



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## **CCCFR HOLDS 2<sup>ND</sup> DVARR CERTF TRAINING**

The Director, Centre for Climate Change and Fresh Water Resources (CCCFR), Prof. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki has said that with the right machineries in place, there will be reduction on the effect of Climate Change on this part of the world.

Prof. Sadauki stated this on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the opening of a two-week long Certificate training in Disaster Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Reduction (DVARR) being held at the College of Education, Minna.

While declaring the ceremony opened, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSMBM*, represented by the Director, CCCFR Prof. Abubakar Sadauki said the importance of climate change cannot be overemphasized and urged participants to make good use of the training for the benefit of all.

The Vice-Chancellor also thanked the organizers for the good work and the Management of College of Education, Minna for providing the venue for the training.

Earlier, in his opening remark, the Director CCCFR, Prof. Abubakar Sadauki said the second edition of DVARR training is being taken to the Primary Schools which is the

foundation level for easy understanding of the effect of Climate Change.

According to him, the essence of the intensive training is to enlighten the grassroots on the importance of the effect of Climate Change and at the end of the training, participants will be able to identify and reduce the risk of Climate Change in our environment.

Prof. Sadauki also disclosed that major related agencies who are stakeholders in climate change such as Ministry of Environmental, UNDP, NESREA, SEMA, NAIC, UBE and SUBEB have all shown interest in the programme.

Representative of the chairman, Niger State Universal Basic Education Board, Hajiya Amina NDatsu in her remarke said the partnership with FUT, Minn is a welcome development. She encouraged participants to go back to classroom and make an impact as schools are also affected by the effect of climate change through wear and tear as well as flooding.

In his vote of thanks, the Deputy Director CCCFR, Dr. Annanias Tswana Yisa expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and his management team for their support. He urged the participants to participate fully and water down all the technical aspects of the training.

The 2-week training is being organized by CCCFR in collaboration with Niger State Universal Basic Education Board for Primary School Teachers drawn from the four senatorial district of Niger State while the facilitators are research assistants who are non-academic staff.

## **NAH PAYS A COURTESY CALL ON VC**

### **... Seeks Supports**

The president Nigerian Association of Hydro-geologist (NAH), Dr. Idris Nda Abdullahi has solicited for the University Management support and cooperation to host their National Conference in the University which is coming up in November 3, 2013 this year.

This was disclosed on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 when he led his team members for a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. A. Akanji in his conference room, main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Briefing the VC, Dr. Idris Nda said that the association was inaugurated in 1991 with membership mostly from Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development, since then the chapter has been contributing to the development of Niger State and other surrounding states notably Kogi, Kwara, Katsina, Zamfara and Federal Capital Territory. He also said that about 70 – 80% of the staff in Geology Department of the University were already registered members.

He further said members has been rendering professional services and advice to government agencies, corporate

organisations and federal government parastatals.

Dr. Nda reiterated that they assisted individuals in the areas of groundwater development through provision of boreholes (motorised solar and hand pump), spring development and feasibility studies for water retention structures.

He however, noted that their members were involved in the production of the national code of practice for drilling in Nigeria in conjunction with Nigeria Industrial Standard for the regulation of drilling practice in Nigeria. Also were fully involved in the search for Oil in Bida, in Niger State.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSMBM*, assured them that the University Management would give them all the necessary support and cooperation to host their National Conference scheduled to hold in November this year.

He further expressed appreciation to members for their effort to eradicate guinea worm through supervision of boreholes in the areas that were affected in Niger State.

Prof. Akanji call on members to continue with their good work for educating the people about their activities rendered in the society. He also thank them for visit.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. M. G. M. Kolo, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology as the Chairman Committee, to look into grading of Results, Computation of

Results, Quality of Projects and Clearance of Students for Graduation in Department of Library and Information Technology. Other Members of the Committee are:

- i. Prof. Salawu Sadiku SEET – Member
- ii. Dr. Elizabeth N. Onwuka SICT-Member
- iii. Dr. Yahaya A. Yusuph DD(APU) – Member
- iv. Dr. Avans Egwin Chidi SNAS (Biochemistry) – Member
- v. Mr. Legbo Baba Benjamin Registry – Secretary

### **SABBATICAL**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor has approved for Dr. Evarest Chibuogwu Madu, Department of Library and Information Technology, Sabbatical tenable at the Umaru Musa Yar'adua University for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2013.

### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of Abdullahi Adamu B, Department of Agric and Bioresources Engineering for a period of one year with effect from September 8, 2013.

### **VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM SERVICE**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the request of Mr. Kure Isa Abdullah, Work and Maintenance Department for the Voluntary withdrawal of his service from the University with effect from Sunday, July 28, 2013.

### **MESSAGE FROM ACTU**

Anti-corruption and Transparency monitoring Unit (ACTU) FUT Minna.

- Congratulates all candidates who qualified to sit for 2013/2014 Post – UTME Examination.
- ACTU warns the candidates, parents/guardians and concerned individuals not to attempt buying admission, Paying for admission OR offering any gift for the purpose of securing admission.
- Any candidate that is involved in any act of admission racketeering will forfeit the admission and will face the wrought of the law.
- Any individual(s) that are caught aiding and abetting admission fraud will face the un-melodious music
- Half a word is enough for the wise
- ACTU has her ears on ground; and is nosing around to smell racketeers
- BE WARNED

### **MONEY MATTERS**

**W**eekly Financial Digest (Monday, 12 – Friday, August 16, 2013)

### **NAMING CEREMONY**

Mall. Zubairu Ibrahim, Department of Architectural cordially invite the University community to the naming ceremony of his daughter slated as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2013

**Time:** 7:30am prompt

**Venue:** Albishiri, Along Ladan Block Industry, Gurara, Minna.

## **WEDDING CEREMONIES**

Prof. and Mrs. K. R. Onifade cordially invite the University community to the Wedding Ceremony of their son, Oladapo Onifade with Tolulope Ronke Odofin which will take place as follows:

### **Church Wedding**

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2013.

**Time:** 10.00am Prompt.

**Venue:** ECWA Goodnews Church, Behind General Post Office, Minna, Niger State.

### **Engagement**

**Date:** Friday, August 23, 2013.

**Time:** 3.30pm Prompt.

**Venue:** MID Event Island, Plot 110 MTP 114, Mandela Road, Goodluck Jonathan's Place, Sauka – Kahuta, Minna, Niger State.

Miss. Aisha Isah Kanko of Information and Technology Services (ITS) cordially invite the University community and the general public to her Wedding Fatiha with Abdulkadir Abdulrahman which will take place as follows:

**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2013.

**Time:** 2.30pm Prompt.

**Venue:** Off Okada Road, Opp. Gidan Matasa Housing Complex, Bosso, Minna, Niger State.

Mr. Chebawaza Stephen (Apopo) of Information and Publications Unit cordially invite the University community and the general public to his Wedding Ceremony with Okoro Cynthia Kusin of the Department of Agric and Bioresources Engineering. The wedding will take place as follows:

## **Church Wedding**

**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2013.

**Time:** 10.00am Prompt.

**Venue:** Living Faith Church, Airport Road, Maikunkele, Minna, Niger State.

**Reception:** Reception follows immediately at the Federal University of Technology, Minna Gym, Main Campus.

## **CONDOLENCE**

The Registrar, has on behalf of the Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Mrs. Adijat O. Olatunji, Department of Animal Production over the passing away of her beloved Husband which occurred recently.