

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

|      | 8 <sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE MINUTEST OF ACENTDFB MEETING HELD ON<br>THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT 4.05 P.M IN THE BOARD<br>ROOM OF BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, AHMADU BELLO<br>UNIVERSITY, ZARIA | ACTION                          |
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| 1.00 | PRESENT  |                                 |
| 1.01 | Prof. A. J. Nok (MFR, NNOM)  | Chairman/Centre Leader          |
| 1.02 | Prof. Y.K. E. Ibrahim  | Capacity Building               |
| 1.03 | Dr. H. J. Makun  | Monitoring & Evaluation Officer |
| 1.04 | Mr. S. K. Yashim   | Secretary                       |
| 2.00 | APOLOGY  |                                 |
| 2.01 | H. M. Inuwa  | Deputy Project Leader           |
| 2.02 | Prof. J. K. P. Kwaga   | Rabies Group Leader             |
| 2.03 | Prof. I.S. Ndams   | Filariasis Group Leader         |
| 3.00 | OPENING  |                                 |
| 3.01 | The meeting commenced at 5.01 pm with individuals praying according to   |                                 |
| 3.02 | their faith.   |                                 |
| 3.03 | The Chairman, while welcoming members to the 8 <sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting, he   |                                 |
| 3.04 | unveiled the agenda of the meeting as follows:   |                                 |
| 3.05 | (i) Project Manager;   |                                 |
| 3.06 | (ii) Procurement Officer;  |                                 |
| 3.07 | (iii) Regional Partners; and   |                                 |
| 3.08 | (iv) Any Other Business  |                                 |
| 3.09 | He told the meeting that the Joshua Auta of the World Bank needed to   |                                 |
| 3.10 | have the list of programs for ACENTDFB which included: Diploma in  |                                 |
| 3.11 | Forensic Biotechnology; B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D (Biotechnology).  |                                 |
| 4.00 | NEED FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT MANAGER  |                                 |
| 4.01 | The following names were nominated for appointment as Project Manager:   |                                 |
| 4.02 | (1) Dr. Nash (2) Dr. Amulabu.  |                                 |
| 4.03 | Though the two are young men, however, the house favoured Dr. Nash   |                                 |
| 4.04 | because of his vast experience in working with the World Bank, having  |                                 |
| 4.05 | many international collaborators and his expertise in biotechnology.   |                                 |
| 4.06 | However, a member suggested that, the position of the Project Manager  |                                 |
| 4.07 | could still be advertised.   |                                 |
| 5.00 | APPOINTMENT OF PROCUREMENT OFFICER   |                                 |
| 5.01 | Without any objection, the Meeting unanimously accepted the nomination   |                                 |
| 5.02 | of Mr. Nuhu Ishaya who is a professional accountant with the university,   |                                 |
| 5.03 | having worked as an accountant with the World Bank Step-B.   |                                 |
| 6.00 | NATIONAL LEADERS   |                                 |
| 6.01 | It was made known that the National Leaders of ACENTDFB are:   |                                 |
| 6.02 | (i) Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria   |                                 |
| 6.03 | (ii) University of Lagos, Nigeria and  |                                 |
| 6.04 | (iii) University of Abuja, Nigeria.  |                                 |
| 6.05 | Prof. Adikwu, the Vice Chancellor of University of Abuja to be contacted   |                                 |
| 6.06 | immediately through Prof. C. B. I. Alawa.  | Chairman                        |
| 7.00 | REGIONAL LEADERS   |                                 |
| 7.01 | The Regional Leaders of the ACENTDFB included:   |                                 |
| 7.02 | (i) University of Benin, Benin Republic;   |                                 |

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| 7.03  | (ii) University of Nkrumah, Ghana;  | Chairman                 |
| 7.04  | (iii) University of Bamako, Mali (Tropical Diseases);                       |                          |
| 7.05  | (iv) Prof. Victor Weden, Dept of Forensic Science,                          |                          |
| 7.06  | Washington University, USA.   |                          |
| 7.07  | The Washington University wants to collaborate with ACENTDFB on M.Sc.       |                          |
| 7.08  | Forensic Science and it was ready to accreditate the M.Sc. Forensic         |                          |
| 7.09  | Science program as soon as a Memoranda of Understanding is drafted and      |                          |
| 7.10  | signed by both parties.   |                          |
| 8.00  | <b>BUDGET</b>   |                          |
| 8.01  | It was noted that the budget presented by ACENTDFB was too small            |                          |
| 8.02  | compared with other ACEs. Our budget should be at least \$1,800=00. The     |                          |
| 8.03  | House agreed to rework on the budget to cover the (i) purchase of           |                          |
| 8.04  | vehicles for collection samples, Field Trips, and (ii) purchase of research |                          |
| 8.05  | facilities, etc.  |                          |
| 9.00  | <b>REHABILITATION</b>   |                          |
| 9.01  | The Meeting agreed to rehabilitate Biochemistry Department and Centre for   |                          |
| 9.02  | Biotechnology Research & Training, Ahmadu Bello University that house or    |                          |
| 9.03  | accommodate ACENTDFB. ACENTDFB needed to know the cost                      |                          |
| 9.04  | implications involved in rehabilitating these houses where ACENTDFB         |                          |
| 10.00 | operates.   |                          |
| 10.01 | <b>PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP</b>  |                          |
| 10.02 | Based on the policies of the World Bank, ACENTDFB agreed to partner         |                          |
| 10.03 | with the following private firms:   |                          |
| 10.04 | 1. DNA Kaduna   |                          |
| 11.00 | 2. Vaccine Development Company, Nasarawa.                                   |                          |
| 11.01 | <b>SHORT PROGRAM</b>  |                          |
| 11.02 | The need to embark on short Diploma programs such as: Diploma on            |                          |
| 11.03 | Forensic Biotechnology, Epidemiology etc. were re-emphasized. The           |                          |
| 11.04 | House agreed to begin with Diploma in Forensic Biotechnology, follow by     |                          |
| 12.00 | others.   |                          |
| 12.01 | <b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>   |                          |
| 12.02 | Prof. Ibrahim, drew the attention of the House that ACENTDFB was yet to     |                          |
| 12.03 | have an accountant, as he was yet to send his name to the World Bank.       |                          |
| 12.04 | The Chairman told the house that Mr. Salisu Ibrahim is the Accountant.      |                          |
| 12.05 | The Chairman gave an assurance that he would send the soft copy of the      |                          |
|       | Implementation Plan indicating the segment each member to work on.          |                          |
| 13.00 | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  | Chairman                 |
| 13.01 | In the absence of any other business, Dr. Makun moved for adjournment,      |                          |
| 13.02 | and she was seconded by Prof. Ibrahim. The Meeting was adjourned at         |                          |
| 13.03 | 5:15 pm.  |                          |
|       | Prof. A. J. Nok (MFR, NNOM)<br>Project Leader/Chairman                      | S.K. Yashim<br>Secretary |