

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP 2023:

.VC ASSURES OF SUSTAINED SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

.NOTAP DG ADVOCATES POLICY TO BRIDGE INDUSTRY- ACADEMIA GAP

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Principal Officers, resource persons and participants in group photograph: Standing (1st row) 12th & 13th from left, VC Prof. Faruk A. Kuta and DG NOTAP, Dr. Dan Azumi M. Ibrahim.

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As part of concerted efforts to promote Research, Innovation and Development in Nigeria, the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO), Federal University of Technology, Minna has organised a two-day workshop for academic staff of higher institutions of learning with the view to exposing them to the technical skills needed for the invention and management of Intellectual Property (IP).

Sponsored by the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS) in the University, the workshop commenced on July 24, 2023 at the New Lecture Theatre, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT), Main Campus, Gidan

Kwano.

Declaring the workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta stressed the need to embrace creativity in addressing the complexity of life, adding that, as humans, we have to continue to nurture creativity in our day to day life endeavours.

Prof. Kuta who described scientists and engineers as drivers of creativity, further stressed that research and innovation remain the basic tools for achieving creativity which in turn, guarantees economic development of a nation.

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A cross section of the participants at the workshop.

Lamenting the wide gap that exists between researchers and industries in the country, the Vice-Chancellor called for the formulation of a policy framework in order to bridge the gap thus, establishing direct links between research establishments and industries as the major key players in the promotion of intellectual property (IP) for economic development.

Prof. Kuta who expressed appreciation to the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) for its prompt response and support to the University which had translated into the number of achievements recorded by the institution, also assured that his management team would not relent in its efforts at providing the necessary support for researchers in the University to ensure that they fulfill all NOTAP demands.

Delivering the key note address titled, "Positioning University Intellectual Property for National Development" at the Workshop, the Director General NOTAP, Dr. Dan Azumi Mohammed Ibrahim pointed out that development of Nigeria solely depends on her ability to drastically minimize the level of consumption of imported technologies and the conscious effort to promote the domestication and proper utilisation of local research products.

"As a nation that is aspiring to become economically independent, we cannot continuously rely on other people's technologies. We have to make effort to see that we gradually remove the shackles of dependency on foreign technologies," the DG reiterated.

Dr. Ibrahim who lamented that more than 90 percent of the technologies that power the

country's economic sector are foreign based, further tasked universities, polytechnics and other research establishments in the country to discharge their statutory mandates as sources of technologies that would translate into socio-economic development that guarantees economic well-being of an individual citizen and the nation at large.

The DG further stated that as a parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, NOTAP is saddled with the responsibility to, not only regulate the influx of foreign technologies into the country, but also encourage and promote the development of locally generated technologies.

NOTAP, he added, also facilitates patent licensing for protection, evaluates Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA) between an indigenous patent owner and a foreign technical partner to ensure that it is in tandem with the provisions of the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as well as registers the certified TTA for onward operation in the country.

As a move to address the unwarranted challenges of over dependence on imported technologies, Dr. Ibrahim said that his office had established 64 Intellectual Property Technology Transfer offices (IPTTO) across universities, polytechnics and other research establishments in the country to further facilitate the need for the protection of IPs generated by their researchers and secure patents of the IPs through NOTAP as well as ensure their subsequent commercialization.

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"One of the initial steps of commercializing of R and D is protection of the IP. No company or private sector would put money while the intellectual asset is not protected," he further cautioned.

On the need for synergy and collaboration between research bodies and industries in the country, Dr. Ibrahim warned that, unless the two converged and work synergistically, our intellectual assets may hardly translate into products and services which are needed to drive the country's economic growth and development.

The DG also pointed out that credibility of research and development lies on the operational quality of the laboratory equipment, hence he charged companies and industries in the country to provide necessary support for research outfits as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) to enable them upgrade their laboratory facilities to ensure quality output for national development.

He further advocated for the need to consider patents earned by an individual or group of researchers in matters bordering on staff promotions and rewards, especially within the academia.

Delivering a welcome address at the occasion earlier, the Coordinator, Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO) of the University, Dr. Jimoh Tijani pointed out that innovation and creativity remain the bedrock for the transformation of Nigeria's economy, hence, FUT Minna is well known for promoting research and innovation for industrial and socio-economic transformation of the country, adding that, the university should take a lead in stimulating an improved quality of lives for the citizens, spurring economic growth as well as addressing developmental challenges bedeviling the nation.

The Associate Professor of Chemistry highlighted that the cardinal objectives of IPTTO in the University are to stimulate IP generation among researchers, manage IP assets as well as promote indigenous technologies for socio-economic and Industrial development of the country, adding that the workshop was organized to help participants improve their efforts in protecting their IPs.

Dr. Tijani who opined that the role of intellectual property management in fueling innovation and creativity as well as promoting trade and investment cannot be underestimated, further stated that since 2019 when the University held its first Patent Unveiling Ceremony with a patent being showcased, the number of registered patents has risen from two to seven in the institution.

He also noted that the University had signed a

contract agreement with the Kaduna State Government for the supply of 460 Multifunctional Mobile Teaching Aid for Basic and Secondary Schools, amounting to N103,494,900.00, while collaboration between the institution and the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) on the commercialization of Nano-clay filter for petroleum wastewater treatment was also signed among other developments.

In a goodwill message at the opening ceremony, the Director, Directorate for Research, Innovation and Development (DRID), Prof. Moses Olutoye, said that since the commissioning of IPTTO in the University, 2019, the institution had taken a giant stride by developing IP rights policy with the view to addressing legal issues with regards to right of ownership of IP assets in the University.

At the workshop, there was an online presentation by the Country Director, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Nigeria Office, Dr. O. O. Moody, who presented on the topic, "Intellectual Property and the Future of University of Technology in Nigeria."

The Director, Technology Acquisition and Research Coordination Department, NOTAP, Mrs. Caroline Anie-Osuagwu presented a paper on the topic, "Intellectual Property Asset Management" while the Deputy Coordinator, IPTTO, FUT, Minna, Barr. Kassim Agbonika spoke on the topic, "An Over View of Intellectual Property Policy and Procedure." Barr. A.A. Argungu, School of Public Policy and Management, Korea Development Institute, made a virtual presentation titled, "Exploitation of Intellectual Property: Prospects, Challenges and Opportunities".

Deputy Director, Technology Acquisition and Research Coordination Department, NOTAP, Engr. Enoch I. Moghalu made a presentation on "IP Drafting: Patent Specifications and IP Claims" while the Director, Copyrights Academy, Nigeria Copyrights Commission, Mr. Collins Nweke, presented on "Generation, Protection and Commercialization of University Copyrights" and Mr. Kenny Shalom, Technology Officer, NOTAP presented on the topic, "Patent Databases and Search Techniques."

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Uno Essang Uno performed the closing ceremony on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, on July 25, 2023.

2023/2024 REGISTRATION/PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING EXERCISE (2023 UTME & DE)

This is to inform all candidates who have applied for admission into the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna for the 2023/2024 academic session that the Registration/University's Pre-Admission Screening Exercise (UPASE), commenced on **Monday, 17th July, 2023** and will end midnight of **Sunday, 27th August, 2023**.

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1. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Only UTME and DE candidates who selected Federal University of Technology, Minna as first choice during **2023 JAMB** are eligible for the screening exercise.
- (ii) UTME candidates **MUST** have a minimum score of 150, except for those courses for which higher cut-off marks have been indicated on the University website.
- (iii) Candidates **MUST** meet the minimum UTME scores for their chosen courses and have the right UTME subject combinations as prescribed in the 2023 JAMB Brochure.
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- (vi) Only 'O' level result print-out(s) downloaded directly from the website(s) of the National Examining Bodies (WAEC/NECO/NABTEB) or photocopies of original certificate(s) will be accepted for verification.

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Weekly Financial Digest for 17th July -23rd July 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	500,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	264,340.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	647,500.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	64,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	27,361,750.00
6	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	60,000.00
7	TURNITIN UNDERGRAUATE	55,000.00
8	CLEARANCE FEES	774,000.00
9	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	34,604,850.00
10	CODeL REGISTRATION	44,600.00
11	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	915,750.00
12	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	1,800.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	910,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	75,000.00
15	POST UTME	1,167,000.00
16	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	76,000.00
17	PREPAID METER	68,000.00
18	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOP	258,000.00
19	MOTORCYCLE REG	110,000.00
20	SIWES LOG BOOK	21,000.00
21	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	15,000.00
	TOTAL	₦67,993,590.00
	PAYMENTS	
22	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	6,317,510.00
	(b) Advance	3,157,700.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Bism Ltd - Services	7,963,922.50
	(b) Breuntask Value Resources Ltd. - Supply	64,500,000.00
	(c) Barocan Nig. Ent. - Supply	1,610,833.95
	(d) Honest Modern Nig. Ent. - Supply	1,655,500.00
	(e) Honest Modern Nig. Ent. - Supply	820,000.00
	(f) AG Office Equipment Services - Services	370,000.00
	(g) Royal & Royal Suits - Hotel Bill	59,000.00
	(h) Simbest Scientific Services - Supply	453,327.50
		₦86,907,793.95