

PRESS RELEASE

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2016 GEIA-CPCS Fellowship Recipient: Dr. Sue Claire Berning

The Global Economic Institute for Africa (GEIA) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2016 GEIA-CPCS Fellowship: Dr. Sue Claire Berning. A German citizen, Dr. Berning completed her Ph.D. in International Management in 2016 from the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg in Germany. She holds two Master's degrees: Social Management from the Lutheran University, Nürnberg (Germany) and International Business & Communication in Asia / China from the University of Applied Sciences, Konstanz (Germany).

The Corporate Sponsor of the 2016 GEIA Fellowship is [CPCS Transcom Limited](#). CPCS is an Ottawa-based management consulting firm providing strategic advisory services specific to transportation and power infrastructure, operations, investment, policy and regulation. The host organization for the 2016 GEIA-CPCS Fellow is the [Nigerian Economic Summit Group](#) (NESG). NESG is a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving sustainable economic development by exploring and supporting initiatives directed at improving Nigeria's economic policies, its institutions and competitive business climate. NESG is headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria.

The Fellow receives a lump-sum Fellowship Award valued at two thousand Canadian dollars (\$2,000.00) and a round-trip flight ticket from country of residence to Lagos. In addition, the Fellowship covers accommodation, local transportation to and from work, one meal per day, and a guaranteed monthly base salary of one hundred and fifty thousand naira (NGN 150,000.00). The \$2,000 Fellowship Award is made available by CPCS, in addition to a NGN 50,000.00 monthly salary supplement. GEIA Fellows have opportunities for international research collaborations and professional career development.

In a statement by the President/Chief Economist of GEIA, Dr. Fred Olayele, "This is a prestigious award conferred by the Institute, and Dr. Sue Claire Berning is to be congratulated for having a strong academic record that merits this honour. A business moves into a leadership position when its actions begin to generate beneficial impacts beyond its borders. CPCS is a leading Canadian infrastructure firm in Africa. Canada is very well known for its sustainable approach to doing business and CPCS represents just that. Community giving is an opportunity to demonstrate social commitment to the broader community; it is therefore not a surprise that CPCS is showing leadership in corporate social responsibility on the global stage."

The GEIA Fellowship Program pairs recent graduates or exceptional students in Master's and PhD programs from reputable universities with chief/senior executives and leaders of top-performing public, private and non-profit organizations in Africa. The goal of the Fellowship is to help African countries in policy development and capacity building.

The Fellowship offers interesting research opportunities; participants work on a wide variety of business and public policy issues. Africans and non-Africans are eligible, but their university must not be domiciled in any of the 54 African countries.

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