

**AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY
(ACENTDFB)
AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA – NIGERIA**

12TH	12TH EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF ACENTDFB MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 2.25 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTRE AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA	ACTION
1.00	PRESENT	
1.01	Prof. A. J. Nok (FAS FMR, NNOM, OON)	Chairman/Centre Leader
1.02	Prof. J. K. P. Kwaga	Head of Rabies
1.03	Prof. I. S. Ndams	Head of Filariasis
1.04	Prof. Y.K. E. Ibrahim	Capacity Building
1.05	Dr. (Mrs) H. J. Makun	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
1.06	Mr. Y. A. Anivbassa	Project Manager
1.07	Dr. I. A. Aimola	Asst. M. & E. (Students Affairs)
1.08	Mr. Umar Abubkar	Auditor
1.09	Mr. N. Moro	ICT Officer
1.10	Mr. S. K. Yashim	Secretary
1.11	Dr. T. T. Gbem	In attendance.
2.00	APOLOGY	
2.01	Prof. H. M. Inuwa	Deputy Centre Leader
2.02	Prof. Y.K. E. Ibrahim	Capacity Building Officer
2.03	Mr. I. Nuhu	Procurement Officer
2.04	Mr. I. Salisu	Accountant
3.00	OPENING	
3.01	<i>The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting which commenced at</i>	
3.02	<i>2:26. After individuals prayers, the Chairman introduced the Mr. Yakubu A.</i>	
3.03	<i>Anivbassa, the Project Manager/Communication Officer, who had been</i>	
3.04	<i>posted to ACENTDFB fully. According to him, he has vast experience having</i>	
3.05	<i>worked with him in the defunct World Bank Step-B in which Mr. Anivbassa</i>	
3.06	<i>was the Communication Officer/Communication Officer. He really worked</i>	
3.07	<i>hard for the success of the A.B.U. Step-B and for the success of ACENTDFB.</i>	
3.08	<i>The Chairman assured that ACENTDFB would benefit tremendously from</i>	
3.09	<i>his vast experiences. He concluded that the Project Manager would work</i>	
3.10	<i>hand-in-hand with Centre Leader and the Secretary and other officers in</i>	
3.11	<i>making the project a huge success.</i>	
3.12	<i>The chairman told the House that ACENTDFB's submission for consultancy</i>	
3.13	<i>services to Gambian Government in areas of health was ranked 1st and</i>	
3.14	<i>recommended for negotiation for the admission of the Gambian students in</i>	
3.15	<i>Laboratory Studies, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacy for Masters and</i>	
3.16	<i>PhD starting this September 2015. But during the negotiation, it was agreed</i>	
3.17	<i>that the admission would be effective October, 2015. It was noted that the</i>	
3.18	<i>number of students to be admitted for the Masters/PhDs had not been</i>	
3.19	<i>disclosed. It was also discovered that ACENTDFB's submission failed to</i>	
3.20	<i>indicate the cost of bench fee, which was even higher than the school fees.</i>	
3.21	<i>It was revealed that Masters program would cost \$3,150 for 1st year and</i>	
3.22	<i>2nd year \$3,200. PhD first year - \$4,000, while 2nd year - \$4,200. School fees</i>	
3.23	<i>for Masters costs - \$3,000. First year school fees for Master - \$1,700 and</i>	
3.24	<i>PhD - \$2,000. On genda sensitive, out of two females admitted, one (1)</i>	

<p>3.25 3.26 3.27 3.28 3.29 3.30 3.31</p>	<p>would be offered scholarship. Out of four (4) female students, two (2) would be given scholarship (2-1, 4-2). The Project Manager/Communication Officer and the Deputy Centre Leader were requested to contact the Postgraduate School on the admission. Prof. Kwaga advised that relevance departments should be informed to accept the students. Also, for the Pharmaceutical sciences, contact should be made through the Dean and Postgraduate School.</p>	<p>Dep.C.Leader & Project Manager</p>
<p>4.00 4.01 4.02 4.03 4.04 4.05 4.06 4.07 4.08 4.09 4.10 4.11 4.12 4.13 4.14 4.15 4.16 4.17 4.18 4.19 4.20 4.21 4.22 4.23 4.24 4.25 4.26 5.00 5.01 5.02 5.03 6.00 6.01 6.02 6.03 6.04 6.05 6.06 6.07</p>	<p>STUDENTS' PROGRESS Dr. I. A. Aimola Asst. Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (Students' Affairs) told the Meeting that generally, ACE's students were making progress. He confirmed receiving lists of students, reagents, consumables, equipment, etc. needed for students' laboratory/projects from their supervisors. He had compiled the comprehensive lists of all requirements by students/supervisors for their laboratory/project works and sent to Sigma Company in Lagos for supply. The Chairman directed that other list of items to be ordered for supply could as well be sent to Prof. Kelm. Also, the whole list of inventory be given to the ICT Officer in order to get the information fed on the website. An Inventory Column needed to be created on the website. Dr. T. T.Gbem, who was in attendance expressed concern that he did not received a circular or letter requesting him to send a list of reagents/consumables etc needed by his students. He told the House that his students were still struggling with their course works. It was also made known to the Meeting that some ACEs students were being forced to take unnecessary courses just to earn 4.0 GPA. The Chairman cautioned that ACE's students should not be subjected to unnecessary courses and course works like the normal or conventional students. In order to achieve good results (DLRS), students and their supervisors were encouraged to attend conferences, workshops and field trips, which would be sponsored by the ACENTDFB by applications through the Procurement Officer. Dr (Mrs). Makun informed the House that her student was on field trip in collaboration with NITR Kaduna. A member asked if there was enough funds to take care of all the list of requirements submitted, i.e seminars, workshops, conferences, and field trips. The Chairman assured that ACENTDFB should be able to provide the necessary funds. CAMEROON TRAINING Prof. S. Kelm, Dr. G. Chechet and others were billed to be Ngaundere, Cameroon for capacity training. The more foreign students trained, the higher the DLRs NEED TO ASSIST NON-ACE'S STUDENTS WHOSE FIELD OF RESEARCHES WERE RELEVANCE TO ACE-NEGELCTED TROPICAL DISEASES AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY Prof Ndams presented this request during the 10th Meeting of 27th March, 2015, item 9.01, which could not be discussed, instead, a committee was set up to discuss and advise the House accordingly. During the 11th Meeting held on 29th June, 2015; item 6.22, Prof. Ndams reminded the House on the subject matter. The Meeting expressed willingness to assist the students. On that note, the Chairman requested Prof. Kwaga, who was appointed, the 3-man Committee Chairman to lead the discussion on how to assist the non-</p>	<p>Asst. M & E. Officer</p>

6.08 6.09 6.10 6.11 6.12 6.13 6.14 6.15 6.16 6.17 6.18 6.19 6.20 6.21 6.22 6.23 6.24	<p>ACE's students. The conditions spelled out which would qualify any non-ACE student to get financial assistance were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's publication(s), one of the authors must be an ACE; 2. Candidate's supervisor must be an ACE; 3. Candidate must provide 50% of the consumables, reagents/ equipment to be purchased for his/her research. <p>The list of those non-ACE's students were requested to be submitted to Prof. J.K.P. Kwaga. The list should contain the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Name; (ii) Registration No; (iii) Department of Registration; (iv) Title of the Project and (v) Supervisor. <p>Dr. Gbem informed the House of an existing body known as Rabies Journal Club with ten (10) memberships, which meet every Saturday. He was requested to submit details of that body to the ICT Officer to be captured on the ACENTFB's website.</p>	Supervisors Dr. Gbem
7.00 7.01 7.02 7.03 7.04 7.05 7.06 7.07 7.08	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>A member suggested the need for capacity building for members. The Chairman explained that capacity building was not feasible as it had no DLRs value to the project. However, Journal papers publications would earn the project DLRs. ACENTDFB would sponsor anyone who would earn it DLRs. On that effect, Dr. Gbem said he would apply for sponsorship to enable him present a paper at International Conference of Entomological Society coming up in Lagos. According to him he was also preparing for journal papers for publications, which would be beneficial to ACENTDFB.</p>	
8.00 8.01 8.02 8.03	<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p> <p>In the absence of any other business, Prof. Ndams moved for adjournment of the meeting, he was seconded by Prof. Kwaga. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.</p>	
	<p>Prof. A. J. Nok (NNOM, MFR, OON) Chairman</p> <p>S. K. Yashim Secretary</p>	