

AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)
CENTRE FOR NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY
(ACENTDFB)
AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY,
ZARIA – NIGERIA
1ST GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 2013 AT
CONFERENCE ROOM CBRT/A.B.U. ZARIA.

	ACTION
1.00 ATTENDANCE	
1.01 Prof. A. J. Nok - Chairman	
1.02 Prof. J.K.P. Kwaga - Member	
1.03 Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim - Member	
1.04 Prof. I. Ndams - Member	
1.05 Prof. M.. Mamman - member	
1.06 Dr. H. M. Inuwa - Member	
1.07. Dr. J. Kabir - Member	
1.08. Dr. (Mrs) H. Makun - Member	
1.09 Dr. A. A. Dzikwi - Member	
1.10 Dr. N. M. Useh - Member	
1.11 S. K. Yashim - Secretary	
2.00 OPENING	
2.01 The meeting commenced at 2.17 p.m.	
2.02 The Chairman, Prof. A. J. Nok welcomed members to the meeting and appreciated them for their commitments towards hosting AAU. According to him, the meeting was to ensure a good preparation towards hosting the visitors. He told the house that the visitors had been received and accommodated by the university. They visitors included: (i) Dr. (Mrs) Gabrielle Hansen (ii) Prof. Atta Diallo and (iii) Prof. Kone Daoud. Dr. Daniel Achukwi who was expected to take part in the AAU visit had missed his flight to Nigeria.	
3.00 CONSIDERATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 TH OCTOBER, 2013	
3.01 The following corrections and amendments were effected:	
i Item 1.03 " <i>Pof. Y.K.E. Iobrain</i> " should read " <i>Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim</i> ".	
ii Item 2.02 line 4-5 should be " <i>Diseases</i> " instead of " <i>Disease</i> " and the statements " <i>of all the research proposals submitted by Nigerian universities</i> " was replaced by " <i>the four proposals submitted by Ahmadu Bello University</i> ".	
lii Item 2.02 and 3.03 were jointed together. Item 3.03 No. (iii) delete " <i>of the potential and</i> ".	
v Item 4.01 was completely deleted.	
vii Item 4.02 line 2 after " <i>Mr. Ishaya Nuhu</i> " add " <i>Bursary Department, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria</i> "	
viii 4.07 line 3 should read " <i>Rabies</i> " instead of " <i>Rabbist</i> "; line 5, instead of " <i>Prof. M. Mamman</i> " should read " <i>Prof. Y.K. E. Ibrahim</i> ".	
ix Item 4.08 No. (b) " <i>Laboratories</i> " changed to " <i>laboratory</i> " and No. (e) " <i>for</i> " replaces " <i>of</i> "; then insert " <i>Onchocerciasis</i> " between " <i>Trypanosonmiasis</i> " and " <i>Research</i> " and " <i>NITR</i> " changed to " <i>NITOR</i> ".	
(x) Item 5.00 line 3 to be joined with line 2.	
3.02 Prof. Kwaga moved for the adoption of the minutes and Mrs. Makun seconded.	
4.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
4.01 The Chairman told the meeting that the visitors had arrived, and they held a	

meeting with the university management. According to him, the Vice Chancellor had booked an appointment with the Zaria Emirate Council so that the visitors could pay a courtesy call on the Emir I by 10.30 am the next day being Thursday 17th October, 2013.

- 4.02 The meeting expressed concern on the proposed visitation to the Emirate Council considering the limited time they had. The meeting suggested the need for the Chairman to advise university authority on the time constrain to curtail any activity that might not be necessary in order to achieve the main purpose of the visit. The visit coincided with Eldir-Kabir festival, which might not grant them quick access to the Emir. The Chairman expressed worry, though, there was no itinerary for the visit. However, instead of interfering, the visitors be allowed to decide how they might intend to embark on their visitation activities.
- 4.03 The meeting was told that Dr.(Mrs) Stella Smith would make a 5-minute presentation during the meeting at the Conference Room of the Biotechnology Centre, while Prof. M. Mamman would make a short presentation at Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis Onchocerciasis Research, Kaduna.
- 4.04 Names of postgraduate student were being compile against the Thursday 17th meeting with the AAU.
- 4.05 The laboratory facilities for ACE to be inspected by AAU had being kept tidy. They included,(i)Centre for Biotechnology Research & Training; (ii) Multiuser laboratories; (iii) Biochemistry Department; (iv) Veterinary Public Health& Preventive Medicine Department (v) Nigeria Institutes for Trypanosomiasis Onchocerciasis Research (NITOR), Kaduna.
- 4.06 It was noted with concern that the internet facilities were not functioning as at the time of the meeting. It was hoped that ICT would rectify the problem before the next day Thursday, 17th October, 2013.
- 4.07 The house was informed that the University authority objected to the idea of seeking the cooperation of the unions on the AAU visit. Fortunately, other unions had called-off their strike.
- 4.08 The meeting was told that AAU would depart after the all necessary meetings and inspection of laboratory facilities.
- 4.9 Foreign collaborators were also expected to meet with the AAU.
- 4.10 The meeting agreed that the visit of AAU should be video-coveredaged, if possible.
- 4.11. Names of postgraduate students for ACE expected to meet with the AAU during the visit were being compiled as at the time of the meeting.
- 4.12 The Director of CBRT/Head of Vet. Public & Preventive Medicine, promised to provide a Bus at the Centre by 9.00 am to convey the postgraduate students to the various laboratories to be inspected .
- 4.13 It was requested that tea should be served during the meeting.
- 5.00 ADJOURNMENT
- 5.01 Prof. Y.K. Ibrahim moved for adjournment of the meeting and he was seconded by Dr. J. Kabir.
- 5.02 The meeting was adjourned at 3.40 pm.

Prof. A. J. Nok (MFR, NNOM)
Chairman

S. K. Yashim
Secretary

