

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

7TH	9 <sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE MINUTEST OF ACENTDFB MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTPOBER 2014 AT 11.30 AM THE BOARD ROOM OF BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA	ACTION
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	Prof. I. S. Ndams	Filariasis Group Leader
	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
300	OPENING	
3.01	The meeting commenced at with individuals praying according to their	
3.02	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;	

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) Project Leader/Chairman	S.K. Yashim Secretary