## **Trustfund Pensions Plc**

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## TRUSTFUND ADVOCATES THE BENEFITS OF PROGRAMMED WITHDRAWAL



r business. '<u>satisfied</u> customers' we cannot remain in business

rustfund Pensions Plc has urged retirees not to be swayed by pension products that promise immediate benefits.

Abuja Regional Manager of Trustfund, Mr. Maurice Ogar, who made this statement at Trustfund's retirees' forum in Abuja, explained that annuity pension products may expose their dependents upon after their demise.

Ogar stressed that programme withdrawal offers long term advantages to retirees and quarantees their survivors benefits upon the demise of the contributor.

He defined programmed withdrawal as the payment of funds (monthly, quarterly or annually) from the retirees' Retirement Savings Account (RSA) calculated on the basis of an expected life span. The balance in the account is invested and continues to grow even while withdrawals are being made.

He explained, "with programmed withdrawal, we pay arrears of client's monthly pension from the month he or she retires. In addition there is a possibility of additional lump sum or pension increase. Retiree funds are held by Pension Fund Custodians (PFCs) and managed in line with National Pension Commission (PenCom) guidelines.

Explaining what annuity is, Trustfund's Head of Customer Service, Mrs.



Retirees' Forum Held in Abuja Recently

sion product that is purchased forum describing it as a platfrom insurance companies li-form not only for exchange of censed by the National Insurance Commission, with guaranteed period of 10 years. This means that if a retiree dies before its expiration, the retiree's benefici- dissatisfactions of contributors aries will be paid up to 10 years is addressed. remaining guaranteed years). Where the retiree dies after the expiration of the guaranteed period, nothing is paid to the beneficiaries.

Mohammed Abubakar, who retired in 2009 as a general manager from the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) praised Trust-

Maha Longe, described it as pen- fund for organising the retirees' information on developments in the pension industry, but an avenue where grievances and

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