

AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)
CENTRE FOR NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES AND FORENSIC
BIOTECHNOLOGY(ACENTDFB)
AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA.

3RD	3 RD EXECUTIVE MINUTEST OF ACENTDFB MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 TH MAY, 2014 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH & TRAINING, A.B.U. ZARIA NIGERIA	ACTION
1.00	PRESENT	
1.01	Prof. A. J. Nok	Chairman/Project Leader
1.02	Dr. H. M. Inuwa	Deputy Project Leader
1.03	Prof. Y. K.E. Ibrahim	Member
1.04	Prof. I.S. Ndams	Member
1.05	Dr .H. J. Makun	Member
1.06	Mr. S. K. Yashim	Secretary
2.00	APOLOGY	
2.01	Prof. J. K. P. Kwaga	
3.00	ABSENT	
3.01	Mr. Nuhu Ishaya	
4.00	OPENING	
4.01	The Chairman/Project Leader, Prof. A.J. Nok welcomed members to the meeting at 3.03 pm, saying that the meeting was a brief one.	
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5.00	BRIEFING FROM THE PROJECT LEADER	
5.01	He disclosed that the University had received a letter from the Association of African Universities (AAU) in respect of the inaugural ceremony of the African Centres of Excellence (ACE) .Copies of the letter were distributed to members. According to the letter, the formal launching of the ACEs was scheduled between 20 th -21 st May, 2014 at Sheraton Hotel in Abuja.	All Members
5.02	It was expected that all members of the African Centre for Neglected Tropical Disease Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) would be in Abuja for the inaugural ceremony. Members were advised to be in Abuja on 19 th May, 2014 to avoid late arrival considering the traffic nature of Abuja.	
5.03	Each Centre was to bear the cost of its participants.	
5.04	Invitation Cards from the World Bank on the inauguration launching ceremony would be sent to members.	
5.05	A meeting with the World Bank Consultants and ACEs on Strategy/ Budget Implementation was scheduled to hold between 14 th – 15 th May, 2014 in Abuja. Unit heads were expected to attend. They ought to be in Abuja on 13 th May, 2014. The ACENTDFB's Implementation Plan has to be ready before the deadline .	Unit Heads & Project Leader.
5.06	Following these scheduled events, the Chairman advised that each member of the ACENTDFB should have the project's Proposal and study it very well. He promised to re-send the Project Proposal and Budget Implementation Plan to members' e-mail addresses.	
5.07	The Chairman informed the House that the Vice Chancellor had approved N20 million naira counterpart funding for the ACENTDFB. According to him' he had submitted a project proposal using the sample of Step-B. Budget.	
5.08	The Meeting was informed that Ahmadu Bello University Senate had approved the ACENTDFB's programmes for PGD Forensic Biotechnology,	
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6.00 6.01 6.02 6.03 6.04 6.05 6.06 6.07 6.08 6.09 6.10 6.11 6.12 6.13 6.14 6.15 6.16 6.17	OTHER MATTERS ARISING A member suggested the need for sub-committees to discuss activities to be done, rather than depending on central discussions or decisions. For instance; Rabies, Filariasis, etc. could meet and discuss in their various sub-committees before the central discussion in order to fasten decisions. During the meeting Dr. Hussaina J. Makun was appointed Monitoring and Evaluation Focal Officer (M & E). The Chairman disclosed that the University was yet to appoint an Auditor for the ACENTDFB, A.B.U.Zaria. The need for the Deputy Project Leader, Dr. H.M. Inuwa, and Prof. I.S. Ndams, Sub-committee on Filariasis who were to take a trip to Gambia, etc was re-emphasized. According to the Chairman, he had consulted with a Gambian national, Dr. Faal, a lecturer with Department of Political Science, A.B.U.whose office is situated at the Biotechnology Centre. Dr .Faal had agreed to facilitate the interaction with ACENTDFB/A.B.U. and the Gambian researchers. A member advised that after the inauguration of ACEs in Abuja, ACENTDFB needs to meet to strategize and begin a serious business.	Dr. Inuwa; Prof. Ndams.
7.00 7.01 7.02 7.03 7.04 7.05	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Prof. S. I.Ndams (Filariasis) told the House that he would be carrying a database research on Filariasis in Katsina State in the subsequent week under a Non Governmental Organization, Helenkeller International. Members expressed happiness that it would be a good opportunity for him to feed the ACNTDFB with good information on Filariasis.	
8.00 8.01 8.02	ADJOURNMENT In the absence of any business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.57 pm without a motion of adjournment.	
	Prof. A. J. Nok (MFR, NNM) Project Leader/Chairman	S.K. Yashim Secretary