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FROM THE EDITOR

The year 2025 was ushered in with exciting events as the Fund continued to gain more recognitions from the media quarters for standing out prominently among the MDAs and particularly in the tertiary education sub-sector. It was a time to give honour to whom honour is due. This is to show that TETFund is truly living up to its mandate and the mantra that TETFund is a proud non-oil Nigerian export brand is not in doubt.

One of such recognitions came from the New Telegraph Newspapers which nominated the Fund as the “Most Improved Government Agency” in 2024 for the huge drive in making public tertiary institutions in the country globally competitive through its interventions in infrastructural development, research, equipment upgrade in laboratories and workshops, ICT among others. The Fund’s Board of Trustees (BoT) Chairman, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari was also honoured with the prestigious Thisday Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his immense contributions to the development of democracy, education and national development.

Also, from the Vanguard Newspaper came the “Education Icon 2024” Award for Arc. Sonny Echono in recognition of his contributions to the development of the education sector, particularly his efforts towards making Nigerian tertiary educational institutions globally competitive.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) recently announced the year 2025 allocation to Beneficiary Institutions as approved by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, kickstarting in earnest, the current year’s intervention activities on a robust note.

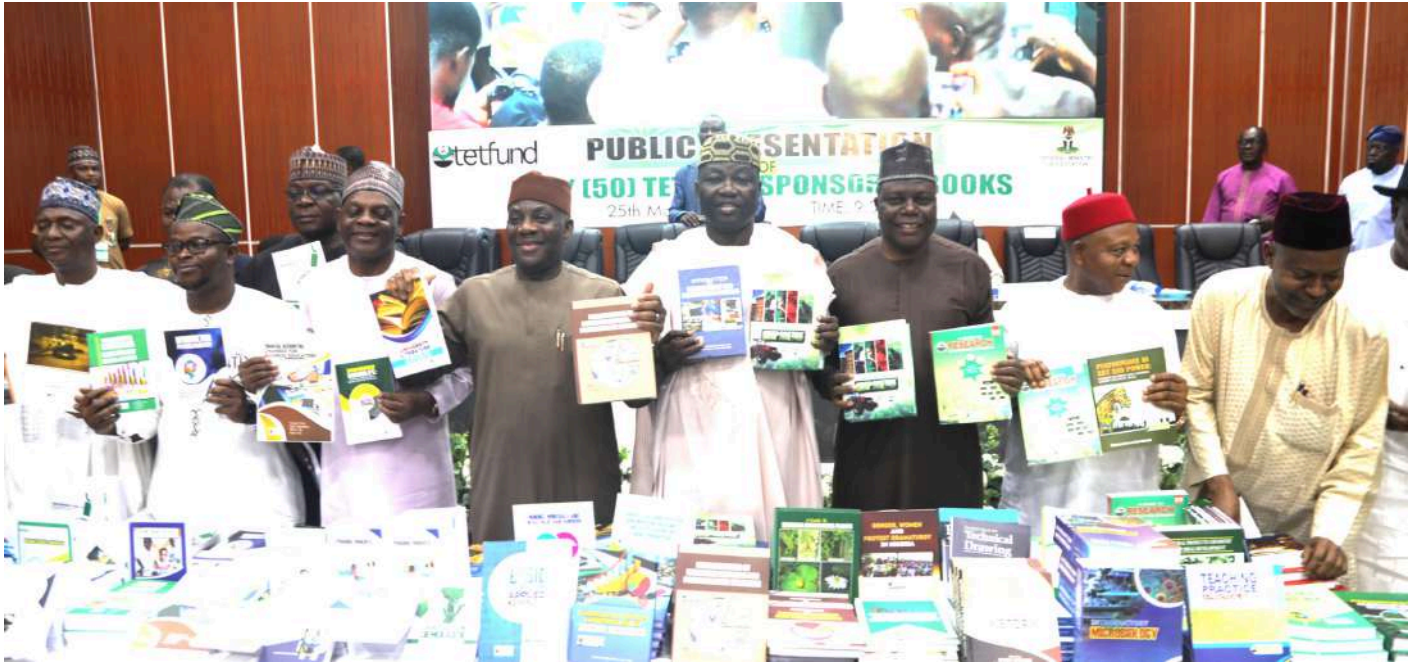
The unveiling of 50 indigenous TETFund-sponsored academic textbooks, by the Education Minister Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa is another achievement targeted at improving availability of textbooks and encouraging authorship among the academia. Details of the event are contained in this edition.

The Fund continues to take delivery of projects from beneficiary institutions. Three projects worth ₦1,339,791,726.06 were commissioned at Ebonyi State University recently. The Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering projects at the Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State were also commissioned.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) is extending its intervention to ameliorate the challenges of power supply in Beneficiary Institutions as it recently inaugurated a steering committee to proffer solution for addressing persistent power failure and high cost of electricity tariff in the institutions.

These and more exciting news as well as photo news have been packaged in the First Quarter Edition of the TETFund Panorama for our esteemed readers.

A. B. Oniyangi
Editor



Education Minister Unveils 50 TETFund-Sponsored Academic Textbooks

By Hyelkuzuku Nggada

The Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa has unveiled 50 indigenous academic textbooks sponsored by Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) aimed at improving availability of textbooks and transforming tertiary education in the country.

The public presentation, held under the Higher Education Book Development Intervention of the Fund, showcased a significant shift towards locally produced, high-quality learning materials that will reduce Nigeria's dependence on foreign publications.

Speaking at the landmark event held at the TETFund Auditorium in Abuja, the Minister highlighted the chronic shortage of locally authored textbooks and stressed that fostering quality indigenous content is vital for academic relevance and economic efficiency.

“Nurturing the culture of quality authorship will not only ensure the availability of relevant books for our diverse educational needs but also safeguard our national pride by reducing the demand for foreign exchange,” he declared.

The Minister also praised President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration for its robust commitment to education, underscoring the President's role in prioritizing funding and policy reforms to boost content development and capacity building in Public Tertiary Institutions.



Similarly, the Chairman, TETFund Board of Trustees (BOT) Rt. Hon Aminu Bello Masari who was represented by the Board Member representing the South- West Zone, Rt. Hon. Sunday Adepoku reiterated the Fund's unwavering integrity and transparency, noting that TETFund's innovative interventions have been widely acknowledged as robust and contributing significantly to the development of the education sector in Nigeria.

He revealed plans to introduce new projects in medical simulation, alternative energy, and other innovative fields, aimed at enhancing teaching, learning, and research across Nigeria's tertiary institutions. "Our mission to reduce over reliance on foreign academic materials remains steadfast," he emphasized.



In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono elaborated on the success of the TETFund Higher Education Book Development Intervention, disclosing that the reconstituted Technical Advisory Group (TAG) had reviewed 130 manuscripts, leading to the production of 50 textbooks this year and another 60 scheduled for unveiling before the end of 2025.

He also announced a significant change in the remuneration model, as authors will now be compensated based on the number of pages in their books rather than on copies produced. He acknowledged the critical support of the Minister of Education, and reiterated the government's commitment to educational excellence.

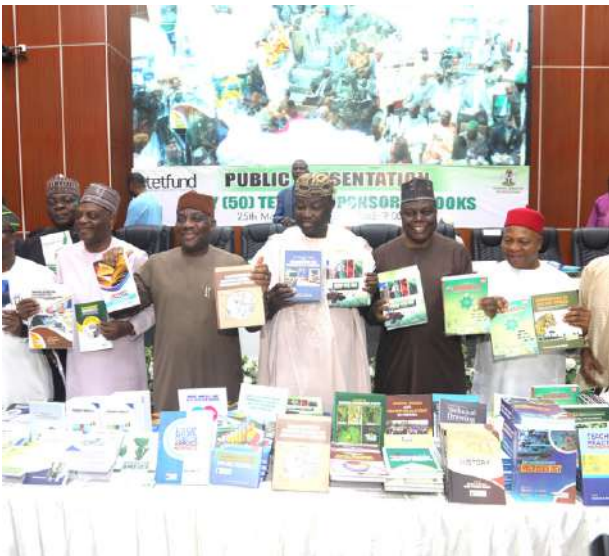
In addition, the Chairman of the TETFund Technical Advisory Group, Prof. Albert Abegunde revealed that the 50 textbooks were commissioned to five distinguished publishing houses, and they span nine academic disciplines including Medicine, Law, Technology, Agriculture, among others, reinforcing the initiative's comprehensive approach to revamping academic resources in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions.



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Education Minister unveils 50 TETFund-Sponsored Academic Textbooks





TETFund Announces 2025 Allocation to Beneficiaries

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has announced the Year 2025 allocation to its Beneficiary Institutions as approved by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

This was disclosed by the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono at the One-day Strategic Workshop with Heads of TETFund's Beneficiary Institutions on the 2025 Disbursement Guidelines, held at the TETFund Auditorium in Abuja, recently.

Arc. Sonny Echono disclosed that each University will get N2,560,562.352.66 as Annual Direct Disbursement, each Polytechnic N1,794,335.731.71 and each College of Education to get N1,978,428,260.79 in line with the 2:1:1 ratio stipulated by the TETFund Establishment Act. He added that Universities will get N300,000,000.00 as Zonal Intervention, while Polytechnics and Colleges of Education will get N200,000,000.00 respectively.

He explained that the year 2024 was marked by significant achievements for the Fund, as many programmes and projects were implemented as approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Speaking further, he intimated that throughout the year, the Fund addressed key challenges, including issues of distressed projects, suspension of the foreign component of the Fund's Academic Staff Training programme, the sustenance of ICT roadmap; especially the need for beneficiary institutions to fully embrace and utilize the Beneficiary Identity Management System (BIMS) and Tertiary Education Research and Application Services (TERAS) platform.

“The Fund has significantly increased the allocation for Research & Innovation, Academic Staff Training and Development, as well as Manuscript and Book Development. It has also significantly increased the numbers of beneficiary institutions for its special and designated projects,” he said.

The TETFund Boss expressed appreciation to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for his painstaking efforts in sustaining allocation efficiency; as well as prudent deployment of the Fund’s resources to achieve desired impacts, while he also commended the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) under the leadership of Mr. Zaccheus Adelabu Adedeji for the sustained improvement in revenue collection.

Arc. Sonny Echono also announced the Fund’s key initiatives and expansion of the Special High Impact Programme (SHIP), completion of the National Library, establishment of mechanized farms in some universities, and accelerated provision of student hostels through public-private partnerships and direct construction in fulfilment of Mr. President’s promise to the student community.



In their separate remarks, the Executive Secretaries of National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), National Universities Commission (NUC), and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) commended the President, National Assembly and Management of TETFund for leading innovative interventions in the country and enhancing quality of tertiary education.

The leadership of the academic unions; ASUU, ASUP and COEASU also applauded the Fund for its vision on 2025 interventions. They conveyed total support for the continuous existence of TETFund, noting that the Fund has sufficient achievement that justifies its continued existence.

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2025 Allocation to Beneficiary Institutions



MASARI HONoured WITH THISDAY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BY PHILLIPS ADEBAYO

Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), His Excellency Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari has been honoured with the prestigious Thisday Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his immense contributions to the development of democracy, education and national development.

The award was presented to Hon. Masari by the Chairman of Thisday Media Group and Arise News, Mr. Nduka Obaigbena, at a ceremony held to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Newspaper and 12th year Anniversary of Arise News Television.

Speaking at the event, the TETFund BoT Chairman expressed appreciation to the Management of Thisday and Arise News for the honour.

He commended Mr. Obaigbena for his resilience and hard work in making his dreams come to reality, noting that their relationship had come a long way.



“I thank President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the support given to us and I will also like to appreciate the Management and staff of TETFund for living up to their responsibilities.

“Regardless of the many challenges we are facing as a nation and with an agency like ours with prudent management of resources at our disposal, and applying them to critical areas necessary, we are surely going to achieve more and get better results,” he said.

While acknowledging that the scope of coverage of the Fund’s activities keeps increasing with more public tertiary institutions coming on stream, the Board Chairman expressed confidence that adhering to rules and regulations on the part of all concerned would still be fruitful at the end.



Committee Chairman Calls for Sustenance of TETFund

...Expresses Hope of President Tinubu's Support for Fund

By Amos Anetekhai

The Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on TETFund and Other Services, Hon. Princess Miriam Onuoha has called on all stakeholders to support the sustenance of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

This is even as she expressed hope that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu would support the continued existence of the Fund, which she said has become the live wire of tertiary education in Nigeria.

Hon. Onuoha made the call while speaking at the inauguration of three TETFund-sponsored projects at Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki recently.

The Committee Chairman who was speaking against the backdrop of the Tax Reform Bill at the National Assembly stated that considering the impactful role TETFund has played in the development of tertiary education in the country, it should be sustained and further strengthened.

“TETFund has become the live wire of tertiary education in Nigeria and therefore deserves to be sustained. I say this from the legislature and as the oversight committee chairman, having toured the length and breadth of Nigeria to oversee these projects”.

“It is therefore not right that the child you have nurtured to grow will be starved of life or the air with which the child deserves to live”.



“I believe that the President is a father, and he is a listening President, and he has listened to the reports just as the bill is being read today for the second time in the House of Representatives”.

“When it gets to the committee stage, I will be one of those who will champion that you don’t throw away the baby with the bathwater,” she said.

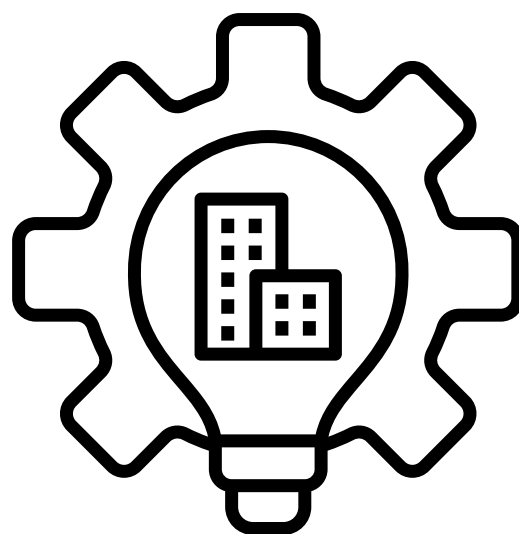
Continuing, Hon. Onuoha explained that “all that needs to be done, all that has been complained about by stakeholders regarding substandard projects, abandonment, and delay in accessing projects—all of these are the reasons the government and the legislature embark on oversight,” she added.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono, who was represented by the Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, Arc. Babatunde Olajide commended the university authorities for prompt execution of the three projects, which amounted to ₦1,339,791,726.06.

He stated that the Fund would always engage with its beneficiary institutions towards ensuring the delivery of iconic and impactful intervention projects in subsequent intervention years.

“TETFund has become the live wire of tertiary education in Nigeria and therefore deserves to be sustained. I say this from the legislature and as the oversight committee, having toured the length and breadth of Nigeria to oversee these projects”.

He also announced the Federal Government’s directive that TETFund allocation for physical infrastructure in 2025 would be utilized only for maintenance of existing structures.



“Let me use this opportunity to inform you that the government has directed that the 2025 intervention allocation for physical infrastructure will be utilised for the comprehensive rehabilitation/upgrade of old, dilapidated infrastructures, in view of the massive and embarrassing level of decay of existing buildings in our institutions.

“The purpose of this is to give the learning environment a facelift that is conducive for teaching, learning, and research, comparable to what is obtainable abroad. Consequently, no new structures are to be built with the upcoming year 2025 TETFund allocations for physical infrastructure,” he stated.

In his remarks, Governor Francis Nwifuru of Ebonyi State, who was represented by his Deputy, Mrs. Patricia Obila congratulated the university community for the successful delivery of the projects. He also commended TETFund for its support for infrastructural development in its Beneficiary Institutions across the country.

Speaking earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Chigozie Ogbu expressed appreciation to TETFund for its support in the provision of infrastructure in the institution, which he noted has resulted in promoting a conducive learning environment for students.

He also commended Governor Nwifuru for his commitment to education, which he said has led to the transformation being witnessed in the university.



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**Committee Chairman
Calls for Sustenance of
TETFund while
commissioning TETFund
projects**



HIGH ELECTRICITY TARIFF: TETFund INAUGURATES STEERING COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLUTION

BY MARIA JOSEPH

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has inaugurated a steering committee to advise on its Special Power Intervention initiative geared towards providing alternative energy solutions to Beneficiary Institutions with a view to addressing persistent power failure and high cost of electricity tariff.

The Chairman of the TETFund Board of Trustees (BoT), Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari performed the inauguration at the Fund's Headquarters in Abuja recently.

Speaking at the event, the BoT Chairman stated that the high cost of electricity tariff and a combination of other issues have become unbearable and disrupting teaching and learning in most public institutions in the country. This, he said, necessitated the Board to create a Special Intervention to assist tertiary institutions in meeting their power demands for more effective learning and research.

He noted that the Special Intervention was in alignment with the Federal Government's efforts to ensure steady power supply in tertiary educational institutions across the country.

Also speaking at the inauguration, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono noted that the initiative was in line with the Fund's mandate of repositioning, revitalizing and providing high quality manpower for research and innovation in Beneficiary Institutions for economic development of the country.

"The Fund has recognized a major challenge faced by most public institutions across the country. The issue of electricity and the inability of the institutions to operate optimally has necessitated the need for the alternative energy solution to enable tertiary institutions work effectively without hindrance," he said.

The committee is chaired by the TETFund BoT member representing the South-West geopolitical zone, Hon. Sunday Adepaju and has two months to submit a preliminary report.



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TETFund INAUGURATES STEERING COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLUTION



MEDICAL SIMULATION INTERVENTION: COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT, RECOMMENDS MORE CENTRES ACROSS ZONES

By Maria Joseph



The TETFund Ad-hoc Committee on Medical Simulation and Innovation has submitted the report of its findings with valuable recommendations aimed at improving the healthcare system in Nigeria.

It would be recalled that the Fund set up an Ad-hoc Committee on Medical Simulation and Innovation last November to conduct a gap analysis in medical simulation and healthcare innovation in Nigeria, identify gaps and to propose possible ways of improving on general healthcare system in the country within eight weeks.

Speaking at the event, the Chairman of the committee, a renowned neurosurgeon, Prof. Wale Suleiman highlighted their key findings, stating that “medical simulation centers are non-existence in Nigeria by world standard, adding that there is hardly any adoption or incorporation of world standard mode of education and training for health care workers in Nigeria University.

“Modern educational practices are almost absent in Nigerian universities and lack of resources is especially apparent in the minimal use of advanced technologies like telemedicine and remote patient monitoring, which are essential for improving access to healthcare across the nation.

“We must train our young population to become experts in these innovative technologies to minimize dependency on foreign experts,” he said.

Prof. Suleiman reiterated that there was urgent need to invest in medical simulation to address medical gaps and improve Nigeria’s capacity to deal with numerous health issues bedeviling the country, especially in the areas of emergency cases, maternal childcare, surgical care, trauma and outbreak of infectious diseases.

He decried the absence of simulation centres in Nigerian institutions, stating that it was limiting healthcare workers' efficiency. He laid emphasis on the need to embrace and invest in new AI-enabled technologies in interpreting medical diagnosis and surgical procedures to be able to meet the growing demands for medical care in the country.

Prof. Suleiman called for the modernization of medical practices in Nigeria and inclusion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology in Nigerian medical field to transform diagnosis and treatment of patients while also urging the Fund to establish multiple medical simulation centres in the six geo-political zones.

He also called for the incorporation of medical simulation in education curriculum in Nigerian institutions.

The Committee recommended the establishment of TETFund Centres of Excellence in Medical Simulation in selected institutions across the country and opined that the programme of the simulation centres should focus on improving education and training of students in the healthcare field.

“We must train our young population to become experts in these innovative technologies to minimize dependency on foreign experts,” he said.

Receiving the report of the committee, the Chairman, Board of Trustees of TETFund, Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari commended members of the committee for their diligence and timely delivery of the assignment and assured them of the consideration of their recommendations by the Board of Trustees.

He described AI as the future and that Nigeria should not be left behind in the new era of technology, especially among the youth.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono applauded the committee for the quality recommendations and for meeting the timeline for the assignment.



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TETFund MEDICAL SIMULATION INTERVENTION COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT



TETFund Wins New Telegraph's "Most Improved Government Agency" Award

...To Assist Varsities Tackle Electricity, Hostel Challenges

BY AMOS ANETEKHAI

Accolades have continued to pour in for the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) in recognition of its impactful role in the development of the tertiary education sub-sector and overall development of the Nigerian economy.

The latest of such recognition recently came from the New Telegraph Newspaper which nominated the Fund as the "Most Improved Government Agency" in 2024 for its efforts in making public tertiary institutions in the country globally competitive through its interventions in infrastructural development, research, equipment upgrade in laboratories and workshops, ICT among others.

Speaking at the New Telegraph Award Night held in Lagos to celebrate individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions across various sectors, former Governor of Abia State and Publisher of New Telegraph, Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu congratulated awardees in the various categories for their contributions to the development of the country.



While commending President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for his relentless efforts in revamping the Nigerian economy, Sen. Kalu urged Nigerians to join hands with Government for the transformation of the fortunes of the nation, which he said are becoming brighter under the present administration.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and former Military Governor of Ondo State, Chief Olabode George described the gathering as a profound moment in Nigeria's history.

While paying tribute to two elder statesmen, Chief Ayo Adebajo and Chief Edwin Clark who passed on days before the event, Chief Olabode George stated that it was imperative to celebrate Nigerians who work tirelessly for the growth and unity of the country.



Fielding questions from journalists after the award ceremony, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono dedicated the award to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa who have provided relevant support to the Fund and ensured judicious utilization of resources by Beneficiary Institutions.

He stated that the Fund will this year provide intervention to mitigate the problem of high energy cost in tertiary institutions in the country. This, he said, is to complement the efforts of the Federal Government.

“2025 WE BELIEVE IS GOING TO BE OUR BRIGHTEST YEAR OF INTERVENTION AS WE ARE GOING TO TAILOR OUR INTERVENTIONS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS.”

“2025 we believe is going to be our brightest year of intervention as we are going to tailor our interventions to the needs of our beneficiary institutions. We are focusing on things like power. We know that most of our beneficiary institutions are facing the challenge of paying energy bills and we are going to key into the move by the Federal Government to provide solar power to a number of public tertiary institutions. The importance of energy to run the institutions cannot be over-emphasized.

“We will also improve the condition for teaching and learning. We will improve the conditions of hostels, and we will enhance research efforts and capacities of our lecturers. We will ensure that our research centres are excellent in nature and that we won’t need to send research samples abroad again.

“We will continue efforts to improve the capacities of our institutions to become centres of excellence and thereby improve their global rankings and also make our students to be globally competitive,” he said.

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TETFund Wins New Telegraph's "Most Improved Government Agency" Award



TETFund BOSS REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORM NIGERIA'S PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION

BY CHIDOZIE NWANGWU

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Arc. Sonny Echono has restated the commitment of the Fund to transforming Nigeria's tertiary education to meet global standards.

Arc. Echono stated this during the 34th Convocation Ceremony of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye titled "TETFund and Educational Development in Nigeria: The History, The Treasures, and The Future."

While highlighting the transformative impact of tertiary education on national development, Arc. Echono stated that TETFund has made landmark contributions to the Nigerian higher education sub-sector with over ₦1.8 trillion disbursed to public tertiary institutions and over 152,838 infrastructural projects provided across the institutions. He said the projects include lecture halls, ICT centers, hostels, road networks, and other critical facilities that have significantly improved teaching and learning environments.

He also stated that TETFund would continue to prioritize human capital development, noting that the Fund has offered scholarships to over 42,000 scholars for studies within and outside Nigeria, while about 150,000 academic and non-teaching staff were sponsored for conferences and professional workshops.

He noted TETFund's drive in Research and Development, stating that initiatives such as the National Research Fund (NRF) and Institution Based Research (IBR) grants have empowered scholars and researchers to drive innovation and academic excellence.

In line with global trends, Echono emphasized the need for smart campuses that integrate cutting-edge technology into academic environments. He also highlighted efforts to strengthen partnerships with the private sector and international organizations to attract more investments into the higher education sector. "Our goal is to ensure that Nigerian institutions are globally competitive and capable of producing graduates who can excel in the modern economy," he stated.

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**ARC. ECHONO AT THE
34TH CONVOCATION OF
OLABISI ONABANJO
UNIVERSITY AGO-
IWOYE**



ECHONO WINS VANGUARD NEWSPAPER'S "EDUCATION ICON 2024" AWARD

...Says Nigerian Graduates Becoming Globally Competitive

By Amos Anetekhai

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Other awardees at the event Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Arc. included elder statesmen, Pa Edwin Sonny Echono has again been Clark and Pa Ayo Adebajo, who recognized for his contributions to the were given posthumous awards, and development of the education sector, Governors Hope Uzodimma of Imo particularly his efforts towards making State, Sheriff Oborevwori of Delta Nigerian tertiary educational institutions State, Abba Yusuf of Kano State, globally competitive. Charles Soludo of Anambra State, Diri Duoye of Bayelsa State, Abiodun Oyeibanji of Ekiti State as well as Umar Namadi of Jigawa State who all received the Good Governance Awards.

The latest recognition of the Executive Secretary's efforts came during the annual Vanguard Newspaper's Personality of the Year Award held in Lagos on 11th April 2025, where he emerged as Vanguard Newspaper's "Education Icon 2024".

In its tribute, Vanguard Newspaper noted that since assuming office as the Executive Secretary of TETFund in March 2022, Arc. Sonny Echono has brought a new wave of transformation to the Fund, using his wealth of experience in the civil service to steer the agency towards achieving its mandate of providing supplementary support to public tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

The award was presented to him by former Military Governor of Ondo State, Chief Olabode George, with the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi joining him on stage to receive the award.



“Nigeria is gradually becoming a hub for skilled labour that people across the world are seeking,” he remarked.

Speaking to journalists during the event, the Executive Secretary noted that products of Nigerian educational system are becoming globally competitive despite challenges.

He commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration for some innovative policies in the education sector which he said have started yielding positive results and assured that the Fund would not relent in discharging its mandate.

"Despite the odds and the challenges, products of our education system are not pushovers. They can compete with their peers globally. Now, we have a number of our youths working for multinational companies while in the comfort of their homes in Nigeria.



"Nigeria is gradually becoming a hub for skilled labour that people across the world are seeking," he remarked.

Speaking on delivery of TETFund-sponsored projects, he said: "We are also ensuring that projects are completed as soon as possible because we don't want inflation to catch up with the costs of those projects. Monitoring has been further strengthened. The impact of TETFund on our campuses can be seen by all".

He dedicated the award to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa as well as management and staff of TETFund, and stated that the recognition would further propel him and his team to do more for the Nation.





TETFund/NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING COLLABORATE ON TVET

By Maria Joseph

As part of efforts to strengthen Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) needed to bridge the skills gap in Nigeria, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Nigerian Academy of Engineering are collaborating towards harnessing the potentials in the technical and vocational fields to drive home sustainable development in the country.

This was formalized by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the TETFund Headquarters in Abuja recently.

Speaking at the occasion, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono commended the Academy for its timely intervention at rescuing TVET.

He stated that over the years, several policies, aimed at reforming and strengthening TVET in Nigeria were rolled out, but the policies have all failed to address the technical gap.

“It is high time we stopped talking but take meaningful action about TVET,” he said.

Arc. Echono decried the level of obsolete equipment found in most of the laboratories, adding; “the laboratories, the workshops have often contained obsolete equipment, and some do not have required technical hands to manage the facilities. We are still struggling with the issue of power and ensuring that production can take place and teaching and learning can happen.”

“The polytechnics, which were intended to be the pillars of TVET in the country are offering courses that have no connection with TVET. It is high time we stopped playing lip service and take steps towards closing the gap that exists in the technical field”, he emphasized.

The Executive Secretary confirmed TETFund’s commitment and readiness in ensuring that TVET is restored to its full potentials and sustained for economic development in Nigeria.

He also called for partnership with the private and informal sectors in restructuring technical and vocational education training to contribute their much-needed quota to national growth and development.

Expressing his joy and optimism at the event, the President of the Nigeria Academy of Engineering, Engr. Rahamon Adisa Bello said the signing of the MoU marks the beginning of the way forward towards bringing agencies and professional bodies to play their roles in assisting the government in entrenching technical and vocational education and training activities, thereby encouraging technicians and artisans in building the economy.

“It has been established that we have an inverted pyramid in engineering profession. The lack of technicians and artisans is obvious and needs to be reversed,” he said.

He commended the Federal Government’s National skills qualification Framework (NSQF) recently launched into Level 1-6 Scheme of Service, stating that it is a process towards reawakening TVET. He called for support from concerned bodies to maintain and increase the tempo through realigning and cooperating in charting appropriate stage-by-stage requirements for the objectives of TVET to be actualized.

He added that “the restructuring of both formal and informal technical and vocational education and training is key. While the NSQF formation is meant to assist the informal sector, the revitalization of the formal technical schools is very urgent”.

In her remark, President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Margaret Oguntola stated that there would not be national development without engineering and technical education.

“I think that the signing of this MoU is long overdue because the objective of TVET is very clear. To provide a critical mass of people with the skills for the job. TVET is part of our strategic agenda at NSE, and we have five pillars, and TVET comes under community impact in pillar number four, she said.

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TETFund collaborates with the Nigerian Academy of Engineering on TVET



TETFUND, NEITI PARTNER ON EDUCATION TAX COMPLIANCE, DATA ACCESS

By Aprebo Otonbara

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) are collaborating to ensure transparency and compliance with education tax remittances.

This came to light recently when the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono paid a courtesy visit to his counterpart at NEITI, Dr Ogbonnaya Orji at the NEITI office in Abuja in a move aimed at strengthening partnership between both agencies on accessibility to credible data, tax compliance and revenue disclosures.

Speaking during the visit, Arc. Sonny Echono noted that TETFund's main source of funding was the collection from Education Tax, which has a greater percentage coming from the oil and gas sector and that informed the need to strengthen the partnership with NEITI, to help the Fund access data that would provide real time information on revenue from the oil and gas sector.

He maintained that the collaboration would enhance the Fund's capacity to keep track of such data which consequently would result in TETFund's ability to expand support for development of tertiary institutions in Nigeria.



Arc. Echono reiterated that the Fund places credence in NEITI's data credibility and that such information is vital to TETFund's funding drive.

In his response, the Executive Secretary of NEITI, Dr. Ogbonnaya Orji welcomed the proposed collaboration, expressing the need to ensure transparent utilization of TETFund income from the extractive sector for development of tertiary education and national development.

He assured that NEITI would support TETFund in ensuring Education Tax compliance in the extractive sector, leveraging on its expertise in financial auditing and revenue tracking.



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ARC. ECHONO PAYS COURTESY CALL TO THE NEITI HOUSE



TETFund to Partner Birmingham University of Nigeria to Bridge Educational Gap in Nations' Varsity Curriculum

By Otonbara Aprebo

The Birmingham University of Nigeria has expressed its desire to strengthen ties with Nigeria with a view to providing support in the development of the tertiary education sub-sector.

Director of External Relations of the institution, Kathy Gilbert revealed this when she led a delegation from Birmingham University on a courtesy visit to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), in Abuja.

Kathy proposed a different model of education for Nigerian students, which according to her is capable of developing their skill sets and foster economic development.

The Director said, “the visit is exploratory, and our mission is to understand what is important to Nigeria educational system and work around supporting the system and strengthening educational ties with Nigeria”.

She explained that the university is research intensive and currently has a student strength of 38,000 who are also benefiting from the very high level of research undertaken at the university.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono expressed delight with the visit and also acknowledged the long-standing relationship with the university over the years.

Arc. Echono informed the delegation that 85 TETFund scholars have been sent to Birmingham University to further their pursuit of academic excellence.

He expressed delight at the university's interest in transnational education and welcomed the idea of partnering with it through the Funds' Beneficiary Institutions, particularly as the Fund had suspended the foreign component of its TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff programme.

The Executive Secretary stressed the importance of promoting and encouraging institutions to carry out cutting-edge research and expressed the readiness of the Fund to collaborate with the university to that end.



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BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH TETFund



DIRECTORS OF ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE COMMENDS TETFUND GIANT STRIDES

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

The Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Federal, State and Private Universities has commended the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for its giant strides in improving tertiary education in the country.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Sunday Malanga gave the commendation when he paid a courtesy visit to TETFund alongside some members of his executive recently.

According to Malanga “We are here for a courtesy call and to appreciate the wonderful work of TETFund in the areas of infrastructure and capacity building in Nigerian public universities. More importantly, we have identified a vacuum that can only be filled by TETFund, despite your tremendous work across all spheres of tertiary institutions”.

“Information about some of the critical interventions and operations hardly trickle down within the university community, and we are looking at ways this can be addressed, and one of the ways is by exploring our platform to communicate and disseminate to other members of the academic community.

Let me also state that TETFund has undoubtedly spent a lot on training the workforce within the academia. However, we believe the Directors of Academic Planning in institutions also need their capacity to be enhanced since they primarily drive the academic direction of universities”.



“For instance, the implementation of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS) has been quite challenging across universities as most of them are finding it difficult to implement the uniform areas in the curriculum due to lack of understanding among policy implementers.

We have scheduled a workshop in this regard and TETFund's support is very critical so that the CCMAS vision to promote entrepreneurship and mobilize resources for national prosperity can be achieved," he said.

In his remarks, Director of Research and Centres of Excellence Department of TETFund, Dr. Salisu Girei Bakari, who stood in for the Executive Secretary, Arc. Sonny Echono commended the committee for its foresight and willingness to be leveraged as medium for reaching the academic community on the Fund's interventions.

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He hinted that the Fund would factor in the committee's request on training for capacity enhancement for effective delivery and implementation of curriculum and academic initiatives that ensure competitive graduates are produced for the country.



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Directors of Academic Planning Committee VISIT THE FUND



FRSC Seeks TETFund's collaboration on Personnel Training

BY MUAZZAM GARO

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has solicited the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)'s support for its training institutions aimed at building and enhancing the capacity and professionalism of road safety personnel in Nigeria.

FRSC Corps Marshal, Malam Shehu Mohammed, made the request during a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono at the Fund's Headquarters in Abuja.

Malam Mohammed commended the magnitude of TETFund's intervention projects in tertiary institutions across the country and emphasized the need for collaboration between the two agencies to reduce road traffic crashes and achieve a zero-casualty rate.

"We have academic institutions, and these institutions were designated in 2023 by an Act to be self-funded outside the budget of Road Safety," Mohammed said.

"But today, we are not able to access the funding of those institutions. So it's an opportunity for us to come to TETFund, to appreciate TETFund, and to partner and see what TETFund can do for those institutions to have some infrastructure and funding, so that we can continue to reduce road crashes on Nigerian roads and have safer mobility wherever citizens of Nigeria can go within the country," he added.

The Corps Marshal also revealed FRSC's target of reducing road crashes by 50% with zero fatalities, stressing the importance of technology, research, and continuous personnel training to achieve set goal.

Responding, The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono expressed TETFund's commitment to collaborating with FRSC, particularly in awareness creation and training to promote safer roads, not only within tertiary institutions but across the country.

Arc. Echono also expressed satisfaction with the digital transformation witnessed in FRSC, saying the move has brought more sanity to roads.





“By embracing technology, you were able to also spread and even bring some visibility to the work you are doing; and I believe the Federal Road Safety Corps has done a very good job in this regard. It has been widely acknowledged that there is a sharp drop in the mortality rate, both in the rates of accidents and also in consequential mortality,” he said

Speaking further, Arc, Echono added that “TETFund will collaborate with every agency and organization in advancing the Nigerian project, in stimulating and accelerating the rate of development in our country. We are willing to explore all the opportunities for partnership, for collaboration, some of which you have highlighted and some of which you have made available to us”.

He assured that TETFund would support certified FRSC-owned institutions and collaborate on research initiatives to advance road safety awareness and training.



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Corp Marshal of Federal Road Safety Corps visits the Fund



NAPE/TETFund To Deepen Partnership on Research

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

The Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) has sought for deeper collaboration with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), targeted at grooming the younger workforce in the petroleum exploration industry to brace up for research and innovation.

The plea was made by the Association's President, Mr. Johnbosco Uche, when he led a delegation to the Fund's Headquarters in Abuja, recently.

The Association commended TETFund's efforts in driving the growth and development in public tertiary institutions across the federation, describing its interventions as key to human capital development.

"On behalf of NAPE, we commended you for the growth in our institutions across the country, particularly on infrastructure, research and training, which are critical to human capital development. TETFund is the lifeline when it comes to funding education and its footprints are everywhere." Uche stated.

He stressed further that "Our partnership with TETFund didn't start today, despite being oil and gas. We have a good number of our members in the Academia, and as an association, we drive policies that improve productivity in the sector. It is very important to state that we have an ageing workforce, there is serious need for a capable and trained workforce that will replace them.

"Students in our sector are struggling with research locally, and they thrive abroad due to the enabling environment. Therefore, we must create such an environment in Nigeria to drive innovation and productivity.

Change should start at the policy level by bridging the gap between Academia and Industry, and we believe it is about time the sector have this discussion on research and development which is struggling in our sector".



“We will clock 50 this year as an Association with over 13,000 members. We have journals that need more visibility and warehouses critical ideas and conversations on the sector. We also need assistance on conferences and developing technical capacity, and we believe TETFund is critical in achieving this cause and addressing the various concerns in the industry”, he said.

Responding, the Executive Secretary who was represented by the Director of Research, Development and Centres of Excellence, Dr. Salisu Girei Bakari stated that the Oil and Gas Sector has been a great contributor to education tax in the country and the Fund appreciates the association deeply in that regard.

According to Dr. Bakari, the Fund was established primarily to redefine the narratives and ensure that the academic community thrives and fulfils its mandate, while adding that there is a lot of demand for talents in the country, particularly on critical areas of the economy that can assist the nation to achieve greatness.

“Every of our investment here is to drive growth; and some of your area of requests align with our mandate, especially on research, development and innovation, as well as journal publication which are vital in retaining, sustaining and promoting intellectual assets. The First World countries are regarded as one because of the progress they have made in research and innovation and tooling it to their local advantage; while those regarded as Third World are struggling despite having abundant oil and gas. So, we must really move from research for publication to research for impact,” he stated.

He revealed that the Fund is establishing world class laboratories across geo-political zones to make testing and analyses of samples easier for researchers.

“We are not supposed to be struggling with R&D as we have one of the highest number of universities in Africa and we are still establishing more. Collaboration like this is important in advancing critical and specific interventions. For instance, this signals that the oil and gas industry needs a dedicated Centre of Excellence in at least driving the basic needs when it comes to research; and discussion on this will take shape as we engage further,” he said.



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ST VISIT TO THE FUND



Despite Forces, TETFund Still Stands Strong - The Punch

By Oluwatosin Ishowo

One of Nigeria's leading newspapers, The Punch has commended the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for remaining strong and focused on discharging its mandate despite attempts in some quarters to discredit its operations.

Editor of the Punch, Mr. Tunji Abioye gave the commendation when a delegation from the company led by the Executive Director, Business Development and Innovation, Mrs. Valerie Omowunmi Tunde-Obe paid a courtesy visit to the Management of the Fund in Abuja, recently.

Speaking during the visit, Mr. Abioye stated that The Punch newspaper has been covering and promoting the Fund's activities over the years and the visit was to further strengthen the relationship between the Fund and the newspaper.

He commended TETFund for its invaluable contributions to the education sector particularly in the areas of infrastructural development and research among others.

"TETFund contributes a lot to the education sector, such as trainings, research and innovation, and infrastructure. Your impact is so significant that it requires more awareness; so that people can have better understanding and appreciation for what you do. We want to add value and showcase you as a strategic partner in promoting your interventions. We can drive conversations regarding education and infrastructure as you are the leading education driver in the country," Abioye noted.

In her remarks, the Executive Director, Business Development and Innovation of The Punch, Mrs. Valerie Omowunmi Tunde-Obe also commended the Fund for its efforts in the development of public tertiary educational institutions in the country and assured that the newspaper would continue to project the achievements of the Fund on its platforms.

Speaking during the visit, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono expressed appreciation to the management of The Punch newspaper for the visit and positive reportage of the various intervention activities of the Fund.

He conveyed the Fund's respect for the media organization and assured the delegation of a more robust engagement with the newspaper.

Scholarship Programme: TETFund Holds Stakeholders' Roundtable on Local Component

By Hyelkuzuku Nggada

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has organized a roundtable meeting with the National Universities Commission (NUC), Vice Chancellors and Deans of Post Graduate Studies of Eighteen (18) Selected Public Universities for the local component of TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff Intervention Programme to discuss modalities on how to improve the programme.

The meeting, which took place at the TETFund Auditorium had in attendance the Executive Secretary and Management of the Fund, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, the President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke as well as Vice Chancellors, Deans of Post Graduate Studies and Provosts of Colleges of Postgraduate of the selected Institutions.

Speaking at the meeting, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc Sonny Echono disclosed that the meeting was the concluding phase of the streamlining of local institutions for study.

While congratulating the Institutions that were selected, the TETFund Boss further stated that the “meeting is to work out modalities for implementation of the new policy of the Fund on local sponsorship, bearing in mind the challenges faced in the past”.

He further stated that “my sincere appreciation goes to the NUC for painstakingly selecting eighteen (18) universities that would henceforth be the tenable Institutions of study for the local component of the TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff Intervention Programme”.





He expressed optimism that upon implementation of the new policy, the local component will significantly increase the number of beneficiaries of the TETFund Scholarship for Academic Staff Intervention Programme, while boosting investment and local capacity in the institutions.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu noted that the major problem with postgraduate programme is the duration of studies. He urged the heads of institutions to help open a new chapter in the programme through continuous monitoring of processes and identifying and resolving issues quickly. He said the initiative is a further collaboration with TETFund and pledged continued support from the commission.

Also speaking at the meeting, ASUU President, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke commended the Management of the Fund stating that the initiative was a good development.

He said, “let’s build our institutions to the extent that foreign institutions will come and partner with us”.



TETFund Anti-Corruption Unit Reconstituted

BY KAYODE AMOKO

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has been reconstituted by the Management of the Fund with officials from the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in attendance.

Speaking during the event, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono stated that ACTU was established in Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government by ICPC as one of its strategies to tackle corruption in the public service using staff of the organizations.

Arc. Sonny Echono noted that the ACTU was created to serve as an extension of ICPC in the MDAs to complement and strengthen the efforts of the Commission in the area of monitoring, reporting and preventing corruption in the MDA's.

“As a Trust Fund, we recognize the importance of fostering an environment where ethical conduct is not only encouraged but expected. Corruption in any form undermines our core values, jeopardizes our mission, and erodes public trust. This is part of the reasons why the reconstitution of the ACTU is a pivotal moment in our journey towards excellence and ethical governance,” he said.



While commending the efforts of the Director, Research and Development/Centres of Excellence, Dr. Salihu Girei Bakari who served as chairman of the past executive and his members, Arc. Echono stated that the new 8-member Committee was selected based on integrity and dedication to fight the ills of corruption. He added that all the nominees were subjected to scrutiny and vetting by the ICPC.

He congratulated the new members and urged them to approach their responsibilities with an unwavering sense of duty and integrity, assuring that the Fund would continue to support the activities of ACTU.

In his remarks, the ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, who was represented by the Director System Studies and Review Department of ICPC, Mr. Olusegun Adigun expressed appreciation to the Executive Secretary, management and staff of the Fund for their invaluable support in facilitating the successful inauguration of ACTU in the Fund.

He noted that the establishment of ACTU in MDAs was initiated by ICPC in collaboration with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), and it has evolved into a government-recognized anti-corruption platform.

According to Dr. Musa, “this unit functions as internal mechanism to identify and address systemic weaknesses while ensuring compliance with ethical standards across MDAs.

While congratulating the new team, he encouraged them to discharge their duties with utmost diligence, integrity, and professionalism.

In her remarks, the Acting Director Academic Staff Training and Development (AST&D) and new chairperson of TETFund ACTU, Dr. Hadiza Ismail expressed appreciation to the Executive Secretary for giving the team the opportunity to serve and assured that members would strive to ensure promotion of workplace ethics, integrity and values.



Other members are Engr. Tunde Olabiyi, Barr. Khalil Abdul, Mr. Akinkuade Gbenga Valentine, Mr. Ali Umar, Ms. Maryam Gbum Seember and Mrs. Grace Ohiozua Izevbhi, while Mr. Nkeachukwu Ibeawuchi will serve as Secretary.

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INAUGURATION OF TETFund CORRUPTION TRANSPARENCY EXECUTIVES ANTI- AND UNIT





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INNOV8ING FOR IMPACTFUL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

Welcome to a new world of R&D in Nigeria, where academic research doesn't just gather dust on shelves—it leaps into action and solves societal challenges through the power of innovation. In this article, we are spotlighting how TETFund-backed initiatives are turning "Eureka!" moments into market-ready marvels. Buckle up—this is innovation at full throttle!

1. R4i Cohort 30: From "What If?" to "What's Next?"

On March 28, 2025, the Research for Impact (R4i) Cohort 30 wrapped up with a bang—think research and innovation meets Shark Tank! Fifty-one lecturers and researchers from government-owned polytechnics (NBTE-affiliated) transformed from "just researchers" to solution providers and innovators in just two weeks. Before R4i? Their ideas were mostly hidden in journals. Afterwards? Fully awake, validated, and ready to change lives!

The innovations from the 11 polytechnic teams showcase a wide range of solutions addressing critical societal challenges. These include sustainable energy systems like Tri-Energy Solutions and Emass, which ensure uninterrupted power and efficient energy use, and agricultural advancements such as Spi-Rig and Moisture Mate, which optimize water and soil management. Environmental sustainability is tackled through Eco-Mod Tiles and Econek, which convert waste into useful products. Health and wellness are addressed with Rambo Kids, a nutritious cereal for children, and Funfit, a gamified fitness device for adults. Microchem ensures cleaner water through advanced filtration, while Power Watch enhances electricity monitoring and response. Lastly, NODA combats drug abuse through a student-centered digital platform, promoting safety and awareness on campuses. Collectively, these innovations reflect a strong commitment to sustainability, health, and community empowerment.



2. Dr. Ben Festus: A TETFAIR Success Story

TETFAIR Fellow, Dr. Ben Festus, a lecturer at Federal Polytechnic Ede, recently took center stage in a LinkedIn Live session hosted by Innov8 Hub, where he detailed his journey from concept to prototype through the TETFAIR initiative.

Key Takeaways from His Session:

- From Idea to Prototype: TETFAIR's structured mentorship helped refine his innovation into a functional model.
- Funding & Visibility: The program connected him with potential investors and industry partners.
- Mindset Shift: "Innovation isn't just about discovery—it's about execution," he emphasized.

His story underscores how TETFAIR bridges the gap between academic research and commercialization, offering a blueprint for other researchers to follow.



3. AGRO MILL SOLAR PRO (AGMISOP): A Case Study in Market-Ready Innovation

One of the standout innovations from TETFAIR 3 is AGMISOP, an off-grid micro milling machine for livestock and fish feed production. The team recently presented their prototype at a research exhibition at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, where it garnered significant attention.

Why Does AGMISOP Stand Out?

- Sustainable: Solar-powered, reducing reliance on unstable grid electricity.
- High Demand: Multiple stakeholders expressed immediate interest in procurement.
- Scalable: Potential to revolutionize small-scale agribusiness across Nigeria.

Prof. Ibrahim Lawal, an agricultural economist at the event, noted: "This is exactly the kind of innovation Nigeria's agro-industry needs—practical, affordable, and sustainable."





The Future of Nigerian R&D

The successes of R4i and TETF AIR illustrate a crucial shift in Nigeria's research ecosystem—where academia no longer operates in isolation but actively engages with industry and societal needs.

Key Lessons for Aspiring Innovators:

- Validation is Vital – Ensure research addresses real problems.
- Prototyping is Power – Move beyond papers to tangible models.
- Partnerships Propel Progress – Collaborate across academia, industry, and government.

As TETFund and Innov8 Hub continue to empower researchers, one thing is clear: Nigeria's innovation potential is limitless—when given the right tools, training, and opportunities.

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1. I LEFT MY CAMPSITE AND HIKEED SOUTH FOR 3 MILES. THEN, I TURNED EAST AND HIKEED FOR 3 MILES. I THEN TURNED NORTH AND HIKEED FOR 3 MILES, AT WHICH TIME I CAME UPON A BEAR INSIDE MY TENT EATING MY FOOD! WHAT COLOR WAS THE BEAR?

2. A MAN STANDS ON ONE SIDE OF A RIVER, HIS DOG ON THE OTHER. THE MAN CALLS HIS DOG, WHO IMMEDIATELY CROSSES THE RIVER WITHOUT GETTING WET AND WITHOUT USING A BRIDGE OR A BOAT. HOW DID THE DOG DO IT?

A photograph of Rt. Hon. Bello Masari, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of TETFund, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a blue patterned traditional Nigerian attire (agbada) and a black and white patterned cap (fila). He is looking down at a document on the podium. Several microphones are in front of him, including one with the NTA logo. The background is a blurred green and white striped pattern.

“We must train our young population to become experts in these innovative technologies to minimize dependency on foreign experts,”

Rt. Hon. Bello Masari, CFR (Chairman, Board of Trustees, TETFund).

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