- Therefore, I dedicate this award to my colleagues at FirstBank and its Subsidiaries who are fully committed to our quest to remain truly beyond comparison – a haven of resilience, trust, safety, security, excellent corporate governance, entrepreneurship, professionalism, innovation and customer-centricity. Thank you for celebrating with us.