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Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel

--Socrates

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Editorial

The FME Newsletter is a publication of the Federal Ministry of Education which conveys the activities/programmes of all the Departments, Units, Divisions, and Branches of the Ministry, as well as her Agencies and other education stakeholders. This collection forms a database for FME news, information and updates.

In the contemporary world, the strength of a nation is not only based on natural resources and large population, but also on its intellectual capacity and technological advancement. This is to say that it has become imperative for people to be able to utilise the body of knowledge they acquire, be it in a formal or non-formal setting.

In light of the above, we bring to your knowledge one of the most innovative Educational programmes embarked upon by the Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Education to revamp the education sector to better serve the critical needs and aspirations of the Nation.

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Ultimately, it will create some caliber of persons with requisite entrepreneurial skills to embark on self-employment or be employed by industries. It will also positively impact on graduate unemployment and, thereby contribute to the overall social stability, economic growth as well as strengthen the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system. For more information on the project, please visit website: www.ideasproject.gov.ng

This edition of the Newsletter provides an outlook of the Ministry and some of its numerous activities.

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Profile Of

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, RT. HON. GOODLUCK NANAH OPIAH

The Honourable Minister of State for Education was born in Abacheke Egbema, Imo State on the 23rd October, 1964.

With a strong belief that great men are not necessarily born great, but achieve greatness, the young Opiah embraced education at a very early age. He attended St. Michael's Primary School, Abacheke, Imo State and proceeded to Egbema Secondary School for his secondary education. He later attended the prestigious Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, where he bagged a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc.) in Business Education, specializing in Management. He also holds a Master of Science Degree (MSc) in Corporate Governance from Leeds Metropolitan University, United Kingdom.

His working career took him through enviable management positions in reputable national and multi-national organizations such as San Ventures Limited, UTC Plc., BEWAC Plc., and Gohanah Nigeria Limited, an Oil/Gas indigenous firm where he served as Field Manager, General Manager, and Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, respectively, before joining the Public Service in 2003.

He was elected Member of the Imo State House of Assembly in 2003, and was re-elected for a second term in 2007. He was also elected Honorable Speaker of the same legislature in 2007, a position he retained till 2011. A compassionate and astute politician and consummate leader, he combined integrity, diplomacy, inclusiveness and



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decency to stabilize the very turbulent political climate of Imo State at that time. He represented Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency in the Green Chambers of the National Assembly (2015-2019) and was exceptional in his legislative duties and general representation at the House of

Representatives.

Opiah was appointed the Special Adviser/Coordinator, Petroleum and Gas Matters by the Governor of Imo State, His Excellency, Senator Hope Uzodimma. In December 2021, he was elevated to the position of Commissioner for Petroleum Resources where he piloted the affairs of the Ministry creditably.

He was appointed a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and sworn in as Minister of State for Education by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, on the 6th of July, 2022.

A committed philanthropist, Opiah derives pleasure from serving his people. He also excelled in law-making and was honored by the Yitzhak Rabin Centre, Israel, as the Most Outstanding Speaker of the State Houses of Assembly in Nigeria in 2009. He later became the Chairman of Board of Governors of the same Centre (African Region) in 2010. He was also the National Secretary of the Conference of Speakers of the State Legislatures of Nigeria between 2008-2011.

He is an Environmental Activist and unrepentant crusader against the environmental degradation and pollution in the oil producing areas of Imo State, and the Niger Delta as well as an enthusiastic proponent of entrepreneurial education.

Rt. Hon. Goodluck Opiah is a devout Christian and is happily married.

Profile Of

MR. ANDREW, DAVID ADEJO, PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Mr. Andrew, David Adejo was born on 21st October, 1964 in Apapa, Lagos State, where he completed his primary and secondary education at Army Children's School 3, Apapa and Gaskiya College, Ijora-Badiya, Lagos, respectively. He acquired a B.Sc in Botany from University of Jos as well as an M.Sc in Crop Science from University of Maiduguri, Borno State

The Permanent Secretary gained employment in the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria in 1988 and was posted to the Federal Department of Forestry Field Office in Maiduguri. In the course of his career, he acquired a number of professional qualifications as well as having the opportunity of working with numerous agencies of government and international development partners such as Special Assistant, Infrastructure and Energy, in the administration

of late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua and the Team Leader, Governance and Peace-Building Unit in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

At the Federal Ministry of Finance, he contributed his quota, and eventually led the articulation of the building blocks of a National Single Register and Payment Delivery System for credibly identifying the poor and vulnerable individuals, which is currently in use by the National Social Investment Office (NSIO) in providing social safety interventions in the country. As National Coordinator of the World Bank-Assisted Youth Employment and Social Support Operation (YESSO), he ensured the adoption

of a Community-Based Targeting System and Host Community Based Identification Scheme to provide support for the poor and vulnerable in all parts of Nigeria. He has also contributed immensely to repositioning of the Forestry Association as a life member.

He became a Federal Permanent Secretary in 2019 and was deployed to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (Political and Economic Affairs Department) where he spear-headed the process that led to the development of the National Poverty Reduction with Growth Strategy, National Policy on Inclusive Volunteerism for Nigeria, National Chemical and Biological Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan, amongst others.

He was redeployed to the Federal Ministry of Education on 11th April, 2022. He is happily married and has three children.

RETIRED PERMANENT SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, ARC. SONNY S. T ECHONO HANDS OVER TO THE DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Arc. Echono presenting the handover note to D (HRM)

The hand-over ceremony from the outgoing Permanent Secretary, (PSE), Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono to the Director (Human Resource Management) took place at the Federal Ministry of Education on 6th January 2022. In

attendance were the Honourable Minister of State for Education (HMSE), Heads of parastatals and some Directors in the Ministry.

In his address the D (HRM) expressed appreciation to outgoing PSE for his achievements, which include the

establishment of six Colleges of Education. He thanked Arc. Echono for his input to key projects in the Ministry and repositioning of its structure.

In a farewell address, the (HMSE), Honourable Chukwuemeka

Nwajiuba described the outgoing PSE as a brother; friend and colleague, stating that he had known Arc. Echono when he was the Chairman of TETFund before his appointment as Federal Minister of Education.

In his response, the outgoing Permanent Secretary expressed appreciation to the HMEs for their trust in him, adding that, during his tenure he had neither been involved in any fraudulent issue nor been called by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission for any crime-related matter. He thanked all the Directors and members of staff for the healthy cooperation enjoyed during his tenure as the Permanent Secretary.



INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE ACQUISITION OF SKILLS (IDEAS) PROJECT

The IDEAS Project is a World Bank-assisted project of the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) through the Federal Ministry of Education (FME). The Project represents a first step of a long-term programmatic approach of the FGN to re-engineer skills development with the needs of a dynamic and increasingly diversified economy and the skills requirements of modern employment. The requirements go beyond narrowly defined technical competencies and include digital, foundational, socio-emotional and life-long learning skills as well.

The objective of IDEAS Project for Nigeria is to enhance the capacity of the Nigerian skills development system to produce relevant skills for the formal and informal sectors of the economy.

This Project has four components:

The first component: Incentivizing Partnership with Industry for Enhanced Quality and Labor-Market Orientation of Public Technical Colleges. Its aim is to provide grant funding for the rehabilitation and upgrading of Federal and State Technical Colleges (TCs) with the aim of

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transforming their operational models into public private partnerships, in which industry partners assume a prominent role in institutional governance, management and planning, training and service delivery.

The second component: Improving Skills Formation in the Informal Sector and aims to deliver a comprehensive capacity development intervention package for the improvement and modernization of informal apprenticeships to selected informal sector clusters.

The third component: Increasing the Availability of Competent and Motivated Technical Teachers and Instructors. It aims to improve the availability of appropriately skilled and competent Technical Teachers and Instructors (TTI) in the skills development space throughout the country, including teaching staff of private skills development institutions. The Project will start

with technical teaching staff in Technical Colleges (TCs).

The fourth component: Strengthening the Regulatory Environment and

Public Management Capacities for Market-Oriented Skills Development. It will support further rolling-out of the Nigerian Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) reform.

The project operates at the Federal and State levels. At the Federal level, the Project is designed to help strengthen the capacity of twenty (20) Science and Technical Colleges while the state level interventions will be implemented in the six (6) pilot states of Abia (South East Zone), Benue (North Central), Edo (South South), Ekiti (South west), Gombe (North East), and Kano (North West) the world bank which is providing the credit facility for this project advised implementers for the project to involve the private sector so as to ensure sustainability of the project.

The project effectiveness date is 18th February, 2020 while the closing date is 30th June 2025.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

A five-day technical workshop for the preparation of Implementation Plan for Programmes and Projects admitted into the National Development Plan (NDP), 2021-2025 was held at the National Universities Commission from 23rd -27th May, 2022. Participants at the workshop were drawn from FME headquarters, and its parastatals, tertiary institutions and Federal Government Colleges.

The objectives of the 5 days Technical Sessions were to:

i) equip participants with development planning tools and skills to assist them in developing a logical process for effective implementation of programmes and projects captured in

their sector plan and ensure the attainment of the objectives of the NDP 2021-2025.

ii) identify programmes and projects that will be funded through the federal government budgetary provisions and PPP model;

iii) ensure that government expenditure reflects its priorities as articulated in the NDP 2021-2025; and

iv) ensure that only programmes and projects captured in the NDP are admitted into the budget.

In her welcome address, the former Director, Educational Planning Research and Development, Dr (Mrs.) Ogochuku Ufoegbune stated that the journey

towards the overall development process of the NDP had come a long way, commencing with the inauguration of the National Steering Committee (NSC) in December, 2020 by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

She pointed out that, all the programmes and projects admitted into the NDP had been assigned unique identified codes for tracking purposes and that, out of the 19,156 programmes and projects admitted into NDP 2021-2025, FME has a total of 5,691 Programmes. She urged participants to accord priority to the hands-on session.

In his keynote address, the Hon. Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu stated that the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and

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INAUGURATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RE-NEGOTIATION OF FGN/COEASU 2010 AGREEMENTS

The Committee on Renegotiation of Federal Government of Nigeria/Colleges of Education Staff Unions 2010 Agreements was inaugurated on the 21st of June, 2022 at the Ministry's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja.

The Honourable Minister of Education was represented by the Permanent Secretary. Members who comprised the Committee were Chairmen, Governing Councils of Federal Colleges of Education (FCEs) Yola, Kano, FCE (T) Oyo, FCE (T) Bichi and FCE (T) Asaba. Others in attendance included Directors of various Departments of the Ministry, Executive Secretary, NCCE, representative of the Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission, Presidents and representatives of Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU) and Senior Staff Union of Colleges of Education of Nigeria (SSUCOEN).

In her welcome address, the Director of Colleges of Education Department, FME, Mrs. O. N. Anyaoku, noted that the earlier

inauguration took place in July, 2017 but was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She assured participants that government was working tirelessly to ensure the completion of the exercise, and urged them make meaningful critique on issues, which was expected to



Cross section of participants at the event

culminate into a workable and signed agreement.

In his keynote address, which was delivered by the Permanent Secretary, the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu noted that the tenure of the team that started the exercise ended during the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic; thereby necessitating the formation of a fresh team that will conclude the exercise. He appealed to the Committee not to disappoint the Federal

Government that found each of them worthy of the task, as well as reminded them of the enormous responsibilities that came with it. He also urged the Committee to redouble its efforts towards producing a realistic and workable draft Agreement that would holistically tackle the

challenges confronting the sub-sector and reposition it effectively to play its very important role in national development. Furthermore, the Minister reiterated the fact that the Committee was free to recommend any other issue it deemed relevant to reposition the Colleges for global competitiveness,

assuring them of the Federal Government's support and cooperation. He officially inaugurated the Committee on the Renegotiation of the 2010 Federal Government / Colleges of Education Staff Unions Agreement.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Kabiru Isyaku stated that the Committee would work to the best of their ability and knowledge.

HME MONITORS 2022/2023 NATIONAL COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The National Common Entrance Examination for admission into the 110 Federal Unity Colleges took place on Saturday, 7th May, 2022, with a total number of 68,638 pupils sitting for it.

The Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu

Adamu, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, disclosed this when he led some top Ministry and NECO officials on a monitoring exercise to some centres. He revealed that 71,738 pupils registered while 68,638 sat for the examination, adding that the examinations were conducted peacefully.

The PSE also stated that the Federal Unity Schools still remain the best option as far as Nigerian basic education is concerned and, thus, must endeavour to continue being competitive. He stressed that laid down standards and criteria would strictly be adhered to in the selection of the successful candidates.

The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of NECO, Professor Ibrahim Wushishi confirmed that Lagos State recorded the highest number of registered candidates for the 2022 examinations with 19,516 candidates. He added that Kebbi State recorded the lowest number with 74 candidates (37 males and 37 females).



Permanent Secretary Mr. Andrew, David Adejo monitoring
2022/2023 National Common Entrance Examination

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW EIGHT COUNCIL OF FEDERAL POLY AND SIX FCE COUNCILS

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The members of the Governing Councils were drawn from diverse walks of life in the public service and academia, with experience in Polytechnic and Colleges of Education affairs as well as being familiar with the policy options of government in the Nigerian tertiary education system. The appointments are in line with the

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Chairmen & members of Governing Councils of the Eight Federal Polytechnics
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Cross section of participants at the inauguration of the new Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education councils

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In his address, the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu informed the Governing Councils that the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, had always exercised great caution in the appointment of Chairmen and members of the GCs of the nation's Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education. He stated that, the duties of the GCs, as the

governing bodies of the institutions, include general control and supervision over their policy, finance and property, adding that their tenure was three years from the date of inauguration. The Minister advised that they should familiarise themselves with the specific laws establishing their institutions and other relevant laws of the Federation, exercise their powers with the utmost sense of responsibility and for the best interest of their institutions. He also identified their functions, powers and how best to avoid conflict situations in the discharge of their duties.

The Minister drew their attention to the poor management of funds which remains the major operational constraint in the sector, and urged them to judiciously utilise the limited funds allocated by government, so that the Councils would not need to depend on the government for everything but should generate funds from other sources such as philanthropic organisations, individuals and NGOs through endowments. He added that the GCs should observe the principles of federal character in the appointment of staff. He urged

them to adopt global best practices and comply with the statutory guidelines in the performance of their supervisory functions.

In his address, the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Honourable Adamu Adamu stated that the present administration places high premium on education, especially that of the teeming youth, for which reason government approved the establishment of additional Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education in the States where there were previously none.

Below are the names of the new institutions:

A) Polytechnics

- i) Federal Polytechnic, Ugep, Cross River State
- ii) Federal Polytechnic, Ayede, Oyo State
- iii) Federal Polytechnic, Nyak Shendam, Plateau State
- iv) Federal Polytechnic, Ohodo, Enugu State
- v) Federal Polytechnic, Wannune, Benue State

2022 COMMONWEALTH DAY PRESS BRIEFING

A Press Briefing on the 2022 Commonwealth Day was held on the 7th of March, 2022 with the theme, Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, and Transforming. The aim was to acquaint participants of the events to mark the day and all the activities for implementation by the Commonwealth organs and organisations throughout the year.

The then HMSE, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, in his address, stated that, the theme emanated from the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, (CHOGM) which was postponed twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as such, the theme remained the same.

He posited that, the observance of the Commonwealth Day on the aforementioned date highlighted



Honourable Minister of State for Education delivering his address at the press briefing

the neutrality of the union of nations and their equal status as they commit to work towards a better future on germane issues, thereby, complementing the evolution of the name from Empire Day to British Commonwealth Day in 1958 and the removal of the term British in 1966.

He informed guests at the occasion that, the FME had sent reminders to State Ministries of Education about the observance and that selected Senior Secondary Schools in the FCT and

its environs had been directed to participate in the Commonwealth Day Observance Quiz competition for Secondary Schools and other activities therein. The goal of the competition is to ascertain students' knowledge on the evolution of Commonwealth Day commemoration and other germane issues, adding that prizes would be given to the

winners.

The former HMSE hinted that, the students are expected to display the national flags of all member nations in a flag parade, participate in a competition in Arts and Craft, Dance, Drama, Cultural Displays and rendition of the theme song. He expressed his desire for all the State Ministries of Education would enjoin their schools to commemorate the Commonwealth Day.

DATA: KEY TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 4th National Conference on Education Management Information System held in Gombe State from 20th to 24th June, 2022 with the theme, Sustainability and Maintenance of On-line Data Generation Using Tablets and Android Phone. The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), who was represented by the Registrar/CEO of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), posited in his keynote address that the provision of credible, reliable, and timely

data is an imperative for national planning, policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development interventions and reform initiatives in the country, especially in the education sector. He further stated that, the Ministry was making tremendous progress in the production and dissemination of

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Dignitaries at the 4th National Conference on Education Management Information System, Gombe

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The Minister opined that, discussions at the Conference would help to improve on the automation of data production and management processes in line with evolving global trends.

He also assured participants that the Ministry would continue to strengthen EMIS to build the needed capacity for quality output in line with international best practices.

The Executive Governor of Gombe State, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, stated that, his

administration had substantially revamped the education sector in the state with a considerable increase in school enrolment, literacy, numeracy and positive learning outcomes. He revealed that Gombe State had recorded a lot of improvement in ICT, infrastructural development and building the capacity of teachers, which he assured would impact positively on education in the State. He urged stakeholders to do whatever they could to improve on education as a matter of priority. He expressed the determination of the State to cooperate with all stakeholders to uplift NEMIS in the interest of the nation and Gombe State.

In his address, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, represented by the Director of Information and

2022 National Common Entrance Examination Result Released

A Press Briefing on the release of 2022 National Common Entrance Examination (NCEE) result was held at the Ministry's Conference room on the 20th June, 2022. The Honourable Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, in his remarks, expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of witnessing the formal release of the 2022 NCEE result. He stated that a total number of 71, 738 pupils registered, while 68, 638 sat for the Examination. Lagos State registered the highest number of candidates, followed by Abuja and Anambra, respectively. The candidate with the highest scores was Ajidagba Mariam Akanke, who is an indigene of Sokoto State, while Obot Abundance idara from Akwa Ibom State came second.



NECO Registrar handing over the result to the Permanent Secretary FME

According to the Registrar of NECO, Prof. Wushishi, the results of the examination indicated a remarkable improvement in terms of performance and number of registered candidates compared to year 2021.

The Permanent Secretary officially announced the release of the 2022 National Common

Entrance Examination (NCEE) results and urged parents and guardians to visit NECO website (www.neco.gov.ng) for the results of their children/wards. He assured everyone that the FME would ensure that all admission processes are completed on or before Friday 7th July, 2022.

LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DOCUMENT

The National Human Capital Development Strategy document was launched by the National Economic Council, (NEC) at a special meeting convened for that purpose in Abuja on the 23rd of June, 2022.

Nigeria's Human Capital Development Programme designed in recognition of the fact that human capital development plays a critical role in addressing poverty while ensuring participatory and sustainable economic growth. The Programme is aimed at increasing investment in the Nigerian people, thereby improving Nigeria's Human Capital Development (HCD) indices. In driving the HCD programme, a core working group was established with the mandate to develop a strategy and action plan to increase countrywide HCD investments, highlight quick wins at Federal and State levels and also to improve the

HCD indices of the country by instituting a robust countrywide monitoring and evaluation frame.

Those in attendance were top dignitaries within and outside the shores of Nigeria led by the Vice President and Head of the National Economic Team, Professor Yemi Osinbajo (SAN), Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau, representatives of the Prime Ministers of Senegal and Sierra Leone, the Honourable Ministers of Education, Finance, Health and Labour, the Executive Governors of Borno, Yobe, Gombe and Nassarawa States, ECOWAS Commission, the World Bank, Aliko Dangote Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and a host of other development partners.

In his opening remark, the Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Mr Adeola Rahman, reiterated that human capital is essential to economic progress

with long lasting impact on economic growth. He stressed the fact that it was only a healthy, educated and skilled workforce that could participate fully in the development of the economy, noting that HCD is a major driver of growth and is critical for a country to compete in the 21st century. He further maintained that HCD outcomes such as strong health systems and financial inclusion are critical to social wellbeing and resilience.

The Vice President of the ECOWAS Commission, Mrs. Finda M. Koroma, in her remarks, stated that the ECOWAS Commission was committed to developing regional vision and strategy for advancing member states in 2020 and 2021. She further stated that, the Commission embarked on a tour of Member States to design a regional integrated strategy around the HCD challenges and opportunities, stressing

NATIONAL CONFERENCE TaRL AND PARTNERS



Participants at the TaRL Conference in Abuja

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The event took off with opening remarks by TaRL Advisor, Hafsat Hamza; the partnership and fund-

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History of TaRL in Africa

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partners working to address the learning crises in primary schools in Africa through the evidence-based TaRL approach. At present, (2022), TaRL Africa has country teams in Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia who work directly to scale up TaRL across the continent.

TaRL in Nigeria

Nigeria, like many countries across the world, is experiencing a learning crisis. Preliminary results from the 2020 National Learning Assessment (NLA) indicate that 55% of grade four learners are unable to read fluently and comprehend. Similarly, the 2020 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) indicated that only 66.8% of children aged 12 to 14 years could at least read one of three words and only 67.3% of children of the same age group could solve single digit sums. Lower educational outcomes are even more pronounced in the northern part of the country. TaRL Africa

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BARRISTER OTUYA DOES THE MINISTRY PROUD

Barrister Cordelia Otuya C.E. Esq (Mrs.) was on 17th June, 2022 honoured by the Federal Ministry of Education in an award ceremony to acknowledge her achievements. A native Umutu in Ukwani LGA, Delta State, Barr. Otuya was born on a cloudy Sunday morning on the 23rd June, 1963. She attended her primary school within her locality, Mrs. Otuya obtained her first degree on French civilization and linguistics at the Delta state university between 1983-1987.

She attended Universite' Du Benin Lome, Togo, where she obtained a diploma certificate in French studies in 1986.

Barr. Otuya was trained as a confidential bilingual secretary at Speed Writing International College, Ikeja, Lagos and obtained a diploma in Secretariat Studies.

In her quest to better her lot, she studied law at the University of Abuja between 1997-2004, from where she obtained LLB, BL in 2006 and LLM in 2011 respectively.

Barr. Otuya got employed into the Federal Civil Service, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF) on the 20th of April, 1993 as a Secretary Assistant. Her diligence and attention to details saw her rise through the ranks to her present grade level- Grade Level 13.

Following her call to bar in 2007, she was redeployed to the Federal Ministry of Justice and posted to the Civil Litigation Department where she gained experience and further specialized in civil matters.

She has successfully obtained over (50) Fifty judgments from the Federal High Court and the National Industrial court of Nigeria in favour of the Federal Ministry of Education, including the recent judgment in Suit No: **FHC/ABJ/CS/1334/19 Miss Promise Ekpe Vs FME & 4 Others and in Suit No: NICN/ABJ/88/2018 Akpan Abasiama John Vs FME & 2 Others** which saved the Ministry from public embarrassment and also payment of judgment debts valued at the sum of N500,000,000 (Five hundred Million Naira) each, adding up to a total of sum N1,000,000,000 (One Billion Naira).

She was awarded a Presidential award on the 23rd June, 2022 and a Ministerial Award on 17th June, 2022.

Mrs. Otuya has enjoyed and mastered the art of litigation and other activities in the Court room through the numerous cases assigned to her and her ability to diligently prosecute same. She is happily married and has three (3) children.



PSE Presenting the award to Barr. Otuya C.E.

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Ministry of Education remains the most informative, educative, entertaining, challenging, inspiring and authentic source of information on the past and current issues/activities of the Ministry. The 2023 Newsletter is one of the publications of the Ministry that depicts the image maker of the Ministry via publications and media activities.

The Federal Ministry of Education 2023 World Teachers Day event was drawn up to provide teachers with comprehensive information On the Teachers we need for education and global imperative to reverse the Teacher shortage in all Federal Unity Colleges with appropriate guidelines and teaching information. Thus, a good strategy to professional teaching across Unity Schools. The main purpose of this Newsletter is to disseminate information on education or the Ministry to members of staff, Education Agencies, Parastatals and Stakeholders.

2023 COMMONWEALTH DAY MARKED IN ABUJA

The 2023 Commonwealth Day was marked on Monday, 13th March 2023 at the National Universities Commission (NUC) Maitama, Abuja with the theme, **"Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future"**

The dignitaries in attendance were Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Honourable Nanah Goodluck Opiah; the Permanent Secretary, Mr. David Andrew Adejo; Commonwealth Desk Officer, Mrs. Ada Maria Amedu; Commonwealth Country Director, Royal Commonwealth Society, Nigeria, Mr. Blackson Olaseri Bayewunmi; Director, Education Support Services Dr. L. I. Giginna. The schools invited were Federal Government Boys' College Apo, Abuja; Federal Government Academy, Suleja; Government Secondary School, Tudun Wada; Federal Government College, Rubochi; Blessed and Precious

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The Federal Government Boys' College, Apo Band Group played the national anthem, which was followed by an opening prayer.

The Director, Education Support Services officially welcomed all to the 2023 Commonwealth Day Celebration and re-affirmed her belief in the Commonwealth as a powerful influence for good in the world.

In his opening remarks, the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, who was represented by the Honourable Minister of State for Education Rt. Honourable Goodluck Opiah, urged participants to continue to work in harmony with other Commonwealth Member Nations. He opined that the yearly commemoration of the Commonwealth day, including

other activities jointly undertaken by the group of nations, demonstrates that the Commonwealth Charter remains invaluable in uniting member of nations towards a common value and aspirations. He stated that the Commonwealth was consistent in the pursuit of sustaining friendship, ensuring peace, freedom, perseverance, strength as well as unity in diversity not only for its people but for the rest of the world. He enjoined all to celebrate the youths in line with the thirteenth principle of the charter which recognises the importance of young people to the Commonwealth.

In his keynote address, the Honourable Minister of State hinted that the future success of the Commonwealth rested with the continued commitment and contributions of young people in promoting and sustaining the



Organising committee presenting a gift to the Honourable Minister of State, Hon. Goodluck Nanah at the Commonwealth event

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2023 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The 2023 World Teachers' Day celebration took place at Eagle Square Abuja, FCT on the 5th of October, 2023 hosted by the Federal Ministry of Education with the theme **"The Teachers we need for the Education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage"**

Dignitaries who graced the occasion were: the Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Kashim Shettima;

Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu; Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan CFR, Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Barrister Uju Kennedy Ohanenye; Speaker, Hon. Dr. Mark Useni; Honourable Minister of States FCT, Dr. Mrs. Mariya Mahmud, Senate

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Senator Ibrahim Shettima and his aides

need for the Education we want: The global imperative to reverse teacher shortage" is pertinent considering the fact that the rapidly changing world has thrown up new challenges and new trends in education. Emergencies caused by armed conflicts, natural disasters, climate change and pandemics such as COVID-19 have changed the education landscape and

expanded the roles of Teachers.

This year's World Teachers' Day (WTD) celebration therefore presents us with yet another opportunity to reflect on the principles contained in the historic 1966 ILO / UNESCO recommendation and to advocate and promote their articulation as policy documents for implementation in our

nation's educational programmes.

The opening prayer was led by all with first and second stanza of the National Anthem.

In his welcome address, the Honourable Minister of State for Education welcomed all special guests and participants to the event.

In his opening remarks, the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN welcomed all. He stated that teachers efficiency in performance and quality of education should be improved through the initiative measures of the federal government towards promoting professionalism and development of teachers on its part. He further stated that the importance of teacher should reflect in their works and conduct which represents deeply in their students. He therefore urged teachers to always pay attention to their responsibilities transmitting lifelong skills, virtues and experience that our children desire. He urged teachers to be aware of and promote their roles as role models, mentors to their students and build good relationships with their communities. In his conclusion in appreciation of the day, he



Federal Ministry of Education during their March Past



The Minister and Honourable Minister of States of Education

restated the granting of professionally trained teachers license to practice internationally, in other words, teachers have the option of migrating to other countries especially United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa etc as endorsed by the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN).

In his closing remarks, Mr. Andrew David Adejo gave thanks to God for making the event possible and successful, he appreciated the efforts of the President, Asiwaju



HME giving a speech



Cultural troupe entertaining the guests



Union of Teachers from Lagos State during the March past

ANNUAL FEDERAL EDUCATION SECTOR GAMES (FEDUGAM)

The official flag-off of the 3rd Annual Federal Education Sector Games (FEDUGAM) took place at the Nasarawa State University Sports complex, Keffi Nasarawa State from Monday 15th- Friday 19th May, 2023. The theme of the event was: "FEDUGAM KEFFI 2022/2023",

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FEDUGAM only received due attention in December, 2016 when the Ministry's contingent to the

Public Service Games in Jos (FEPSGA) was received by the Honourable Minister, who was elated by the performance of the team which won 56 medals. He then reiterated his strong desire for the participation of the Ministry's Agencies. Encouraged by the positive disposition of the Honourable Minister, the then Permanent Secretary, Arc. Sonny Echono and his Management Team constituted and inaugurated the Steering Committee for the Federal Education Sector Games (FEDUGAM) which comprises representatives of the Ministry and its Agencies.

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List of Awardees and their Ranking

S/N	CATEGORY	NAME	SCORE (%)	POSITION	INSTITUTION	Grade Level	REMARKS
1	Best Teacher	i. Otunubi Samson Olugbenga ii. Ojo Titilope Peter iii. Ubani Rosemond Ibinye	84 79 71	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGA, Suleja FGGC, Ikot Obioitong FGGC, Abuloma	13 12 13	
2	Best VP	i. Ukama Cordelia ii. Taiwo Olubunmi iii. Ofurum Dillys E	90 80 71	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGA, Suleja FSTC, Ilesha FGGC, Ikot Obioitong	16 17 16	
3	Best Unity College	i. FGGC, Bwari ii. FGGC Abuloma iii. FGC, Ikot Ekpene	97 88 86	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGGC, Bwari FGGC, Abuloma FGC, Ikot Ekpene		
4	Best Innovation	i. Onuoha Izuchukwu ii. Joseph Inyeke A iii. Ebire Victor O	88 83 62	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGC, Ikot Obioitong FGA, Suleja FGGC, Akure	10 9 15	
5	Best Junior	i. Salisu Alhaji Salisu ii. Unoren Essien Ubong iii. Ebirien Enok M.	76.5 76 50	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGA, Suleja FGC, Ikot Obioitong FGGC Port Harcourt	04 04 04	
6	Best Evaluator	i. Itua Amop ii. Ocheja Samuel iii. Ahmodu Iyabode	68 66 63	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FEQAS Lagos FEQAS HQ FEQAS HQ	16 15 15	
7	Best Senior	i. Ibiam China A ii. Adikwu Samuel iii. Ofuani Ndubisi	54 37 30	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGC Ikot Obioitong College of Education EPR&D	13 14 14	Low score Low score
8	Best Directorate cadre	i. Etu Samuel Ogachere ii. Olaide Erhioja Juliana iii. Acholonu Juliet Chioma	50 46 45	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	College of Edu FSB Abuja FSB Abuja	15 15 16	Low score Low score Low score

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10	Best Director Coordinating Evaluator	i. Oyegun Agbake Arinola ii. Akalonu Chinenye Genevieve iii. Udanyi Rhoda Eke	48 40 25	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FEQAS Abeokuta FEQAS P/H FEQAS Jos	17 17 17	Low score Low score Low score
11	Best Teacher with Special Need	I. Bayode, Akindele Olufemi	53	1 st position	Kings' College Lagos	09	
12	Best Principal	i. Eze-Odurukwe Ifeoma ii. Dr Abdullahi Y iii. Obute Dasoye	92 87.5 84.5	1 st position 2 nd position 3 rd position	FGGC NKWELLE Ezunaka FGA Suleja	17 17 17	
13	Best Athlete						Not Qualified



Federal Minister of State for Education Hon. Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu with the Nominees



Students from FGC Buhari

MINISTERIAL PRESS BRIEFING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNUAL WORLD TEACHER'S DAY, 2023

The World Teachers' Day is held annually on 5 October to celebrate all teachers around globe. It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment/employment, and teaching and learning conditions. Being a teacher provides the unique opportunity to make a transformative and lasting impact on the lives of others, contributing to shaping sustainable futures and offering personal fulfilment. However, the world faces an unprecedented global teacher shortage exacerbated by a decline in their working conditions and status.

The Ministerial Press Briefing for the observance of the annual World Teacher's Day was held on Tuesday, 26th September 2023 at the Ministry's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja. The theme for the 2023 year's observance was, "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage."

The briefing commenced with the first stanza of the National Anthem and an opening prayer (2nd Stanza of the Anthem) followed by self-introduction by the participants.



Hon. Minister, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN (centre), beside him is the Permanent Secretary FME Mr. Andrew, David Adejo.

In attendance were, the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN, the Permanent Secretary, Andrew, David Adejo OON; National President of the Nigeria Union of Teachers, Comrade Audu Titus Amba, the Director General of National Teacher's Institute (NTI), Kaduna, Prof. Musa Maitsafir and the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Prof. Paulinus Chijioke Okwele, and the President of Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), Mr. Aliyu Amba, Directors and staff of the Federal Ministry of Education.

In his welcome address, the National President of the NUT

extended the felicitations of the great teachers of Nigeria. He also acknowledged the Honourable Minister of Education, the Permanent Secretary, Chief Executives of Parastatals and Agencies as well as Directors of the FME for their contributions to the successful celebration of the historical annual event.

He stated that the theme of the 2023 World Teacher's Day (WTD), "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage" Brought to the fore the main challenges confronting Nigeria's educational system needs the right quality education for



The Hon. Minister, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN during the briefing on World Teachers' Day 2023



HME, PSE and management staff after Press Briefing on 2023 World Teachers' Day

sustainable development, with the right quality and quantity of teachers. The comrade stated that, the theme also underscored the centrality of the efforts made by the Federal Government to revitalise the education sector for greater service delivery.

In his press briefing, the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN informed the meeting that the global remembrance was dedicated to celebrate teachers since the idea was proposed by UNESCO/ILO in 1966. He stated that in collaboration with the United Nations Agencies, it had been celebrated since 1994. He further informed that the theme draws attention to the strategic role teachers play in achieving quality education for all and the dire need to rejuvenate the profession for sustainability.

He explained that the activities included the inauguration of a planning committee, media brief, symposium, and the bequeathing of prestigious awards to excellent school

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administrators, teachers, education stakeholders and dignitaries. The main responsibility is to coordinate the commemoration activities

which include initiatives aimed at identifying quality schools, teachers and school administrators to be rewarded on the D-day. The key topics to be discussed were 'Teacher Attrition Crisis: Explore the Reasons Behind the Attrition of Qualified Teachers and its Impact on the Education System' by the Director General of National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, Prof. Musa Maitafsir and the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Colleges Education (NCCE), who discussed the Need for Continuous Training and Retraining of Teachers to Equip Them with the Skills Needed in Modern Classrooms Including the Use of Technology and Hybrid Learning'.

The briefing on the Ministerial Press for the Observance of the Annual World Teacher's Day, concluded with questions, answers and symposium. The Director, Education Support Services D (ESS) Dr. Mrs. L. I. Giginna gave a vote of thanks.

The Federal Ministry Of Education Holds Send Forth For Her Ministers

The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) organised a farewell celebration for the two Ministers of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu and Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Honourable Goodluck Nana Opiah on Thursday, 25th May 2023, at the Ministry's conference room.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were the two outgoing Ministers; the Permanent Secretary, Mr. David Andrew Adejo; the former Permanent Secretary of Education and now Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), Arc. Sonny Echono, FME Directors and staff and Heads of the Ministry's Parastatals and Agencies.

In his welcome remarks, the Director, Human Resource Management (DHRM), Mr. David Gende expressed appreciation to all for making out time to assemble and bid farewell to the longest serving Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu as well as the amiable Minister of State, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nana Opiah.

The D (HRM) enumerated some of the Minister's achievements as follows:

- enactment of policies which brought expansion of access in Education at the secondary and tertiary levels of education.
- improvement in the welfare of teachers through the repositioning and revitalisation of the teaching profession.
- new retirement age of 65 years or 40 years of service for teachers.

The D (HRM) also commended the

Hon. Minister of State for Education as an excellent team leader and a builder that used his expertise as a high ranking member of the National Assembly to bring development to the Education sector, especially how he honestly managed the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and prayed that history will speak for him and Nigerians will thank him for his selfless contribution.

The programme also featured testimonial videos of FME Departments, Parastatals and Agencies the Ministers worked with, showcasing the achievements in the Ministry.

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In response, the HMSE thanked the Almighty for keeping all alive. He also extended appreciation to the President, Muhammadu Buhari for giving him the opportunity to serve as a Minister of State for Education. He also expressed appreciation to the HME for cooperating with him and

providing an enabling environment to function as a Minister of State. He further stated that both of them shared ideas and opinions in the interest of the Ministry and the country in general, especially lessons he learnt on negotiation and dialogue that led to the successful end of the ASUU strike.

He further stated that he got so many experiences through dedication to the HME who exposed him to so many good things to take home and the challenges facing the sector, among which are:

- Out-of-school children
- Adolescent girls' problem and
- Inadequate facilities in schools.

He commended the D (HRM), other Directors and staff of FME especially his office staff for their dedication to duty.

The HME, in his remarks, expressed gratitude to all who helped him to achieve his aim in the education sector. He also extended appreciation to the President who found him worthy and trusted him with such a responsibility.

The HME reiterated how he, with a dedicated team, embarked on a journey of reform, guided by a vision to provide every Nigerian child with access to quality education and equip them with the skills to thrive in the 21st century, such as:

- pursuit of educational excellence
- raising the standard of education



The Honourable Minister, Adamu Adamu & Honourable Minister of State, Goodluck Nanah Opiah



HME Adamu Adamu and PSE, Mr. Andrew David Adejo



The Executive Secretary, TETFUND, Arc. Sonny Echono giving a speech



Cross section of invited guests

The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) organised a farewell celebration for the two Ministers of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu and Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Honourable Goodluck Nana Opiah on Thursday, 25th May 2023, at the Ministry's conference room.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were the two outgoing Ministers; the Permanent Secretary, Mr. David Andrew Adejo; the former Permanent Secretary of Education and now Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), Arc. Sonny Echono, FME Directors and staff and Heads of the Ministry's Parastatals and Agencies.

In his welcome remarks, the Director, Human Resource Management (DHRM), Mr. David

Gende expressed appreciation to all for making out time to assemble and bid farewell to the longest serving Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu as well as the amiable Minister of State, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah.

The D (HRM) enumerated some of the Minister's achievements as follows:

- enactment of policies which brought expansion of access in Education at the secondary and tertiary levels of education.
- improvement in the welfare of teachers through the repositioning and revitalisation of the teaching profession.
- new retirement age of 65 years or 40 years of service for teachers.

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2021 And 2022 Nigeria's Annual Education Conference (NAEC)

The Nigeria Annual Education Conference (NAEC) 2021 and 2022 was held at the Nigeria National Merit Award House, Maitama, Abuja from Monday 11th-Tuesday 12th September, 2023 with the theme: **"Implementation Of Education 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development In Nigeria"**.

In attendance were the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman OON, SAN; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu; Permanent Secretary, Mr. Andrew, David Adejo; Director General, National Teachers' Institute, Professor Musa Garuba; Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Mayaki and Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Professor Muhammad; Executive Secretary, TETFUND, Arc. Sonny Echono; Registrar/ Chief Executive, Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Professor Segun Ajiboye; Director, Educational Planning Research and Development (EPR&D), Mr. Adeleye Adeoye; Director, Federal Scholarship Board, Mrs. Asta Ndajiwo; Director, Senior Secondary Education, Hajia Binta Abdulkadir; Director Education Management, Mrs. Liman Khadijat; Director, RPS-NEMIS, Mr. Matthew Nganjiozor, the Resource Persons Mrs. Omobolaji Omosola, Mr. James Fadokun, Mr. James Donoghue,



A cross section of the responsibility table of the Nigeria's Annual Education Conference programme (NAEC)

Professor Joel Babatunde, Professor Fatima Umar, Professor Emeritus Micheal Omolewa, Professor Stella Nwizu, and Professor Abba Abubakar Haladu.

The programme, SDG 2030, will remain relevant until the country achieves the 100% set targets in the Sustainable Development Goals and African Union (AU) Agenda 2060, whereby Nigeria must continue to demonstrate its commitment to education-related indicators.

In his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary welcomed all to the 2021 and 2022 Nigeria's Annual Education Conference, stating that the meeting was to resolve fundamental changes in the education sector for the youth, adults and the entire society.

The Honourable Minister Professor Tahir Mamman OON, SAN in his keynote address, he

restated the President's commitment to overhaul the education sector as a matter of priority. He, therefore, urged the Ministry and all stakeholders in the sector to work together so as to accomplish the vision of the programme. He stated that Mr. President, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu was determined to, among other things, initiate a creative means of funding tertiary education by granting universities the autonomy to explore new sources of financing their activities. He also reminded participants of the need to partner and collaborate with various organisations, tiers of government and, most especially, the Nigerian people as Education remains the hub of all national developmental efforts.

In his goodwill message, Mr. James O' Donoghue noted that the goal of the programme was



Honourable Minister, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN giving a speech at the 2021/2022 Nigeria's Annual Education Conference (NAEC)



A cross section of participants at the programme

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Report on One Day Sensitization Workshop for Staff of The Ministry, Representative of The Parastatals/Agencies, FUC's e.t.c on The Full Implementation of The Presidential Executive Order No 5



ORGANIZER

Federal Ministry of Education in Collaboration with the Strategy Implementation Task Office for Presidential Executive Order No. 5 (SITOP EO-5) on 14th September 2023.

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3. Audience: The workshop is designed for the following audience: Ministry Staff including policy makers, procurement officers, Principals and department heads. Representatives of Parastatals/Agencies, Federal Universities and Colleges (FUCs), Staff and

administrators involved in procurement processes.

4. Participants: The workshop engaged a diverse cross-section of participants, each playing a vital role:

i. Government Officials: Responsible for implementing and enforcing the executive order.

ii. Procurement Officers: In charge of ensuring compliance with local content requirements.

iii. Legal Expert: Advising on legal implications and compliance measures.

iv. Industry Representatives: Offering insights into the challenges and opportunities for local content integration.

v. Academics: Providing research-based perspectives on the executive order's impact on FUCs.

vi. Technical Support & Documentation Team: Manages media, audio-visual equipment and technical aspects of the event including records proceedings and prepares a workshop report.

vii. Facilitator: A subject matter expert tasked with delivering presentation and training.

viii. Moderator: Ensures the smooth flow of discussions, Question & Answer sessions, and engaging the audience.

5. Site Attractions: To keep the audience engaged and foster networking, some planned site

attractions include:

i. Main Stage Performances: Sensitization on the full implementation of Presidential Executive Order Number 5 (SITOP-5).

ii. Technology, Research, Innovation, Creativity and Sustainability Initiatives: Participants are encouraged to leverage more on technology, research, innovation, creativity and sustainable practices.

iii. Theoretical Exhibition Booths: Theoretical display of successful local content initiatives and products.

iv. Networking Lounge: Facilitating informal discussions and relationship building.

v. Interactive Sessions: Questions and answers

6. Conclusion: The Sensitization Workshop is a critical step in promoting the full implementation of Presidential Executive Order Number 5 (SITOP-5). The organizer believes that by bringing together key personalities, a diverse audience, and a cross-section of participants, along with engaging site attractions will foster awareness, collaboration, and commitment among all stakeholders.

7. Recommendations: To ensure a more effective and successful implementation of the Presidential Executive Order Number 5 it is recommended that:

THE REVIEW OF THE NIGERIA EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (NEMIS) HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE, 2023 AT THE MINISTRY'S CONFERENCE HALL, 2ND FLOOR PODIUM, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



A cross section of the responsibility table



Director EPR&D, Mr. Adeleye Adeoye with the participants at the Review of the Nigeria's Education Management Information Systems

The programme for the review of the Nigeria Education Management Information System was held at the Conference Hall of Federal Ministry of Education on 15th June, 2023 in collaboration with Partnership for Learning for All in Nigeria (PLANE).

Those in attendance were the Director, EPR&D, Mr. Adeleye Adeoye; Mrs Abiola Sanusi, PLANE; Dr. Gbenga Ishola, PLANE; Mr. Innocent Chukwu, PLANE; Mr. Uyi Ogankpolor, PLANE; Mrs. Gloria Usoro, FME; and Mrs. Halima Lawal, FME as well as other participants from the various parastatals.

The objectives of the programme were to:

- share NEMIS assessment and school-level baseline findings for learning and planning for improved outcomes;
- document and disseminate PLANE knowledge resources and lessons learned;
- facilitate Federal level discussion, knowledge transfer and learning exchanges on evidence-

gathering and data systems;

- share baseline data on learning outcomes to inform planning and replication;
- increase public awareness on inclusive foundational skills needs of Children with Disabilities (CWD) among key stakeholders in the Educational sector; and
- present findings from the NEMIS report and develop an action plan.

The expected outcomes are:

- development of a participatory Action Plan to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and utilisation of NEMIS;
- findings of the Kano, Kaduna and Jigawa (KKJ) baseline learning outcomes disseminated to stakeholders for planning and replication; and
- increased awareness about learning outcomes for safe, inclusive teaching and learning for all.

In his keynote address, the

Director, Educational Planning Research & Development informed participants that the meeting sought to have a system for distributing baseline assessments. He stated that the programme would anchor education data and planning from the States to Federal to facilitate federal level discussion and learning of sharing baseline data by improving public awareness among stakeholders in the Education Sector. It would also strengthen partnership in Educational planning.

The Chairlady, PLANE, Mrs. Abiola Sanusi, in her goodwill message, commended the Director, EPR&D and the Ministry on their level of professional development, specially tailored for the meeting. She stated that PLANE is a 7-year programme sponsored by the United Kingdom (UK) to support Nigeria in effective and inclusive Education system.

In her closing remarks, Mrs. Halima Lawal thanked the Director and all participants for gracing the occasion.

THE ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CLUB OF FGGC SHAGAMU PRESENTS KIKKYSAGGY, A HUMANOID, TO THE MINISTRY

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The Permanent Secretary, Mr. Andrew, David Adejo, the humanoid (Kiky Shaggy) and FGGC, Shagamu students of the Robotics club



The Permanent Secretary, Mr. Andrew, David Adejo OON, receiving handshake recognition from the humanoid



The Director, Technology and Science, Mrs. Jakko receiving handshake recognition from the humanoid



The Director, Secondary Education, Hajia Binta Abdulkadir receiving handshake recognition from the Humanoid

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The humanoid can move some distance, stretch its hands, shake hands and interact with people.

Those in attendance at the event were the Permanent Secretary of Education, Mr. Andrew, David Adejo; Director, Human Resources Management Mr. David Gende;

Mr. Adegboye Adebola; Director Principal, Federal Government Girls' College Sagamu, Dr. (Mrs.) Adenike Muyibat Olodo, some staff of the FME and students of the College's Robotics team.

The welcome address was given by the Director, Technology and Science Education Department.

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THE BI-MONTHLY CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF DIRECTORS AND HEADS OF REFORM COORDINATION AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT (RC&SI) WITH THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, SERVICE POLICIES AND STRATEGIES OFFICE (SPSO) HELD

The Bi-monthly Consultative meeting with Directors and Heads of Reform Coordination and Service Improvement (RC&SI) with the Permanent Secretary, Service Policies and Strategies Office (SPSO), was held at the Federal Ministry of Education Conference Hall, on September 20th 2023.

The highlights of the programme were airing of the Culture Change video clip. In attendance were the Permanent Secretary, TPL, Olufemi Michael Oloruntola (SPSO); the Director of Reform Coordination and Service Improvement (RC &SI) of FME, Dr. Yusuf Saheed, fcia; Mrs. Azoro, Deputy Director, CSR-C, Overseeing CSTD, OHCSF; Mrs. Hajara Idris, presenter- SPSO; Mr. Shehu Shaba and Mr. Sariki Bello,



Director Human Resource Management, Mr. Omotayo Adeyemi

presenters.

In his welcome address, the Director RC&SI FME was delighted to welcome members to the 4th Bi-monthly meeting. He stated that, the purpose of the gathering was to engage in constructive dialogue, exchange ideas, and

chart a path towards a more transparent, efficient and accountable service.

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He stressed that the members of the Ministry stand in a position to leave lasting legacies in the way they coordinate the reform process in various MDAs to improve service delivery to Nigerians. He expounded more on the six pillars of FCSSIP25 and other reforms of government.



Participants at the Forum of the Reform Coordination and Service Improvement



the 'Bi-Monthly Consultative Forum on Reform Coordination and Service Improvement' is meant to change things that lack functions of meaning, introducing a new change and transformation within every Ministry.

He also urged members of the forum to remain focused and strive for the entrenchment of the core values of the Federal Civil Service in order to be accountable, meritorious, professional, loyal and efficient in the conduct of government business.

The meeting provided the right avenue to assess the members and brainstorm on the challenges in the implementation with a view to fashioning out ways to bridge identified gaps. The Director

expressed gratitude to the consultative forum for their collective effort, and intellectual performances, respectively.

He concluded by acknowledging the Head of Civil service of the Federation Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan, CFR, for her steadfastness and total commitment to the implementation of the various reform initiatives of government aimed at repositioning the Public Service by increasing the performance, efficiency and productivity of the workforce for an enhanced and effective service delivery.

In her presentation on Functions of Reform Coordination in the Implementation of FCSSIP25 and other Reform Initiatives in the MDAs, Mrs. Azoro- the Deputy Director CSR-C, Overseeing CSTD, OHCSF, disclosed that the 'Bi-Monthly Consultative Forum on Reform Coordination and Service Improvement' is meant to change things that lack functions of meaning, introducing a new change and transformation within every Ministry. This way, letters on the table can be worked on and documented and the organisation can be a role-model

The International Literacy Day (ILD), Ministerial Press Briefing 2023



Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN briefing the participants on International Literacy Day Ministerial Press Briefing



The Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman OON, SAN (middle), the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu (2nd left), the Directors in the Ministry of Education, International Development Partners and the Management of NMEC, at the Ministerial Press Briefing, 2023.

Illiteracy is a major challenge in Nigeria, with over 56 million of the population still unable to read and write. The task of eradicating illiteracy is, thus, enormous and daunting. The current high statistics of the non-literate population alongside the number of Out-Of-School Children (OOSC) calls for concern. Hence, the human race earnestly looks up to Adult and Non-Formal Education as the right answer to the problems of the 21st century. Regrettably, this anticipated remedy has been so elusive due to low

political will at all levels of government. The situation has culminated in escalating statistics in the number of Out-Of-School-Children, child mortality, unabating increase in the population of non-literate adults and youth, insecurity, wanton poverty and deteriorating health conditions.

The 8th of September is set aside every year by UNESCO to raise global awareness and concern for literacy challenges within communities and other nations. The event is organised annually as a platform to promote mass literacy and as an opportunity to recognise certain individuals, government functionaries, and the

organised private sector and Non-Governmental Organisations for their outstanding contributions to mass literacy delivery and the development of Non-Formal Education (NFE) in Nigeria. All over the world, governments at all levels mark the day with activities designed to sensitise and mobilise the general public towards achieving Education For All, specifically achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To commemorate the day, the FME organised a Ministerial Press Briefing which was attended by both Honourable Ministers, NMEC, Directors and international development partners.

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L-R: Mexican Ambassador to Nigeria Alfredo Miranda, Honorable Minister of Education Adamu Adamu, Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah & the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry Education, Mr Andrew, David Adejo, during a working visit by the Mexican Ambassador on the Hon Minister in Abuja



EID Team with Director Finance and Accounts on their Sensitization week



FME Monthly Jogging Exercise



Director, Colleges of Education and EID Team on sensitization campaign

RETIREMENT: DIRECTOR PROCUREMENT RETIRES FROM SERVICE

A celebration was held on the 6th of June, 2022 at the Federal Ministry of Education in honour of Malam Ibrahim M. Badeiri, Director Procurement, to mark his retirement from service and sixtieth birthday.

Highlights of the event were the cutting of the birthday cake, presentation of a 65-inches television by staff of the Procurement Department, Goodwill messages from the Ministry, associates, friends and family.

In her address, the Deputy Director, (Procurement), described him as the best boss one could

have, and a good-natured civil servant, who does his work diligently, effectively and efficiently. Furthermore, she acknowledged the wealth of his experience which he brought to bear in the discharge of his duties.



The Celebrant, Malam Ibrahim M. Badeiri

In his goodwill message, the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Andrew, David Adejo, who was the Chairman of the occasion, described Malam Badeiri as one with a quiet disposition and a sense of what is

right, correct and appropriate; who exhibits a willingness to reverse himself on the strength of superior argument. He prayed that the knowledge, skills and attitudes which are part of his positive qualities will speak louder for him

out of service than when he was in service. He advised the staff to look forward to their day of retirement without blemish.

The D (HRM), Mr. David Gende, expressed appreciation to Malam Badeiri for exhibiting a high sense of professionalism during his tenure in the Ministry, stating that, as the Director of Procurement, he ensured that due process and best

The wedding fathia for Farouk and Aisha took place in Hadejia, Jigawa State on Saturday, 30th July, 2022. Family and friends were hosted to a dinner in Abuja to celebrate the event.

Farouk is the son of Director Special Duties, Alhaji Zubairu Abdullahi.

On behalf of Federal Ministry of Education, we wish Farouk and Aisha a happy married life.



The Couple- Farouk and Aisha with the father of the groom Director (Special Duties) Alhaji Zubairu Abdullahi



The Permanent Secretary and his staff at the wedding of the son of Director Special Duties

MR. CHIAGOZIEM UZOR AND MISS CHIOMA CHUCKS OKEKE TIE NUPTIAL KNOT

The wedding ceremony between Engr. Chiagoziem Uzor and Miss Chioma Chucks Okeke took place on 24th July, 2022 at Burbank, California.

Engr. Chiagoziem Uzor is the son of Mrs. Julie Uzor, Deputy Director, Educational

Planning Division of Educational Planning, Research and Development (EPR&D).

On behalf of Federal Ministry of Education, we wish Engr. & Mrs. Chiagoziem Uzor a happy married life.



Engr. & Mrs. Uzor

FME LOOSES STAFF



Mallam Maina Mohammed

Mallam Maina Mohammed an Assistant Chief Education Officer in Technology and Science Education Department, Federal Ministry of Education passed on after a brief illness on the 10th of June, 2022 in Abuja. He was aged 48 years.

He has been buried according to Islamic rites. May Almighty Allah grant his soul Jannatul Firdaus. Amin.

Alhaji Gambo Mu'azu (Durbin Katagum)

"To Allah we belong, and unto Him is our return".

We received with shock but with total submission to the will of Almighty Allah, the news of the death of Alhaji Muhammad Gambo Mu'azu, retired Director Procurement, and Federal Ministry of Education whose death occurred on Wednesday, 1st June, 2022 at the age of 63 years in a ghastly road crash.

He has been buried according to Islamic rites.



Chief Vincent Obi Igwara

The death has occurred of Chief Vincent Obi Igwara on 23rd June, 2022 in Abuja. He was born on the 23rd August, 1959. Chief V.O Igwara was buried on 15th July, 2022 in his home town Ndokwa West, Ogume, Delta State.

He was married to Mrs. Olasomi Igwara and they had six children. He worked in different Ministries and retired as a Director in the Federal Ministry of Education.

PAST & PRESENT MINISTERS OF EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

NAME	YEAR IN OFFICE	NAME	YEAR IN OFFICE
1) Aja Nwachukwu	1958-1965	28) Prof. Tunde Adeniran	1999-2001
2) Richard A. Akinjide	1965-1967	29) Mal. Lawal Batagarawa	1999-2001
3) Wenike Briggs	1967-1970	30) Prof. Babalola Borishade	2001-2003
4) Chief A.Y. Eke	1970-1975	31) Alh. Bello Usman	2001-2003
5) Col. Ahmadu A. Ali	1975-1978	32) Prof. Fabian N.C. Osuji	2003-2005
6) Dr. G.B. Letton	1978-1979	33) Hajja Bintu Musa	2003-2005
7) Dr. Sylvester Ugoh	1979-1982	34) Mrs. Chinwe Nora Obaji	2005-2006
8) Alh. Bala Usman	1979-1982	35) Arc. Halima Tayo Alao	2005-2006
9) Mrs. Elizabeth Iyase	1979-1982	36) Grace Ogwuche	2006-2007
10) Dr. I. C Madubuiké	1982-1983	37) Oby Ezekwesili	2006-2007
11) Mr. C. A Bamgbose	1982-1983	38) Sayyadi Abba Ruma	2006-2007
12) Chief S. Afolabi	1983-1984	39) Adewunmi Abitayo	2006-2007
13) Alhaji Y. Abdullahi	1984-1985	40) Igwe Aja Nwachukwu	2007-2008
14) Alh. A. Ibrahim	1985-	41) Jerry Agada	2007-2008
15) Prof. Jubril Aminu	1985-1989	42) Aishatu Jibril Dukku	2007-2010
16) Prof. Babs Fafunwa	1990-1992	43) Sam Egwu	2008-2010
17) Prof. Ben Nwabueze	1993-1993	44) Ruqqayat Rufai	2010-2013
18) Prof. A. I. Imogie	1993-1993	45) Ibrahim Shekarau	2014-2015
19) Alhaji B. Dogondaji	1993-1993	Adamu Adamu	2015 to date
20) Dr. Iyorchia Ayu	1994-1995		
21) Alh. Wada Nas	1995-1995		
22) Dr. M. T. Liman	1995-1997		
23) Iyabo Anisulowo	1997-1998		
24) Alh. Dauda Birma	1997-1998		
25) Dr. Mrs. A.N Achunne	1997-1978		
26) Mr. S. Olaiya Oni	1998-1999		
27) Alh. S. Saadu	1998-1999		