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Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu has stated that funding of Education in Nigeria should not be left to Government alone but a collective responsibility involving the Private Sector, Alumni Associations and other well-meaning Nigerians.

Speaking at the 10th Convocation Ceremonies of the Federal Polytechnic, Ede in Osun State, the Minister who was represented by the Director Tertiary Education of the Ministry, Mr. Joel Ojo, stated that the Private Sector should complement the efforts of Government in adequately funding public tertiary institutions with a view to raising the standard of education in the Country,

particularly in the area of Science and Technology, in order to meet the Country's yearnings for technological development.

The Honourable Minister who congratulated the Polytechnic community on the occasion of its 10th convocation Ceremonies expressed happiness that the Institution has been empowering its students with quality technical knowledge and skills.

He then assured the Polytechnic Management of the Federal Government's continued support towards the growth and development of the Institution.

A total of 10,731 students from the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 sessions were graduated during the ceremonies.

TETFund Refocus on Deepening Research and Development in Public Tertiary Institutions

In line with the Mandate of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), its Executive Secretary, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has promised to give more attention to research and development, which is a potent instrument for economic empowerment and development of sustainable knowledge based economy.

He stated this at a 3-Day workshop organized by the British Council on Nigeria Higher Education Dialogue in Collaboration with Industry, held in Abuja recently. In a paper presented on his behalf by the Director, Public Affairs of the Fund, Dr Jacob Alada, the Executive Secretary stated that the Fund was established as a result of the agitations of Academic staff of Nigerian Universities, on the continual decline and deteriorating standard of infrastructure in the Country's Educational Sector.

The Fund (ETF) he stated commenced operations in 1999, with its interventions covering all levels of education until 2011, when with the amendment of its Enabling Act it exited intervening in Basic and Secondary levels of education to concentrate only on Public Tertiary Educational Institutions (PTEIs).



Research and Development is the way to go: Bogoro strongly advocates

According to the Executive Secretary, the Fund's Interventions in PTEIs would henceforth promote market-driven researches that have national impact; enhance research capacity and capability in PTEIs, support Research-Industry linkage, ensure the institutionalization of R&D Departments in Beneficiary Institutions, promote National and Regional Centres of Excellence in Nigeria and promote commercialization of viable R&D results and patents.

The Fund, he continued, will give additional attention to Research and Development which is key to the Industrial and Socio-economic growth of any Nation.

To this extent therefore, the Fund has re-named the Department of Research Support Services of the Fund to the Department of Research, Development and Centre of Excellence to promote market – driven researches that will have material impact, enhance research capacity and capability in Public Tertiary Educational Institutions (PTEIs) in the country.

Currently, the Fund is intervening in 214 Public Tertiary Educational Institutions across Nigeria with the breakdown as follows:- Universities (81), Polytechnics (64) and Colleges of Education (69).

Stranded TETFund Foreign Scholars Get Succour - Professor Bogoro



Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro

The Executive Secretary, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has expressed the resolve of the Fund to assist TETFund scholars who are stranded in the course of their studies abroad.

Prof. Bogoro made this known when he met with some of the stranded TETFund-sponsored scholars from various institutions in the United Kingdom.

The Executive Secretary who was accompanied on the visit to the scholars by some Directors of the Fund amongst who were Dr. Jacob Alada, Arch. Babatunde Olajide, Dr. Salihu Girei Bakari and Engr. Mustapha Gotala, stated that the visit was not a jamboree but a fact-finding exercise embarked upon to ascertain the challenges facing them in respect of their studies and upkeep in the United

Kingdom, with a view to resolving them.

Prof. Bogoro stated that the meeting with the scholars underscored the immense importance the Fund attaches to their training and well-being.

The Fund, the Executive Secretary confirmed, has sponsored over 24,194 scholars for various post-graduate Degrees since the inception of the scholarship programme, with the United Kingdom playing host to about 500 of them from inception till date.

Speaking on the implementation of the scholarship programme, Prof. Bogoro stated that the scheme has not been without its challenges, some of which have impacted negatively on both the scholars and the Fund.

According to him, the Fund cannot turn a blind eye to the travails of the scholars, hence the decision to embark on the fact finding trip in order to correct the non-responsive posture of the last administration



A cross section of TETFund scholars at the briefing in London UK

at the Fund to the plight of the scholars.

To this end, the Fund has placed a moratorium on the disbursement of 2018 allocation for Academic

Staff Training and Development (AST&D) to Beneficiary Institutions until all outstanding issues related to the scholars' school fees and upkeep are settled.

The fluctuations in the Foreign Exchange rate and the non-compliance with the Fund's guidelines by the home institutions of the scholars have been identified as the major causes of the Scholars problems.

During the visit, the delegation received evidence of scholars' indebtedness to their institutions abroad which will be escalated to the Top Management and Board of Trustees of the Fund for approval to effect payment.



The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (3rd right) in a group photograph with some Directors of the Fund and TETFund Scholars in London UK

Federal Polytechnic Ede Rector lauds TETFund for its support



The representative of the Honourable Minister of Education, Mr. Joel Ojo (4th left), Chairman of the Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Prof. Nasiru Yauri (3rd right); Rector of the Polytechnic, Dr. John Adekolawole (2nd right); Director, Public Affairs, TETFund, Dr. Jacob Alada (extreme left) and some members of the Governing Council during the 10th Convocation Ceremonies of the Polytechnic.

The Rector of the Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Dr. John Taiwo Adekolawole has commended the supportive role of TETFund in the provision of intervention funds for the development of the institution.

Dr. Adekolawole during the 10th Convocation Ceremonies of the Polytechnic recently in

Ede stated that the Institution has benefited from the TETFund Special High Impact Project and Zonal Intervention grants in the last couple of years, a feat he attributed to the tenacity of the Governing Council of the Polytechnic led by Prof. Nasiru M. Yauri.

Present at the Convocation Ceremonies were dignitaries from all over

the Country including the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, who was represented by the Director Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education Mr. Joel Ojo and the Executive Secretary of the Fund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, who was represented by the Director Public Affairs, Dr. Jacob Alada.

TETFund Organizes Enlightenment Session for Staff with HND Certificates



The Director, Human Resource and General Administration, Dr. Aminu Anas (right) with the Lead Resource Person, Mrs. Atinuke Ajiboye, during the enlightenment session on Progression and Conversion Policies in Public Service

An enlightenment programme on career progression and requirements for conversion from Executive, Technical and other related Cadres to the Administrative Cadre in the Public Service has been organized for the Fund's staff with Higher National Diploma (HND) qualification.

The interactive session, which was facilitated by the Department of Human Resource and General Administration was aimed at keeping the Fund's staff with HND qualifications abreast of the requirements of the Public Sector Scheme of Service regarding career

progression and conversion processes.

Speaking at the meeting, the Director of Human Resource and General Administration, of the Fund, Dr. Aminu Anas gave a brief historical insight into issues surrounding the dichotomy that has existed between HND and Degree holders in the Public Service concerning career progression.

He stated that the meeting was organized by the Fund to help staff who are in the Secretarial, Executive, Technical and other related Cadres chart a career path that would be

void of stagnation. He added that in order to achieve this, the Fund would continue to encourage all cadres of staff to acquire relevant skills, knowledge and qualifications useful for their development.

To underscore the importance of the meeting, Dr. Anas further stated that two resource persons from the Office of the Head of Service were invited to speak to staff on the requirements for career progression as contained in the Federal Government Scheme of Service, as well as in the existing extant rules on conversion as issued through Government circulars.

Speaking during the interactive session, the Lead Resource Person, Mrs. Atinuke Ajiboye stated that matters of establishment, job standards, conditions and schemes of service are handled by the National Council of Establishments.

While highlighting the various cadres and qualifications required for progression or



The Director Human Resource and General Administration, Dr. Aminu Anas (3rd from R) and the lead Resource Person, Mrs. Atinuke Ajiboye (3rd from L) in a group photograph with participants at the enlightenment session on Progression and Conversion Policies in Public Service

conversion in the Public Service, she advised staff to always seek clarification and advice before embarking on any course of study aimed towards advancing their careers.

Responding to questions fielded to her on the conditions for conversion of HND staff who have obtained additional qualifications, Mrs. Ajiboye stated that in accordance with extant rules, staff who have acquired relevant qualifications in addition to relevant experience are eligible for lateral conversion up to Grade Level 10 while officers

who have progressed beyond Grade Level 10 would be converted to one Grade Level lower than their current grades.

Staff who participated at the interactive session

expressed appreciation to the Management of the Fund for organizing the programme which they said broadened their horizon on Career Progression and Conversion Policies in the Public Service.



Mrs. Atinuke Ajiboye (left) the Lead Resource Person making some remarks during the enlightenment session on Progression and Conversion Policies in Public Service for some TETFund Staff



The President, Animal Science Association of Nigeria, Pastor Taiwo Adeoye (5th right) presenting a souvenir to the Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during a courtesy visit to the Fund recently.



L-R: The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, Director, Public Affairs of the Fund, Dr Jacob Alada, with the Ag. Director, Academic Staff Training & Development, Arc Olajide Babajide, during their visit to London.



The Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (left), exchanging pleasantries with the Director General NYSC, Maj. Gen. Sule Zakari Kazaure, during the latter's visit to TETFund, recently.



The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right), with a presenter in BBC Hausa Studio in London.



The Director Public Affairs, Dr. Jacob Alada presenting a paper on behalf of the Executive Secretary at the 3-day workshop on Higher Education Dialogue Collaboration with Industry organized recently by the British Council in Abuja, Nigeria.



The Director Human Resource and General Administration, Dr. Aminu Anas (3rd from R) and the lead Resource Person Mrs. Atinuke Ajiboye (3rd from L) in a group Photograph with participants at the enlightenment session on Progression and Conversion Policies in Public Service.



Cross Section of the outgoing Batch B 2018/2019 Youth Corps Members.



The Director Public Affairs, Dr. Jacob Alada arriving at Sheraton Hotel Abuja the Venue of a 3-day Workshop on Nigeria Higher Education Dialogue Collaboration with Industry organized recently by the British Council in Abuja, Nigeria



The Rector of Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Dr. John Adekolawole (3rd right) exchanging pleasantries with the Director, Public Affairs, TETFund, Dr. Jacob Alada, who represented the Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro at the 10th Convocation Ceremonies of the Polytechnic.



L-R: Deputy Director, Finance and Investments, Mallam Umar Kambari, Ag. Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, Engr. Mustapha Gotala and Technical Assistant to the Executive Secretary Arc. Uche Wogu during a meeting with stranded TETFund Scholars in the United Kingdom



Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, with some TETFund Directors and Scholars in London UK



Miss Nkem Menkiti of the Education Support Service Department (right) presenting gift items to one of the outgoing Corps Member while some staff of the Fund look on.



The Director Public Affairs, Dr. Jacob Alada (2nd left), Assistant Director Public Affairs, Mr. Gbenga Arolasafe (right), Director Higher Education of the British Council, Mrs. Adetomi Soyinka (left) and Programme Manager of the British Council, Ms. Sephora Imomoh (2nd right) during a Workshop on Nigeria Higher Education Dialogue Collaboration with Industry organized recently by the British Council in Abuja, Nigeria.



A cross section of TETFund Scholars in the United Kingdom during a meeting with the Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro in London UK



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TETFund Sends off Batch B 2018/2019 National Youth Corps Members

The Fund recently organized a Send-off for its 2018/2019 Batch B outgoing Youth Corps members.

The occasion which was attended by staff from all Departments and Specialized Units of the Fund was chaired by the Director, Human Resources & General Administration, Dr Aminu Anas who was represented by Mrs Kate Onuoha, a Chief Administrative Officer in the Fund.

The Chairman extolled the outgoing Youth Corps Members for their diligence and dedication to duty throughout their stay in the Fund.



Mrs Kate Onuoha, (Representing the Director, Human Resources & General Administration, Dr Aminu Anas) speaking at the Send Off of the Outgoing Batch B 2018/2019 Youth Corps Members.

Speaking during the occasion, the outgoing Youth Corps Members through a representative expressed gratitude to the Fund for giving them the opportunity to serve which has impacted positively on them. They promised to keep the flag of the Fund flying by taking with them what they have learnt during

the service year to their future places of work.

The event ended with the presentation of gift items to the Youth Corps Members after which the representative of the Director, Human Resources & General Administration wished them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Mrs Kate Onuoha, a Chief Admin Officer in the Human Resources & General Administration and some members of TETFund Staff in a group picture with the outgoing Batch B 2018/2019 Youth Corps Members.

Nigeria Institute of Animal Science Lauds Bogoro's re-instatement



The Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (5th right), President, Nigeria Institute of Animal Science, Prof. I.F. Adu (4th right) and other members of the Institute during a courtesy visit to the Fund.

The Executive Committee of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) led by its President Prof. I. F. Adu recently paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary of the Fund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro to felicitate with

him on his re-instatement by the Federal Government as the Chief Executive officer of the Fund.

Prof. Bogoro is a Fellow of the National Institute of Animal Science amongst others.

DG NYSC Visits TETFund Executive Secretary



The Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (left), with the Director General NYSC, Maj. Gen. Sule Zakari Kazaure, during the latter's visit to TETFund.

The Director General of the National Youth Service Corps, Major General Sule Zakari Kazaure recently paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary of the Fund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro to felicitate with him on his re-instatement as the Chief Executive of the Fund.



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2nd March



Eruogi, Chuks Jubilant
3rd March



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3rd March



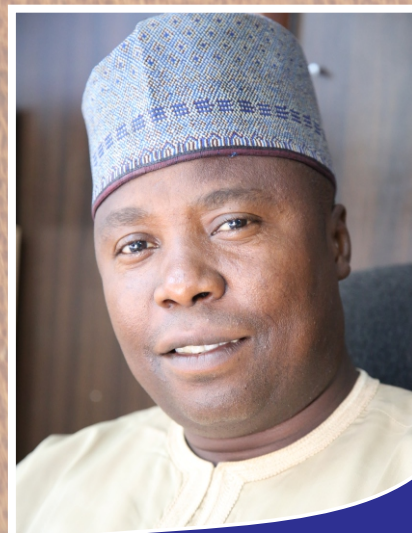
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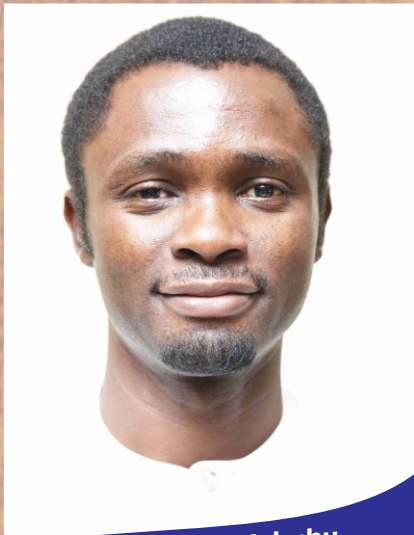
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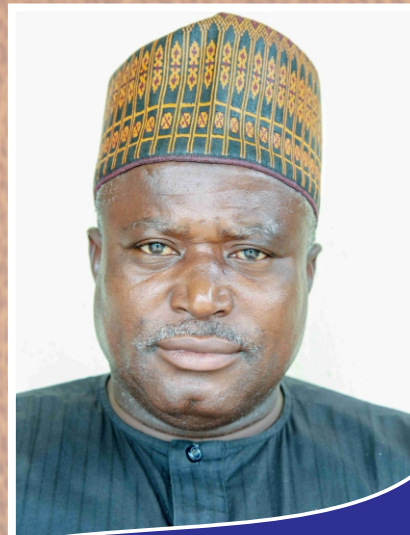
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28th March



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29th March



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31st March



...“National growth and competitiveness (in the context of a globalized economy) depends very much on continuous technological improvement and innovation driven by a well-organized vibrant Research and Development System”

Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro



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