

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

2ND GENERAL MEETING WITH ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES
(AAU) HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2013 AT CONFERENCE ROOM ,
CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH & TRAINING, A.B.U. ZARIA.

	ACTION
1.00 ATTENDANCE	
1.01 Dr. (Mrs) Gabrielle Hansen - Chairperson (AAU)	
1.02 Prof. Kone Daoud - Member (AAU)	
1.03 Prof. Atta Diallo - Member (AAU)	
1.04 Prof. A. J. Nok - Director (ACE/ABU)	
1.02 Prof. J.K.P. Kwaga - Member (ABU)	
1.03 Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim - Member (ABU)	
1.04 Prof. I. Ndams - Member (ABU)	
1.06 Prof.M. Mamman - Member (ABU)	
1.05 Dr. H. M. Inuwa - Deputy Director (ACE/ABU)	
1.06. Dr. J. Kabir - Member (ABU)	
1.07. Dr. (Mrs) H. Makun - Member (ABU)	
1.08 Mr. S.. K. Yashim - Secretary	
2.00 OPENING	
2.01 The meeting commenced at 12.07.	
2.02 Prof. A. J. Nok, who is the Principal Investigator of the proposed Centre of Excellence, welcomed members to the meeting. He then introduced the Association of African Universities (AAU) representatives at the meeting. They included (i) Dr. (Mrs) Gabrielle Hansen (Project Secretariat Ghana) who chaired the meeting, (ii) Prof. Kone Daoud and (iii) Prof. Atta Diallo. He also introduced members of the ACE/ABU Committee. Among them were: Prof. J.K.P. Kwaga; Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim; Prof. I. Ndams; Prof. M. Mamman; Dr. H. M. Inuwa; Dr. J. Kabir; Dr. (Mrs) H. Makun; and Mr. S. K. Yashim as Secretary.	
3.03 The Chairperson, Dr. Gabrielle Hansen greeted members seated at the meeting. She was very excited with the presence of and expressed happiness for the warmed welcome and the wonderful hospitality accorded to them by the university community. She hoped that meeting would be a successful one.	
3.00 PAPER PRESENTATION ON CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE	
3.01 Prof. A. J. Nok presented a research paper titled “ African Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB)”. A proposal submitted to the World Bank, Africa Region. AAU were overwhelmed by rich benefits to be derived by the research proposal.	
3.02 The Chairperson asked Prof. A. J. Nok how long it took him to discover the Gene that causes sleeping sickness. Prof. Nok responded that it took him some years.	
3.03 The Team sought to know if the proposed ACE/ABU had the support of the government. It was affirmed that the Federal Ministry of Science and	

<p>3.04</p> <p>3.05</p> <p>3.06</p> <p>3.07</p> <p>3.08</p> <p>3.09</p> <p>3.09.1</p> <p>3.10 .</p> <p>3.10.1</p> <p>3.10.2</p> <p>4.00</p>	<p>Technology and National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) were in support.</p> <p>AAU demanded for letters that showed evidence of collaborations with other foreign research bodies. Prof. A. Nok assured them that the letters would be produced and sent to them within two weeks.</p> <p>Collection of Samples from Cameroon. The Team wondered if postgraduate students from Cameroon were made to be samples' collectors. It was explained that the students were not only to collect samples, but they were also involved in the research. They also carried the research by themselves using research equipment.</p> <p>AAU was interested to know the role of Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR). They were briefly informed by Dr. Stella Smith of NIMR, who had been working collaboratively with Prof. A. J. Nok for 5 years and had published a good number of international journals. She presented several of such journals in various titles to the AAU. She concluded that NIMR was collaborating with the proposed ACE/ABU.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested for an information on Filariasis research in respect of ACE research proposal. Prof. I. Ndams told the meeting that, though a lot of work had been done in that area, but there were no adequate information to feed in the database.</p> <p>How would ACE/ABU funding its research activities apart from the subvention funds from the World Bank. According to ACE/ABU, training and workshops would be the main sources of generating revenue for ACE. Prof. Nok disclosed, it could get substantial amount from Forensic training, when it collaborates with Federal Ministry of Police Affairs for the training of police in Forensic Biotechnology. Also, Tertiary Education Trust Funds (TETFUND) would be sought to support ACE.</p> <p>Duties of the Deputy Centre Leader of ACE.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested Dr. (Mrs). H.M. Inuwa, who is the Deputy Centre Leader of the proposed African Centre of Excellence on NTDFB to explain her duties. Dr. Inuwa informed the meeting that her duties would include: (i) capacity building, supervision, training of personnel, academic activities, planning, and implementation.</p> <p>Postgraduate Students' Meeting with AAU.</p> <p>The Visiting AAU Team met with the postgraduate students separately in the Coffee Room of the Biotechnology Centre. The meeting took about 40 minutes.</p> <p>Attached with this minutes is the list of 15 postgraduate students out of 16 who met with the AAU Team. They were selected randomly and interviewed by the AAU.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 2.07 pm</p>	<p>Prof. Nok</p>
<p>Prof. A. J. Nok Chairman</p>	<p>(MFR, NNOM)</p>	<p>S. K. Yashim Secretary</p>

