

CAMPUS NEWS

VC ASSURES ACRE SAL ON NUTURING TREES SEEDLINGS TO MATURITY, URGES FOCUS ON WILDLIFE

By: Lydia Legbo



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta in action to site, supported by Mal. Raji Shehu Adam while the University's Bursar Mrs. Hadiza Goje and HOD, Horticulture, Dr. Haruna Ibrahim look on with keen interests.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta has assured officials of the Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL), of the University's readiness to nurture newly donated fruit trees seedlings to maturity. ACReSAL is a World Bank-assisted project co-funded by Niger State government for the reforestation of degraded wet land/semi arid landscapes with improved fruit trees.

Prof. Kuta gave the assurance during the handover and symbolic planting of fruit trees seedlings by ACReSAL and the University Management on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Nursery Garden of the University's

Department of Horticulture, Main Campus Gidan Kwano.

"We have the capacity. We have the know how. We have the manpower to actually ensure that these seedlings are nurtured and I want to give you this assurance that if not 100%, we will be able to raise at least 99 percent to maturity. With the facilities provided, you have made everything easy for us. All we need to do is to deploy the right manpower," he reiterated.

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While appreciating ACRoSAL and the World Bank for the kind gesture, the VC stated that the assistance could not have come better than now as the University is proposing to establish the Department of Forestry and Wildlife. He therefore appealed to ACRoSAL to enlarge its scope to include those animals that have gone extinct and pay supervisory visits to the University to see how these plants are faring.

Handing over the low hanging fruit trees seedlings and farm tools to the VC, the State Project Coordinator Mal. Usman Garba Ibeto who was represented by the State Environment Safeguard Officer, Mal. Raji Shehu Adam said that ACRoSAL is a six-year plant restoration project assisted by World Bank, which covers 19 Northern states, including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

He added that the President of Nigeria gave the Federal Ministry of Environment a matching order to reclaim about four million hectares of land from now to 2030. Based on this order, he explained, each state is expected to reclaim

about 60,000 hectares of land.

According to him, the project has various components; component C of the project is to partner with educational institutions and for Niger State, the three selected institutions are; Federal University of Technology, Minna, Ibrahim Badamasi Babaginda University, Lapai and the Federal College of Education, Kontagora.

Earlier, the University's Director of the Directorate for Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages (DCAL), Prof. Israel Olayemi disclosed that the VC has allocated a parcel of land for planting purposes and the University opted for economic trees, not only for economic and environmental reasons but also for teaching and research.

In addition to the fruit tree seedlings that will cover 60 hectares of land, farm tools, agro-chemicals and fertilisers, ACRoSAL is also sinking 8 boreholes to ensure sustainability and survival of the plants in the University.

VC INAUGURATES BIO-ETHANOL PILOT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

By: Job Haruna



The VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (4th from L) and the Committee's Chairman, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh (3rd from L) flanked by other members of the committee pose for a snap shot after the inauguration.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta has inaugurated a 9 member Committee for the implementation of Bio-Ethanol Pilot Project in the University.

The inauguration took place on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

While inaugurating the Committee, Prof. Kuta noted that the project was important because it would engage FUT, Minna with a view to producing young Bio-entrepreneurs and Extension Service Agents.

He expressed his confidence in the team and assured them of the University's support in carrying out their assignments.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for entrusting the Committee with the task of implementing the Bio-Ethanol Pilot Project in the University, as well as developing the University community readiness for effective and efficient engagement.

Prof. Iwokwagh further stated that the key objective of the Bio-economy, Bio-entrepreneurship & Cassava-Bio-ethanol Value Chain Development Project for the University and Nigeria at large would be to create wealth, provide jobs, reduce poverty, improve food security and nutrition, provide renewable energy, and reduce carbon footprint.

The Committee is to identify a suitable

UPWARD REVIEW OF PRICE OF INAUGURAL LECTURE BOOKLET

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upward review of the price of the University's inaugural lecture booklet from N200.00 - N300.00, effective from 20th September, 2023.

The University Community and the General Public are to note the new price.

location for the proposed Agricultural Teaching Farmland; Partners with Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria Universities (ADAN) to facilitate the execution of the Project; Put in place a machinery for the implementation and sustainability of the Project; Liaise with the sponsors of the Bio-Ethanol Plot Project to source funds for the setting up/ establishing key infrastructure for the Project; Identify a suitable location for setting up a Pilot Bio-Ethanol Modular Refinery in the University; Carry out any other function(s) that will ensure the success of the project ; and Periodically prepare reports to the Vice-Chancellor on the effectiveness of the project.

Other members of the committee include; Dean SAAT, Prof. Jacob H. Tsado; Director Academic Publishing Centre, Prof. Abdulsalam Kovo; Director Entrepreneurship Centre, Dr. Caroline Alenoghena, Prof. Chukwuemeka J. Anuonye of the Department of Food Science & Tech; Prof. Oladipo J. Ajayi, Dept of Agric. Ext & Rural Dev. and Dr. Taliha Folorunsho, Dept of Mechatronics as well as Dr. Ismail Mohammed, Dept of Plant Biology. While Mr. Kingsley Gana of the Registry department will serve as Secretary.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Abdullahi Usman Laka** Department of Science Education from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from 19th June, 2023.

MANDATORY RETIREMENT

The University Management has approved the mandatory retirement of Mal. Aliyu Ibrahim Kpaki, Registry Department from the service of the Federal University of Technology, Minna with effect from 2nd February, 2024.

UPWARD REVIEW OF SCHOOL FEES

This is to inform the University Community and the general public that FUT, Minna Staff School Management Board has reviewed the school fees for Staff School with effect from September, 2023/2024 Academic Session as follows:

1. Non Staff Children- ₦14,000:00
2. Staff Children - ₦6,000:00
3. Nursery- ₦14,000:00 for all children.

NEW ELECTRONIC DATABASE SUBSCRIPTION ALERT

This is to inform the University Community that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has subscribed to the Ebscohost database on behalf of all Nigerian higher institutions.

Consequently, the University Community can access electronic information resources on Ebscohost through the platform below:

Aggregated Journal Library Services: <https://ajls.ng>

Email: futminna-librarian@tetfund.gov.ng

Password: Password@1

Note:

The Library Open Access Catalogue (list) can also be accessed via: <http://opac.futminna.edu.ng:8054> for printing books. Staff and students can view the availability of the print books for consultation and loaning.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Some of the associated corrupt practices in Departmental administration and School governance are:

- ◆ Inability to hold regular Department and School meetings.
- ◆ Distribution of teaching load and other assignments on the basis of friendship and patronage.
- ◆ Resort to vendetta in the allocation of courses and other workload.
- ◆ Falsification of records.
- ◆ Deliberate failure to keep records.

Preventive actions by the University

- ◆ Maintenance of transparent and open-door policy.
- ◆ Submission of monthly minutes of Departmental and School meetings to the office of Vice-Chancellor.
- ◆ Exhibition of discipline and fairness on the part of leadership.
- ◆ Staff should be ICT compliant and properly oriented.
- ◆ Assigning competent persons of integrity to keep records.
- ◆ Provision of backups for records.



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CORE CURRICULUM AND MINIMUM ACADEMIC STANDARDS (CCMAS)

Organized By

Academic Planning Unit

In Conjunction With

Senate Committee On CCMAS

**DATE: 12TH - 14TH
SEPTEMBER, 2023**

**Venue: New SICT Lecture Theatre,
Gidan Kwano Campus**

CHIEF HOST:

Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta
Vice Chancellor, FUT Minna

CO-HOST:

Prof. Akim O. Osunde
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COUNSELLING TIPS

In the course of your interaction with people in your office, develop the habit of Active Listening and Responsiveness. How you respond to people both verbally and non-verbally will affect how comfortable they are in sharing with you.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for 28th August- 3rd September 2023		
N/S	RECEIPTS	N
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE (PG FEES)	1,280,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	761,040.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	171,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	108,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	13,371,500.00
6	POST UTME FEES	1,233,000.00
7	TURNITIN(PG)	6,000.00
8	TURNITIN(UNDERGRAUATE)	3,500.00
9	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	678,300.00
10	CLEARANCE FEES	108,000.00
11	SALE OF FORMS (PRE-DEGREE)	28,000.00
12	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	1,500.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	90,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	15,000.00
15	PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH	10,000.00
16	CODEI REGISTRATION FEES	83,650.00
17	REGISTRATION FEES (PRE-DEGREE)	770,750.00
18	ITS DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE	3,500.00
19	MOTORCYCLE REG	11,000.00
20	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (SHOP)	244,000.00
21	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	4,000.00
22	INTER-UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FORM	20,000.00
23	PREPAID METER	56,500.00
24	PHD FINAL EXAM CHARGES (PGS)	300,000.00
25	MASTER FINAL EXAM CHARGES (PGS)	400,000.00
	TOTAL	#19,758,240.00
	PAYMENTS	
26	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	4,250,906.00
	(b) Advance	3,894,816.16
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Skydove Travel Tour - Air ticket	1,283,029.00
	(b) Assoc. of Bursars of Nig. - Conference Fee	1,100,000.00
	(c)Michindo Ventures Ltd - Renovation	721,846.37
	(d) Esther Restaurant - Refreshment	39,300.00
	(e) Abuja Electricity Company Plc - Electricity Bill	12,631,169.35
	(f) AG Office Equipment Services - Maintenance	895,180.00
	(g) Guddet Investment Ltd. - Hotel Bill	221,500.00
	(h) Guddet Investment Ltd - Hotel Bill	279,600.00
	(i) Industrial Training Fund - SIWES	20,000.00
	(J) Plant Biology Department - Field Trip	830,000.00
	(k) Animal Biology Department - Field Trip	900,000.00
	(l) FIN Insurance Comp. Ltd. - Services	4,933,508.34
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	#32,000,855.22