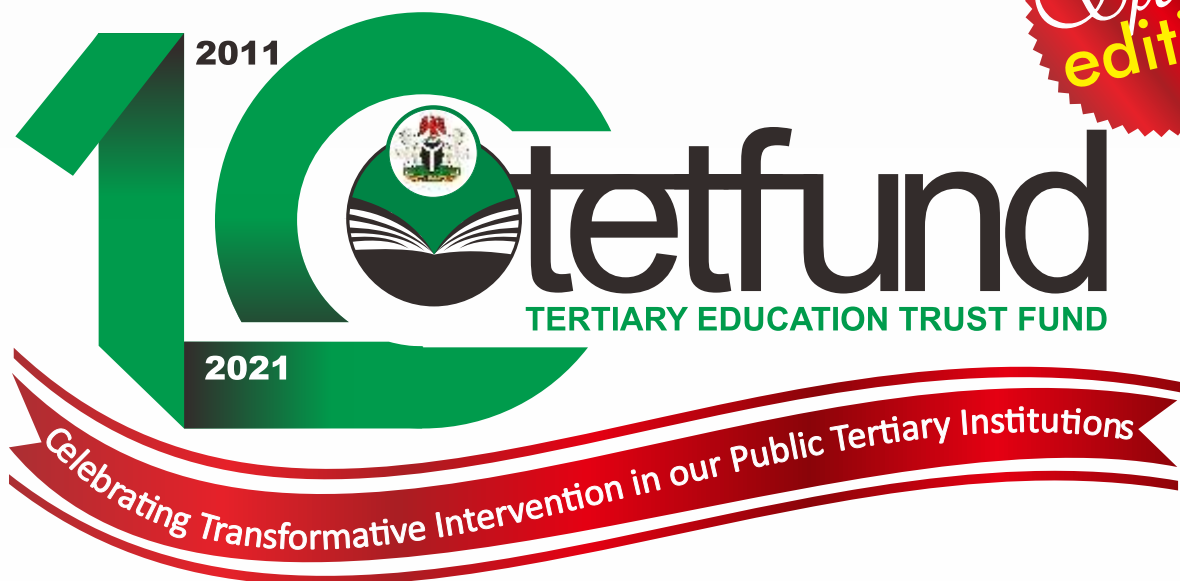


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OUR VISION

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 *Editor*

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) is still basking in the euphoria of successful hosting of her 10th anniversary held at the Congress Hall of Transcorp Hilton Abuja. It was a moment of celebration, looking back at a decade of fulfilment and impactful interventions in the nation's 226 public tertiary educational institutions.

The venue was agog with invited guests and dignitaries from all walks of life trooping in for the epoch-making event organized to ensure all the players in the success stories of the organization got a feel of the glitz and to appreciate them for such outstanding roles leading to the enviable milestones achieved by the Fund.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro set the stage rolling with his usual thought-provoking opening speech. Awards were given to individuals and organisations. Notable among them President Muhammadu Buhari, Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo, education ministers, FIRS, ASUU, top five taxpayers, best performing beneficiary institutions, TETFund media partners, among others. The evening segment was organized specifically for staff of the Fund to dine and unwind. The night was climaxed with the vote of thanks by

the Ag. Director, Department of Public Affairs of the Fund, Abdulmumin Oniyangi who set the stage on fire with the excited staff dancing to the music. What a magnificent way to end the year. A generous pictorial representation of the event has been provided to the readers' delight.

Still in the celebration mood, Professor Bogoro continued to garner awards from various quarters in recognition of the significant roles to better the lot of the society. Bogoro was awarded the Hallmarks of Labour Foundation (HLF) Awards for Outstanding contributions in the Field of Education for 2021 at the HLF 25th Anniversary Celebration alongside the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The media was not left out as the Education Correspondents Association of Nigeria, (ECAN) bestowed on him, an Award of Excellence as a result of the giant strides in development of tertiary education sector, witnessed under Professor Bogoro's administration.

Another giant stride was made recently with the reconstituted committees, the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS & MC) and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). This is in addition to budgetary provision

of N6, 393, 159,060 for the National Research Fund (NRF) set aside for 217 Research proposals which scaled through the Grant Cycle Exercise, recently.

In a continued quest to addressing specific national development challenges through preparation of professionals in applied research and associated outreach activities, the Fund has created addition of 12 new Centres of Excellence in Polytechnics and Colleges of Education. Each of the centres have been allocated with N1 billion to commence.

In this edition, you will also read that the Republic of Rwandan Ministry of Education is having a peep into the operational mode of TETFund and considering the possibility of adopting same. The Rwandan Minister of Education, Dr. Valentine Uwamariya disclosed her intention when the TETFund boss paid a working visit to Rwanda, having learnt of the many positive changes the agency is associated with in Nigeria's tertiary education sector.

TETFund signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) on the provision of digital literacy to staff of the Fund's beneficiary institutions across the country. The signing of the document took place recently in Rwanda, during the 2021 ICDL Africa Forum held in the capital city, Kigali.

Not satisfied with the global ranking of Nigerian Universities, TETFund has organized a capacity building workshop for public universities. The workshop was aimed at strengthening them for higher global

ranking and competitiveness.

The Nigeria Diaspora Commission led by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa also paid a courtesy visit to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, with request for possible partnership with TETFund; aimed at improving and promoting Research and Development as it relates to the Diaspora. All those are events adding colour to this special edition.

On a sad note, the Fund lost one of its past Director of Finance and Investment, Mazi Charles Ejike Onyeador. He has since been buried in his home town, Amuvi-Arochukwu, Abia State.

The year drew to a close with the Management Retreat organized to review the year 2021 events and put the 2022 in proper perspectives. It was held at the Grand Pela Hotel, Abuja.



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Ag. Director, Public Affairs

Encomiums as TETFund Celebrate 10 Years of Establishment



L-R: The President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Victor Emmanuel Osodeke; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro; the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam; the Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'Ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku; the former Chairman TETFund BoT and guest speaker at the occasion, Dr. Musa Babayo and the Chairman Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sen. Adamu Muhammad Bulkachuwa cutting the Cake during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at Transcorp Hotel Abuja.

The Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja was agog as dignitaries trooped in their numbers to join the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) an agency of repute, tagged as a Nigerian brand in celebration a remarkable decade of transformation intervention in the nation's public tertiary education institutions.

The epoch-making event held in Abuja recently attracted illustrious personalities from all walks of life who poured encomiums on TETFund for making the country proud with the numerous landmark

achievements in the tertiary education sector.

Welcoming guests to the event, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro gave a brief

history of the Fund and the achievements recorded over the past decade.

He stated that TETFund has over the past 10 years provided massive support to beneficiary institutions in Nigeria in construction of physical projects, with an estimate of over 152,838 infrastructural projects carried out across the institutions. These projects, he said, included lecture theatres, classrooms, hostels, offices, road networks, laboratories and fencing in some institutions in different parts of the country.

The Executive Secretary also recalled that to build human capacity of lecturers in public tertiary educational institutions in the country, the Fund created the Academic Staff Training and Development Programme and had to date sponsored about 30,000 lecturers for master's and Ph.D. programmes in both local and foreign institutions, while over 68,000 academic and non-academic staff have been sponsored to attend local and overseas conferences.

On research efforts, Prof. Bogoro also stated that in 2011, TETFund established the National Research Fund

(NRF) with a seed grant of N3Billion as its take-off grant to support cutting-edge research in areas of critical national need and development; and in 2015, N1Billion was added. He added that following the approval of TETFund Board of Trustees in 2019, the NRF allocation became annual and N5Billion was approved for that year. In 2020, he continued, President Muhammadu Buhari approved additional 50% increase in allocation to the NRF, being N7.5Billion for that year and N8.5Billion in 2021 and to date, N9Billion has been accessed by lecturers to finance their research activities.

The Executive Secretary expressed profound gratitude to President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for his sustained support to the Fund, stating that the achievements of TETFund in recent years were mainly attributable to the support Mr. President had rendered to the Fund since the commencement of his administration.

He also expressed appreciation to the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of TETFund, Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam and members of the Board, past Chairmen and members of



The representative of the Minister of Education, His Excellency, the Governor of Kebbi State, Sen. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu (3rd from left) leading dignitaries to unveil the TACIA report during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono (left) receiving an award of appreciation on behalf of the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu for his support and contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector presented by the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.

the BOT, past Executive Secretaries, serving and retired management and staff, and various stakeholders for their immense contributions to the success stories of the Fund.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairman of TETFund Board of Trustees, Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam outlined some of the achievements of the Fund in the past decade from physical infrastructure, Academic Staff Training and Development, Research and Centres of Excellence, describing the period as remarkable.

He stated that considering the impact that the Fund had made in transforming public tertiary educational institutions in the country, the celebration was worthwhile.

He said TETFund is committed to the proposed increase of the Education Tax collection from 2 to 3 per cent, as well as increasing total tax collections to enable the Fund commit more funds to the higher education subsector, in line with President Muhammadu Buhari's increased funding agenda for education.

In his message, the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, who

was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono congratulated the Fund for its efforts in changing the physical landscape and manpower development in beneficiary institutions. He also commended the management and staff of the Fund for their commitment over the years.

The Chairman of the occasion, Olor'ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku also congratulated the Fund for its numerous achievements stating that TETFund has become a brand to be reckoned with.

The Guest speaker and former Chairman TETFund Board of Trustees, Dr. Musa Babayo highlighted the journey of TETFund for the past years, from when it was first established as Education Trust Fund (ETF) and outlined some of the efforts made by past leaderships of the Fund to making it a brand of repute.

In one of the highpoints of the events, Kebbi State Governor, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu unveiled the report of the independent Technical Advisory Committee on Impact Assessment (TACIA) set up in 2019 by the Fund to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the activities of the Fund for 20 years, starting from when it



Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro presenting an award of recognition, during the occasion held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.

commenced operations as Education Tax Fund (ETF) in 1999.

Governor Bagudu commended the management of TETFund for the judicious use of funds which he said has earned it the respect of various stakeholders.

Other speakers at the event included the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, who was represented by an INEC National Commissioner, Prof. Abdullahi Zuru, Chairman Senate Committee on Foreign

education taxpayers.

Some beneficiary institutions across the six geo-political zones were also recognized for their commendable performances in utilization of research grants.

Originally established as Education Tax Fund (ETF) through the ETF Act No. 7 of 1993 as amended by Act No 40 of 1998, TETFund came into existence in 2011 with the promulgation of the TETFund (Establishment Etc.) Act 2011. The Fund was refocused to provide



Chairman BoT (TETFund), Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim - Imam (2nd right) and other invited guests at the TETFund 10th anniversary, held at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

Affairs, Senator Adamu Bulkachuwa, a representative of the Federal Inland Revenue Service among others.

Awards of recognition were presented to some individuals and organizations in appreciation of their contributions to the success of TETFund over the years. Some of the recipients included President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, Chief of Staff to the President, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, Minister of State for Education, Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba and some top

supplementary support to public tertiary institutions namely Universities, Polytechnics, and Colleges of Education for the rehabilitation, restoration, and consolidation of tertiary education in Nigeria.

Guests were treated to a cultural dance from the National Art and Culture Troupe.

The evening segment which was specifically for staff of TETFund was fun filled as they wine and dined as they were entertained to soft music and jokes by comedians.

Prof. Bogoro Bags Hallmarks of Labour Awards Alongside Lagos Governor, Others



Group Picture of Awardees

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has been awarded the Hallmarks of Labour Foundation (HLF) Awards for Outstanding contributions in the Field of Education for 2021.

Also recognized at the HLF 25th Anniversary Celebration and Award Ceremony held in Lagos recently was Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State who received an award for 'Leadership and transparency in public health management and control of COVID-19 outbreak in Nigeria'.

Other awardees at the event included the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof.

Abubakar Rasheed; acclaimed endocrinologist and Pro-Chancellor University of Benin, Olor'ogun Dr. Sunny Folorunso Kuku; renowned ophthalmologist, Prof. Adenike Abiosa; prominent historian, Prof. Bolanle Awe; Nigerian diplomat, Prof. Mohammed Tijani Bande; acclaimed gynecologist, Prof. Oladapo Alabi Ladipo among others.

Prof. Bogoro was born on June 6, 1958 and is a professor of Animal Science (Biochemistry and Ruminant Nutrition). He began his teaching career as a graduate assistant at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi State, and rose through the ranks to the pinnacle of his career

in 2003. He served as the chairman of Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri, Imo State, between 2005 and 2007.

In April 2014, Bogoro was appointed Executive Secretary of TETFund and has consistently in that capacity sought the institutionalization of Research and Development (R&D) not only in the nation's tertiary education institutions, but Nigeria in general to ensure global competitiveness.

Speaking at the event, Executive Secretary of HLF, Mrs. Patricia Otuedon-Arawore stated that she was inspired to establish the foundation by hardworking and intellectually endowed

Nigerians making modest contributions to the development of the country in an environment riddled with individuals of questionable wealth.

Some of the objectives of the foundation include searching for and identifying Nigerians, Africans and people of the Black race who have achieved success

through hard work, honesty, integrity, and justice in every field of human endeavour and using the achievements of the role models and their legacies as examples to educate Nigerians that success through genuine Labour is more rewarding and fulfilling.

Others are developing a positive attitude among Africans especially the

youth and encouraging them to discard fraudulence, dishonesty and greed as means to success; helping in making Nigeria a decent society that deserves the respect of other nations of the world, thereby enhancing investment and tourism, as well as documenting the achievements of our noble patriots for the purpose of history

Rwandan Education Minister Seeks Information on TETFund Model

Rwandan Minister of Education, Dr. Valentine Uwamariya has sought clarification about the establishment and mode of operation of Nigeria's Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) with a view to understanding the workings of the Fund and possible adoption of similar model in her country.

Dr. Uwamariya spoke while receiving in her office in Kigali, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro who was in Rwanda on a working visit recently.

The Minister who expressed appreciation to the Executive Secretary for the visit stated that Nigeria and Rwanda had



Rwandan Minister of Education, Dr. Valentine Uwamariya

a lot to learn from each other and looked forward to forming formidable partnerships with relevant institutions in Nigeria.

"Thank you very much for having time to meet with

us. I am sure we also have a lot to learn from Nigeria. It is not only you learning from us because we still have challenges.

"You know we are still having to struggle to have strong institutions. The

good thing is that we know what we are lacking and we are trying to find solutions,” she said.

Speaking about the Centres of Excellence established by TETFund, the Minister also expressed optimism that her country could learn from such initiative.

“You also talked about the Centres of Excellence in your country. I am sure we can also learn from that. Why can't we work together and learn from each other? I think we have a lot to learn from each other and I am happy that we are looking at how we can partner in different areas.

“I also want to hear more about the Tertiary Education Trust Fund. How does it work, so that we can also learn,” the

Minister added.

Speaking at the meeting, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro thanked the Minister for receiving him and his team in her office.

Prof. Bogoro gave a brief history about the establishment of TETFund and its contributions over the years towards making public tertiary institutions in the country globally competitive.

The Executive Secretary who also spoke about his commitment towards the institutionalization of R&D in Nigeria, which is ultimately geared at making the country a knowledge economy, expressed positive disposition towards developmental partnerships between

Nigeria and Rwanda.

The Executive Secretary in company of some Directors of TETFund's Centres of Excellence in Beneficiary Institutions had earlier engaged with the Centres of Excellence at the University of Rwanda, particularly those specialized in Science, Technology and Innovation and useful collaboration discussions were held.

Present at the meeting with the Minister were the Director, R&D and Centres of Excellence of TETFund, Dr. Salihu Girei Bakari; Technical Assistant to the Executive Secretary on R&D, Dr. Mustapha Ayo Popoola and the Directors of TETFund Centres of Excellence from the Beneficiary Institutions.



(4th left) Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, the Rwandan Minister of Education, Dr. Valentine Uwamariya (3rd right), Director R&D TETFund, Dr. Bakari Giri (2nd right) and other in a group photograph during a working visit to Rwanda.

TETFund Sets Aside N6.3bn for 217 Research Proposals, Inaugurates Monitoring, Screening C'mttees



4th Right : Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro in a group photograph with members of the Research & Development Monitoring and Screening Committee.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has made a budgetary provision of N6, 393, 159,060 for the National Research Fund (NRF). A total of 217 Research proposals scaled through the Grant Cycle Exercise and were recommended for grant award after a thorough screening and reviewing of the manuscripts.

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleman Elias Bogoro disclosed this while inaugurating the two reconstituted committees namely; the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee

(NRFS&MC) and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

The Executive Secretary, during the event, noted the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has recorded a number of achievements from 2019 to 2021 such as engagement of over 700 Nigerian scholars as contributing authors, coordinating editors and reviewers to write 43 basic textbooks in diverse subject areas, pointing out that, 24 manuscripts have already been reviewed and ready for publication.

Speaking on the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee, Professor

Bogoro stated that one of its key functions was to entrench and sustain the culture of efficiency and effectiveness in the process of awarding the NRF Grant in line with global best practices.

The 2020 NRF Grant Cycle Exercise, he explained, was concluded in January 2021 with a total of 217 Research Proposals recommended for Grant Award at a total cost of N6,396,159,060” he announced.

“Also in 2020, a key development in the NRF grant administration was the introduction of an Electronic Document Management System

(EDMS) to automate the hitherto manual processes associated with receiving and processing of Concept notes and Research proposals”, he added.

In line with TETFund's current paradigm shift that has flipped the list of intervention areas, catapulting research to the top spot, Bogoro charged the committee members on the need to maintain the high standards set by their predecessors, stating that any member not performing above board will be de-listed. He also commended the Board of Trustees on the role they played in increasing and approving the necessary funds.

“A seed fund of N3 billion was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2011 for the initial take-off, augmented with an additional N1 billion in 2015. Upon my reinstatement in 2019, we transformed the NRF into an annual intervention and enlarged the funding envelope to N5 billion. As at the 2020 iteration of the NRF Grant Cycle, we had increased the funding pot to N7.5 billion.

“For 2021, we have made available N8.5 billion, indicating a clear progression and our determination to keep moving in the right

direction.”

Although he made it clear that the NRF intervention is primarily targeted at researchers in public tertiary education institutions, Bogoro stated that private universities can now take advantage of the fund by collaborating with eligible beneficiary institutions to compete for research grants.

The Chairman, Board of Trustees of TETFund, Kashim Ibrahim-Imam while inaugurating the two committees, commended Bogoro for his drive towards transforming Nigeria into a knowledge-based economy.

“We at TETFund take this assignment very seriously, and for our country Nigeria this is a great leap forward. No country has developed in the world without research”

Kashim-Imam, further drew attention to the success stories of developed countries through prioritising research and development amidst assurances that the Board of Trustees would continue to focus strategic attention on R&D as well as other areas to attain the desired development in the country.

“We, our Executive Secretary, Professor Suleiman Bogoro,

painstakingly consulted and put in a lot of effort in constituting and reconstituting the NRF as well as the TAG, and the members have been carefully selected on merit to discharge a very significant assignment

“This is our 10th anniversary, and TETFund has impacted most positively in every aspect of the development of tertiary education in Nigeria. The figure for R&D grew from N5 billion to N7.5 billion in 2020 to N8.5 billion for the year 2021

“In the related field of academic staff training and development, TETFund is spending N30 billion this year; training university scholars as well as scholars from polytechnics and the colleges of education for higher degrees of master's and PhDs,” he said.

Some of the terms of reference of the NRFS&MC committee outlined at the event were pre-qualifying applications for research grants from academics in Beneficiary Institutions to ensure compliance, monitoring and reporting of progress of ongoing research work and categorising pre-qualified Research proposals into streams and disciplines to aid the appointment of reviewers.

TETFund Inaugurates 12 Additional Centres of Excellence in Polytechnics and Colleges of Education



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (2nd right) in a group photograph with some Rectors and Provosts, during the distribution of letters of approval for the additional Centre's of Excellence in their institutions.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has allocated the sum of N1 billion each for the establishment of twelve additional Centres of Excellence in six Polytechnics and Colleges of Education respectively.

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro stated that each awarded institution was expected to implement its own TETFund Centres of Excellence (TCOE) with the objective of addressing a specific

national development challenge through preparation of professionals, applied research and associated outreach activities with partners, especially community services.

Professor Bogoro informed the heads of these institutions of his great expectations from the beneficiaries of the allocation, challenged them to hit the ground running.

He said, "While it is appropriate for each of you here to feel justifiably proud for being deemed

worthy of selection from among dozens of eligible candidate institutions, I hasten to draw your attention to the huge burden of expectations that come with your choice as the pioneer Beneficiary Institutions of this initiative with immense national significance".

Bogoro called the attention of the Rectors and Provosts present at the ceremony to the characteristics of TETFund Centres of Excellence, and their reputation of being made up of the best in

academia of the country. He appealed to them to imbibe these traits and employ them for obtaining maximum results in establishing and running of the Centres.

For the six selected Polytechnics, Bogoro said the focus would be on technical skills development and entrepreneurship education.

“The lofty vision of lifting 100 million people out of poverty and addressing the challenge of graduate unemployment in the country are more pertinent today than ever.

We therefore, expect our TCOEs in the six polytechnics to imbibe some of the tried and tested approaches to enhancing entrepreneurship among students, such as their



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a letters of approval for the additional Centre's of Excellence in their institutions.

engagement in extracurricular or co-curricula activities, ranging from training programs, business plan competitions to entrepreneurship clubs that play an indispensable role in fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and expanding students' involvement,” he said.

The 12 centres are: Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa and Federal College of Education, Pankshin (North Central); Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi and Federal College Education, Yola (North-east); Federal Polytechnic, Kaduna and Federal College of Education, Zaria (North-west); Federal Polytechnic, Nekede and Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri (South-east).

Others are the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, and Federal College of Education (Technical), Omoku (south-south); Yaba College of Technology, Lagos and Adeyemi College Education, Ondo (South-west)



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a letters of approval for the additional Centre's of Excellence in their institutions.

TETFund To Partner NIDCOM for Diaspora R&D



The Chairman, Nigerian Diaspora Commission, Hon Abike Dabiri-EREwa (left) presenting a copy of the commission's Magazine to the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during the Chairman's visit the Fund.

There is possible Indication that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund would soon forge a partnership with the Nigeria Diaspora Commission in the area of research and development.

This was disclosed when the Nigeria Diaspora Commission led by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa paid a courtesy visit to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, with a proposal for partnership with TETFund aimed at improving and promoting Research and Development as it relates to the Diaspora.

Welcoming the delegation, Executive Secretary of the Fund, Professor Suleiman

Elias Bogoro stated that TETFund over the years have made it a mandate to uplift the standard of tertiary institutions in Nigeria, to globally competitive levels, through the various means necessary.

He expressed dismay at the constant exodus of Nigeria's best brains

leaving the country for greener pastures yet gave a positive prediction of optimism that the Nigerian Diaspora Commission and Tetfund will address and harmonise the issues.

He stressed that research is a paramount tool in properly



Executive secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro discussing with Chairman, Nigerian Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM), Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa during the latter's visit to the Fund.

structuring the socio-economic terrain of the nation, to encourage Nigerians abroad to actively key into the affairs of the country for national growth, pointing out that the focus should not just be on opening grants but accessing, evaluating and determining the impact of the research output.

The TETFund Boss also encouraged research and development to be injected in the nation's agricultural sector from the primary stage to the production and export stage. He urged that researchers should be funded as research is the bedrock of tertiary education and research cannot be completed

without funding.

He called on Nigerians in the diaspora to help revive the education and health sector which had suffered more than any other sector during the brain drain of the late 80's to early 90's, through changing the environment and reversing the brain drain, so as to attract some of Nigeria's best back to the country.

Speaking during the visit, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa explained that the Commission is collaborating with the University of Ibadan (UI) to build a Diaspora Research for Development Centre at the Premier University.

She pointed that the

project, which is a 10-year plan, is aimed at looking at the impact of the Nigerian Diaspora on the global front. The Centre will build capacity to train the academia and produce numerous academic resources in Diaspora and Migration studies.

Dr Dabiri-Erewa gave positive assurances of the outcome of the Centre which will implement favourable policies for economic and political growth in the country, and Africa.

She also stressed the need to resuscitate Linkages with Experts and Academics in the Diaspora Scheme (LEADS), an exchange programme for



Group Photograph: From L-R: Director General NIDCOM, Hon. Abike Dabiri Erewa, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro, Director Physical Infrastructure, Mr Buhari Mukailu, Director Research & Development, Dr. Salihu Gerei and the Director Finance & Investment, Dr. Gloria Olotu, during a courtesy visit by the NIDCOM team to TETFund.

Nigerians in Diaspora in the Academia to lecture students in Nigeria during sabbaticals.

In response, Bogoro expressed the Fund's willingness to partner with organisations such as NIDCOM, as well as, collaborate in areas concerning research. He assured the commission that if possible, a 'residual' budget, from the 2022 budget may be allocated by the Fund to support what he described as a laudable project.



The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a souvenir to the Chairman, Nigerian Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM), Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa during the latter's visit to the Fund.

Bogoro Receives ECAN Award, Calls for Better Media Coverage of TETFund Activities



3rd right: Director Public Affairs Department Mr. Abdulmumin B. Oniyangi, (4th right) Chairman, ECAN, Mr Chucks Okuato, Director Executive Office, Arch. Uchendu Wogu (center)

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund

(TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, has been honoured with an Award of Excellence

by the Education Correspondents Association of Nigeria (ECAN).

Receiving the award at a brief ceremony at the headquarters of the Fund recently Professor called improved media coverage of the organisation's activities.

"I am humbled on this occasion by your disposition, by the symbolism of this award, but more profoundly by the justification for the award".

He added that "It's very important that we have media personnel that know what we are doing. There are times when some things are reported, and I am embarrassed that they are improperly reported".

Professor Bogoro further identified a need for engaging ECAN members in capacity building workshops revolving around the Fund's R&D initiative, and other intervention lines with the aim of narrowing down inaccurate reporting incidences.

He commended the Association for their efforts in maintaining good and consistent standards of professionalism and delivering on the media duties required of them by organisations such

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as TETFund.

"ECAN have been veritable partners to TETFund. You've kept faith with us, even when we might not have met all your expectations. You have also availed us the wisdom of advice on areas we could improve on".

Earlier, the Chairman of ECAN, Mr. Chuks Ukwuatu, said TETFund under Bogoro has witnessed giant strides in development of tertiary education sector.

While the award presented is to encourage Bogoro to do more, the ECAN Chairman said his Association has thrown its weight behind the

calls for the renewal of the TETFund's boss appointment in 2022, saying one good term deserves another.

Adding to that, he described his agency as one best suited to assess performance, thereby making the award to Prof Bogoro a well-deserved one.

"You were nominated for this award based on several parameters which firstly includes massive infrastructural development in the nations tertiary institutions. There's no higher public tertiary institution that you'll go to and will not witness what TETFund is actually doing.

"Secondly, academic staff training targeted at enhancing the productivity and quality of higher education in tertiary institutions. Then of course the broader shift and focus on Research and Development. There's no doubt that research has been given scarce attention and relegated to the background in the time past but your coming on board as TETFund Executive Secretary has been a game changer as attested by relevant stakeholders".

Bogoro Charges Staff on Optimal Performance



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro making his remarks during the 2021 Management Staff Retreat held at Grand Pela Hotel and Suites, Abuja.

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has called for top notch delivery of services from the staff of the agency with a view maintaining the high reputation built over the years.

Prof. Bogoro gave charge at the Fund's 2021

Management Staff Retreat at the Grand Pela Hotel and suites in Abuja recently.

In attendance was the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, Directors and Heads of Units, Technical Assistants of the Executive Secretary, other management staff as well as the 24 new management staff that

were added to the fold, having succeeded in their promotion exercise conducted within the year.

In his opening remarks the executive secretary lamented the negative effect on the Education Tax collection for the year as a result of the review of the Finance Act which exempted companies with annual turnover of less than 25 million naira from paying the 2 percent Education Tax.

The Executive Secretary said that over the years TETFund has justified the collection of the Education Tax as evidenced by the transformation of the public tertiary education subsector and as such, government should not miss any opportunity to collect the tax. He called on the National Assembly to amend that aspect of the Finance Act.

With regards to the general administration of the Fund the Executive Secretary said "I love to ensure that I lift the spirit of my staff with incentives and I will never change". He further noted that he will

continue to do so, stating that he is not sadistic to delay or be selective in granting approvals but that on the contrary he does his job as it ought to be done.

He said he has introduced capacity building opportunities perhaps more than any Executive Secretary before him and in return he wants “star performance” from the staff. In line with the foregoing he mentioned that having invested so much, he wants to see quality in the communication of staff.

He however warned that in communicating with beneficiaries and other stakeholders, Management and Staff should not misrepresent

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the Executive Secretary, the Board of Trustees that set up the guidelines or the Fund as a body. He challenged the management staff to raise the bar in discharging their duties and prayed that the year 2022 will be a successful year for TETFund.

Other highlights of the meeting included presentation of the action plans by heads of

departments and units of the Fund as well as a presentation of the overview of the newly adopted National Ethics and Integrity Policy which was done by Mr. Demola Bakare of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The meeting came to a close with an admonition from the Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Arc. Uchendu Wogu who noted that the meeting had fulfilled its purpose but that it will be devastating if participants return to live in the errors of the past. He encouraged them to put in their best to uplift the Fund and build on the success of their predecessors.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (center) with Management Staff of the Fund during the 2021 Management Staff Retreat held at Grand Pela Hotel and Suites, Abuja.

TETFund Pledges Support for Infectious Disease Vaccine Development



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro making some remarks during the Tripartite meeting between the National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI); the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University Sokoto (UDUS) on mutual collaboration for vaccine development, in Vom, Plateau State.

The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro has stated that there is a window for the National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom to partake in TETFund's National Research Fund (NRF) grant.

He made this known while speaking at the Tripartite meeting of the NVRI; Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), and Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS) on mutual collaboration on Vaccine Development which held in Vom, Plateau State.

Speaking on the Fund's input in Research and

Development, the TETFund boss stated that the agency disburses the largest research grant in Nigeria through the TETFund NRF and reminded the audience about the National Covid-19 Consortium which is domiciled in the Fund.

He further affirmed the Fund's engagement with key stakeholders to foster the Institutionalisation of the National Research Foundation through the TETFund's Research and Development Standing Committee.

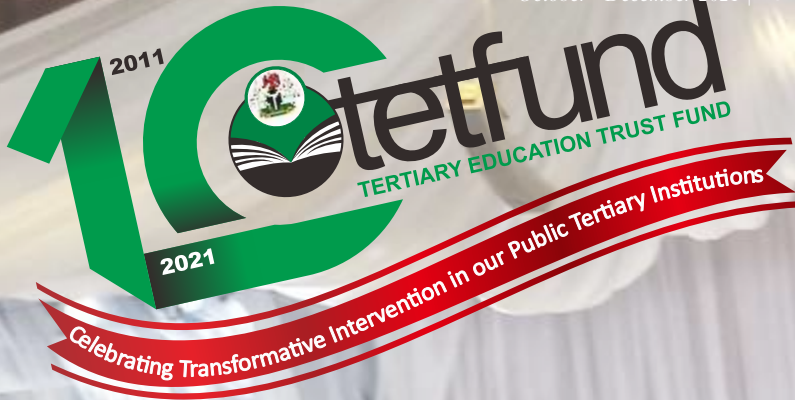
He said more funds need to be committed to research that is why he made a case to the Board of Trustees in 2019 to increase the TETFund

National Research Fund grant to N5 Billion, and which today stands at N8.5 Billion, a recent upward review of the figure by President Muhammadu Buhari.

With regards to the NVRI, Prof. Bogoro said the Institute has earned its name, reputation and ranking and for a long time it was the only Vaccine producing Research Institute in West Africa. He however noted that the institute no longer produces Vaccines, but that the situation can be reversed. He argued that all the human capacity required for the development of vaccines are obtainable from the tripartite collaboration.

He further stated that "at TETFund we realized that if we have the physical laboratories yet they are not equipped with cutting-edge equipment whether for molecular research or other purposes especially the sciences, then it is half measure". It is for the same reason the Executive Secretary made a commitment to support the revival of derelict vaccine production cells,





L-R: The Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, Sen. Ganiyu Solomon; the Guest Speaker at the occasion and former TETFund BoT Chairman, Dr. Musa Babayo and the current TETFund BoT Chairman, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam having a chat during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam (left) exchanging pleasantries with the representative of the Minister of Education, His Excellency Governor Abubakar Atiku Bagudu of Kebbi State during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman, TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam delivering his opening remarks during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro delivering his welcome address during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The representative of the Minister of Education, His Excellency, the Governor of Kebbi State, Sen. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu (3rd from left) leading dignitaries to unveil the TACIA report during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting an award to the President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Victor Emmanuel Osodeke in appreciation of the Union's continuous contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector, during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



L-R: The Chairman, TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam; the former Chairman TETFund BoT and Guest Speaker at the occasion, Dr. Musa Babayo; the Executive Governor of Kebbi State, Sen. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu; Chairman of the occasion and Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'Ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro; the Chairman Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sen. Adamu Muhammad Bulkachuwa and the representative of the Executive Chairman FIRS, Mrs. Faozat Oggunniyi during the unveiling of the TACIA Report at the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (left) exchanging pleasantries with the BoT member rep. North-East Alh. Mohammed Liman Ciroma (right) while the BoT member rep. South-East, Chief Uchenna Ufearoh, looks on.



L-R: Ag. Director, ICT, Mr. Joseph Odo; Rtd. Director, Barr. Ifiok Ukim; Rtd. Director Alh. Idris Saidu and Deputy Director, Mr. Tunde Olakunri during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



Some Retired Directors of TETFund: Mrs. Ngoba Briggs (left); Barr. Ifiok Ukim (3rd Left); Alh. Saidu Idris (2nd right) and Mr. Femi Melefa (right) during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



Some Directors of TETFund, L-R: The Director, Education Support Services, Engr. Mustapha Gotala; Director, Strategic Planning and Development, Arc. Inene Erivwo and the Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, Arc. Babatunde Olajide during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



Some TETFund BoT Members L-R: The rep. South-West, Sen. Ganiyu Solomon; rep. South-East, Chief Uchenna Ufearoh; rep. North-East Alh. Mohammed Liman Ciroma; Chairman BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam; rep. South-South Dr. Fiepre Clever Aprebo and rep. Ministry of Finance, Mrs. Roseline Kolade during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The representative of the Executive Chairman FIRS, Mrs. Faozat Oggunniyi (left) receiving an award of recognition on behalf of the agency for its contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector, presented by the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'Ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku (left) presenting an award of recognition to the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam for his leadership and contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector, during the occasion held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'Ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku (right) presenting an award of recognition to the former Chairman TETFund BoT and guest speaker at the occasion, Dr. Musa Babayo for his leadership and contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector, during the occasion held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'Ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku (right) presenting an award of recognition to the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro for his leadership and contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector, during the occasion held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



L-R: The President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Victor Emmanuel Osodeke; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro; the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam; the Chairman, TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Benin, Olor'ogun Dr. Sonny Folorunso Kuku; the former Chairman TETFund BoT and guest speaker at the occasion, Dr. Musa Babayo and the Chairman Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sen. Adamu Muhammad Bulkachuwa cutting the Cake during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono (left) receiving an award of appreciation on behalf of the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu for his support and contribution to the growth of the tertiary education sector presented by the Chairman TETFund BoT, Alh. Kashim Ibrahim-Imam during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



Members of the Education Correspondents Association of Nigeria (ECAN), Mr. Daniel Adejo (left) and Abdullahi Suleja (center) receiving an award on behalf of the association in appreciation for its contribution and support towards promoting the image of the TETFund, presented by the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



Some Directors of TETFund: The Director, Research and Development/Centres of Excellence, Dr. Salihu Bakari Girei (left) and the Director, Information and Communications Technology, Mr. Joseph Odo during the 10TH Anniversary Celebration of the Fund held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



The Chairman TETFund 10TH Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, Sen. Ganiyu Solomon (right) having a chat with the Ag. Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Abdulmumin Oniyangi during the celebration held at the Transcorp Hotel Abuja.



























Group Photography of dignitaries and facilitators the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, having a chat with some of the participants at the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja



Chairman BoT (TETFund), Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam, during the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja.



The Cordinator, Prof. Olanrewaju Fagbohun, addressing the participants at the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja.



The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (6th left); Chairman, Nigerians Diaspora commission (NIDCOM), Hon. Abike Dabir-Erewa (5th left) and some Management Staff of the Fund and the Commission.



Cross section of participants at the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja.

PICTURES FROM THE WORKSHOP FOR DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH IN SOME SELECTED BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS, HELD AT THE WEST AFRICA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (WARIMA)



L-R: The Director, Strategic Planning and Development, Arc. Inene Erivwo; Director, Physical Infrastructure, Mal. Buhari Mikailu; Director, Human Resources and General Administration, Barr. Adamu Abubakar; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro; Director, Research and Development/Centres of Excellence, Dr. Salihu Girei and the Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Arc. Uchendu Wogu during the 2021 Management Staff Retreat held at Grand Pela Hotel and Suites, Abuja.

The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) and the Director, Human Resources and General Administration, Barr. Adamu Abubakar pore over documents during the 2021 Management Staff Retreat held at Grand Pela Hotel and Suites, Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) admiring an Award of Recognition been given to him by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi during her visit to the TETFund Headquarters.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a souvenir to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi during her visit to the Fund, recently.



The Director General, Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC), Maj. Gen. G. A. Wahab Rtd. (left) presenting a souvenir to the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during the NARC's Boss visit to the Fund, recently.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro having a chat with the Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom, Dr. Maryam Muhammad during the Tripartite meeting between the NVRI, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University Sokoto (UDUS) on mutual collaboration for vaccine development, in Vom, Plateau State.



L-R: The Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Jos, Prof. Lami Hannatu Lombin; the Vice Chancellor, Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and the Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom, Dr. Maryam Muhammad on a tour of research facilities at the Institute during the Tripartite meeting on mutual collaboration for vaccine development between NVRI, NIMR and UDUS in Vom, Plateau State.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (right) presenting a souvenir to the Director General, Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC), Maj. Gen. G. A. Wahab Rtd. During the latter's visit to the Fund, recently.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (center) with other dignitaries, on a tour of research facilities at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom during the Tripartite meeting on mutual collaboration for vaccine development between NVRI, NIMR and UDUS.



L-R: The Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom, Dr. Maryam Muhammad; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and the Vice Chancellor, Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis during the Tripartite meeting on mutual collaboration for vaccine development between NVRI, NIMR and UDUS.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (3rd right); Director General, Nigerian Army Resource Centre, Maj. Gen. G. A. Wahab Rtd. (3rd left) and his team during a courtesy call to the TETFund Headquarters, recently.



The Commandant, National Defence College, Rear Admiral O.B. Daji (right) presenting a commemorative plaque and a publication of the College to the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro during a courtesy visit.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (3rd from left) in a group photograph with the Commandant, National Defence College, Rear Admiral O.B Daji (3rd from right) and some principal officers of the College during a courtesy visit.



The Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro (left) exchanging pleasantries with the Commandant, National Defence College, Rear Admiral O.B Daji (right) during a courtesy visit.



L-R: Chairman BoT (TETFund), Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam and the Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe having a chat during the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja.



L-R: The Deputy Commandant, National Defence College, Maj. Gen. E.V Onumajuru; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro and the Commandant of the College, Rear Admiral O.B Daji during a courtesy visit to the College.



Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, having a chat with some of the participants at the TETFund Capacity Building Workshop for Public Universities; Theme: Requirements for strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking and Knowledge Economy. Held at NAF Conference Centre in Abuja

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The 2021 International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Forum held in Kigali, Rwanda



Some of the Twelve Additional Centres of Excellence in Six Polytechnics and Colleges of Education



Kenya Leadership Summit



Hallmarks of Labour Awards



NIDCOM Boss Visits to the Fund





L-R: The Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Jos, Prof. Lami Hannatu Lombin; the Vice Chancellor, Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto, Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis; the Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro; the Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute Vom, Dr. Maryam Muhammad and the representative of the DG NIMR, Dr. Olugbemiga Aina with other dignitaries during the Tripartite meeting on mutual collaboration for vaccine development between NVRI, NIMR and UDUS in Vom, Plateau State.

equipment and vials, as well as personnel capacity building.

Subsequently, Prof. Bogoro commended the UDUS for leading in innovative drive along the right direction; promoting problem solving research under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis who according to the Executive Secretary is one of the best partners TETFund has in its current drive towards the institutionalization of research and development in Nigeria. Meanwhile the Executive Director, NVRI Dr. Maryam Muhammed during her remarks

expressed gratitude to the key Stakeholders who are engaged in a partnership on local vaccine development. She said the Institute has been in the fore front of vaccine development and production for almost 100 years.

She showed great optimism over the level of work and partnership among some Nigerian Researchers and Institutes in the race to locally develop a vaccine against COVID-19.

She further stated that “we believe that this tripartite arrangement will bring about an accelerated design and development, and

production of COVID-19 vaccine that will be achieved through this arrangement and the work will be done by the scientists in the three institutions”.

Other speakers at the event were the Vice Chancellor, Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), Prof Lawal Suleiman Bilbis; Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Former Executive Director, NVRI, Prof Lami Lombin and a researcher at the Center for Advanced Medical Research and Training, UDUS, Dr. Bello Bashir Tambuwal.

Global Ranking:

TETFund Holds Capacity Building Workshop for Public Varsities



Group Photography of dignitaries and facilitators at the event.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) recently in Lagos held a two-day capacity building workshop for its beneficiary universities aimed at strengthening them for higher global ranking and competitiveness.

Speaking at the event, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro described education as a critical ingredient for nation-building which has continued to be a beacon for the sustainable existence of societies.

According to him, the success of universities internationally, apart from benefits derived through research that help create jobs and businesses, also help countries to secure a share of global growth and influence."So, it is undeniable to say that universities remain big players in the economies of advanced nations and indeed that of the developing countries including Nigeria" he noted.

Prof. Bogoro stated that although the Nigerian government, over the years has been committed to improving the

situation, more efforts were required to put the nation on the path to growth and progress with repositioning the tertiary institutions as a veritable process towards such status.

The Executive Secretary lamented that Nigerian universities were not performing well in the global ranking of universities, a situation, he said, calls for reflection and action on the part of government, Nigerian intellectuals, and the masses.

Prof. Bogoro listed some of the problems militating the performance of



Nigerian universities in the global ranking of universities as decaying infrastructure, poor attitude of Nigerian lecturers to teaching and research, limited financial and physical resources, low performance on international linkages and collaborations among others.

He stated that for Nigerian institutions to be globally competitive, universities must ensure that lecturers possess PhDs degrees, develop strong leadership, deepen collaboration with industry and foreign institutions, identify and build strong programmes through endowments, among others.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairman, Board of Trustees, TETFund, Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam stated that the present-

dayglobal economy was driven by knowledge, hence the performance of Nigerian universities on the ranking systems was worrisome. He added that with Nigerians among the best scholars in the world, its institutions needed to do better.

“We came up with the capacity building workshop on ranking for Vice Chancellors and those concerned with the issues. We have the best

scholars in our universities, so we want to find solutions to it. We want result from VCs because we are not comfortable where we are,” he said.

The BOT Chairman stated that the Fund is making efforts to impact Nigerian universities beyond the provision of physical infrastructure, as it is also investing in research, innovation, and scholarship.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, who was represented by his deputy, Dr. Chris Mayaki stated that the concept of ranking had come a long way. He commended TETFund for the workshop initiative, adding that the vision of TETFund has the potential to position Nigerian universities for better rankings.



TETFund, ICDL Sign Memorandum of Understanding

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) on the provision of digital literacy to staff of the Fund's beneficiary institutions across the country.

The signing of the document took place recently in Rwanda, during the 2021 ICDL Africa Forum held in the capital city, Kigali.

It would be recalled that the Fund had created the



L-R: The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro Chief Executive and Officer of ICDL Foundation, Damien O'Sullivan during the signing of MoU at the 2021 ICDL Africa Forum held in the capital city, Kigali.

“At personal level, I felt that we established a connection straight away. I found in the Executive Secretary, somebody who is on the same wavelength as the ICDL.

ICT Support Intervention designed to deepen the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Beneficiary Institutions and ICDL Certification has been employed as a certification standard.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Executive Officer of ICDL Foundation, Damien O'Sullivan commended TETFund for taking the initiative to provide

digital literacy to workers in its beneficiary institutions through the ICDL platform.

He expressed satisfaction that the relationship between the Fund and ICDL has over the past two years deepened and a lot achieved, despite the global lockdown that occurred in 2020 as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The ICDL CEO also



Executive Secretary of TETFund (2nd left), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro presenting a souvenir to the Chief Executive Officer of ICDL, Damien O' Sullivan.

commended the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro for his commitment to empowering workers in the various institutions with digital literacy which ultimately would lead to more effective job performance.

“At personal level, I felt that we established a connection straight away. I found in the Executive Secretary, somebody who is on the same wavelength as the ICDL.

“As we have talked about many times; at ICDL, it is a people business. It might be about technology or skills, but it's about people and empowering people through technology.

“What we have seen over the last two years despite

everything that happened; we have seen this relationship deepen and blossom. A lot has been achieved through this project with the 17,000 people we have engaged with the programme,” he said.

Speaking earlier as a panelist at the ICDL Forum, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro explained that as an intervention agency, TETFund had the mandate to look at areas of priorities that would make Nigerian universities, polytechnics and colleges of education more competitive and deficient digital literacy was one area identified as a challenge among the beneficiary institutions.

According to the Executive Secretary, “In the 21st Century, no

nation will be competitive if you have no digital literacy; it is a global imperative and we couldn't afford to be different”.

“We have been able to train 17,000 of academic and non-academic staff in digital literacy and that is only for a segment of Nigeria, which is really commendable.

“What we intend to do going back is to popularize this intervention by ICDL beyond the education sector, beyond the tertiary education subsector in particular,” he said.

One of the high points of the Forum was the presentation of award of excellence in education delivery to TETFund by ICDL.

MAZI ONYEADOR GOES HOME

The mortal remains of the former Director, Finance and Investment Department of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFund), Mazi Charles Ejike Onyeador has been laid to rest at his hometown in Arochukwu, Abia State.

At the funeral service held in his honour, several speakers poured out encomiums on the Late Former Director of the Fund for his exceptional service to his community, the nation in general.

Mazi Charles Ejike Onyeador was born on January 14, 1956 to Dede Ezeani and Margret Onyeador. He attended St. Patrick Secondary School, Emene, Enugu from where he got his first shot at higher education at the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu where he bagged his National Diploma in Accountancy and thereafter continued for his Higher national diploma and graduated in 1979. He earned his (MBA) Masters in Business Administration from the Lagos State University (LASU) Ojo, Lagos in 1998.

He also got some professional qualifications to consolidate his chosen career. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN) and Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (ACIT).

Late Mazi Onyeador gathered vast working experiences from several companies and organisations such as Lanchester Okoro & Co, Aba (1980 – 1983); Arab bank, Kano (1986 -1989); UTC Nigeria Plc. (1991 – 1993); Merchant Bank of Africa (1993 – 1998); Eko Corp. Plc. (1999 – 2000) and lastly Education Tax Fund (ETF) Abuja (2000 – 2010) where he served as Director of Finance.

In a letter of condolence to the deceased family from the Fund signed by the Director, Human Resource and General Administration, late Onyeador was described as one best staff in terms of capacity and contributions.

The Late Mazi Charles Ejike Onyeador will be fondly remembered at the Fund for his dedication and service to humanity. He is survived by wife, four children, family members and friends.



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER



HAMMAJODA Ahmed Abba
1st October



INAYI Damachi Morphy
1st October



FREEMAN Yusuf Tak
1st October



OKOLI Stephen Uche
1st October



OLAREWAJU Yetunde
2nd October



WUYEP Anne
3rd October



BALEWA Maimuna Tafawa
6th October

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KORI D. Sulei
7th October



RUFAI Mahmoud Mahmoud
7th October



OLAKUNRI Tunde Patrick
8th October



MADU Sarah Iliya
8th October



ELIAS Deborah Bedwom
9th October



ODUDOH Glory A.
10th October



BABANGIDA Mathew
10th October



OKUNLOLA Adeoye Musa
10th October

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER



BAKOJI Adamu
11th October



ULAIKERE Ehis
12th October



JIBRIN Khalil Barau
12th October



EMODI Ngozi Chibogu
13th October



EGEONU Jude Chigozie
15th October



AHMED Risikat Suleiman
15th October



ALWALI Mohammed
15th October



AGBONKHESE-OJIEMEN Paulina E.
16th October

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER



AKINKUADE Gbenga Valentine
17th October



MOHAMMED Bello Sadiq
17th October



UKIM Comfort Ini
19th October



TUGELE Abiola Olajumoke
19th October



ILYASU Faizah Gambo
19th October



MUHAMMED Jamilu
20th October



MU'AZU Yakubu Bazamfare
21st July



OKOYE Blessing Adamaka
23rd October

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER



OMONIWA Omolara Oluwatoyin
25th October



IJACHI Lucy Abuh
25th October



SAIDU Idris Oladipo
28th October



BALA Khadijah Ibrahim
31st October



KALGO Abubakar Umar
31st October



UGWU Benjamin Sunday
31st October

STAFF BIRTHDAYS
NOVEMBER



NWANGU Chidozie Chukwuma
1st November



YUNUSA Rilwanu
2nd November



OGA Sarah Onyeche
4th November



IKOGOR Irima Margaret
4th November



BABATUNDE Mariam
5th November



EGBE Abigail Kelechi
6th November



SULEIMAN Zahradddeen Ibrahim
7th November



ISAH Iliyasu Bagwai
7th November

STAFF BIRTHDAYS
NOVEMBER



IYERE Okojie Emmanuella
9th November



BATURE Abubakar
10th November



IKWUEGBU Chima
11th November



SHEHU Umar Abubakar
13th November



UGBANA Frank
14th November



OLAOFE Bola Abdulsalam
15th November



OKUNLOLA Sunkanmi Kolapo
15th November



EGON Victor Emmanuel
15th November

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER



MUHAMMAD Sani Alhaji
16th November



DONLI Bilkisu Hellen
18th November



ARIEFERAWA O. Edward
18th November



BELLO Oluwaseun
21st November



ABUBAKAR Ibrahim Hassan
29th November



MUAZU Ahmadu
30th November



ABDULLAHI Sulaiman
30th November

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER



SULAIMAN Muhammad Sani
1st December



NJIDEKA Jennifer Okafor
1st December



OGBONNA Ifeanyi Ajah
1st December



NNAH-AMAObi E. Chibuzor
6th December



NUHU Yakubu
10th December



NATA'ALA Ibrahim
12th December



ANAS Nazifi Aboki
15th December



AYI Ekpenyong Nsa
15th December



ICHENWO Nsirim
16th December

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER



ADA Igah Anne
17th December



NWOKEDI Alvin Chijindu
19th December



EMORUWA Oloruntobi
20th December



DYGEH Josephine Mbafan
25th December



IHEMELANDU Constance Obiageri
27th December



ANETEKHAI Amos Ashemamo
29th December



VEZAN Adibeli Sarah
31st December



ABUBAKAR Ismaila Aliyu
31st December



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