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OUR VISION

To be a world-class interventionist agency in Nigeria's Tertiary Education

OUR GOALS

- To continuously improve Education Tax Revenue by ensuring that the tax is collected and made available for TETFund intervention programmes.
- To deliver appropriate and adequate intervention programmes with due regard to

the sensitivities of beneficiaries and stakeholders.

- To promote cutting-edge technologies, ideas and organizational skills in education, and ensure that projects are forward-looking as well as responding to present needs.
- To ensure successful completion of intervention projects.
- To form a viable and enduring partnership between the TETFund and its stakeholders.

- To manage Education Tax in a way that is most beneficial to the Nigerian people.
- To recruit, retain, train and retrain a highly motivated workforce.
- To plan, undertake research and create reliable data bank for improvement of education in Nigeria.
- To ensure accountability and transparency in all its undertakings.

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FROM THE

This second quarter publication showcases lot of milestones made by the Fund as it pushes for a better tertiary education and subsequently a better economy. The need for knowledge-based economy for Nigeria as opposed to resources is gradually gaining grounds in as TETFund led other stakeholders to cement a partnership with France with a view to building the capacity of 500 Nigerian Technologists. This is exciting as another avenue to deepen R&D project driven by the Fund.

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu also inaugurated an 11-man National Research and Development Foundation (NRDF) draft executive bill committee, at the TETFund office, with a call on members to propose legislation that will ensure a robust knowledge economy.

The Executive Secretary's assurances that the country's journey to a knowledge-based economy is realizable through the institutionalization of Research and Development, R&D was further demonstrated during a recent virtual meeting of the Fund's Research and Development Standing Committee (RDSC).

TETFund also received a contingent of the Senior Executive Course 43, 2021 of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru who were on study tour of the Agency. This edition brings to the readers



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series of accolades that continues to pour in as TETFund scholars from the University of Lagos could not contain their joy and appreciation for the rare opportunity offered to them by the Fund to enhance their academic capacity locally and internationally.

In addition to this is the Executive Secretary's commendation of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) who have over the years stood firm in giving policy direction and solid defense of the Fund to ensure original mandate of the agency was carried out with maximum success.

Professor Bogoro has continued to push for further alliances with his visit to Morgan State University, Baltimore, USA where he charged Nigerian academics undertaking PhD studies at the institution to prioritize three key areas of specialties namely Public Health, Climate Change and Computer Technology.

The Security Personality Fellowship Award of the Institute of Security and Strategic Studies (ISSS), was also bestowed on the Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro in recognition of his contributions to the security architecture of Nigeria at the 1st Annual Lecture/Fellowship Night and 3rd Investiture Ceremony of the Institute held in Abuja, recently.

There was commendation from the Vice Chancellor of University of Lagos (UNILAG), Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipeto TETFund for its renewed vigor in funding Research and Development in tertiary institutions during the institution's Postgraduate Studies Annual Lecture, where he noted that he and his research team had benefitted to the tune of N100 million.

The Fund solidified its alliance with The Nigerian Institute of Management (chartered) with the inauguration the NIM TETFund chapter. The event which was graced by the President and Chairman of the Council, Mrs. Patience E. Anabor FNIM, was a call to action for the old members and new inductees to uphold the tenets of the institute.

On a sad note, the Fund lost one of its management staff, Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugbana. Until her death, she was a Deputy Director and Head of the Internal Audit Unit of the Fund. She was survived by her husband and four children. She has since been buried.

Education Minister Inaugurates NRDF Draft Executive Bill Committee



Mallam Adamu Adamu

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu has inaugurated the National Research and Development Foundation (NRDF) draft executive bill committee, with a call on members to propose legislation that will ensure a robust knowledge economy.

Inaugurating the 11-man committee at the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) office in Abuja recently, the Minister who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono commended TETFund for coming up with

the NRDF initiative.

The Minister said the committee would undertake one of the most important and

meaningful assignments on behalf of the Ministry and the country. He added that the task of preparing a draft executive bill is not an ordinary job as it requires the best to do it; hence the reason for selecting some of the best and tested lawyers, academics and industry leaders to carry out the assignment.

While calling on members of the committee to live up to expectations in carrying out the assignment, the minister said boosting efforts in research and development holds the key that will redefine the nation's path to a knowledge economy.

The minister stated that the



L-R: Representative of the Hon. Minister of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono and Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, during the Inauguration of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, at the TETFund Office, Abuja.



From R-L: Prof. Auwalu Yadudu, Prof. C.J.C Dakas, Prof. Hadiza Galadanchi and Barr. Paschal Eruaga, during the Inauguration of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, at the TETFund Office, Abuja.

committee, which is chaired by Prof. Auwal Yadudu, has four weeks to complete its assignment and produce a report to be considered by the Ministry for “transmission to the Federal Executive Council and expectedly, the National Assembly, that is to approve the Bill for presidential assent.”

Earlier, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro said the nation's intellectuals must take up its responsibility by promoting ideas that would fast-track the development of Nigeria, particularly in the area of Research and Development.

Prof. Bogoro expressed delight that the committee would churn out good draft proposals based on the

experience and vast knowledge of its members.

Responding on behalf of the members of the committee, its chairman, Prof. Auwal Yadudu, promised that the assignment would be carried out with utmost dedication and the seriousness it deserves.

He commended the Ministry of Education and TETFund for the confidence reposed in the committee, saying “we will work together and hope we will not disappoint based on the trust you have in us.”

The committee's terms of reference include to study the masterplan document for the establishment of NRDF in Nigeria with a view to understanding its content vis-a-vis the committee tasks; to review the current enabling

law (if any) on Research and Development in Nigeria with a view to proposing a draft legislation to National Assembly on the establishment of NRDF.

The committee, whose membership is drawn from the Ministry of Education, TETFund, National Universities Commission, Office of the Secretary to Government of the Federation among others, has as members; Prof C.K.C Dakas, Prof. Hadiza Galadanchi, Dr Segun Aina, Barr. Grace Ekanem, Pascal Eruagha, Emmanuel Akisa, Dr Mustapha Popoola, two representatives of the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, while Barr. Khalil Abdul will serve as Secretary.

NIGERIA, FRANCE DEEPEN RELATIONSHIP IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN TERTIARY EDUCATION



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, flanked to the left by French delegates and to the right by Nigerian delegates

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the French Government and other top institutions in France to facilitate the training of Nigerian Laboratory Technologists.

The MoU is specifically on a hands-on training programme for 500 technologists from Nigerian tertiary education institutions, designed with Campus France and the Association of Institutes of Technology of France (ADIUT).

The signing ceremony which took place at the Embassy of Nigeria in Paris was a sideline event of President Muhammadu Buhari's visit to Paris on the summit on African economies.

In attendance to witness the event was the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama who in his remarks gave credence to the partnership between the two countries, whilst also underscoring the importance of Research and development to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Nation.

In his remarks, the Nigerian

Ambassador to France, Ambassador Kayode Laro who incidentally resumed office a few days before the event also posited that the MoU will no doubt engender strong institutional collaboration between France and Nigeria.

Also in attendance were the newly appointed Nigerian Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Nigeria to UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Dr. Hajo Sani; Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Abdullahi Omaki and Deputy Executive



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) and Director of International Relations of ADIUT, Mr. Olivier Ribault (left) signing the MoU at the Nigerian Embassy in France

Secretary of National University Commission (NUC), Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf who also signed an MoU with HCERES on behalf of the Commission.

Others are TETFund Director of Research & Development/Centres of Excellence, Dr. Salihu Girei Bakari; Acting Director, Public Affairs of TETFund Mr. Abdulmumin Oniyangi; a Consultant on Innovation to TETFund, Mr. Temitope Toogun and other Nigerian Embassy staff present.

Representing the French Government, a member of the French Parliament, Ambassador Patrice Anato, who spoke through an interpreter, stated that he looked forward to a successful collaboration and expressed hope that the partnership would open a vista of opportunities for possible

collaborations in other sectors between the French and Nigerian governments. Also, in attendance as part of the French team were the Director of International Relations of ADIUT, Mr. Olivier Ribault; Director General of HCERES, Mr. Thierry Coulhon, Representative of Campus France, Mrs. Beatrice; Ms Leila Mathieu of the French Embassy in Nigeria and a host of other officials of various French organizations present at the event.

Speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro posited that the various partnerships between the Fund and the French government are in tandem with the initiative already introduced by the Management of TETFund to deepen Research and Development, he added that no meaningful research can be achieved without the

necessary support of the Laboratory Technologist more so that the Fund had procured some technical equipment for some of the tertiary institutions by Skill G it therefore becomes necessary that requisite training is undertaken in order to get full value. Prof. Bogoro ended his remarks by expressing excitement that the event is happening during the visit of President Muhammadu Buhari to France.

Also speaking at the event before the signing of the MoU, the Director of International Relations of ADIUT Mr. Olivier Ribault expressed excitement that since the establishment of the French Institute of Technology in 1966, this is the first time the Institute will be having a partnership with an Anglophone country in Africa and he is therefore looking forward to a successful collaboration with TETFund.

How TETFund Transformed Our Lives---Scholars

Beneficiaries of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Scholarship scheme, the academic Staff Training and Development (AST&D) have continued to give testimonies of the positive impacts derived from the programme.

TETFund scholars from the University of Lagos (UNILAG) were full gratitude to the Agency for the huge opportunity offered by them to be able to build and reinforce their capacity, academically to be able to advance in their various profession.

The scholars spoke about their various experiences when the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro paid a visit to the institution to ascertain the level of progress on AST&D intervention programme and to interact with beneficiaries as well.

Narrating her experiences during an interactive section at the event, Dr Rita Oladele, who studied at the Medical Microbiologist University of Manchester



The Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe presenting a commemorative plaque to the Executive Secretary, TETFund and guest speaker at the occasion, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during the Annual Lecture of the School of Post Graduate Studies of the Institution.

UK explained that her life has never been the same since she was availed of the scholarship opportunity.

Her words: “Special thanks to Professor

“I remain indebted to TETFund. I have received Centre for Diseases Control, USA funded training for healthcare workers in Nigeria which has hugely impacted in the frontline battle against COVID-19”.

Bogoro for helping me change my mindset and my profile. I went to Manchester in 2015 at the time I had just 13 publications and by the time I returned, I had 35 and today I have 48 online publications, and TETFund made it possible.

“I finished my programme with an A in my dissertation. It was the first A in my Unit. The PhD has Changed my mindset and outlook on research; and how I carry out my duty and I have been able to secure \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand) worth of research funding from various sources outside the



L-R: The Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe ; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and the Chairman, MTN Communications NIG. LTD., Dr. Ernest Ndukwe during the Annual Lecture of the School of Post Graduate Studies of the Institution.

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Also speaking, Dr Shekoni Adekem, who studied at the University of Birmingham United Kingdom, Department of Community Health, thanked the Fund the sponsorship. “Big thank you to TETFund for sponsoring my PhD in Social Epidemiology, the first in UNILAG. I worked with UNILAG to host the first and second national conference on eruptivity, equality and diversity in Nigeria, the first of its kind in West Africa. The training has imparted how I engage and train students, the way I carry

out research. In 2019 I was promoted to Associate Professor”.

Dr. Oluseye Samuel Ajuwon was a scholar at the Department of Economics University of Stellenbosch South Africa. He obtained a PhD in Development Economics (Performance and Financing of small Businesses in Nigeria), and had this to say:

“I am now among the few Development Finance Specialists in Nigeria; an area that is needed in a developing country like Nigeria where there is high level of unemployment. Before my PhD I had 1 or 2 publications and now I have about 25 international publications. I am forever indebted to TETFund because this

opportunity has changed my perspective of life in general.

For Dr Gbemi Ogunleye Filomena Library Science Babcock University Nigeria, “I didn't think I could get an opportunity for a PhD until I got TETFund sponsorship.

I have been exposed to modern Library Science, our lives have changed, and I remain grateful for this privilege”.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary stated that TETFund is the largest funder of PhD in Nigeria, locally and internationally and that the Fund is proud to know that its scholars are rising in ascendancy across the various departments and disciplines in their distinguished areas of specialization.

“I have been exposed to modern Library Science, our lives have changed, and I remain grateful for this privilege”



The Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe (5th Left); the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (6th Left); the Chairman, MTN Communications NIG. LTD., Dr. Ernest Ndukwe (7th Left) with some top management of both TETFund and the Institution during the Annual Lecture of the School of Post Graduate Studies of the Institution.

He described the University of Lagos as one of the most competitive with the best records of partnership in the country, citing examples with the College of Medicine and the University Teaching Hospital, which have made great contributions and breakthroughs in the field of science and medicine.

The Executive Secretary however gave his assurances while reiterating that there is room for improvement, as there would be continuous review in TETFund's approach to ensure seamless experience for its scholars.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor

Academics and Research, Prof. Oluwole Familoni commended the Fund for its immense contributions which has helped the University to run its operations smoothly.

He said the funding from TETFund has enhanced the University system in several ways, including the Academic Staff Training and Development, Physical Infrastructure/Programme Upgrade, Library Development, Conference Attendance, Institution Based Research (IBR), TETFund Project Maintenance, ICT Support, Entrepreneurship Centre, Academic Research Journal and Academic Manuscript Development.

He further stated that the AST&D intervention

has been of great benefit to the University as it provides a funding window to train Academic Staff in areas of expertise with funds that the university may not be able to afford on its own and lauded the effort of the Executive Secretary in increasing the quantum of funding to Beneficiaries since his reinstatement, describing it as worthy of praise.

It was disclosed that between 2015 to date, the Fund has sponsored 29 Scholars from the University of Lagos alone at the cost of about 500 million Naira, the scholars studied a wide range of disciplines including Medical Sciences, Reference Mycology, Social Epidemiology, Engineering and Development Finance in top ranking universities across the world.

Bogoro Bags ISSS Security Personality Fellowship Award



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right), during his induction as a fellow of the Institute of Security and Strategic Studies (ISSS) in Abuja recently.

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro has bagged the Security Personality Fellowship Award of the Institute of Security and Strategic Studies (ISSS), in recognition of his contributions to the security architecture of Nigeria.

Prof. Bogoro was conferred with the Fellowship Award alongside Kogi State Governor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, former Governor of Abia State, Sen. Theodore

Orji among other dignitaries at the 1st Annual Lecture/Fellowship Night and 3rd Investiture Ceremony of the Institute held in Abuja, recently.

Speaking at the event, the Secretary, Governing Council of the Institute, Hon. Danladi Abdulhameed stressed the importance of national security against all forms of threats including, war, terrorism or espionage.

Abdulhameed expressed regrets that 22 years after Nigeria's uninterrupted

democracy, several challenges have continued to besiege its democratic system. Chief among the challenges, he said, was insecurity which had claimed the lives and livelihoods of civilians, foreigners, security personnel and threatened the socio-economic and political stability of the country.

He stated that the continued state of insecurity has threatened the very fabric of our national integration and created the ecology of fear, distrust and anxiety; adding that the call for national



Speaking at the event, Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State who was represented by his deputy, Edward Onoja, noted that mutual distrust among Nigerians has divide the country as it continues to struggle to achieve a peaceful atmosphere to enhance national development. The governor added that to achieve social cohesion, governance must rest on the rule of law, due process and be people-centered.

It would be recalled that through the initiative of Prof. Bogoro, TETFund constituted a Research and Development Standing Committee (RDSC) that was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu in 2020. The Committee comprises 13 Sub-Committees among which is Defence and Military Sub-Committee.

TETFund has since commenced funding of Research and Development (R&D) in the Nigerian Defence and Military sub-sector to support the fight against of forms of insecurity in the country.

security is a collective one. In a lecture titled “Beauty and Dangers of Democracy,” former Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Prof. Danfulani Ahmed, condemned the arrogance of majority syndrome, political terrorism and other vices bedeviling the country's democracy.

Ahmed stressed that the duty of national security is so important that it should not be relegated to the background, adding that national security includes structures, economy, sociopolitical and religious aspects and given this situation, it cannot be considered without relating with the most important factors.

Bogoro Felicitates with ASUU, Says Union A Pillar of Support



Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, giving his solidarity speech at the 21st ASUU biannual National Delegate Conference held at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka in Anambra State

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro has lauded the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) for standing firm in support of the Fund since inception, even after it struggled for its creation.

In a Solidarity message at the 21st ASUU Biannual National Delegate Conference held at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa, in Anambra State, Professor Bogoro attributed the many successes being witnessed in the nation's tertiary institutions to the ASUU struggle and partnership, which the Agency has continued to enjoy and draws strength from.

He also commended the former President of ASUU, Comrade Biodun Ogunyemi as well as the labour and sacrifices of ASUU past presidents who were present at the event, including, Dr Nasir Fagge, Dr Dipo Fashina and Prof. Attahiru Mohammed Jega.

He went back memory lane to recall how the struggle and negotiation of ASUU began from the year 1990 to 1992, which brought about the emergence of ETF by law and was modified to TETFund.

The Executive Secretary also stated how ASUU was key in his reinstatement as Executive Secretary of TETFund; and since his return has been consulting closely with

ASUU, resulting in more funding for key components like Research (Institutionalisation of R & D), Libraries, Academic Staff Training and Capacity Development, Journals publication, Manuscript development, conversion of PHD thesis to textbooks.

He said, “Mr. President, your support for me, your encouragement as ASUU to my leadership at TETFund is what has kept me going. When we inaugurated the TETFund Research and Development standing committee, and my president publicly stood and said for a long time they have not seen the leadership in TETFund that deserves their support.

“Mr. President I want to thank you very much and for those things that we have initiated let me say to you, I do not say anything without consultation with ASUU. it is the goose that have laid the golden egg called TETFund”.

The out-going ASSUU President in his valedictory speech, pointed out how grants and interventions from TETFund have remained the major or only source of financing capital projects and staff development for most of the institutions in the last two decades. He however commended the Executive Secretary for a job well done.

Bogoro Re-emphasizes Need for Knowledge Driven Economy



Cross section of participants during a presentation by the Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro on strategic institutions Study Tour Report of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and TETFund at NIPSS Institution at Kuru, Jos in Plateau State

Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro has once again advocated to a total shift from resource to knowledge-based economy as the only way to move the country forward.

Bogoro made the commendation during a presentation on strategic institutions study tour report of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and TETFund at NIPSS, Kuru, Jos.

He noted that all efforts at achieving this is embedded in the TETFund's Research and Development initiative, the

content development and capacity building of the academics through the Academic Staff Training and Development (AST&D) at the Fund, to push for the success of the paradigm shift mantra.

This he explained has earned him the nickname "Senior Advocate of Research", and that his vision is to see Research and Development institutionalized not only in tertiary institutions but the overall firmament of Nigeria with reference to the economy. "As the most competitive economies are knowledge driven and it is research that defines that knowledge." Bogoro reiterated that the final

recommendation from the Ministers committee set up when he returned to the Fund for the second time was the establishment of National Research and Development Foundation for Nigeria. The TETFund boss noted that funding for research in the last two years has improved so

"As the most competitive economies are knowledge driven and it is research that defines that knowledge."



Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (4th left) with other delegates during a presentation on strategic institutions Study Tour Report of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and TETFund at NIPSS Institution at Kuru, Jos in Plateau State

much so that the funding grant disbursed for research this 2021 is more than those disbursed in the last ten years.

Bogoro was emphatic on the recommendations by Study Group Six Senior Executive Course (Sec) 43, 2021 at NIPSS, one of which was highlighted as the need to amend some sections of the TETFund act of 2011. The group also recommended the screening of potential executives by the Senate at the National Assembly, subject to the appointment of the Executive Secretary and Board of Trustees members. Reacting to the recommendations, Bogoro confirmed that the recommendation reflects his stance on what a privilege it is to be part of the academic staff union of universities (ASUU) negotiations team in 1990 to 1992 with the then military government which ultimately

Paid off in 1992 with the signing of an agreement that heralded the emergence of the Fund.

Speaking on the recommendation that the TETFund budget should go to the National Assembly, the TETFund boss disclosed that this will completely contradict its achievements noting that “the fact that TETFund does not have go to the National Assembly is one secret to the effectiveness of TETFund intervention across beneficiary institutions and it is one area that ASUU will defend to its core, due to its painstaking thought process from the negotiations to arrive at these context”, he added.

Professor Bogoro commended the efforts of the National Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) for creating vibrant policy direction for the nation

through its highly cerebral intellectuals operating in some of Nigeria's most respected institutions.

He recalled that many attempts in the past to suggest the amendment of TETFund act or that the TETFund budget be moved to the National Assembly had attracted resistance and protests which got aborted because of the key areas of the TETFund act that the ASUU and the Fund is very protective of.

On the recommendation that the TETFund act contradicts the National Education Policy, Bogoro corrected the notion, stating that this is not the case, because “once there is a law, the policy gives a guide and once there's a law in respect of TETFund it is superior due its consideration and formation for the TETFund law.”

TETFund Spends N1.4 Billion on Molecular Labs



Professor Bogoro while speaking at NIPSS, Kuru

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has boosted its Research intervention activities with about N1.4 billion, leading to the quantum increase in the number of molecular laboratories already established across the country.

Recall that a total of 14 institutions got N100 million each for establishment of molecular laboratories.

This is coming on the heels of the Fund's declaration that approvals for Research Grants would double in 2021, from the over 128 made in 2020.

In the 2021 budget awaiting

approval, TETFund hinted that it would fund establishment of more molecular laboratories and research on gene sequencing and phytogenic medicine in addition to vaccine research and production, as a key area of unraveling the lethal Covid-19 pandemic.

The Executive Secretary of the Fund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, who disclosed this while receiving a contingent of the Senior Executive Course 43, 2021 of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, intimated that the announcement would be made once the Board of Trustees approves the move.

The TETFund boss also stated that qualified institutions would draw a maximum of N50 million grant from the N7.5 billion National Research Fund (NRF).

He said, "We discovered that those facilities were helpful for both research and clinical purposes", adding that the facilities will help sustain medical research in the country.

He also disclosed that funds were made available to some medical research institutes and colleges for the purpose of research.

Bogoro also noted that 90 percent of lecturers in

Nigerian universities currently have PhDs, stating that 9 years ago, only 40 percent of university lecturers in the country had PhDs, and by 2015, over 60 per cent acquired PhDs through the intervention of TETFund.

He said more than 80 per cent of libraries in public tertiary institutions were provided libraries by the Fund.

He commended Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi for its ingenuity in formulating a system of tracking cattle that had been rustled; as well as Redeemers University for its advanced research on gene sequencing; and Covenant University for being ranked among the best universities in the world.

While speaking on NIPSS, Bogoro said since the institute was carefully constituted in 1979, it has remained focused with representation from the military, various ministries, and others, who are working on behalf of the country with a high sense of responsibility.

He added that some of the most cerebral academics and administrators in other sectors had served in NIPSS, either at the directorate cadre or otherwise.

On the TETFund's impact, he said one of the priority areas of the fund's intervention was the Academic Staff Development, adding that human capital development is at the center of the Fund's intervention programmes.

“If not for TETFund, the tertiary education institutions in Nigeria would have been highly comatose or probably nonexistent”

While noting that Nigeria should have been happier after the announcement that its economy is the largest economy in Africa but was doused by the unimpactful nature of its GDP growth, there is no way the majority of its population can be happy.

He said a number of Asian and European countries that were far behind Nigeria at independence had leapfrogged and left Nigeria very far behind due to its unpalatable level of human capital development.

He added that although Singapore shares similarities with Nigeria as a multiethnic nation, it has risen far and above its competitors because of its investment in human capital.

“At a point Nigerian universities were reduced to politics where everyone wanted to be a professor and every professor wanted to be a Vice Chancellor, and were not concerned about research,” he said.

He therefore urged the

Institute to get on board the Research and Development train by partnering with beneficiary institutions to apply for research grants saying that Research is one the Fund's core intervention programmes targeted at nation building and technological advancement for a better Nigeria.

Acting Director General of NIPSS Brig. Gen. Chukwuemeka Udaya earlier in his remark, stated that seven study groups were mandated to visit various strategic institutions that are related to the year 2021 topic titled: 'Getting Things Done; Strategies for Implementing Government Programs And Policies'.

He identified TETFund, established 10 years ago, as one the selected Agencies, being active in 'Getting Things Done' in the Federal Republic of Nigeria especially with regards to tertiary education institutions.

“If not for TETFund, the tertiary education institutions in Nigeria would have been highly comatose or probably nonexistent”, he said.

He further stated that the team's visit to the Fund was on a fact-finding mission to understudy the workings of the Fund, the Strategies implemented and policies put in place, which would in turn inform some of the recommendations that the Institute would proffer to President Muhammadu Buhari in November 2021.

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The Chairman TETFund Board of Trustees, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam (3rd right); the Executive Governor, Ondo State, Oluwarotimi Akeredolu (center); the Executive Governor, Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi (2nd right); the Director, HR&GA Barr. Adamu Abubakar and some members of the Board Secretariat during a courtesy visit by the Governors at the Chairman's residence in Abuja.



L-R: The Executive Governor, Ondo State, Oluwarotimi Akeredolu; the Chairman TETFund Board of Trustees, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam and the Executive Governor, Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi during a courtesy visit by the Governors at the Chairman's residence in Abuja.



Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, Prof. Ahmed Tijjani Mora (left), Presenting souvenir to Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right), during a courtesy visit to TETFund Office in Abuja



From 2nd Right: Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (2nd right), Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, Prof. Ahmed Tijjani Mora, Director, Pharmacist Practice Dept., Mrs Emily Olalere and the Registrar, Pharmacist Council of Nigeria, Dr Elijah Mohammed, during a courtesy visit to TETFund Office in Abuja

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(Left to Right) Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Geoffrey Onyeama, newly appointed Nigerian Ambassador & Permanent Delegate of Nigeria to UNESCO, Dr Hajo Sani; Nigerian Ambassador to France, Ambassador Kayode Laro; Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Abdullahi Omaki; Member of French Parliament representing the French Government, Ambassador Patrice Anato; Consultant to TETFund on Innovation, Tope Toogun; Second Secretary, Consular & Education, Nigerian Embassy, Oladipo Fadayomi



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Geoffrey Onyeama representing the President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR) gave a brief remark at the event



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro giving a brief remark at the Nigerian French Embassy



Ambassador Patrice Anato, member of French Parliament representing the French Government



Director of International Relations of ADIUT, Mr. Olivier Ribault giving a speech

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L-R: Deborah Elias Bedwom; Director, HR&GA, Barr. Adamu Abubakar; Chairman, TETFund BOT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam; Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Port Harcourt, Sen. Andrew Uchendu and Barr. Abdul Khalil during a courtesy visit by the Chairman of Council to the TETFund Chairman's residence in Abuja.



From R-L: Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, presenting souvenir to the Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, Prof. Ahmed Tijjani Mora (middle) and the Registrar, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, Dr. Elijah Mohammed, during a courtesy visit to TETFund Head office in Abuja



The Chairman, TETFund BOT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam (left) with the Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Port Harcourt, Sen. Andrew Uchendu during a courtesy visit by the Chairman of Council to the TETFund Chairman's residence in Abuja.



The Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe (5th Left); the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (6th Left); the Chairman, MTN Communications NIG. LTD., Dr. Ernest Ndukwe (7th Left) with some top management of both TETFund and the Institution during the Annual Lecture of the School of Post Graduate Studies of the Institution.

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The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro (5th left); Director General, National Council for Civil Society Organisation (NACCSO), Comrade Emmanuel Johnny (4th left); representative of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Youth & Student Affairs, Hon. Francis Ezeude (centre) when the NACCSO team paid a courtesy call on Fund.



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro (3rd left); President, Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU), NuhuOgirima (2nd left) and his team during a visit to the Fund, recently



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right); President, Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU), NuhuOgirima during the latter's visit, recently



The Representative of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Youth & Student Affairs, Hon. Francis Ezeude (left) presenting an Award of Recognition to the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during a courtesy visit by the National Council for Civil Society Organisation (NACCSO) on the Fund



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a souvenir to the Director General, National Council for Civil Society Organisation (NACCSO), Comrade Emmanuel Johnny (center) while the representative of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Youth & Student Affairs, Hon. Francis Ezeude (left) looks on

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Executive Secretary TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (4th right); Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono (5th right); Chairman, National Research and Development Foundation (NRDF), Draft Executive Bill Committee, Prof Auwal Yadudu (5th left) and his team during the inauguration of the Committee of NRDF, Draft Executive Bill, recently.



Representative of the Hon. Minister of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono (7th Left), the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (8th Right) in a Group Photograph with the newly inaugurated members of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, and Management Staff of TETFund, at the Event in Abuja.



R-L: The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, presenting a branded TETFund bag of souvenirs to the Managing Director/CEO, Galaxy Backbone Nigeria, Prof. Mohammad Bello Abubakar, when the later paid a courtesy visit to TETFund head office in Abuja, recently



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a souvenir the Chief Medical Director, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Professor Jesse Abiodun Otegbayo during the latter's visit to the Fund, recently



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro (2nd right); the Chief Medical Director, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Professor Jesse Abiodun Otugbayo (2nd left) and his team during a courtesy call to the Fund, recently



L-R: The Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe; the Chairman, MTN Communications NIG. LTD., Dr. Ernest Ndukwe and the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during the Annual Lecture of the School of Post Graduate Studies of the Institution

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The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, commissioning the University of Illorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory (MD&RL) with him are the Director, MD&RL, Prof. Abayomi Fadeyi (extreme left); the Director General, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, Prof. Babatunde Salako (2nd left); the Vice Chancellor, University of Illorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem (2nd right) and the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Kwara State, Dr. Raji Abdulrazaq (extreme right).



From L-R: Barr Grace Ekanem, Arc. Sonny Echono, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and Prof. C.J.C Dakas, during the Inauguration of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, at the TETFund Office, Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, unveiling the plaque of the University of Illorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem looks on from behind.



The President and Chairman of Council, Nigerian Institute of Management, Mrs. Patience Anabor, FNIM presenting the Certificate of Inauguration to the Interim Chairman, NIM TETFund Chapter, Mr. Taiwo Luqman Adedeji during the Inauguration of the Chapter in Abuja.



Cross section of the newly inaugurated members of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, during the Inauguration of the Committee on the TETFund National Research & Development Foundation (NRDF) Draft Executive Bill, at the TETFund Office, Abuja.



Some equipment in the newly commissioned University of Illorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.



The newly commissioned University of Illorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory

ASUU's 21st NATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE AND BUILDING COMMISSIONING AT THE NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AKWA



(4th to 7th on the front row) Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, (5th former ASUU President; Biodun Ogunyemi, Prof. Ikenna Onyibo, Vice Chancellor NAU; Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, at the 21st biannual National Delegate Conference in the newly commissioned ASUU building at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka



ASUU Former President, Comrade Biodun Ogunyemi giving his solidarity speech at the ASUU National Delegates Conference



NLC President, Aliyu Wabba giving his solidarity speech at the ASUU National Delegates Conference



(Left to Right) Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, former ASUU President; Biodun Ogunyemi, Prof. Ikenna Onyibo, Vice Chancellor NAU; Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, at the 21st biannual National Delegate Conference in the newly commissioned ASUU building at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka



(2nd from left) Executive Secretary of TETFund Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, Vice Chancellor NAU; Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, former ASUU President; Biodun Ogunyemi at the commissioning of the ASUU building in the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka

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Some members of Staff after the Funeral Mass in honour of Late Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugana.



Mr. Frank Ugana (Husband to Late Mrs. Victoria Ugana) and his sons during the Funeral mass



Daughters of the Deceased during the Funeral mass.



Clergy men at the Funeral Mass of Late Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugana in Avuvu, Ikeduru, Imo State



The Late Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugana in a motorcade

Ph.D. Scholars in MSU to Focus on Public Health, Climate Change, ICT



The President, Morgan State University, Dr. David Wilson (left) presenting a souvenir to the Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during the latter's visit to Morgan State University, Maryland, U.S.A.

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has stated that Nigerian academics undertaking PhD studies at Morgan State University (MSU) in Maryland, USA, will henceforth, prioritize three key areas of specialties namely Public Health, Climate Change and Computer Technology.

The Executive Secretary made this known while speaking at a meeting with authorities of the university in Baltimore, USA, which was also streamed virtually.

He stated that the areas of specialties were in view of the challenges of desertification, flooding, other climate-driven health and developmental problems confronting the country.

Prof. Bogoro, who led a team from the Fund to MSU on a partnership visit said the three key areas were identified during his chat with MSU President, David Wilson, adding that these should be some of the areas of priority incoming scholars should undertake now and in the future.

“He identified the area of

climate change, climatology, as absolutely important. And we know it, with desertification, flooding and sorts of challenges that are climate-driven, with the uncertainties of climate and weather, we will be happy to have some of our scholars go into that area,” he said.

Speaking on public health, he noted that “this is very important, not just for the state of Maryland but for the United States and perhaps, even more profound, for us back in Nigeria. The issues of public health are so obvious.

“I am saying so because you know the challenges that go with it. The rate of population that is higher than GDP growth rate is never good for any nation. And if the provision for infrastructure and interventions cannot catch up with the increasing population it is a problem.

“And in the case of public health, it is obvious; the challenges for public health are very obvious. There are so many things associated with it. Is it the issue of sanitation, of course, availability or otherwise of portable water?

“You can go on and of course the obvious public health challenges in terms of the diseases out there are

uncountable,” he added.

Speaking on ICT, the Executive Secretary described Information and Communication Technology as the master of every other thing and like a vehicle that drives, and shapes most other things.

He added that “we are in an era that science and technology, and innovation and cutting-edge learning shape the world. These are the areas we want our scholars from Nigeria to

come and share the benefit of academic knowledge with a great research university of MSU quality.”

Recall that over year ago, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Morgan State University to enhance research and academic cooperation.

He expressed happiness over the performance of Nigerian PhD scholars in the institution, adding that the team was there

to see some of them after TETFund signed the MoU a little about a year ago.

Also speaking, the Assistant Vice President, International Affairs of MSU, Yacob Astatke, expressed hope that PhD scholars from Nigeria will take the opportunity provided by TETFund to major on the areas outlined by Bogoro, adding that presently, the university has close to fifty PhD scholars from the country.

Private Varsities Beneficiaries of Bogoro's Research Initiative in TETFund - Minister of Education



The Honorable Minister of State for Education, Barr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba (left) presenting the Provisional License of the Karl-Kumm University to the President, COCIN and Member of Board of the Institution, Rev. Dr. Dachollom Chumang Datiri While the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and other dignitaries look on

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu has described private universities in the country as beneficiaries of a novel research initiative introduced by the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro.

Mallam Adamu stated this during the presentation of provisional licences to 20 new private universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in Abuja recently.

Shedding light on the research initiative, the Honourable Minister who was represented

by the Minister of State for Education, Mr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba stated that Prof. Bogoro introduced at TETFund, a window for private universities in the country to access the National Research Fund (NRF) grant managed by the Fund, by partnering with researchers from beneficiary institutions of TETFund.

He added that he considered the initiative, which is intended to widen the scope of coverage of research in the country as novel and a service to the Nation.

Speaking on the approval granted the 20 new private universities by the Federal Government, the Honourable Minister noted that the NUC had perfected its findings before granting licences to the

new universities, adding that their establishment would help address the higher education needs of Nigeria.

In his goodwill message, Prof. Bogoro stated that in the past months, TETFund had provided funds for NRF grants and beneficiary institutions as well as private universities have benefited immensely from the funds.

He revealed that the World Health Organization (WHO) recently recognized from Nigeria, a candidate for Covid-19 vaccine development and the top researcher was a winner of TETFund's NRF grant.

The Executive Secretary further stated that Covenant University and Redeemers

University have made great strides in research, particularly in the relevant areas of science and technology, specifically Medicine (Gene Sequencing) research.

He urged private universities to support and strengthen their capacity in research for national development.

Nigerian Institute of Management Inaugurates NIM TETFund Chapter



The President and Chairman of Council, Nigerian Institute of Management, Mrs. Patience Anabor, FNIM (3rd left); the Director, Finance and Investment, Alh. Idris Saidu; the Interim Chairman, NIM TETFund Chapter, Mr. Taiye Akinniyi other members of the Institute during the Inauguration of the NIM TETFund Chapter in Abuja.

The Nigerian Institute of Management (chartered) has inaugurated the NIM TETFund chapter. The event which was graced by the President and Chairman of the Council, Mrs. Patience E. Anabor FNIM, was a call to action for the old members and new inductees to uphold the tenets of the institute.

Mrs. Anabor, in her remark re-emphasized the importance of the Golden Book, which contained the Vision, Mission, Core values and Code of conduct of the Institute,

reiterating that the vision of the institute is "To be the Source and Symbol of Management Excellence."

The President also encouraged all members to be the best representation of the Institute by practicing the core and strategic values of the institution including, which she enumerated as follows; "Selfless service, service above self, promote the ideals of management, accountability, equity, integrity, transparency fairness, show distinctive

individual discipline, amongst others."

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro who was represented by the Director Finance and Investment, Alhaji Idris Saidu, acknowledged the cordial relationship existing between the Fund and the NIM, stating that the Fund over the years has supported the Institute by granting staff the opportunity to participate in trainings through scholarships. He also mentioned that the TETFund

has over 150 staff who are members of the institute.

The Executive Secretary congratulated the Interim Committee Members and the new inductees on their attainment and assured them of the Fund's continued support towards the fundamentals of the Institute.

The NIM TETFund chapter was then inaugurated by the President and Chairman of Council and gifted a startup token of N50,000 and some information documents.

The interim Chairman, NIM TETFund Chapter Mr. Taiwo Luqman Adedeji in his remarks, appreciated the

President and Chairman of Council for setting out time to inaugurate the new chapter.

He pledged that the Chapter in collaboration with sister Chapters would do its best to portray great management excellence, while upholding the core values of the Institute.

Nigeria Can Realize Knowledge Economy with R&D – Prof. Bogoro

Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, has assured that the country's journey to a knowledge-based economy is realizable through the institutionalization of Research and Development, R&D.

Prof. Bogoro stated this during a recent virtual meeting of the Fund's Research and Development Standing Committee (RDSC) tagged "The Paradigm Shift, with focus on the Institutionalization of R&D in Nigeria's Engineering, Technology and Material Sciences Sector."

The Executive Secretary said a new vista is emerging in Nigeria with the inauguration of the draft committee on the National Research and Development Foundation, NRDF, bill, adding that there is a great hope for Nigeria once the bill is signed.

"A new vista is emerging in our country that gives hope that we could do something right and we proceed to define

the knowledge economy through institutionalization of R&D.

"It is a long but realizable journey of reality for our country, but I remain positive and I am happy to share this information with you today that from today the draft committee on the Research Foundation that will prepare the executive bill has been inaugurated by the Federal Ministry of Education. It reflects a new beginning, a realistic beginning for the knowledge economy to take its rightful place in our country," he said.

Speaking earlier, the lead presenter, Professor Mosto Onouha stressed the imperative of strengthening the curricula in technological entrepreneurship in universities and polytechnics across the country, and the linkages between the academia and the industry through the establishment of intellectual property technological transfer offices.

"We want to develop a culture of introducing technological innovations that can yield



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during a Virtual Meeting on the Fund's Research and Development Standing Committee (RDSD) on the Institutionalisation of R&D in Nigeria's Engineering, Technology and Material Sciences Sector

significant revenues that will positively impact on our economy and reduce dependence on earnings from crude oil and gas sales for financing our national budget and gradually become a nation that designs and invents things that can be branded and marketed globally.

"There is, therefore, an urgent need for our nation to establish an institutional framework for funding and management of R&D activities for its

sustainable development.

“To improve the competitiveness of our goods and services, enhance the ranking of our tertiary institutions on the global scale and for the nation to move from a resources-based economy driven by innovation, adequate funding of R&D especially, in engineering, technology and

maternal science should be provided.

“An institutional framework needs to be put in place to domicile, drive and oversee Nigeria's progress to a knowledge-based economy. The National Research and Development Foundation (NRDF) is the special purpose vehicle being recommended to actualize the above,” he

said.

In his remarks at the meeting, the Chairman of RDSC, Emeritus Prof Njidda Gadzama noted that countries like the United States are allocating huge financial resources for science and technology, saying that that indeed, the matter is an emergency one in Nigeria.

Mrs. Ugbana Laid To Rest



Family members, friends, and well-wishers at the Service of songs held in honor of Late Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugbana.

The Late Mrs. Victoria Oluchukwu Ugbana has been laid to rest in her hometown, Owalla Avuvu, Ikeduru Local Government Area, Imo State.

Until her death, the late Ugbana whose sad demise occurred on the 4th of May 2021, after a brief illness was a Deputy Director and Head of Internal Audit unit of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Giving a sermon at the requiem mass in honour of the departed, Parish Priest of St. Eunan's Catholic Church,

Owalla Avuvu, Very Rev. Fr. Linus Ibeawuchi extolled the virtues of late Ugbana, as a woman who loved and served God beyond measures during her lifetime.

He admonished not to cry over her death, but to be ready to run the heavenly race in a manner that pleases God, “so that we will meet with Him at the appointed time”.

Also speaking, Rev. Fr. Lucius Kwekwe, explained that Christians should not grieve as unbelievers, “because our departed sister is in a better place than where we are right

now”.

Fr. Kwekwe stated that was a woman of the people and everybody had good things to say about her, because of her humility, kindness, generosity, and care for humanity were outstanding.

In a condolence message to the family, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro described the death of Mrs. Ugbana as a huge loss to the Fund.

Professor Bogoro, who was represented by the Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Arch. Uchendu Wogu, paid a glowing tribute to the Late Deputy Director as a very humble, dedicated, experience and hardworking officer who gave her best to the service of TETFund.

“As the family mourns, an exceptional wife, mother and sister, it is our prayer that you and family to find succor and inspiration from her service to God, the Fund and the Nation in general”, he said.

UNILAG VC Applauds TETFund's Focus on R&D

Vice Chancellor of University of Lagos (UNILAG), Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe has commended the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for its tenacity and renewed vigour in funding Research and Development in tertiary institutions.

The Vice Chancellor who spoke during the University of Lagos School Postgraduate Studies Annual Lecture, noted that TETFund is the only government Agency that is focused on the funding of research on a national and local and national level, adding that he and his research team had benefitted to the tune of N100 million.

The Executive Secretary, TETFund Professor Suleiman Elias Bogorowas the guest lecturer at the occasion where he presented a paper on 'Funding Postgraduate Education and Research in Nigerian Universities'.

Professor Bogoro in his lecture, harped on how the institutionalisation of Research and Development would benefit the Nigerian economy, adding that traditionally and historically, universities are leaders of research.

He then led the audience down memory lane, recalling that from early 80s to 90s, the nation's tertiary institutions were in a deplorable state, in terms of physical



infrastructure as a result of poor funding, which resulted in incessant strike actions.

He said for this and other reasons, funding is key since most of the university's operation requires funding and since research is being funded, post graduate scholars are automatic beneficiaries.

Professor Bogoro further stated that upon his reinstatement as Executive Secretary he discovered that research grant was stagnated at N10million per beneficiary Institutions annually for Institution Based Research (IBR), so he pushed for the figure to be raised after meeting with the TETFund Board of Trustees with strong recommendation of N50million, for 25 research grants at N2million per grant.

He also stated how he made a case to the Board of Trustees that the funding for National Research Fund Intervention be increased to 5 billion annually and was approved

and later increased to N7.5 billion and that hopefully an approval for a higher sum by the end of the year will be secured.

The Executive Secretary went on to enumerate some funding sources for post graduate research including bursary awards, grants, scholarships, endorsement, philanthropy, special intervention, internally generated revenue etc.

He encouraged institutions to take advantage of commonalities that exist with other institutions including those outside the country to establish partnerships and learn from each other.

He pointed out that globally, funding post graduate research is a collective responsibility of both the public and private institutions in the economy where these institutions reside and function.

“While the funding of post graduate school and research is one of the satisfying responsibility of governments and nations, the dwindling revenue from governments across the world and the fair share in Nigeria, emphasis need to be on the institutionalization of Research and Development within the triple helix model and the need to nationalize innovations and technology to make Nigeria truly independent”, he stated.

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MAGAJI Aisha
April 5.



ABDULLAHI Haliru Bunza
April 6



AHMED Fahd
April 6



ABRAHAM Mabel Ojoma
April 9



ADEWA Sunday Peter
April 10



IDOWU Esther Funmi
April 13



DIODOMISE Mary Williams
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SHEHU Fatima Ismail
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GARBA Ramatu Aliyu
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MOHAMMAD Salisu Ishaq
April 19



SABO Garba
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AGU Michael Chibuikem
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UMOH Morrison Ndifreke
April 21



AMADI George Chibeoso
April 22.



ALANEME Erasmus Chiemezie
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ORUWARI Dokubo Walter
April 22



ODOH Caroline Ngozika
April 23



FAJEMI Atnadu Onyinye
April 25



FAJONYOMI O. Mary
April 26



IBEKWE Kate Unyime
April 27.



MUHAMMAD Habib Shuaibu
April 27.

Staff Birthdays

MAY



ONU-CHINEDU Candid Chinonye
May 1



ABDULLAHI Idris Umar
May 2



FASUYI Bosede Florence
May 2



SALISU Idris
May 4



BOLOU Ogori Seiyefa
May 5



KASSEY Kemka Owabie
May 6



CHINEGWU Emmanuel Onyeka
May 6



MUSTAPHA Aliyu Waziri
May 7



HALLIRU Ibrahim Musa
May 7



FASANYA Omolola Anthonia
May 11



UMAR Mohammed
May 13

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MAY



ONWUEGBUCHULEM Ijeoma C.
May 15



BABANGIDA Umar Farouq
May 16



AMINU Ashiya Dumburi
May 20



ALADE Adegoke Oluwafemi
May 16



OKENWA Chioma Olivia
May 19



SALAU Oladipo Shittu
May 20



ADUKU Hannatu Amos
May 21



SADIQ Mohammed Abubakar
May 22



ALIMI Shuaib Olumide
May 24



MAGAJI Joseph Bukki
May 25

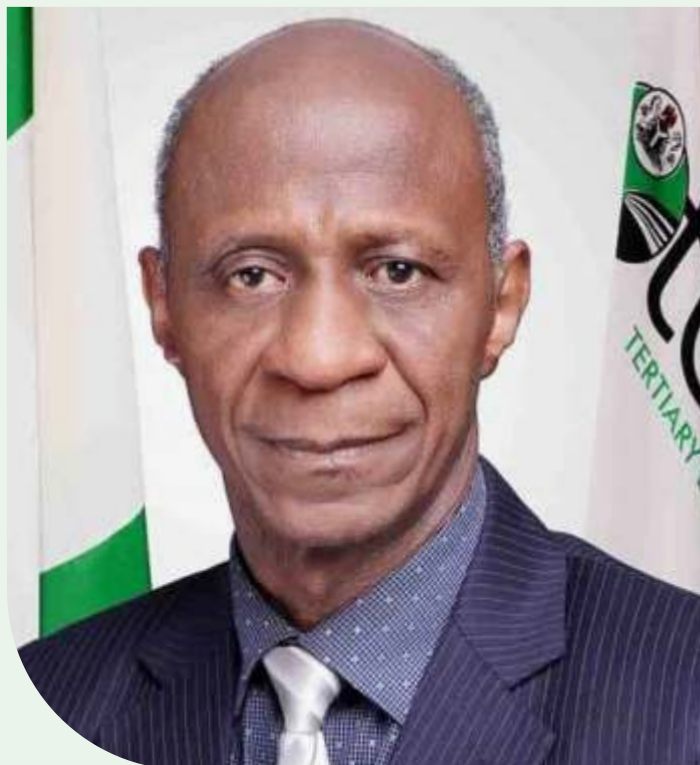


IMASUEN Michelle O.
May 28



OLOTU Gloria Eseroghene
May 30

JUNE



Prof BOGORO Suleiman Elias
June 6



OKOLO Edwin Nwoye
June 5



MAGAJI Suleiman Ibrahim
June 8



IROHA-KALU Nnena
June 8



SALISU Zaharradeen Maska
June 9



YAKUBU Yusuf Animoku
June 11



AMINU-SULEIMAN Bilkisu
June 12

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ONIYANGI Banji Abdulmumini
June 14



ACHINE Ferdinand Ebah
June 14



ADENIRAN Babatope Iyiade
June 14



TEERAH Lekpa E.
June 14



ABDULAZIZ Yakubu
June 15



MU'AZU Sa'eeda
June 15



MUHAMMED Fatima Alhaji
June 15



ASUQUO Emmanuel
June 16



AUMADE Enoch
June 17

JUNE



SHEHU Abdulrahman
June 17



MAIKUDI Yusuf Musa
June 19



BELLO Khalifa A.
June 20



SANI Farida Abbas
June 22



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June 26



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