

GLOBAL RECOGNITION, STAFF WELFARE MY FOCUS – VC

By Winifred Oritogun



VC Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta explains a point during the familiarization visit as Dean, School of Science and Technology Education, Prof. Amosa Gambari listens with rapt attention.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta has outlined global recognition of the University, e-teaching and staff welfare as key areas of focus during his tenure.

Prof. Kuta disclosed this on Monday, 16 January, 2023, during his familiarization visit to the Schools of Physical Sciences; Life Sciences and Science and Technology Education, all at the Bosso Campus of the University.

The VC further stated as part of efforts to attain the desired global status, the University's website is being improved upon, amongst other steps.

He added that his vision was to position the institution as a smart university by introducing e-teaching beginning next session with classes of over 1500.

The also noted that his visit to the schools was to see and thank everyone for their immense

contributions to the growth of the University.

At the School of Life Sciences (SLS), Kuta who is a Professor of Microbiology assured his colleagues that he is carrying the identity of the School and, will do everything possible to ensure that the integrity and legacy of SLS is protected.

The VC also assured that staff welfare would be pursued vigorously and his leadership will do everything humanly possible to give every staff what they deserve, adding that there will be cause to celebrate at the end as they implement and achieve all the goals of the institution.

As part of the strategy for the global recognition, the VC said the University will not limit itself to accreditation of the National Universities Commission (NUC) but will as well pursue accreditation of various international bodies for its programmes.

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On new appointments he recently approved, Prof. Kuta acknowledged the contributions of occupants of the various offices to the progress of the University, adding that the changes will keep coming as the University is trying to encourage a situation whereby everybody is carried along which is another way of mentoring and making people partake in the governance of the institution ensure equity and fairness. "It is not a one man show, even as the office of the Vice-Chancellor is occupied by one person," he said.

The VC urged all staff to continue to do their best in representing the University wherever they find themselves because posterity will always be at their side.

He urged professors not to relent in mentoring junior academics.

Earlier in their welcome addresses, the Deans of the Schools thanked and appreciated the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers as they wished him a successful tenure in office.

WASCAL FUTMINNA MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH AWARDS, FANFARE

By Aliyu I. Jidda



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (L) presenting a plaque to WASCAL Governing Board Chairman, Prof. Mouhammadou Hassirou.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), Federal University of Technology, Minna, celebrated her 10th year of existence as Centre of Excellence for innovative training and research in climate change and adapted land use.

The event was held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

Speaking at the occasion, the current Chairman, WASCAL Governing Board, Prof. Mouhammadou Hassirou expressed satisfaction with the Centre and its doctoral programme on Climate Change and Human Habitat.

He also appreciated the University Management for hosting the programme and giving it the necessary support.

The Nigerien don who spoke in both French and Hausa explained that the programme was meant to train students on climate change and environmental challenges.

On his part, the Nigeria representative on WASCAL, Prof. Chinedum Nwajiuba pointed out that it was a thing of joy to be in the University for such occasion.

He added that the programme in FUT, Minna is of world standard and expressed satisfaction with the running of the Centre.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta commended the Chairman and Governing Board members of WASCAL for finding time to come to FUT, Minna to celebrate the anniversary.

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According to the Vice Chancellor, the programme has been growing in all ramifications. He then thanked the German government for the progress and solicited for continuous support. He equally appreciated the WASCAL Director, Prof. Apollonia Okhimamhe for her commitment and went ahead to thank the former Vice-Chancellors and Governing Council of the University for their support.

Earlier, during her welcome address, the Director of WASCAL in FUT, Minna, Prof. Apollonia Okhimamhe expressed pleasure over the presence of the personalities at the occasion.

She added that it was a unique occasion indeed, because it was the first time, the institution was hosting WASCAL Board members for their working visit to the University.

WASCAL, she said, is one of the top Centres in FUT, Minna, adding that it is hosted by many countries in the sub-region.

Prof. Okhimamhe added that WASCAL is an international organization funded by the German government through the Ministry of Education and Research represented by the manager of WASCAL and SASCAL Dr. Cabin Ananou, with the headquarters based in Accra, Ghana and the Chairman Science Advisory Committee Prof. Brice A. Sinsin who is a world class expert in Biodiversity Studies.

Prof. Okhimamhe added further that apart from the Board of Directors, there exists a Ministerial Board overseeing the political side, while WASCAL takes care of the administrative aspect, through WASCAL Governing Board.

The Director also pointed out that in Nigeria, their Focal Ministry is the Federal Ministry of Environment, which already had a representative at the on - going event.

Going down memory lane, the Director highlighted that WASCAL commenced in FUT, Minna in the year 2012 with academic Masters degree programme on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (CC & ALU) , which was a training ground then for the

pioneer PhD programme.

She further explained that, in 2019, the University implemented a key recommendation for the upgrading of the programme to Ph.D in Climate Change and Human Habitat which the Senate approved and the programme commenced.

She said that the event is meant to celebrate all those who contributed towards the success of the Centre including the Vice-Chancellors, Deans and Heads of Departments.

The Deputy Director of the Centre Dr. Emmanuel Umaru in his vote of thanks extended gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, former Vice-Chancellors, Deans and Departmental Heads who had joint efforts to make the Centre a success. "We have been fortunate to be backed by committed staff. A special appreciation to the Director, other government agencies, the Information Unit and Search FM and TV of the University for their roles in the survival of the programme. "

Highlights of the occasion were the presentation of plaques and certificates to the various personalities and resource persons in the University who contributed towards the development and progress of the Centre.

Nine eminent personalities were awarded including the three former Vice-Chancellors of FUT, Minna, namely Professors Muhammed Salihu Audu, FMAN; Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FAS and Abdullahi Bala, fsssn.

Some outstanding alumni of the Centre were also recognised.

The event was wrapped up by the unveiling of waste bins donated by the WASCAL CC & HH, FUT, Minna. Thirteen of the waste bins were contributed for onward distribution to the various locations of the campus in an effort to ensure a clean environment.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE HOLDS PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

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Prof. Abdullahi Mohammed, VC Rep. (Middle) in a group photograph with staff of the Centre and participants.

The Entrepreneurship Centre of the Federal University of Technology Minna, has organized a Prize/Award ceremony for participants of the Business Idea Competition (season 5).

The event took place on Friday, 20th January 2023, at the Entrepreneurship Centre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

In her welcome address, the Director, Entrepreneurship Centre, Dr. Caroline Alenoghena said the Business Idea Competition organized by the Centre is to identify students with viable business ideas and provide a support system for them. Adding that, the call for participation saw 51 entries with 37 commencing the boot camp on January 16, 2023 where, they were guided through idea validation, business model, canvas, customer acquisition, pitching etc.

Dr. Alenoghena recalled that, the pioneer incubators in the FUTEC incubation HUB were admitted on the 23rd June 2021, following their successes in season 1 of business idea competition. She said presently there are 203 campus entrepreneurs and the centre is glad to have a bigger family as they work in transforming the campus into an entrepreneurial haven.

She expressed her gratitude to the trainers, judges and the centre staff for working so hard to see to the success of the competition and to the University Management for her tremendous support.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Faruk Adamu Kuta, who was represented by the Director Academic planning, Prof Abdullahi Muhammed, in his remark said that the Management of the University believes in the activities of the center's program which support students to become independent in and outside the school.

At the end of the ceremony, cash prizes were given to the first three participants.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of the under listed persons as Dean, Heads of Department/Unit, Directors and Deputies:

S/ N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	DURATION
1	Prof. Jude Terna Kur	Infor Sci & Media Studies	Ag. Dean, SICT	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2025
2	Dr. Attahiru Mohammed Ndanitsa	Agric Econs & Farm Management	HOD, Agric Econs & Farm	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
3	Dr. Oladipo Joseph Ajayi	Agric Ext. & Rural Development	HOD, Agric Ext. & Rural Dev.	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
4	Dr. Naomi Popoola	Estate Management & Valuation	HOD, Estate Mgt & Valua.	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
5	Prof. John Jiya Musa	Agric Econs & Bioresources Eng	Chairman, Seminar & Coll	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2025
6	Prof. Abubakar Abdulkadir	Biochemistry	HOD, Biochemistry	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2025
7	Dr. Suleiman Yahaya Mohammed	Geography	HOD, Geography	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
8	Dr. Usman Defyan Alhassan	Applied Geophysics	HOD, Applied Geophysics	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
9	Dr. Saba Tswana Moses	Industrial & Tech Education	HOD, ITE	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
10	Dr. Katsina Christopher Bala	Mechanical Engineering	HOD, Mech. Engineering	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
11	Dr. Yakubu Yisa	Statistics	HOD, Statistics	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
12	Dr. Anita D. Adamu	Quantity Surveying	HOD, Quantity Surveying	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
13	Prof. Ojekunle J. Ademola	Logistics & Transport Tech	Director, FUTMIN	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2025
14	Mr. Ajiboye A. Olayinkoye	Logistics & Transport Tech	HOD, Logistics & Transport	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
15	Dr. Moses Abiodun Stephen	Physics	HOD, Physics	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
16	Dr. (Mrs.) F. C. Okoli	Science Education	HOD, Science Education	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
17	Dr. Abdulhameed Kayode Agboola	Infor Sci & Media Studies	HOD, Infor Sci & Media Stud.	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
18	Mr. Eustace Manayi Dogo	Comp. Engineering	HOD, Comp Eng	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
19	Dr. Bala Alhaji Salihu	Telecommunication Engineering	Director, ITS	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
20	Prof. I. K. Olayemi	Animal Biology	Director, D'CAL	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2025
21	Mr. Abdul Yaman Babawachiko	Works & Mainten. Services	Transport Officer	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024
22	Mr. Yakubu Doma Umaru	Works & Mainten. Services	Deputy Director, Works	13 th Jan. 2023 to 12 th Jan. 2024

INTERACTIVE SESSION

This is to inform the University Community that the Stanbic IBTC Pension will hold an interactive session/sensitization forum for clients in the University as follows:

Date: **Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Time: **11:00am**

Venue: **Caver ton Lecture Theatre, SAAT, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano**

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

Reasons why African Universities are not well ranked

There are several reasons why African Universities are poorly ranked in global league tables. Some of these are:

- Low investment in the research enterprise
- Research capacity deficits-institutional and human
- Inefficiencies in the system
- Sharp practices in research
- Weak attraction of international staff and students
- Low ICT use in promoting visibility
- Poor data collection and management capabilities

Ways for improving global ranking of African Universities

Some of the ways of improving the standing of African Universities on global league tables are:

- ◆ Familiarity with the most-recent ranking indicators
- ◆ Encouraging national ranking of Universities so as to prepare the local for the global
- ◆ Improving investment in research that will strengthen institutional and human research capacities
- ◆ Attracting international staff and students
- ◆ Steering programme delivery towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ◆ Massive national, regional and global publicity use social media
- ◆ Providing learner-friendly infrastructure

COUNSELLING TIPS

When faced with an obstacle in the pursuit of your goal, don't give up! At the peak of every struggle lies the solution and victory.

A coward is ignorant of this and quit his effort for defeat.

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

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of the Management, Staff, Students and the entire members of the University Community, condoled the following staff:

1. Mrs. David Deborah Paris of Academic Planning Unit over the death of her Mother who died on Monday, October 24, 2022.
2. Barr. Hajara S. Aliyu of Registry Department over the death of her Father who died on Saturday, January 7, 2023.
3. Rakiya Sadiq of Registry Department over the death of her Mother which occurred recently.

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for 9th January - 15th January 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	9,040,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	847,040.00
3	POST UTME	62,161.25
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	320,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	173,000.00
6	CLEARANCE FEES	150,000.00
7	SALES OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	126,000.00
8	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	3,892,250.00
9	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	1,686,500.00
10	HOSTEL FEES	115,000.00
11	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	500.00
12	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	40,000.00
13	TURNITIN PG	38,000.00
14	CODeL ACCEPTANCE	25,000.00
15	PREPAID METER	34,000.00
16	REPLACEMENT OF I.D.CARD	4,000.00
17	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	5,000.00
	TOTAL	16,558,451.25
18	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	7,180,000.00
	(b) Advance	480,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,660,000.00