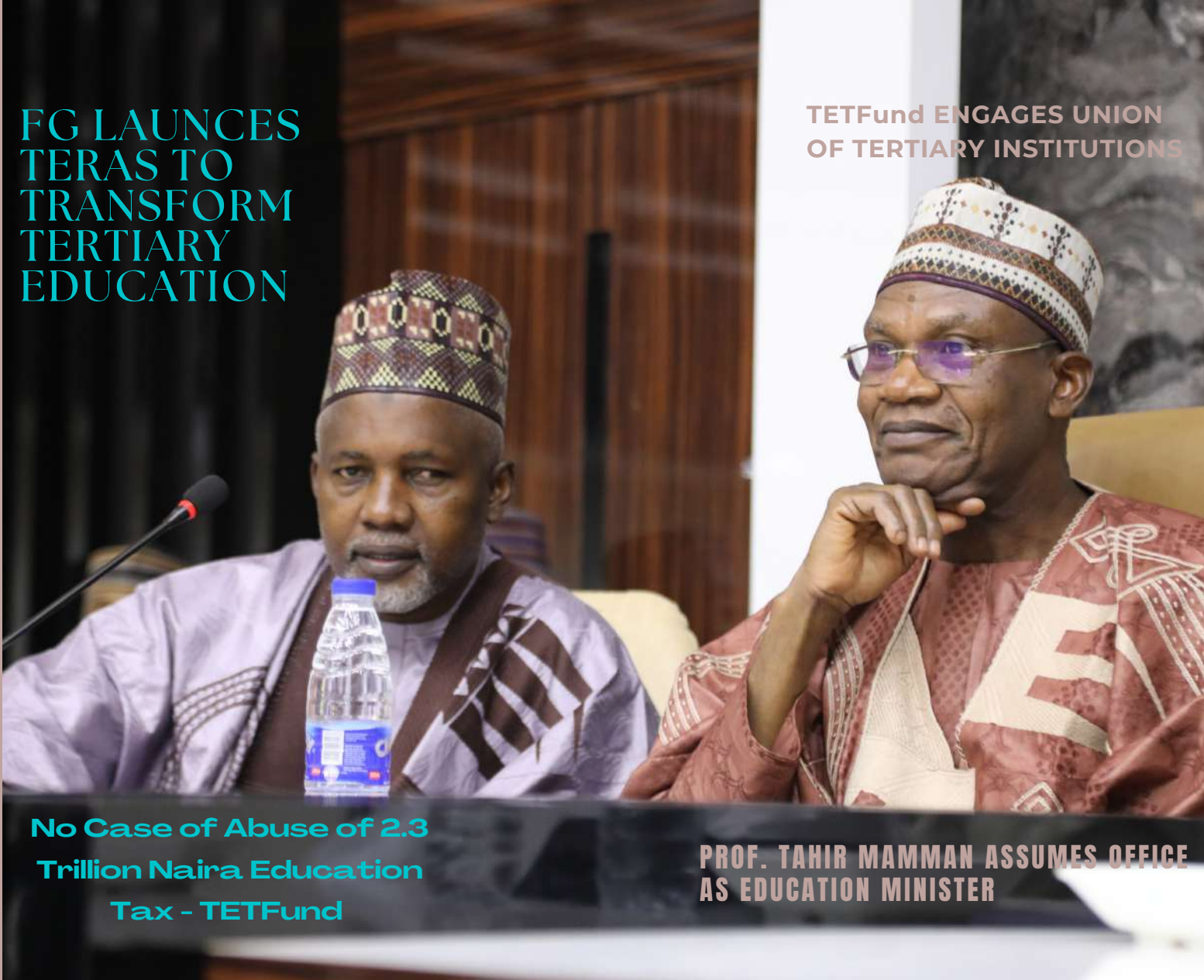


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Editor's Note

This edition of TETFund Panorama is dedicated to the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, SAN and the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Sununu who recently assumed office following their swearing-in by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR. We bring you an overview of the assumption of office of the two ministers at the Federal Ministry of Education Headquarters in Abuja.

It is noteworthy that upon assumption of office by the Ministers, bold initiatives aimed at revamping the education sector have been taken. One of such initiatives was the unveiling of the Tertiary Education Research, Applications and Services (TERAS) platform; a digital service application designed by TETFund for tertiary educational institutions in the country. This initiative was taken in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope agenda, which underscores the need to harness technology for socio-economic advancement of Nigeria. This forms part of the lead stories in this edition.

In a conscious bid to further strengthen the intervention activities of TETFund, a stakeholders' engagement was recently organized to address emerging issues on the Fund's activities. Find out details as you read through.

We also bring you account of the Fund's appearance before the House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee that investigated alleged abuse of N2.3 trillion between 2011 and 2023 by the Fund. It would interest you to know how the proceeding went.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) was at the Fund's Headquarters to discuss issues impeding the growth of tertiary education in Nigeria. During the visit, the union commended the Executive Secretary of TETFund for his openness in running the affairs of the Fund. Details are contained herein.

Still on union matters, the Fund also met with staff unions of its Beneficiary institutions during a 2-day meeting held in Abuja. The unions included ASUU, ASUP, COEASU, SSANU, SSANIP and SSUCOEN. The meeting was organized to discuss ways of improving the Fund's intervention activities for better service delivery.

A number of State Governors paid courtesy visits to the Fund to seek collaborations geared towards improving the state of public tertiary educational institutions in their various states. The Governors include those of Osun, Zamfara, Kaduna, Kano and Taraba. Stories and pictorials of these visits have been packaged for your reading delight.

In demonstration of TETFund's commitment towards the welfare of Nigerian students, the Fund recently presented a brand new 30-seater bus to the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) and also expressed readiness to involve the students' body in the monitoring of its projects across the country. This event would surely delight you as you read on.

We also bring to you the positive impact of one of TETFund's several collaborations with global organizations. The Fund's partnership with Horizon Europe has culminated in the European Union's key research funding programme to dedicate 400,000 Euros in technical assistance to Nigerian researchers.

These and more have been packaged in this edition of TETFund Panorama for your information and delight.



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PROF. TAHIR MAMMAN ASSUMES OFFICE AS EDUCATION MINISTER ...SOLICITS SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION SECTOR



...BY ADEBAYO PHILLIPS



The newly appointed Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman has assumed office following his swearing in by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Prof. Mamman resumed alongside the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Sununu with a call on stakeholders to join hands in developing the education sector.

Speaking while welcoming the new ministers, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. David Andrew Adejo, who was joined by some heads of agencies including the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono, assured them of the support and cooperation of the ministry for effective delivery of services.

In his remarks, the Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman stated that what the President and the entire citizenry expect from the ministry is effective service delivery, hence he solicited the support and cooperation of heads of agencies under the ministry, directors and other staff in achieving desired goals.

While expressing the commitment of the President towards tackling problems facing the education sector, he noted that the expectations were huge and called for everyone to be part of their building process.

Also speaking, Minister of State for Education, Dr Yusuf Sununu, stated that it was time to surmount the challenges in the education sector, noting that working together as a team would help in overcoming challenges ahead.

Prior to his appointment as Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman had served as Vice-Chancellor of Baze University, Abuja.

He was also Director-General of the Nigerian Law School from 2005 to 2013 and member Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), amongst others.

He was conferred as Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 2015.

On his part, the new Honourable Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Sununu was until his appointment, a former member representing Yauri/Shanga/Ngaski Federal Constituency of Kebbi State in the House of Representatives.

He has also served as a member of the Board of Management, Federal Medical Centre Katsina, member Board of Management, Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto, among others.

He is an obstetrician & gynecologist by profession.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES TERAS TO TRANSFORM EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

As part of ongoing efforts to transform tertiary education delivery in Nigeria, the Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman (SAN) has unveiled the Tertiary Education Research, Applications and Services (TERAS) platform, a digital services application designed by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for tertiary educational institutions in the country.

Speaking during the unveiling ceremony held at the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, Prof. Mamman stated that the event was part of efforts by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to reposition education in the country, adding that the Ministry would continue to support the efforts of TETFund and its beneficiary institutions.

Recalling the Covid -19 pandemic and the disruptions caused to Nigeria's education needs, the Minister expressed the need to prevent such disruptions by seeking new solutions to problems confronting the sector. He noted that with the launch of innovations such as TERAS, such disruptions will not be experienced again by the country. He also revealed the Ministry's plan to leverage the services offered by TERAS to push for the adoption of hybrid learning methodologies in tertiary institutions.

"What I witnessed when I was admitted on TERAS is truly remarkable. The technology underpinning TERAS is a testament of the careful expertise in its design and implementation. The Ministry will continue to provide our beneficiary institutions and TETFund with unwavering support to fully realize the potential of TERAS as a key component of our resolve in repositioning, strengthening and rekindling hope in our tertiary education sector.

"We are committed to leveraging digital educational resources provisioned by TERAS to accelerate the adoption of hybrid learning methodologies in our public tertiary institutions. The implementation of our ICT road map will occasion the leap that will expand our teaching, learning and research beyond the confines of physical classrooms," he said.



In his presentation, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono revealed that the new platform would provide a centralized hub for tertiary education services by offering a wide range of capabilities and functionalities for public tertiary institutions, students, researchers and the entire education ecosystem.

The TETFund Boss listed the numerous services to be offered by the platform to include the Beneficiary Identity Management System (BIMS); the provision of a federated academic repository tailored towards addressing critical challenges faced by students and enabling researchers and institutions access to educational materials and research resources.

According to Arc. Echono, the platform also offers students and staff of beneficiary institutions sponsored Mobile Internet Access, Eagle Scan for plagiarism checking, aggregated journal and research subscription, blackboard learning management system, and digital literacy. He disclosed that TERAS currently accommodates over 2 million students and staff of tertiary institutions on BIMS and aspires to take it to above 3 million by the end of the year. He added that over 215 tertiary institutions have benefitted from TETFund's ICT intervention since the year 2016.

Also at the event was the Secretary, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Yakubu Ochefu who commended TETFund for putting TERAS in place.

While advocating for increased funding for ICT interventions, he urged the Ministry to ensure that TERAS served as a research platform for all Nigerians and that it be made open to all Nigerians in order to serve as one of the world's best repositories.



The Governor of Osun State, Ademola Adeleke has sought the support and collaboration of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to accelerate development of tertiary institutions in the State.

Adeleke who spoke during a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono disclosed that the State is experiencing a decline in education and needs immediate redirection to deliver effectively. According to the Governor, the close collaboration and support he is seeking from TETFund are intended to solve the challenges preventing educational institutions from delivering their mandate.

Speaking further on his visit, the Governor said "I am here for the support from TETFund for Osun State and to come and ask for more because we still need a lot of support because our education has really dropped; and may be it is because I have not come to see you, that is why you have not paid attention to Osun State and that is why I am here, you are doing a great job and you must continue".

According to the Governor, TETFund has been the sole institution giving face to tertiary institutions in the country. Adeleke revealed that hardly would there be any significant development in tertiary institutions that will not be traced to TETFund.

"Let me first commend TETFund for the great job it is doing across Nigeria. There is no institution where you will not see TETFund's presence, so any right-thinking Governor must commend their work so they can do more," he said.

Speaking during the visit, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono registered that tertiary education plays a very special role in the destiny of any country. According to Echono, this is because tertiary education is where the greatest level of production, creativity, and the greatest impact happen, especially in terms of new ideas, new products, services and improved way of doing things.

He hinted that adequate attention must be given tertiary education as that level promotes innovations, creativity and enterprises at high levels. The TETFund Boss revealed that if the country gets tertiary education development right, we can export it to other African countries and other parts of the world because Nigerians are known and we are endowed by very intelligent and hardworking people. Arc. Sonny Echono explained that in foreign countries where Nigerians have been working, they give better output when equipped with best facilities and enabling environment.

GOVERNOR ADELEKE SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH TETFUND ON TERTIARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

Echono said to Governor Adeleke that "The task before every one of us is how do we prepare our people, how do we improve on their living standards, how do we give them the necessary tools to transform to the end of other places in the world; and as a State, we see you as one who can give this".



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TETFund, Stakeholders Engage to Address Emerging Issues on Fund's Interventions

...TSAS Programme on Front Burner
by Oluwatosin Ishowo

As part of efforts towards strengthening the intervention activities of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and addressing emerging issues surrounding its interventions, a one-day stakeholders' meeting was recently organized by the Fund in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono stated that the event was designed to foster engagements that would enhance effectiveness of the Fund's programmes to further strengthen efforts towards national development.

According to the Executive Secretary, the programme was initiated in 2022 to gather valuable feedbacks which has helped in reviewing the Fund's activities, especially the creation of intervention lines for abandoned projects, among others.

Speaking on challenges facing the foreign component of the TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff (TSAS) programme, the Executive Secretary stated that the recent monetary policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), rising inflation and instability in foreign exchange were threatening the sustainability of the programme due to difficulties being experienced in payment of tuition and stipends of scholars.

He noted that due to the development, TETFund was considering partial suspension of foreign scholarships to academics of its Beneficiary Institutions while considering an upward review of local scholarships.

According to the Executive Secretary, it was for the above reasons and others that the Fund organized the engagement to address the challenges and find solutions to ensure the effective and smooth implementation of the TSAS programme.

Speaking on plans to boost the TSAS programme in the future, the Executive Secretary stated that the Fund has signed Memoranda of Understanding with some prestigious institutions overseas, including universities in Malaysia, India, Brazil, France, and the United States of America.

Also speaking at the engagement, former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Peter Okebukola, who spoke on the topic "TSAS, Emerging Issues, and Possible Solutions" stated that local universities should be provided with state-of-the-art facilities rather than keep spending huge funds on foreign training.

He also advocated for a monitoring and implementation system which would ensure that academic calendars of Nigerian universities were adhered to.

In his remarks, Acting Executive Secretary of NUC, Dr. Chris Maiyaki emphasized the need to develop new strategies for funding of tertiary education.

He also advised TETFund to overhaul its monitoring mechanism for quality assurance and better returns on investments.

Also speaking at the event, Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on TETFund and other Services, Princess Miriam Onuoha called for inclusivity for persons living with disabilities while making essential infrastructures available in tertiary institutions.

Former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Attahiru Jega, who served as moderator at the event, called for the non-cancellation of the TSAS programme noting that the scheme remained relevant despite its challenges.

No Case of Abuse of 2.3 Trillion Naira Education Tax - TETFund

by Maria Joseph

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFund) has stated that there is no case of abuse of N2.3 trillion Education Tax (EDT) at the Fund, noting that EDT received over the years have been allocated to Beneficiary Institutions for various intervention projects as required by the Enabling Act of the agency.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono made the clarification when he appeared before the House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee investigating the alleged abuse of N2.3 trillion between 2011 and 2023 by the Fund.

According to the Executive Secretary, monies that have accrued to the Fund as EDT collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) since 2011 have been duly allocated and disbursed to public tertiary educational institutions enlisted with the Fund for various intervention projects such as physical infrastructure, staff training and development, among others.

While expressing appreciation for the opportunity offered the Management of TETFund to provide clarifications on the allegation, the Executive Secretary assured the Committee of Management's continued cooperation and provision of relevant documents to assist in its assignment.



Speaking on some of the challenges facing the Fund, Arc. Echono revealed that over 137 scholars sponsored under the TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff (TSAS) programme abroad have refused to return to the country after completion of their programmes.

He, however, added that the Fund was working with stakeholders on actions to be taken against the scholars who have refused to return to the country to share their expertise for the benefits of Nigerians.

Speaking further, the Executive Secretary sought the cooperation of the Committee towards recovering outstanding funds borrowed by the Federal Government from the agency. He explained that the Federal Government had borrowed approximately N371.339bn from 2013 and so far, only N48bn has been repaid.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Committee Hon. Oluwole Oke stated that the Committee was not out to witch-hunt or intimidate the Fund but ensure judicious utilization of public funds and ensure the agency works within the laws establishing it.

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ASUU COMMENDS ECHONO'S OPENNESS OVER TETFund ACTIVITIES

By Oluwatosin Ishowo



The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has commended the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono for his openness in running the affairs of the Fund.

ASUU President, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke gave the commendation when he led some officials of the union on an official meeting with the Executive Secretary at the Fund's office in Abuja.

According to Prof. Osodeke, the visit to TETFund was to discuss various issues impeding the growth of tertiary education in the country, such as delays in project completion, among others. He noted that ideas and collaboration were crucial in addressing some of the issues.

Speaking on one way to address delays in project implementation, he called for the constitution of a monitoring team from the lower level upward, stating that it would greatly help in putting heads of institutions on their toes and prioritize judicious use of allocation.

He also advised that Education Tax (EDT) collection should be well monitored to ensure that companies pay education tax as and when due; in order to have more funds to deploy to crucial area of needs.

In his response, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono expressed appreciation to ASUU for the visit and commended members for watching TETFund's back on the utilization of funds by various tertiary institutions.

He assured the union that the Fund was working on models and framework that could assist in addressing some of the major problems that lead to delays in project execution and other issues.



ZAMFARA GOVERNOR SEEKS SUPPORT TO TRANSFORM EDUCATION SECTOR

STORY BY MARIA JOSEPH

Governor Dauda Lawal of Zamfara State has called on the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to assist in the transformation of the education sector in the state.



While also noting that the issue of insecurity faced over the years by the state has hindered educational activities, the Executive Secretary stated that the Fund has already made provisions to support public tertiary educational institutions affected by the menace.



Governor Lawal who made the appeal during a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono described Zamfara as a state faced with the challenge of insecurity, particularly in the area of education. He noted that from statistics, it was evident that the state was not doing well in education and needed to be encouraged.

The Governor further stated that over the years, Zamfara state had always recorded the least number of registered students in both the West African Examination Council (WAEC) and Common Entrance examinations due to insecurity challenge in the state, hence the need for collaborative efforts to revamp the education sector.

“It is a known fact that without education, we will not be able to achieve anything, and we will continue to be backward.

“Bearing in mind the financial resources of the state, I have a limitation, and this is the place the help will come from. I am here, Zamfara needs help. I know you are doing very well for the state already, but we request for more,” he said.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund welcomed Governor Lawal to TETFund and expressed happiness at his dedication to human capital development in the state.

“The number of institutions in Zamfara, the number one challenge they face over the years, especially in the last few years is the issue of insecurity. We did make some plans for most of the institutions because this year under our intervention we made provision for security infrastructure”.

“We have harnessed the requests from the institutions, in fact, we started with one of them, but we have about three that we believe we will be able to do something about in the next couple of weeks and we will be able to make allocations in that regard”.

“We will also make other interventions based on the approved guidelines that we already have while those that will not come this year, we will prioritize them for the next disbursement cycle,” he said.



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ES TETFund AT THE NIGERIA DEFENCE ACADEMY, KADUNA

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TETFund Trains Polytechnic Lecturers on Research, Innovation

...BY TENIDUNNI ABIRU

In continuation of the efforts by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to boost the research capacity of Nigerian academics and researchers, 18 lecturers drawn from across public polytechnics in Nigeria have been trained under the Fund's Research for Impact (R4i) programme organized in conjunction with Innov8 Hub, Abuja.

Speaking at the end of the programme, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono stated that the training is aimed at promoting innovation and viable research in higher educational institutions in the country.

While noting that most developed nations attained great economic heights through education, technological evolution and all steeped in insatiable quest for knowledge, Arc. Echono stated that Nigeria could not afford to lag in its quest for technological development. He therefore encouraged Nigerians to be innovative, creative, make new products and through this create wealth for the Nation.

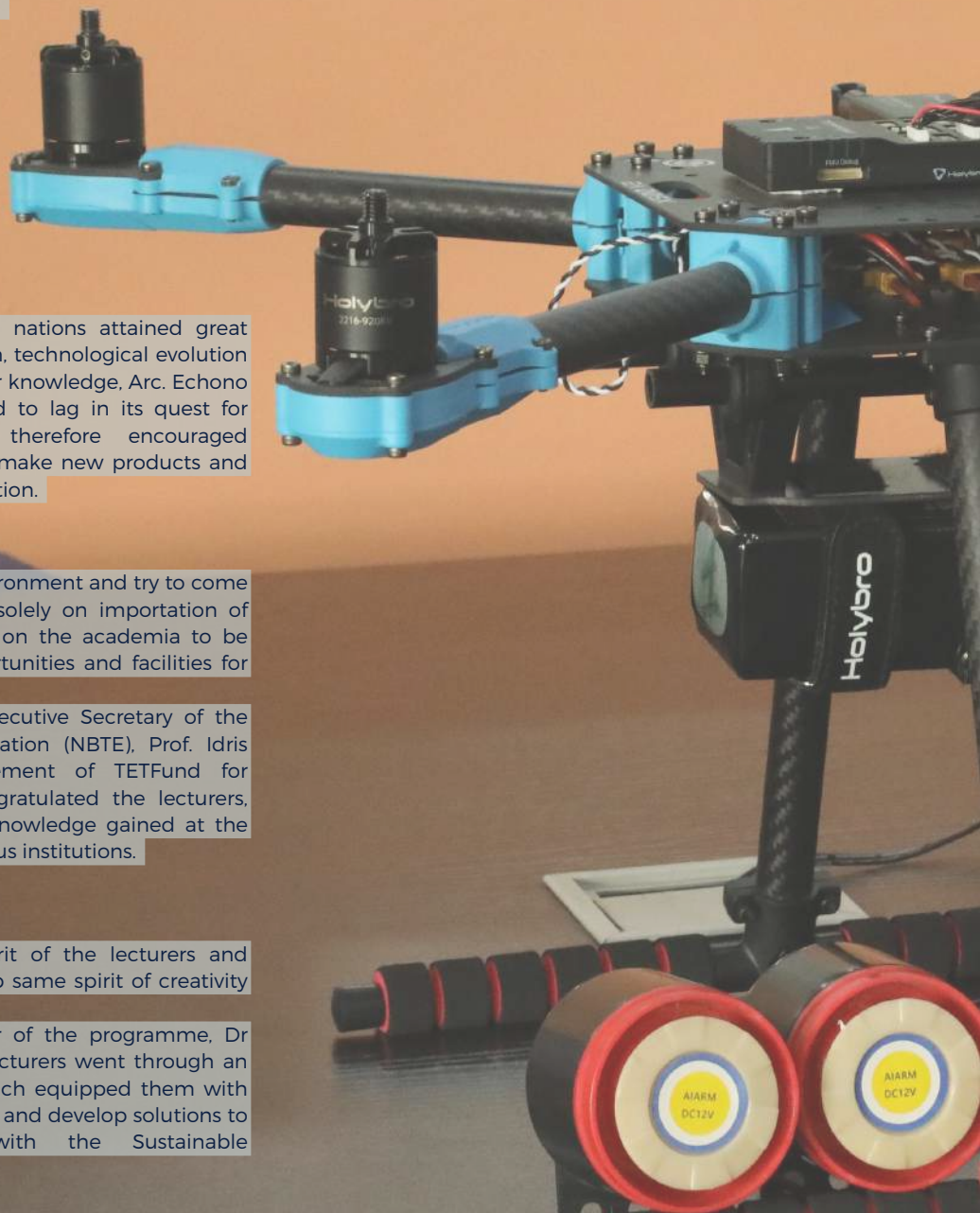
He urged Nigerians to scan their environment and try to come up with solutions rather than rely solely on importation of foreign products, while also calling on the academia to be part of the solution providing opportunities and facilities for Nigerians to compete.

Also speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Prof. Idris Bugaje commended the Management of TETFund for initiating the programme and congratulated the lecturers, while spurring them to share the knowledge gained at the training with colleagues in their various institutions.

Prof. Bugaje praised the team spirit of the lecturers and challenged Nigerians to also develop same spirit of creativity and innovation.

In his remarks, the Chief Facilitator of the programme, Dr Obichi Obiajunwa stated that the lecturers went through an intensive two-week programme, which equipped them with tools to commercialize their research and develop solutions to real-world problems aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

While stating that the essence of the workshop was to empower researchers to translate their works into societal value, he noted that through the dedication and hard work of the 18 lecturers, they succeeded in taking curated problems within the SDGs and transformed them into four prototypes within the period.



Governor Uba Sani Solicits more TETFund Projects in Kaduna State

...as Fund disburses N500 Million to Tackle Insecurity in State College of Education

by **Muazzam Garo**



TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono (4th right); Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani (left) and other members of TETFund, during a courtesy visit.

The Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani has appealed to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to assist in the provision of more projects for public educational institutions owned by the state.

The Governor made the request recently when he visited the Headquarters of TETFund in Abuja.

While expressing appreciation to TETFund for its efforts in tertiary educational institutions in Kaduna State as well as other states in the country, Governor Sani stated that he was at the TETFund office to seek for more support and intervention in Kaduna State institutions.

He commended TETFund for the strides recorded in the discharge of its mandate, noting that he had been following the success stories of the Fund even while he served as a Senator.

“As someone who has been in the National Assembly until a few months ago, as a Senator, I followed all the progress made by TETFund in trying to support the development of education in particular, across the country, and I’m here to say that we’re highly impressed, he said.

Recalling the piece of land donated by the State Government for the construction of TETFund Zonal Office in Kaduna, the Governor stated that the state would ensure cooperation by building departments in the state to avoid any hindrance during construction.

Also speaking at the meeting, Kaduna State Commissioner for Education, Professor Muhammad Sani Bello enumerated some areas where the state required the intervention of TETFund.

According to Prof. Bello, in order to provide more access to students desirous of enrolling for NCE programmes, the state had established a new campus for its College of Education at Hunkuyi and required intervention to fast track the development.

“Another area has to do with security. The College of Education, Gidan Waya in the southern part of Kaduna has been facing a lot of security challenges due to lack of fencing and other facilities that will provide security for both students and staff of the institution. That also is an area we need intervention,” he said.

In his response, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono welcomed Governor Sani to the Fund and congratulated him on his victory in the last governorship election in the state.

Speaking on the requests made by the state government, Arc. Echono informed the Governor that the Fund recently disbursed the sum of N550 million to Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan Waya to address its security challenges.

Arc. Echono also disclosed that the Fund also disbursed N500 million to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for the completion of a project which was made a Centre of Excellence on Pedagogy and Curriculum Dsevelopment and same amount to Kaduna State University to complete some projects in its Kafanchan campus.

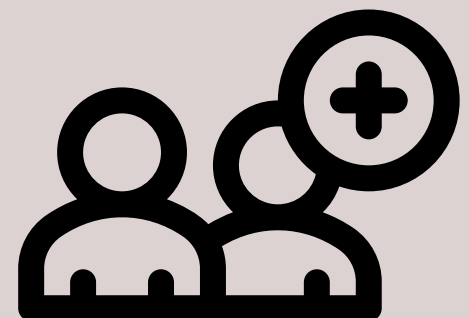
The Executive Secretary informed the Governor that one of the public tertiary institutions in the state will benefit from the TETFund Special High Impact intervention in 2024, after the cycle of six years since the state last benefited.



Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani (left) giving his remark during his visit to the TETFund Headquarters in Abuja. Arc. Sonny Echono listens with keen interest.



Arc. Sonny Echono (right) presenting a souvenir to the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani (left).





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TETFund Expresses Readiness to Partner NANS in Project Monitoring

...Presents Brand New Bus to Student Body

by Muazzam Garo

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has expressed its readiness to involve members of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) in the monitoring of its projects in public tertiary educational institutions across the country.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T Echono made this known during the presentation of a brand new 30-seater bus to NANS in Abuja recently.

While noting that students remained the centre of any educational policy, Arc. Echono expressed the commitment of the Fund towards constant dialogue with the association to meet the needs of students.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Fund has held similar engagements with staff unions in higher educational institutions in the country to help monitor TETFund-sponsored projects across Beneficiary Institutions.

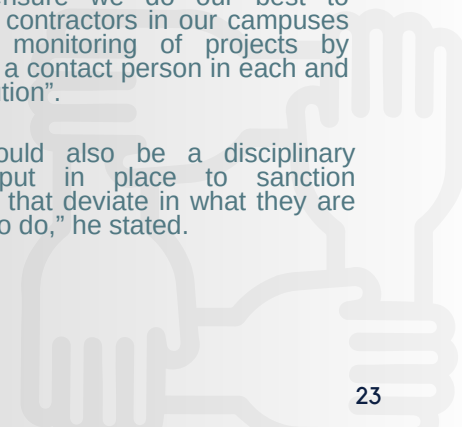
He noted that the donation of the bus to the student body was to help address transportation issues on campuses.

Speaking at the meeting, NANS National President, Usman Umar Barambu expressed appreciation to the Fund for the kind gesture following the union's request to President Bola Tinubu few weeks before.

He expressed assurance that NANS would carry out comprehensive checks on TETFund projects on campuses and ensure that contractors discharge their works diligently.

"We will ensure we do our best to monitor the contractors in our campuses for proper monitoring of projects by designating a contact person in each and every institution".

"There should also be a disciplinary measure put in place to sanction contractors that deviate in what they are supposed to do," he stated.



GOVERNOR YUSUF SEEKS PARTNERSHIP AND MORE FUNDING FOR KANO VARSITIES

...BY MICHAEL AGU

The Executive Governor of Kano State, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf is seeking for renewed partnership and more funding for public tertiary institutions in Kano State from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Governor Yusuf made this known when he paid a courtesy call to the Fund.

Speaking during the visit, the Governor expressed delight with the Fund's commitment in delivering on its mandate, and particularly its support for institutions in Kano State.

He stated that the purpose of his visit to TETFund, was to ensure continued collaboration between the Kano State Government and TETFund in terms of projects and other educational assistance to the Yusuf Maitama Sule University and Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudi

"We are here to one, thank the Management of TETFund for those intervention programmes executed in the two universities.

"If you look at most universities in the country, without the support of TETFund they won't be where they are today in terms of educational facilities.

"The Purpose of coming is to ensure continued collaboration between the Kano State Government and TETFund in terms of projects and educational assistance to these two universities.

Of course, my predecessor established the third university in the state but as far as we are concerned, these two universities are close to our hearts.

"Specifically, I am interested in infrastructure development because if you do not have classrooms, you don't have hostels, you don't have libraries or facilities, then the entire system will collapse. So the most important thing as far as a university or any other tertiary education institution is concerned is to ensure the provision of infrastructures," he said.

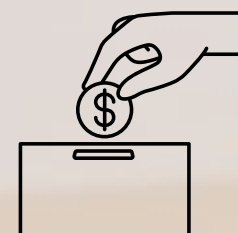
In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono congratulated him on his victory at the 2023 Gubernatorial Election in Kano State and expressed optimism in his performance as the chief administrator of the state for the next four years.

"We are very confident that given your pedigree and your commitment and desire will no doubt change the narrative in your state especially in the education sector," he said.

Speaking on the Governor's request for support for two universities in the State, Arc. Echono explained that the Fund's Board of Trustees has set a limit on the number of institutions the agency could enlist in a state.

"The Board of Trustees, in order to ensure we concentrate resources and achieve meaningful impact placed limitation on the number of institutions, so we do not encourage states to just establish multiple institutions with only the intention of targeting TETFund Interventions.

"We actually only enlist two similar types of institutions at a time, and even when we enlist two institutions of a type; what I mean is two Universities, two Polytechnics, two Colleges of Education in order to meet the provision of our laws that talks about equality of states, to ensure we do not favour one particular state over the other. States that have more than one institution, actually, alternate them," he explained.



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Research and Development for Nation-Building

As the clock ticks, time transcends into ideas, with each second presenting new possibilities. Over the years, the Nigerian Academia developed some of the most brilliant ideas and innovations. Somewhere along time and space, a disconnect occurred. The light that once illuminated Research and Development in the ivory tower dimmed, as many ideas were aborted into mere theories that fizzled into abandoned publications on dusty shelves of forgotten libraries.

Recognising this challenge, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund decided to take the bull by the horn in leading the frontier of Research and Development in Nigeria, through the Academia; and an implementing partner showed up in innov8 Hub, to implement initiatives that will serve this purpose. To that end, the research for Impact (R4i) initiative and the TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETFAIR) were born.

Like the different strings of a guitar playing together in harmony, and the black and white keys of a piano working in unison, TETFund has been in close collaboration with Innov8 Hub, for the purpose of building the capacity of members of the Nigerian academia in the processes and procedures of translating researches into innovation and solutions, with the possibility of commercialisation and venture creation.

The power of teamwork and the dynamics of problem-solving through R & D are fully deployed at TETFAIR and R4i, under the proactive leadership of TETFund in collaboration with Innov8 Hub, these result-based capacity enhancement initiatives have become a pedestal for bridging the gap between ideas and inventions, as well as help lecturers, researchers and technologists in Nigerian academia to transit from ideation to tangibility, innovation, capable of commercialisation.

Research and Development serves as the driving force behind national development, thus, initiatives such as the Research for Impact (R4i) Initiative and the TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research are pivotal in enabling members of Academia to delve into the intricacies of research that leads to problem-solving and production and throughout these programmes, academics have developed functional prototypes and products with the potential for commercialisation. In essence, they have developed proofs of concept, on the path to becoming Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) capable of attracting investments to spawn new ventures and enterprises.

In addition, these initiatives have garnered over 2400 applications and nominations, involving 282 participants and the development of 66 functional prototypes. Some noteworthy prototypes include Chord Hearing Device, Blue Bird Drone, Cathodic Protection System, Safe Grain, among others. These projects are pushing boundaries within the innovation ecosystem, as well as gaining international recognition. Many of the innovators who are members of the Nigerian academia are also on their journey to creating thriving business ventures with their innovations.

Ultimately, the collaboration between Innov8 Hub and TETFund, with the initiatives giving birth to are catalysts for strengthening the Triple Helix Synergy among the Government, the Academia, and the Industry; for the attainment of wealth generation, job creation and nation-building.

***Taraba Government Solicits TETFund's Support to Establish
Entrepreneurship Centres and E-library***

By Maria Joseph

The Taraba State Government has solicited the intervention of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) in the establishment of entrepreneurship centres and E-library in higher educational institutions in the state.

The State Governor, Dr. Agbu Kefas made this call during a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Kefas stated that the establishment of entrepreneurship centres in the state would serve as training hubs for youths in the state to be self-employed, while the e-library was to enable the state to accommodate more students in writing JAMB and other computer-based examinations.

While stating that his region was facing a major problem in education with the highest number of out-of-school children and huge human resources that are untapped, the Governor maintained that education is the topmost priority on his agenda.



He added that he has discovered that one of the key reasons for insecurity in the state is the lack of education and this made him take some drastic steps in the state by declaring free and compulsory education at the primary and secondary school level and half school fees for the tertiary institutions to encourage those students who do not have resources to attend higher institutions and those who dropped out of school because of fees.

He pleaded with the Fund to come to the aid of the state as the available resources in the state will not cover the educational challenges faced by the state.

Dr. Kefas commended TETFund for all its interventions across the country, noting that the signature of the Fund is seen in all public tertiary institutions in the country.

In his remarks, Arc. Sonny Echono commended the governor for his efforts to boost education in the state, saying that it is the only way the nation can harness all the human and material resources available in the country.

He noted that TETFund has been making contributions to the development of institutions in Taraba State both in physical structures as well as staff training and development and has also given research grants to beneficiaries from the state.

He stated that one of the institutions with high impact intervention in 2023 is Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, and the Fund is also focusing on issues around insecurity in some of the institutions.

The Executive Secretary promised to look into the Governor's request and assured him that the Fund would do its bit to encourage him in his quest to boost the educational sector in the state.



TETFund Meets Staff Unions of Beneficiary Institutions for Improved Service Delivery

By Maria Joseph

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has met with staff unions of its Beneficiary Institutions to discuss ways of improving the Fund's intervention activities for better service delivery.

The 2-day meeting which was held at the TETFund Auditorium in Abuja involved the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP), Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Polytechnics (SSANIP) and the Senior Staff Union of Colleges of Education Nigeria (SSUCOEN).

Speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T Echono stated that the interactive session was a proactive engagement organized against the backdrop of prevailing challenges in public institutions in Nigeria to sustain a steady development of the tertiary education sub-sector.

Arc. Echono noted that achieving meaningful improvements in the sector hinged on consistently engaging and challenging one another on how best to improve the quality of education in Nigeria. He, therefore, urged participants to contribute meaningfully towards successful execution of the Fund's mandate and find common ground on issues of mutual interest and benefits.

In his remarks, the ASUU President, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke commended the leadership of TETFund for the giant steps taken in addressing issues in public tertiary educational institutions in the country and seeking improvement in its mandate delivery.



He, however, decried discrepancies in performance by some beneficiary institutions, noting that the outcomes were not in tandem with allocations received from TETFund as the quality of structures built in some institutions left a lot to be desired. He therefore called for sanctions against non-performing institutions and urged the Fund to improve on its project monitoring method.



Also speaking at the meeting, ASUP President, Anderson Ezeibe enjoined TETFund for the involvement of his Union in projects supervision for greater visibility and accountability.

He also urged the Fund to look into fresh interventions on curriculum development for polytechnic education in the country, noting that this is an integral part of tertiary education that would foster impactful learning in polytechnics.

In his contributions, COEASU President, Dr. Smart Olugbeko expressed displeasure at the exclusion of Colleges of Education lecturers from participating in TETFund's National Research Fund (NRF) programme, noting that the misconception about Colleges of Education lecturers not being researchers or treated as scholars was highly demeaning. He therefore asked that the Fund make room for more training for lecturers of Colleges of Education in research and development.

Some of the issues discussed at the meeting are challenges hindering the effective delivery of the Fund's intervention mandate and how to improve on them; difficulties in the delivery of quality education in public tertiary institutions in Nigeria and how the Fund could find new ways to mitigate incidences of industrial disputes working in partnership with the Unions.

TETFund Collaboration with Horizon Europe Yielding Results

...As EU Dedicates 400,000 Euros in Technical Assistance

by Muazzam Garo

The research collaboration between the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and Horizon Europe, European Union's key funding programme for research and innovation has started yielding positive results with the body committing to provide 400,000 Euros in technical assistance to Nigerian researchers shortlisted under the project.

This came to light when the Head of TETFund's team on the Horizon Europe project, Mr. Toogun briefed the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T Echono and his management on efforts being made to ensure the involvement of Nigerian researchers in the project.

While noting that despite the abundance of rich human resources in Nigeria, the country had hitherto been relegated in the area of accessing the Horizon Europe grants, Mr. Toogun expressed satisfaction at progress made in addressing the narration due to the intervention of TETFund.

Speaking on some of the barriers responsible for the inability of Nigerian researchers to access the grants, he pointed out the inability to organize and prepare sufficiently for the project as one of the impediments.

Mr. Toogun said: "It is embarrassing that Nigeria with all our intellectual capital cannot participate in the Horizon Project. The EU works in terms of a seven-year framework; the current one is Horizon Europe; the previous framework was called Horizon 2020 and it ran from 2013 to 2020".



"Africa got about 350 projects of which South Africa alone cornered 146, Egypt and Morocco got between 50 and 70 respectively while Kenya got 46. Nigeria was not on the radar. It doesn't mean we have not been participating; just that we have been on the sidelines".

He further stated that his team has shortlisted 60 research teams from about 400 applications received with the EU committed to the provision of a facility of 440,000 Euro in technical assistance.

Mr. Toogun recalled the creation of the National Contact Point (NCP) network for Nigerian researchers, which he said has been uploaded on the global portal. This, he added, was a major requirement for accessing the grants.

In his remarks, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono reiterated the importance of research and innovation in addressing challenges facing the country, adding that the Fund would continue to support Nigerian researchers for international competitiveness and overall economic and technological development of Nigeria.

He noted that TETFund's intervention in the Horizon Europe project was meant to bridge the existing gap to afford Nigerian researchers participate actively and win research grant.

"The move is to ensure that Nigerian researchers break this glass ceiling because it is very embarrassing when we read and see international publications that smaller African countries like South Africa, Egypt, Algeria, and even Kenya tend to be participating more and getting more research grants from these development partners, particularly the EU," he said.



The Executive Governor of Oyo State, Governor (Mr. Abiodun Fajana) shows his comradery to Governor Babafemi Ogun of Lagos State during the meeting.



GOVERNORS' VISITS TO TETFund



COURTESY VISITS BY SECURITY AGENCIES TO TETFund



DONATION OF 30 SEATER BUS TO NANS

TETFund, NIDCOM Meet to Perfect Plans on Diaspora Exploits

Story by Michelle Imaseun

In an effort to perfect plans for diaspora exploits and the commitment of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to fund Education Centres and facilities for the Nigerians in diaspora to foster knowledge exchange, fellowship, research, and transnational projects; the Chairman of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM), Hon. Abike Dabiri Erewa paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of TETFund; Arc. Sonny Echono on the implementation plan for the successful execution of the Diaspora Research Centre for Development project.

Recall that Echono in August 2022 disclosed plans to partner with NIDCOM on promoting domestication of modern research and innovation techniques, and gave assurance that TETFund will be making conscious policy to support diaspora engagements for national development.

The Chairman of NIDCOM, Hon. Abike Dabiri, disclosed that TETFund followed-through with the commitment by earmarking 1Billion Naira for the establishment of Diaspora Research Centre in University of Ibadan, one of Nigeria's most prestigious tertiary institutions.

The NIDCOM Boss while expressing her admiration for TETFund's transformative action noted that the Diaspora Research Centre will be the first of its kind in Africa with immense potential to shape the landscape of research and development in the continent. She intimated the management of TETFund that NIDCOM is in contact with University of Ibadan, where the Diaspora Research Centre is to be sited to discuss groundwork, models and implementation plans on the completion of the project.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono who received the delegation of NIDCOM, ably led by their Chairman commended the Commission for their nation building efforts, and advocacy for collaboration on research. According to the TETFund Boss, the Diaspora Research Centre to be domiciled in University of Ibadan followed the recommendation of NIDCOM.

The Executive Secretary added that an allocation of 1Billion Naira was provided in the Fund's 2023 budgetary allocation under the Special Intervention Initiative of the Fund for the establishment of Diaspora Center for Research and Development.

He hinted that the allocation letter has been given to University of Ibadan in May, 2023, with recommendation that the Institution submits implementation plan for effective take-off of activities. While re-emphasizing TETFund efforts and commitment to research and development, Echono announced that an additional sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Million Naira was also allocated to the University of Ibadan under the 2023 budgetary allocation (Designated Projects) as a fund assistance for Global Research Centre at the institution.

The Executive Secretary while stating the importance of the facility to the global research community expressed that "The Centre is proposed to house a rich collection of African Diaspora and Transnational Studies resources, including textbooks, archival documents, audio and video tapes, online resources, microfilms and other related materials. It is as well intended to serve as a flagship scientific hub for teaching, research, and other academic activities related to diaspora and transnational studies.



The proposal indicates that the proposed facility shall be an incubator for hosting experts, practitioners, and policy professionals with interest and experience in research, including hosting fellowship and exchange programmes to produce truly globally impactful diaspora and transnational knowledge."

Stressing further on the purpose of the research centre, he expressed optimism that the facility will drive collaborations and interface sessions with local and foreign policy formulating institutions.

Echono while briefing on the implementation plan from the host Institution stated explicitly that "The University of Ibadan is presently perfecting plans for signing of the MoU with NIDCOM, which is the collaborating institution that has been interfacing with TETFund on Diaspora Centre of Excellence project together with NIDCOM. The University has also initiated the search for a TETFund-accredited firm to set about the design of the structure in conformity with the value of the awarded grant while interfacing with the University of Ibadan."

As part of moves towards providing essential infrastructure to aid research efforts in Nigeria, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has inaugurated an Ad-hoc Committee on the establishment of central multipurpose laboratories in some universities across the country.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono performed the inauguration recently at the TETFund Headquarters in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary noted the significance of the project and also expressed confidence at the capability of the committee members to work collectively as a team to deliver on the task.

While stating that the Fund was committing billions of Naira for the funding of research programmes in Nigeria so as to help solve national challenges, Arc. Echono noted that this could only be achieved with availability of adequate facilities.

He, added therefore, that it was important to work consciously to develop human capital and provide infrastructure to support Research and Development.

Still speaking on the research efforts of TETFund under the National Research Fund (NRF) programme, the TETFund boss noted that the Fund has to date awarded a total of 727 research grants to researchers from public tertiary educational institutions in the country at the cost of over N18 billion to undertake research in various disciplines.

TETFund Inaugurates Committee on Multipurpose Laboratories

By Otonbara Aprebo

He also stated that through the deepening of research, building of requisite manpower and enhancement of research infrastructural base, the global ranking of Nigerian universities could be significantly improved.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Committee and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Emeritus Professor Olufemi Bamiro expressed gratitude to TETFund for the opportunity given to members to serve in the important national assignment and assured that the committee would not betray the confidence reposed in it.

Other members of the committee include Professor Ekanem Braide, Professor Joseph Ahaneku, Professor Suleiman Mustapha, Professor Yusuf Saidu, Professor Nasir Isa Fagge, Professor Abubakar S. Sambo, Professor Ibrahim Katampe and Mallam Buhari Mikailu.



TETFund Interfaces with Desk Officers in Beneficiary Institutions

by Amos Anetekhai

“The significance of this workshop cannot be over emphasized as it becomes even more glaring when we consider the synergy and continuous interaction that is needed between the Fund and your institutions.”

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFund) has held a sensitization workshop for TETFund Desk Officers in Beneficiary Institutions across the country to equip them with knowledge about current TETFund processes, for more effective and seamless project delivery in their institutions.

The workshop was held in six centres for institutions in the six geo-political zones namely Makurdi (North Central), Owerri (South East), Kano (North West), Port Harcourt (South South), Lagos (South West) and Gombe (North East).

In his message at the six centres, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc, Sonny S. T. Echono noted that desk officers are the link between the Fund and heads of beneficiary institutions and emphasized the need for them to be abreast with TETFund guidelines and mandate.

“Desk officers are responsible for day to day operations that exists between the Fund and the institutions and are therefore positioned strategically to perform tasks and functions that require that they are fully informed on the nature and methods of TETFund’s operations always. As a result, the desk officers of our institutions are expected to be equipped and knowledgeable about our guidelines and our mandate”.

“As desk officers you are the critical interface or intermediary between the Fund and your Chief Executives who are the accounting officers for all our intervention allocations,” he said.

The Executive Secretary expressed optimism that the workshop would be a tool to improve cooperation between TETFund and its {Beneficiary Institutions.



“The significance of this workshop cannot be over emphasized as it becomes even more glaring when we consider the synergy and continuous interaction that is needed between the Fund and your institutions.

“I will savour this opportunity to interact with heads of your institutions and to address pertinent issues governing the implementation of TETFund’s programmes and processes,” he said.

Presentations were made by frontline departments at the workshop namely Monitoring and Evaluation, Research and Development/Centres of Excellence, Physical Infrastructure, Academic Staff Training and Development, ICT among others; with a Question and Answer session that provided opportunity to clarify various aspects of the Fund’s interventions.

African Aviation and Aerospace University Seeks Enlistment as TETFund Beneficiary



The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) is seeking enlistment as a Beneficiary Institution of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)

This came to limelight when the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace, Dr. Emmanuel Meribole led a delegation of the university on a courtesy visit to the Fund's Headquarters in Abuja recently.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Meribole stated that Nigeria was on the verge of developing its aviation sector as the Nation does not have a national carrier, and most of the airlines are just in their course of development.

While noting that the university is important to the aspirations of the aviation sector in Nigeria, he expressed the need for Nigeria to have maintenance and repair centre for aircrafts, which would save the country a lot of resources as maintenance is presently done outside the country. Therefore, a knowledge exchange and transfer platform will play key role in educating and training experts in aircraft maintenance and repairs.

The Permanent Secretary further stated that the sector needed to invest heavily in research to enhance productivity and services in aviation; and this, he said, could only be achieved through the university.

Dr. Meribole stated that the university was desirous of getting enlisted as a Beneficiary Institution of TETFund to address the need for critical infrastructure, carry out research and other activities capable of accelerating development in the aviation sector.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono stated that the Fund would be glad to accommodate and support the university in its quest to contribute to the development of the aviation sector.



He recalled that while he served as Permanent Secretary of Federal Ministry of Education, the proposal for the establishment of the university passed through him and he made further recommendations to the President.

The TETFund boss expressed the need to activate all sectors of the Nigerian economy in order to fulfil its potential and reach the desired destination.

By Maria Joseph

TETFund, Kings College London Explore Partnership on Innovative Education in Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

By Maria Joseph

The prestigious Kings College, London has commenced talks with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) on collaboration aimed at introducing Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to the curriculum of Nigerian Tertiary Institutions.

Speaking at a courtesy visit to the Fund's headquarters in Abuja, the President of Kings College London, Mr. Shitij Kapur said that the aim of their visit is to see how Kings College London and TETFund can collaborate to introduce a cutting-edge education system in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria by including entrepreneurship and AI to the curriculum. According to Shitij, the changing world has necessitated the need to harness the potential of entrepreneurship and AI education and or training in tertiary institutions such that the quality of graduates produced exceeds the current status quo.

He stated that as job opportunities were fast declining, the economy needed innovators who possess the capacity to create new concepts and in consequence become employers of labour.

He noted that the collaboration would be of critical advantage in the future as it will lead to sustainable economic growth and the promotion of social change to drive innovation through a dynamic process of creating value and wealth for the Nation.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund Arc Sonny Echono expressed the willingness of the Fund to collaborate with the College to improve Research and Development (R&D) and entrepreneurship in Nigeria's tertiary institutions, as it has been its core concern to deepen the knowledge of R&D and Entrepreneurship in institutions.

Speaking further, Arc. Echono stated that the Fund was working towards promoting institutionalization of R&D in Nigerian institutions, to see how they could have linkages and collaborations with well-established research institutions to drive innovation and development of the Nigerian economy.



He also said that the Fund is working on changing the attitude and mindset of students and the academic community from that of education for employment to one of entrepreneurship, in order to create a unique body of graduates who possess the ability to identify problems and proffer solutions to various economic set back in Nigeria through innovations.

Also speaking at the courtesy visit, the Vice President of Kings College, London, Prof. Funmi Olonisakin, opined that "the real need to serve the future generation in the radical demographic shift occurring in the continent of Africa, has moved them to begin to build a new generation of African leaders, educators and researchers who will generate cutting edge knowledge for the security and development of the continent."

She expressed confidence that partnering with TETFund would go a long way in multiplying the impact of innovative education in Nigerian institutions.



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“If there’s no TETFund, we will not have any university in Nigeria” ...Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke, ASUU President during the Interactive meeting with Unions of Tertiary Institutions.

“TETFund and its role in our universities cannot be overemphasized ...without TETFund most State Universities would be glorified secondary schools ... TETFund is living to its expectations” ...Dr. Mohammad Haruna Ibrahim -National President, SSANU during a courtesy visit to the Fund.



“The Fund has been the biggest contributor to the growth of the institution” ... Prof. Aliyu Usman El-Nafaty, VC, Gombe State University during the commissioning of TETFund Projects at the University.



“TETFund has visibly transformed our campuses in terms of physical infrastructures and staff development” ...Prof. Paulinus Okwelle – ES, NCCE during the Interactive meeting with Unions of Tertiary Institutions.



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“TETFund has one of the best procurement processes” ...Prof. Idris Bugaje -ES NBTE during the Interactive meeting with Unions of Tertiary Institutions.

“Without the projects by TETFund in our institutions, teaching and learning will not be comfortable” ... Comr. Wabba Ayuba -Former NLC President during the Interactive meeting with Unions of Tertiary Institutions.



“TETFund is the livewire of any tertiary institution in the country” ...Comr. Danladi Ali Msheliza - President, SSUCOEN during the Interactive meeting with Unions of Tertiary Institutions.





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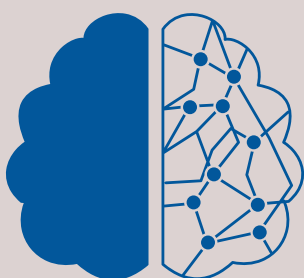
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