

## R&D: NUC, TETFund to Host National Summit

The National Universities Commission, NUC and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) have resolved to jointly host a National Summit on Research and Development (R & D) in the first quarter of next year.

The Executive Secretaries of the NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed and TETFund, Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro disclosed this after concluding a Research and Development visit to some selected institutions in Israel, stating that the objective of the Summit would be to draw the attention of the country to the total neglect of R & D.

In his concluding remarks at the end of the visit in Tel Aviv, Prof. Rasheed who is also the acting Chairman of TETFund said that Nigeria was not investing in R&D and “that is partly the reason why

the country is finding it difficult to develop.”

from Nigeria and industrial practitioners would provide case studies of specific countries to see



Prof. Bogoro and Rasheed

He said that the summit which would draw participants from first rate Researchers from different parts of the world, Professors and Researchers

why they were succeeding, how much they were spending on R&D and how they were organising their R&D for the development of their nations.

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The NUC Scribe said that at the end of the summit, a communiqué would be produced that would tell government what it should do as well as tell Industry and University what they must do and how to coordinate all efforts towards encouraging innovation and inventions to achieve national development.

In the same vein, the two organizations also plan to host a second National Summit specifically on the state of Agricultural Research in Nigeria to follow the first summit a few months after.

Explaining the reason for the specific summit on Agriculture, Prof. Rasheed said that “this has become necessary in view of the importance of Agriculture in our lives”, adding that the summit would involve all Research Institutes, Federal Ministries of Education and Agriculture and Faculties of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities and all stakeholders in Agriculture.

Prof. Rasheed said that one of the main reasons for the failure of Agriculture in Nigeria was the failure of our Universities to implement Agric Extension Services which was critical to the success of Agriculture in any country.

He said that Agric Extension was the way Universities disseminate knowledge to the



**Mr. Avi Luvton**  
Ag. VP, Israel Innovation Authority

society without waiting for government. “Our major problem in Nigeria is that we

from the researches and innovation of Agric Researches to boost their yield.”

He disclosed that NUC was unbundling the Agriculture Programme in Nigerian Universities into several programmes like Bachelor of Crop Science, Bachelor of Crop Protection, Bachelor of Agronomy, Bachelor of Agricultural Economy, Bachelor of Extension Services and so on.

The team visited a couple of Research and Development Organisations and Institutions including the Israel Innovation Authority in Tel-Aviv, The Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem, the



**L-R: Prof. Rasheed (backing Camera) Prof. Bogoro and Mr. Luvton**

think the federal government must do everything. Nigerian farmers must benefit directly

Israel Academy of Science and Humanities, the SIMBIONX Medical Simulation Company





and the Volkani Agriculture Research Organisation in Gilat. Other places visited were the

At the Israel Innovation Authority, the Acting Vice President International

He said that Innovation and Technology were not the exclusive preserve of the West as all countries were in it and any country not in the Innovation race would be left behind as innovation was happening so fast.



Mr. Luvtonm (4th left) presenting the Israel Innovation Authority to the Nigerian delegation

Kitchen (Food Technology Hub), the Faculty of Agriculture, a

Division, Avi Luvton told the visiting Nigerian team that the

Mr. Luvton told his visitors that the Authority does not fund basic research but financially supports and encourages applied researches. “We support the ecosystem of innovation companies which include governmental, academic and private companies inclusive of multinational companies, growth companies and small and medium scale companies,” explaining that in Israel there was interconnectivity among all these companies and that the



The entire delegation outside the Israel Innovation Authority

branch of the Hebrew University and some Historical and Religious Sites.

authority was the main Israel government entity in charge of Innovation.

Government monitors their challenges and invest heavily but does not intervene.





According to him, the flagship tools provided by the authority

He disclosed that the authority receives about 3,000 applications every year and

innovation and technology to fail and that was why the authority and the Israeli government did not bother about failure.



Einstein sculpture at the Israel Academy of Science and Humanities, Jerusalem

included building a consortium of universities and companies to discuss innovation, dealing with start-ups and incubation, investing in the R&D of growth companies and low-tech companies to enable them grow, adding that “in Israel we have no choice, we must encourage technology growth and about 85 per cent of funding of start-ups come from government.”

He said that the authority had a budget of half a billion dollars annually and “we operate like a private company with CEO at the head and are independent.”

funds at least 50 per cent of the applications received, saying



Goats at the Dept. of Animal Sciences, Rehovot

that need was the mother of all innovations but it was okay for

Mr. Luvton said that unlike in some countries where the bulk of research funding goes to the academia, in Israel most of the budget goes to the industry. “It is alright to have good published researches by the academia but they lead to nothing.”

In his own exit remarks, the ES, TETFund, Professor Bogoro said that he started the company to get the buy-in of Universities in R&D and have them lead the nation in 2014, adding that Research Institutes were experts

in their limited areas but Universities were natural leaders in R&D.







Prof. Bogoro said that the Triple-Helix model was a bigger manifestation of R&D and that

R&D then it could drag all other stakeholders to its side.

Prof. Rasheed disclosed that the NUC had finished a draft research policy that would serve as National research policy to guide the nation and the universities because currently there was no policy guiding research in Nigerian Universities. "Everybody writes what he wanted and that is why we could not advance anything."



At the Faculty of Agric, Rehovot, Hebrew University

Researches deepened knowledge and Science leads to innovation.

He advised that the draft recommendations from the TETFund visits should be

He also blamed the industries for being partly responsible because they don't relate with the universities to direct research, adding that if industries had been giving grants and demanding research in their desired areas, it would have opened up competition to win the grants by

He said that TETFund had visited a number of countries to learn the best practices in R&D and would produce a comprehensive report on all their findings to guide them in funding Research and Development in the Nigerian University System.

Responding, the Ag. Chair of TETFund and ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed said that although only the NUS could promote R&D but it was a multi stakeholder enterprise and once the NUS wakes up to its responsibility in



At the Caesarean Aqueduct

validated by all stakeholders before being put to use.

researchers and stimulate R&D in Nigeria.



Prof. Rasheed said that Nigerian University System started in 1948 the same year the state of Israel was created. “University college Ibadan was started in 1948 principally to train Nigerians who would take over the state services from the colonialists, so basically producing manpower.”

He said the universities since then had not changed drastically until in the last few years. They had been busy producing people who would be public servants, go into private sector, so our key target was to teach and “therefore we have remained essentially Centres of Excellence in teaching producing some great minds but not in research.

He said that NUC had now forced every university to have a



At the beach in Tel-Aviv: Moshe, Profs. Rasheed and Bogoro

universities until quite recently, as recent as this year, have had no Directors of Research to coordinate Research Management in their universities.

Director of Research and had also asked all universities to develop a draft research policy.

“We are about the only country in the world where research is not



L-R: Profs. Abubakar (ABU), Bogoro (TETFund), Rasheed (NUC), Ogundipe (Unilag) and Kundiri (FUW)





coordinated. In most cases PhD candidates would develop their own topics and the department would struggle to find a supervisor for them and even if nobody was competent, somebody would append his name as a supervisor either because he was looking for a way to get more papers for him to become a professor or to pretend he knew the area and at the end of

supervisor told him that it was not the policy of the university or of any UK university to conduct research on malaria because it was not their disease and therefore not their problem. In fact every university I know of in UK or anywhere usually developed broad research areas from where tentative research topics were generated by the

themselves”.

The Israeli R&D visit was facilitated by Skill ‘G’ Nig. Ltd a company that specialises in Instructional materials for Science, Technology, Mathematics, Technical and Vocational Education.

Briefing the delegation on arrival



The entire Nigerian delegation in a group photo with Jerusalem as background

the day little value was added because the supervisor himself was not well informed on the issue and would therefore not guide properly.”

He gave the example of the University of London where a Nigerian was to do PhD in Pharmacy in 1979 and wanted to do his research on Malaria, but his

staff in various faculties in line with the broad national research policy,” he said.

Prof. Rasheed said that even though Universities were the most conservative institutions in the world, they were still the main agents of change and they have to change in order to stimulate change and “must therefore embrace change

in Tel-Aviv, the Chairman of Skill ‘G’ Moshe Moalem said the objective of the visit was to initiate possible collaboration between Nigeria and Israeli Agencies and Institutions on Research and Development in order to improve and increase knowledge, capacity manpower, structure and infrastructure and procedure of Research and



Development across Nigeria.

The Ag. Chairman of the  
TETFund and Executive

Secretary NUC, Prof. Abubakar  
Rasheed led the delegation.



At Al-Aqsa Mosque

The membership are the ES  
TETFund, Prof. Suleiman  
Bogoro, Vice Chancellor, UniLag,  
Prof. Olutoyin Ogundipe, Vice  
Chancellor, Federal University,  
Wukari, Prof. Abubakar Kundiri  
and Dep. Vice-Chancellor, ABU,  
Prof. Sadiq Abubakar. Other  
members are two Directors from  
NUC, Mr. Christopher Maiyaki  
and Ibrahim Usman Yakasai.  
From TETFund: Ag. Director,  
TETFund, Dr. Bakari Girei, Arch.  
Uchendu Mbaegbulem, Dr.  
Emmanuel Chiroma, Dr. Eliogu  
Joy, Mrs. Alabi Olayemi from the  
Skill 'G' the Chairman, Dr. Moshe  
Moalem, Mr. Meir Dapan and Mr.  
Ige Oluwole.



At the Wailing Wall







# Use of ICT Indispensable in NUS

— *Prof. Rasheed*

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, has reiterated the relevance of Information and

in Nigeria must be appreciated.

This advancement, he noted, was in line with the goals of the NUC, which was to promote

Information System. The Commission will continue to initiate programmes that promote proficiency in the use of ICT for service delivery”.



DES (Admin.) Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo (2nd right); L-R: NUC Directors: Mrs. Lauretta Achor; Mrs. Agnes Bamgbala and Mr. Farouk M. Lawan (1st right)

Communication Technology (ICT) in modern society, stating that it had changed the way people live and do business as almost all aspects of human activities were ICT-driven.

He told a meeting of Directors of ICT in Nigerian Universities, held at the Commission to discuss the draft Policy framework for repositioning ICT in Nigerian University System (NUS).

Represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo, the NUC scribe stressed that every sector of the national economy and by extension the world economy, was ICT-driven, adding that the advancement of Information and Communication Technologies, their applications and deployment to professional practices at all levels of education

proficiency in the use of ICT for service delivery within the Commission and the NUS. The goal was to ensure efficient deployment and use of ICT in teaching, learning and research, as well as entrenchment of global best practices. To achieve the objective, there was need for robust ICT policy framework document that would guide and guard all ICT activities in the NUS.

Professor Rasheed highlighted that “in furtherance of the goals of the NUC in initiating and promoting the use of ICT for service delivery in the NUS, we have introduced computing as a discipline in the NUS with five programmes under it namely: Computer Science, Software Engineering, Cyber Security, Information Technology and

The Executive Secretary also used the opportunity to encourage the Directors of ICT to collaborate amongst themselves, share knowledge and possibly resources towards optimal deployment and utilisation of ICT in the NUS.

The Directors of ICT, who had prior to the event received the draft copies of the ICT Policy Framework, were encouraged by Professor Rasheed to be critical in their discussions of the various components of the document with a view to enrich the final draft Policy document that would be presented to the NUC Board for approval.

The NUC Acting Director, Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Lawal .M. Faruk, in his



presentation said that NUC had set out the draft ICT Policy Framework as an underlying guideline for proper, efficient and



**Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo**  
delivering his address

effective use of ICT in Nigerian Universities. He added that the Policy set to guide developers and users of ICT resources on appropriate standards to be adopted in Nigerian Universities.

Stating the objectives of the draft Policy, Mr Faruk said that the major objectives of the Policy

and secured communications infrastructure which he said would conform to recognised International standards and support all services in line with the priorities of individual universities. Others included guidance for: network services; security; handling organisational information; web site contents; user support; training; database services as well as ICT procurement.

The Acting Director also informed that the scope of the draft Policy covered all universities' staff, students and any other organisation that accessed services from universities' ICT resources, as well as persons contracted to develop, repair and maintain universities' ICT resources.

He stressed the need for reliable ICT network infrastructure for each university to serve its community that demanded adherence to a centralised,

operation and support.

Mr. Faruk further explained that the ICT network development and management policy structure included University ICT infrastructure development: preparation of development plans; provision of ICT network in new or refurbished buildings;



**Mr. Farouk M. Lawan**  
delivering his address

University Backbone structured to comprise inter-building cabling with "Gateway"



**Cross section of audience at the event**

was to provide guidance in developing a pervasive, reliable

coordinated strategy for planning, implementation,

interfaces for each building to connect to the Backbone;





Campus Local Area Network (LAN), including all wiring, cabling and related network equipment within existing buildings that connected to all LAN gateways.

He said that other network development and management

captured in the Policy were inter-campus connections; private networks; access to ICT facilities; connection usage of ICT facilities; monitoring of Network performance; software development as well as acquisition procedure.

The draft NUS ICT Policy also elaborately covered other areas such as access management and control (Security and Business Continuity Management); manpower development and capacity building; equal opportunity policy as well as maintenance of ICT equipment.

## ABU, Nagasaki University Sign MoU on Tropical Disease

Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria's Africa Centre of Excellence in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), under the auspices of the National Universities Commission (NUC) last Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nagasaki University, Japan, on Tropical Diseases.

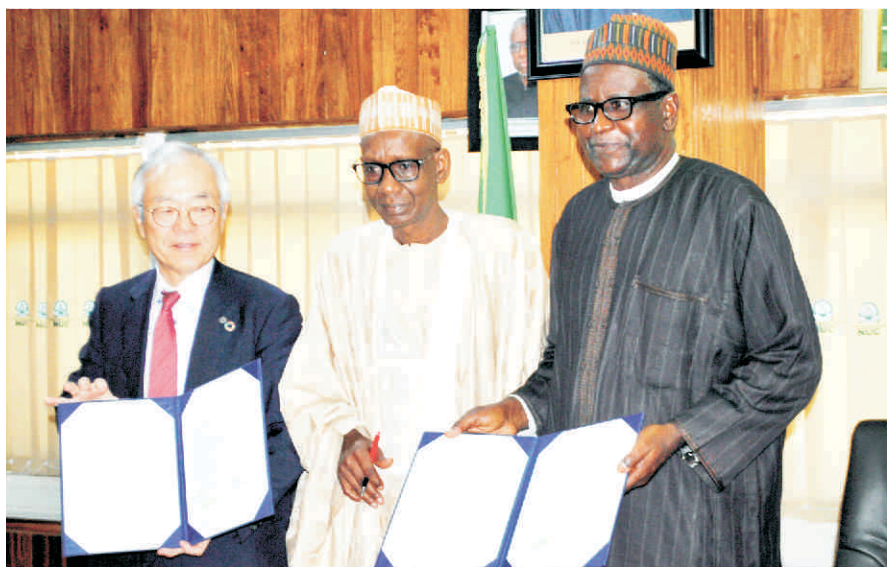
In his remarks at the signing ceremony at the NUC Secretariat, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Dr. Gidado Kumo, who represented the Executive Secretary, expressed delight that Nigerian universities were beginning to explore meaningful collaborations with their counterparts in other parts of the world, describing the MoU as a worthwhile venture which the Commission had always advocated.

The Deputy Executive Secretary noted that the area of tropical diseases had been a problem that required solution and that the Commission appreciated that ABU keyed into that special area. He charged ABU to further expand its scope in the area of

tropical medicine so as to attract doctors from other climes to its ACENTDFB for further

specialised in that area in Nigeria.

He encouraged ABU and



DES (Admin.) Dr. Gidado B. Kumo (middle) President, Nagasaki University, Prof. Shigeru Konu (left) and VC ABU, Prof. Ibrahim Garba (right) after signing the MoU

studies, stressing that the ultimate would be to strive to make ABU an enviable centre of Excellence in Tropical diseases. Dr. Kumo recalled that he was part of the delegation the Commission sent to understudy some universities in Egypt and Sudan where it was discovered that medical physics and radiation medicine were striving in those countries' universities, adding that only University of Lagos had

Nagasaki University to keep to the terms of the MoU and to foster further collaborations. He urged both institutions to work together as partners in radiation medicine and medical physics as NUC was very much interested in that area.

The Vice-Chancellor of ABU, Professor Ibrahim Garba said that the relationship between ABU and Nagasaki University started a long time ago, stating that the signing of the MoU was





consolidation of the previously established relationship as both universities had been having exchange programmes that were beneficial to them.

Professor Garba expressed satisfaction with the collaboration on tropical medicine as he informed that ABU also had collaboration with Debrecen University, Hungary in the area of medicine.

The President of Nagasaki University, Professor Shigeru Kono, said that the University was founded in 1949. According to him, the University became a Centre of Excellence in Tropical diseases due to the resultant effect

He said that the institute of tropical medicine, Nagasaki University had the major aim of overcoming tropical diseases, particularly infectious diseases, and various health problems associated with them. Towards this end, he promised that the University would work in collaboration with ABU to spearhead research in tropical medicine by striving for excellence.

He said that the World Bank was assisting both universities to carry out research in Radiation Medicine and infectious disease, expressing the hope that Nagasaki University's partnership with ABU would be

deepen the relationship of ABU and Nagasaki University but also that of Nigeria and Japan.

In a brief remark, Professor M. K Aliu of ABU commended NUC for facilitating the signing of the MoU.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a medical equipment for tropical diseases by Professor Satoshi from Nagasaki University to ABU Vice-Chancellor.

Present at the meeting were representatives from ABU and Nagasaki University.

Also present were NUC Directors



Group photo: The Rep. of ES, Dr. G.B. Kumo 5th right, the President, Nagasaki University, Prof. Shigeru Kono 6th right; VC, ABU, Prof. Ibrahim Garba with other delegates and some NUC Directors.

of radioactivity witnessed in the city of Nagasaki after the World War. By this, the Nagasaki Institute of Medicine, domiciled in the University had to rise up to the challenge on the need to develop tropical medicine and therefore became a centre of research in various medical fields.

strengthened with the signing of the MoU and also help to foster further collaboration in the area of students exchange.

A representative of the Japanese Ambassador in Nigeria, Mr. Nami Nakayoshi, in his remarks said that the signing of the MoU would not only promote and

of Academic Planning, Dr. Noel Abiodun Saliu; Human Resources, Mr. Boniface C. Odum; Ag. Director, Research Innovation and Information Technology, Mal. Farouk and NUC Visiting Professor Abdullahi Y. Ribadu.





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Dear Consul-General,

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

I am delighted to inform you that the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong is launching the Tenth Round of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (the "Scheme"). The Scheme aims to attract top international students to pursue PhD studies in Hong Kong's world-class research universities. The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of HK\$25,800 (approx. US\$3,300) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$12,900 (approx. US\$1,700) per year for a period of three years. 250 fellowships will be awarded for PhD studies commencing in the 2020/21 academic year. The deadline for initial application is 2 December 2019.

I have pleasure in enclosing posters and leaflets of the Scheme for your information, and should be much grateful if you would grant assistance in posting or circulating them to interested parties of your university / institution. Electronic versions of the above-mentioned publicity materials are available online for download:

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Yours faithfully,

Benjamin Wah  
Chairman  
Research Grants Council

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## **NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS**

### **COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS (NAL) CONVOCATION AND INVESTITURE OF NEW FELLOWS, AND SCIENTIFIC SESSION HELD AT THE J.F. ADE.AJAYI AUDITORIUM, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS ON THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 2019**

#### **PREAMBLE**

The Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), an autonomous, non-political body of scholars in the humanities, held its 21st Convocation and Investiture of New Fellows, and Scientific Session on Thursday, 8th August, 2019, at the J.F. Ade Ajayi Auditorium, University of Lagos. The theme of the Convocation was "Religion and Morality in a Secular State".

In attendance were 121 professors from different Nigerian and overseas universities. The President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters Professor Francis Egbokhare, FNAL, presided over the Convocation and investiture of New Fellows and the Vice President, Professor Duro Oni, FNAL presided over the Scientific Session. Thirty-six new members were inducted six new Regular Fellows (Professors Ademola O. Dasylva, Abdulkrasheed Na'Allah, Sunday Enessi, Ifeorna Mabel Onyemelukwe, Albert 'Lekan Oyeleye, and Jim Unah) and two Honorary Fellows Yemi Ogunbiyi, and Mr Olusegun Adeniyi) were admitted into the NAL College of Fellows. Other key dignitaries in attendance were Rt. Hon. Rotimi Amaechi, newly reappointed Minister of Transportation; Prof Rasheed Abubakar, FNAL, the Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC); Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, FNAL, Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board and Professor Obiajulu Emejulu, Executive Director of the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINLAN). The vice chancellors included Prof. Oluwatoyin T. Ogundipe, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos; Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja; Professor Eyitope Ogungbenro Ogunbodede, the Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Professor Andrew Haruna, the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University, Gashua and Professor Ozo-Mekuri Ndimele, the Vice Chancellor of Ignatius Ajuru University, Port Harcourt.

The Convocation Lecture titled, "Morality and the state". The Nigerian Experience, was delivered by Professor Emeritus Godwin Sogolo, FNAL. Two well researched papers on the Convocation theme were also presented at the Scientific Session by Professor Akin Alao of the Department of History, of the department of History and Professor Umar H.D. Danfulani of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Jos. In the course of this presentation, pertinent issues that need the attention of government and the general public were discussed. These formed the basis of the following observations and recommendations.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

At the end of the engaging Convocation Lecture and the stimulating Scientific Session, the following were observed:

1. The Nigerian state seems to pay scant attention to the education of youth on the ethos and the realities of cultural diversity;
2. There is a rapidly growing culture of moral apathy, especially among the Nigerian youth, due to failure of governance at all levels;
3. Poor attention is given to moral education in the national socialisation processes and, this has created



4. strained relationships and avoidable social distance between the state and the people;
5. The Nigerian Constitution (Section 15(2)) upholds the idea of a secular state but the document equally contains provisions that undermine this secular character;
6. The current absence of a distinction between the state and religion in Nigeria was partly created by the British colonial policies which made religion and ethnicity coterminous;
7. There is the systemic collapse of merit on the altar of religious bigotry and ethnicity, which promotes corruption and insecurity across the nation; and
8. The clear absence of a national philosophy is largely responsible for the palpable moral decay and cultural disorientation of our youth.
9. The running of university education in Nigeria has become so complex and difficult because of paucity of funding. Federal Government still pays lip service to funding of education, and it is most unfortunate; and
10. In recent times, politicians without requisite knowledge of the university system are appointed as Pro-Chancellors. This trend can hardly add value to the running of the University system in Nigeria. .

### RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the above observations, the following recommendations were: made in the course of the Convocation Lecture, the Scientific Session and the ensuing discussions:

1. There is an urgent need for a humanising education that could socialise our youth into Nigerian ethos and diverse cultural values; "
2. Government should put in place policies that would guarantee the preservation of our religious diversity, as well as recover and propagate our waning cultural values, through curriculum review and proper reorientation on core national values;
3. The social distance between the people and the state can OIlly be bridged by a radical value reorientation that is championed by the humanities;
4. There is the need to review relevant sections of the Nigerian Constitution that contradict the secular state status and effectively separate religion from the state;
5. Deliberate efforts should be made to ensure a return to the traditional culture of reward for exemplary acts and punishment of erring conducts;
6. Adherence to merit and professional ethics will significantly ensure that the funds entrusted to public servants are properly utilised for the benefit and common good of all citizens;
7. Government should expedite actions on evolving the needed national philosophy which would provide the framework for sustainable quality control and, peer review of professional ethics and conduct;
8. To fund university education in Nigeria, Federal Government should increase its, budgetary allocation to the education sector to 25% and progressively increase this annually to 40% within three years. The leaderships of universities are also encouraged to be innovative and creative in sourcing for additional alternative and sustainable revenue streams to enable them survive, thrive and compete well internationally; and
9. For effective university administration, Visitors to all universities in Nigeria should give priority to appointing experienced and knowledgeable people in university administration and similar institutions as Pro-Chancellors.

**Professor Francis Egbokhare, FNAL**  
**President, Nigeria Academy of Letters (NAL)**







## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 UNESCO KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA PRIZE FOR THE USE OF ICT IN EDUCATION**

The UNESCO invites nominations from Nigeria for the King Hamed Bin Isa Al-Khalite price for the use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education.

This is to recognize approaches in leveraging new technologies to expand educational and lifelong learning opportunities for all, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Goal 4 on Education.

The theme of the 2019 Prize is the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to innovate Education, learning and teaching.

Nominations should be forwarded to [natcom.unesco@education.gov.ng](mailto:natcom.unesco@education.gov.ng) on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019. Receipt of nominations will close by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 (midnight Paris time)

For more information visit <http://www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register>.

#### **Announcer-**

**Arc Sonny Echono**  
**Permanent Secretary**

### **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (PRESS & PR)** **SHAKE UP IN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

Education Minister, Adamu Adamu has approved the redeployment of eleven (11) Directors and Principals of Federal Unity Colleges in an exercise, the Minister said is designed to strengthen service delivery and also fill existing vacancies in the education sector.

Top on the list of Directors redeployed are Abdulkadir Binta (Mrs.), Principal, Federal Government College (FGC) Kwali, who is now the Director, Basic and Secondary Education Department in the Ministry.

Binta will take over from Dr. Lami Amodu, the current Director of Basic and Secondary Education, who will retire from service on the 14th of October, 2019.

The current Principal of Federal Science and Technical College (FSTC) Yaba, Dr. Ufoegbune Ogochukwu (Mrs.) has

now been moved to the Ministry's headquarters to fill the vacancy of Director, Federal Education Quality Assurance Services (FEQAS), while Mr. Omada David Idakwoji of the Federal Science and Technical College, Uromi, takes over from Dr. Ufoegbune Ogochukwu of the Federal Science and Technical College, Yaba, as Principal.

Similarly, Dr. Mrs. Yakubu Oyinloye of Queens' College, Lagos, is to take over from Akamo Esther (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government Girls' College, Shagamu, while Dr. (Mrs.) Essien Funmi of the Federal Government College, Ijanikin, is to take over from Dr. (Mrs.) Yakubu Oyinloye as Principal, Queens' College, Lagos.

Akamo.O. Esther (Mrs.) of Federal Government Girls' College (FGGC), Shagamu is to succeed Dr. (Mrs.) Essien Funmi as Principal, Federal Government College, Ijanikin, while Abdullahi Asmau Yakubu (Mrs.) of the Ministry's Tertiary Education Department is to replace Mr. Manko Kudu (who will be retiring from service on the 6th of September, 2019) as Principal, Federal Government Academy, Suleja.

Mrs. Stella Maris Ufuoma Omu, current Principal of Federal Government Girls College, Bwari (who will be retiring from service on the 10th of November, 2019) will be succeeded by Sodangi Jumai Binta (Mrs.) of Federal Government Girls College, Abaji.

Also, Offonkasi Ifeoma Scholastica (Mrs.), current Vice Principal, FGBC, Apo, is to replace Sodangi Jumai Binta (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government Girls' College, Abaji.

Mr. Shehu Dahiru of Federal Science and Technical College, Kafanchan, is to replace Abdulkadir Binta (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government College, Kwali.

Finally, Mrs. Oguah Florence of National Commission for United Nation Scientific and Cultural Organization (NATCOM-UNESCO) is now the Secretary General, NATCOM-UNESCO.

Handing over formalities are to be completed by Monday, 9th September, 2019, except where otherwise directed.

**Ben Bem Goong**  
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Ref. No. TSW/IND/34/T  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**The Executive Secretary,**  
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### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE FOR INDIAN TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (ITEC), TO HOLD IN INDIA.**

I am directed to forward herewith, for your information and further action, a letter Ref. No **ABUJ/231/1/2019** dated **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**, received from the High Commission of India in Abuja, requesting for interested Nigerian's to participate for the short term courses under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC). The list of available courses scheduled to hold from 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, in India, is hereby attached.

2. In this regard, your esteemed organization is kindly requested to disseminate the above information to interested candidates and request them to fill the online application form @ [www.itecgoi.in](http://www.itecgoi.in) and to submit to this Ministry for onward transmission to the Indian appropriate authority.

3. While anticipating your response on this matter, please accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's highest consideration.

  
**M. Badamasi**

For: Honourable Minister





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Course	Start	End	Status
(1) STATISTICAL THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	01-Aug-2019	31-May-2020	Open
(2) MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	01-Jul-2019	20-Jul-2019	Open
(3) FUNCTIONAL MODULE ON REFINERIES- CHEMICAL ENGINEERS	01-Jul-2019	18-Oct-2019	Open
(4) TEXTILE TESTING AND QUALITY CONTROL	01-Oct-2019	29-Nov-2019	Open
(5) TEXTILE MILL MANAGEMENT	01-Oct-2019	29-Nov-2019	Open
(6) GENDER ISSUES IN THE WORLD OF WORK	02-Dec-2019	20-Dec-2019	Open
(7) CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	02-Dec-2019	14-Dec-2019	Open
(8) SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOGA TRAINERS	02-Dec-2019	29-Dec-2019	Open
(9) CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR VOTER EDUCATION	02-Feb-2020	07-Feb-2020	Open
(10) DIPLOMA COURSE IN DEVELOPMENT JOURNALISM FOR NON- ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	02-Jan-2020	29-Apr-2020	Open
(11) INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES	02-Mar-2020	20-Mar-2020	Open
(12) SPECIALISED PROGRAMME ON IOT	02-Mar-2020	24-Apr-2020	Open
(13) ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	02-Mar-2020	21-Mar-2020	Open
(14) TRAINING ON SERICULTURE AND SILK INDUSTRY	02-Sep-2019	29-Sep-2019	Open
(15) INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	02-Sep-2019	27-Sep-2019	Open
(16) SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT GENERATION	02-Sep-2019	20-Sep-2019	Open
(17) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)	02-Sep-2019	21-Sep-2019	Open
(18) OVERVIEW OF MARKETING OPERATIONS	02-Sep-2019	12-Oct-2019	Open
(19) INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ON RURAL CO-OPERATIVES	03-Dec-2019	09-Dec-2019	Open
(20) EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES	03-Feb-2020	14-Feb-2020	Open
(21) ANALYSIS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF CFR ENGINE	03-Feb-2020	27-Mar-2020	Open
(22) INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP FOR ORGANIZATION GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE (ILOGE)	03-Feb-2020	27-Mar-2020	Open
(23) ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SMALL BUSINESS TRAINERS/PROMOTERS PROGRAMME (ESB-TP)	03-Feb-2020	27-Mar-2020	Open
(24) INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS	03-Jun-2019	26-Jun-2019	Open
(25) REMOTE SENSING APPLICATION ON THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT	03-Jun-2019	14-Jun-2019	Open
(26) GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR MANAGEMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES	03-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2019	Open

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(28)INTRODUCTORY TRAINING COURSE IN NANOFABRICATION TECHNOLOGIES	03-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2019	Open
(29)FORMAL SOLUTIONS TO INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS	04-Feb-2020	25-Feb-2020	Open
(30)LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY	04-Nov-2019	13-Dec-2019	Open
(31)PROJECT & RISK MANAGEMENT	04-Nov-2019	22-Nov-2019	Open
(32)SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS	04-Nov-2019	22-Nov-2019	Open ✓
(33)INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS AND PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AT THE WORKPLACE	05-Aug-2019	16-Aug-2019	Open ✓
(34)OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE OF CROSS COUNTRY PIPELINES	05-Aug-2019	23-Aug-2019	Open
(35)PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE CITIES	06-Jan-2020	14-Feb-2020	Open
(36)SCIENCE DIPLOMACY	06-Jan-2020	17-Jan-2020	Open ✓
(37)SHORT COURSE ON REMOTE SENSING WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING	06-Jan-2020	28-Feb-2020	Open
(38)TRAINING ON POST COCOON TECHNOLOGY	06-Jan-2020	02-Feb-2020	Open
(39)BUDGETING, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT SECTOR	06-Jan-2020	24-Jan-2020	Open
(40)PROGRESS TO PROFICIENCY ADVANCED	07-Jan-2020	27-Mar-2020	Open
(41)PROGRESS TO PROFICIENCY BASIC	07-Jan-2020	27-Mar-2020	Open
(42)PARTICIPATORY PLANNING FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	07-Jan-2020	03-Feb-2020	Open
(43)TRAINING METHODOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS	07-Jan-2020	03-Feb-2020	Open
(44)PETROLEUM REFINING TECHNOLOGY AND PETROCHEMICALS	07-Oct-2019	28-Nov-2019	Open
(45)ENHANCING LEADERSHIP SKILLS	07-Oct-2019	25-Oct-2019	Open
(46)SPECIALISED PROGRAMME ON E-GOVERNANCE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	08-Jul-2019	30-Aug-2019	Open
(47)TRADE AND SUSTAINABILITY	08-Jul-2019	19-Jul-2019	Open
(48)BIOGAS PRODUCTION, POWER GENERATION AND UPGRADEATION FOR VEHICULAR APPLICATION	08-Jul-2019	21-Jul-2019	Open
(49)MANAGERIAL SKILLS FOR ACADEMICIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS.	09-Dec-2019	20-Dec-2019	Open
(50)SPECIALISED TRAINING ON TRADE REMEDIES UNDER WTO TRIMS WTO DISPUTES AND RTAS	09-Dec-2019	18-Dec-2019	Open
(51)SPECIALISED PROGRAMME ON BIG DATA ANALYTICS	09-Dec-2019	14-Feb-2020	Open
(52)INTERNATIONAL WRITE-SHOP ON PROJECT FORMULATION: CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION	09-Dec-2019	14-Dec-2019	Open
(53)MAIL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME	09-Dec-2019	20-Dec-2019	Open
(54)WOMEN & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (WED) - A TRAINERS/PROMOTERS PROGRAM	09-Dec-2019	31-Jan-2020	Open ✓
(55)GEO-INFORMATICS APPLICATIONS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT	09-Jul-2019	05-Aug-2019	Open
(56)MANAGEMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION	09-Jul-2019	05-Aug-2019	Open
(57)SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM IN CYBER SECURITY & MALWARE ANALYTICS (REVERSE ENGINEERING)	09-Mar-2020	01-May-2020	Open ✓
(58)PROMOTING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND STARTUP	09-Sep-2019	20-Sep-2019	Open
(59)INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY (IEIDP)	10-Feb-2020	06-Mar-2020	Open ✓
(60)INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON COMPETENCE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OF LABORATORIES	10-Feb-2020	28-Feb-2020	Open
(61)INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ON FINANCING INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL	10-Feb-2020	22-Feb-2020	Open

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