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This Special Conference Issue contains selected peer-reviewed papers presented at the 2026 International Hybrid Conference of the Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, held from 3rd – 6th March, 2026. The conference was organized in honour of Professor Ann N. Okolo, Professor Nelson O. Ogbonnaya, and Professor Dominic U. Ngwoke in recognition of their outstanding contributions to educational scholarship, research, and teacher education in Nigeria and beyond.

The conference provided a platform for academics, researchers, educational administrators, policymakers, and practitioners from different institutions to exchange ideas, present research findings, and discuss emerging issues in education. The papers published in this issue were carefully selected and subjected to rigorous peer review to ensure they meet the high academic and ethical standards of the *Journal of Educational Foundations*.

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We sincerely appreciate the unwavering commitment of our Editorial Board members, reviewers, authors, and readers for their invaluable support in sustaining the quality and growth of the Journal. We also commend the Local Organizing Committee of the 2026 International Hybrid Conference for the successful organization of the conference and their efforts in making this Special Conference Issue possible.

It is our hope that the articles published in this volume will provide valuable insights, enrich educational literature, and inspire further research that will contribute to the advancement of education in Nigeria and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in the *Journal of Educational Foundations*.

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