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## NIAE HOLDS 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, GENERAL MEETING

**T**he Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chief Audu Ogbeh, has charged professionals in Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering to take the lead in the diversification of Nigeria's economy which hitherto had over depended on oil.

He made the call at the opening ceremony of the 37<sup>th</sup>



*Representative of the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Kevin Tekpat delivering the Minister's message*

Annual National Conference and General Meeting of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), with the theme: **"Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering: Gateway to Diversify Nigeria Oil-Based Economy, Job and Wealth Creation, and Environmental Sustainability"** held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Chemical Engineering Complex, Federal University of Technology, Minna. Main Campus.

Chief Ogbeh who was represented by the Director, National Programme for Food Security, Mr. Kevin Tekpat said government were also intensifying effort in generating income from some priority export commodities. "Prior to the discovery of oil, our economy was sustained by agriculture but when we got oil, we neglected agriculture and today we're paying for it," the minister revealed that Government has launched a new programme - the Green Alternative, which would provide alternative to oil. According to him, the ministry is considering a situation where agricultural engineers can take their rightful place in terms of engineering jobs that concern agriculture for sustainable agricultural production.

In his welcome address, the Conference Chairman and President, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, FAEng sought the need to stop wastages

in agricultural materials by providing storage and agro-processing equipment, including rural electrification, ICT facilities, rural housing, animal/plant housing and machineries for processing agricultural and food materials, irrigation scheme, erosion control, rural road/drainage systems, which are all in the domain of agricultural engineering. "We must underscore the fact that in the US the standards of roads were developed in the Department of Agriculture, so when we understand that, there would be a lot of rural roads. And we'll begin to appreciate the responsibilities agricultural engineers have in the development of our highways," Engr. Anyaeji stated.

He expressed happiness over the presence of all the relevant stakeholders at the conference.

In his keynote address, the Executive Secretary, Kaduna Investment Promotion Agency, Alh. Gambo Hamzat Garba maintained that Bioresources Engineering is an interdisciplinary programme which incorporates engineering and biological sciences for the enhancement and sustainability of the world's natural resources which provide results to difficulties that involve animals, plants and the environment.

He bemoaned the country's sad reliance on crude oil for its sustenance over the years and further noted Nigeria's dependence on food importation that compounded the problems. Alh. Garba however, stated that the theme of the conference as well as the sub-themes are a sharp reawakening for professionals to be in the front line towards diversification which will reduce dependence on oil or food importation in order to avert the current economic recession.

Also in his remark, the National Chairman, NIAE, Prof. B. A. Adewumi called for a renewed national agricultural mechanization policy. The current policy, he said, slightly addresses the issue of mechanization and that people see agric engineering from the point of view of tractor and its implements.

According to him, agric engineers are engineers who apply engineering into agriculture; he has to study agriculture to be able to apply engineering. Prof. Adewumi also called for the strengthening of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization which is an arm that deals with agricultural mechanization in Nigeria

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# SSTE HOLDS 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Executive Governor of Niger State, Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar Sani Bello has called on educationist to deal decisively with all the challenges regarding our educational system towards attaining sustainable



Lead paper presenter, Prof. Simon Yalams delivering his paper

development in Africa.

The Governor who was represented by the Speaker, Niger State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Ahmed Marafa Guni made this call while declaring open the 4th International Conference of School of Science and Technology Education with the theme: **"21st Century Global Changes In Education: Implications For Sustainable Development"** at CPES Complex, Bosso Campus, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

He noted that the theme of the conference was apt for the present situation of global recession, adding that as they deal with the current challenges, the foundation of education being the primary and secondary school should not be neglected.

"If you build a house and it is not on a proper foundation, you are just wasting your time," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Suleiman Sadiku while welcoming participants said the conference has become an annual forum where the international community in education and research institutions gather to share their learning, teaching, research findings and best practices.

Prof. Akanji noted that to achieve sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, educational institutions need to adopt sustainable approach to learning, teaching and research so that the individuals graduating from such institutions can adopt sustainable life styles.

According to him, if we succeed in infusing a global educational perspective into our children's school

experience, give them an appreciation for cultural diversity, help them understand the principles of conflict resolution as well as opportunities for survival and sustenance, then we have fulfilled the most important challenging task in education in the 21st century.

Prof. Akanji commended the Dean and Conference organising committee, noting that SSTE has set the pace for other schools in the University who are gradually following the trend.

Earlier, in her welcome address, the Dean, SSTE, Prof. Victoria Ezenwa said the conference is a great platform for educators and academics from various institutions in Nigeria and overseas to meet and promote collaborations, sharing of knowledge and experience in various areas of global changes in education for sustainable development.

She noted that in this fast changing world, new and emerging trends and application of technological advancement in life-long teaching and learning have to be embraced and comprehended quickly for the benefit of the learning community.

Prof Ezenwa expressed appreciation to the VC and his Management team for their support and commended guests, LOC and participants for their presence at the event.

In a keynote address Prof. Reynolds Okai, College of Technology Education, University of Education, Kama Ghana, said education is a great hope for a sustainable future. He noted that education needs to be meaningful and the task of educators is to transform the present day poor schooling into meaningful education.

Prof Okai further said for education to happen and be sustained in this changing 21st century, it cannot be left in the hands of educators alone, but rather be embraced as a collective effort by all stakeholders, particularly peer groups, family members, parents, communities, cultural groups, media and faith based organizations.

Delivering the lead paper of the conference, Prof. Simon Yalams of Department of Vocational and Technology Education, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi said a lot of changes have taken place and they continue to happen in all facets of human existence and development. He further said education for sustainable development is a concept and practice used for enlightening communities about negative effects of those changes but have not been so much embraced in many developing countries.

According to him, using education to transform the culture, mind-set and disposition of societies, institutions and communities towards sustainability could be done on curriculum change, enlightenment campaigns,

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# APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE 2016/2017 SESSION

**FIRST SEMESTER: MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016 TO SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017, 20 WEEKS (ONLINE REGISTRATION 3 WEEKS; LECTURES 14 WEEKS AND EXAMS 3 WEEKS)**

Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2016	- Online registration for new students (2 weeks)
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	- Arrival and Documentation of Fresh students (1 week)
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	- Online Registration of Returning Students (1 week)
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2016 – Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2016	- Arrival and Documentation of Returning students/ Lectures begin for all students
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2017	- Lectures continue for all students
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017	- Matriculation Ceremony of new students (2016/2017 session)
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017 – Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2017	- Convocation Week
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017 – Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	- e-Test (1 week)
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017 – Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	- e-Exam for 100 level students and large classes (1 week)
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 – Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	- First Semester Examinations (2 weeks)
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 – Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2017	- First Semester Break (2 weeks)
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 – Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	- <b>SIWES</b> (24 weeks) for all Schools with exception of SAAT
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017	- School Boards to consider First Semester Results
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2017	- Senate to consider First Semester Results

**SECOND SEMESTER, 2016/2017- MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2017 – SATURDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017, 16 WEEKS (LECTURES 13 WEEKS AND EXAMS 3 WEEKS)**

Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2017	- Lectures commence for all students
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 – Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2017	- e-Test (1 week)
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 – Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017	- e-Exam for 100 Level Students and Large Classes (1 week)
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 – Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017	- Second Semester Examination (2 weeks)
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2017 – Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	- Second Semester Long Vacation Break (6 weeks)
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 – Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	- SWEP/Field Trip (6 weeks)
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017	- School Boards to consider Examination Results
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017	- Senate to consider Second Semester Results
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2017	- New Session 2017/2018 begins

**Every Wednesday of the week, lectures end at 2:00p.m for sporting activities for all students.**

**NOTE:** \*Senate reserves the right to amend this Calendar without prior notice.

## COUNSELLING TIP

For you to go far in life achievements, you need to be self-disciplined. Those who are reluctant to be self-disciplined hardly achieve their life expectations.

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

## NOTICE TO ASUU MEMBERS

This is to inform members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), FUT, Minna branch who wishes to be receiving messages from their Secretariat should send **STOP** to **2442**, and then **ALLOW** to **2442**.

This will enable them have information through SMS directly to their phone and it is only applicable to **MTN** users.

## EXTENSION OF SALES OF PRE-DEGREE APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2017/2018

This is to inform the general public that the sales of application form for Preliminary Degree (Pre-Degree) programme for 2016/2017 session has been extended to **Monday, October 31, 2016 while IJMB ends Wednesday, November 30, 2016.**

### Method of Application

Candidates are to log on to F.U.T, Minna website: [www.futminna.edu.ng](http://www.futminna.edu.ng) to obtain instructions for the purchase of application forms.

Application form costs five thousand Naira (**N5,000.00**) only, excluding bank charges.

Classes for successful Pre-degree candidates start on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016 and for IJMB 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017.

Please note that the Centre is not liable to give reasons for rejecting any application, nor will it enter into correspondence on the subject matter with any applicant.

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campus crusades and research activities. To achieve this, he said there should be concerted efforts to create greening education programmes such as Greening Technical Vocational Education and Training (GTVET) in our educational institution.

Prof. Yalams noted that an emerging concept of delivering different disciplines such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics education in an integrated form rather than silos has been recognized as the way forward in turning around the development wheel of progress for many developed and emerging economies.

He urged all educational stakeholders especially in Africa to put hands on deck in order to ensure meaningful and sustainable development in our countries by changing perceptions, culture, attitudes and our mode of teaching and learning in all disciplines, most especially science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Highlight of the event was award given to eminent personalities who have contributed significantly to the progress of the University and to education in general. Recipients of the awards were Mrs. Victoria Kolo, Registrar, FUT, Minna; Prof. Abdullahi Bala (former DVC Academic), Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka (Acting Dean, SICT) and Prof. Shehu Ma'aji (Director, FUTMIN Ventures). Participants were later treated to a cocktail by the Vice-Chancellor.

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while seeking direct involvement of professionals in forming the policy.

The NIAE National Chairman expressed his willingness to assist government in its diversification drive.

Presenting his goodwill message Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji said that, agricultural engineers study both engineering and agriculture at the same time and that this is the type of professionals needed to bring Nigeria out of recession. "I challenge you to look at Nigeria's problems from a new dimension, to see how you can bring innovation, attract people to farming, increase output and make it lucrative."

Similarly, the Etsu Nupe and Chairman Niger State Council of Chiefs, His Royal Highness Alh. (Dr.) Yahaya Abubakar, CFR stated that Nigeria is moving towards self recognition in terms of economic independence and that agriculture is the ship that would take us out of the doldrums.

The Etsu Nupe who was represented by Wamban Nupe, Engr. Abdullahi Ndagi Aliyu, *mni* expressed optimism that NIAE would lead the country towards economic recovery and self actualization.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman, Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Engr. Prof. Peter Idah pointed out that this was the second time in the history of NIAE that the University is hosting the conference. The LOC, Chairman while thanking the University Management for allowing them use facilities of the University for the event, disclosed that "the conference is aimed at providing a forum for engineers and other associated professionals to share information and knowledge on current research findings, emerging technologies and practical applications in all disciplines related to Agricultural, food, environmental and Bioresources Engineering."

## WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved request of withdrawal of appointment for **Abdulazeez Abdulmumin**, Department of Quantity Surveying from the services of the University, with effect from September 30, 2016.

## CHANGE OF NAME

The Vice-Chancellor has approved with immediate effect the request for Change of Name by Miss. Anifowose Bolatito Misturat of the University Health Services to **Mrs. Bello Misturat Bolatito Anifowose.**

# CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The Committee to Review Junior Staff Conditions of Service of the University hereby calls for memoranda from members of the University community to serve as part of its working documents in carrying out the assignment.

The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:

- Reflect on the emerging laws in the University that are not in the current Conditions of Service for Junior Staff.
- Critically study the extant Condition of Service with a view to identifying the issues in it that have been overtaken by events and address them appropriately.
- Identify the ambiguous and controversial sections in the documents and restructure them explicitly.
- Identify the sections that are not in tandem with current laws and address them accordingly; and
- Make any other recommendations that will improve the Conditions of Service of Junior Staff in the University.

The contributions should be submitted to the Office of the Chairman, Prof. A. S. Abubakar, Dean, School of Physical Sciences (SPS), for those who are in Bosso or the Secretary, Isah Abubakar, Establishment Division for those who are Main Campus on or before Friday, October 14, 2016.

# WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Weed Science Society of Nigeria (WSSN), Local Organizing Committee (MINNA 2016) cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** slated as follows:

**Theme:** "Agriculture - An Alternative To Oil-Dependent Nigeria: The Role of WEED Management"

**Date:** Sunday, 6th - Wednesday, 9th November, 2016

**Venue:** School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) Complex, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

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# Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, September 26 – Friday, September 30, 2016)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	21,000.00
2	Collection of Certificates	260,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	280,000.00
4	JAMB Admission Letter	15,000.00
5	Staff Medical Fee	500.00
6	Farm Land	2,000.00
7	Statement of Result	2,000.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificates	16,000.00
9	JAMB Regularization No.	5,000.00
10	Semesterial Result	3,800.00
11	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
12	Replacement of I.D. Card	500.00
13	Turntintin	136,000.00
14	Post UTME Scratch Card	389,500.00
15	Inter University Transfer Form	10,000.00
16	Letter of Introduction	2,000.00
17	Hiring of University Property	25,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,172,300.00</b>
		<b>0</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Advances	1,549,600.00
	(b) Refund to Staff	10,235,739.99
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Elinita Nig. Ltd -Supply	20,000.00
	(b) Oomeft Limited - Construction	4,242,078.23
	(c) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	919,450.00
	(d) Brade Integrated Ltd - Supply	1,319,219.40
	(e) Abuja Electricity - Electricity Bill	6,600,700.00
	(f) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	162,200.00
	(g) Saftec Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	138,760.00
	(h) Yanna Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	82,800.00
	(i) Globacom Ltd - Services	9,450,000.00
	(j) De Faronred John Ventures - Supply	336,400.00
	(k) Futmin Venture Ltd - Settlement	90,000.00
	(l) Futmin Venture Ltd - Overhead	886,500.00
	(m) Amos Labran Erena - Supply	271,500.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>36,304,947.62</b>
		<b>62</b>

# CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Jonathan Bala over the death of his father Bala Wakili which sad event occurred on Sunday September 25, 2016.

Similarly, Adamu Umar of the University Staff School has been bereaved over the loss his mother, Zainab Adamu on Friday, September 16, 2016. she has been buried according to Islamic rite..