



### HISTORY:

#### Council Change UNAAB's foundation Day To Jan.1 — Following Management Proposal

The Governing Council of University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) has approved the changed of the Foundation Day of the institution from January 28<sup>th</sup> to January 1.

The Change was contain in the Decision Extract of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Governing Council signed by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye.

According to the Extract, Councils's approval came on the heels of a proposal from Management to change the Foundation Day of the University to January 1, the actual day of the establishment of the University, in line with global practice.

It picked hole in the adoption of January 28 as the University Foundation Day, being the date the Foundation Vice-Chancellor assumed duty.

Council, however, justified January 1 as the true representation of the University Foundation Day having noted that UNAAB was established by the Federal Government on January 1, 1988.



Chief. Osayemi, Pro. Chancellor, UNAAB



*What the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta has witness in the last three years of Prof. O.O. Balogun's Administration cannot be thought of in the next ten years. An example among several is the Centre for Human Resource Development (CENHURD) which is even more than what most private universities in Nigeria call their campus.*

*...Pastor Abimbola Aboluwarin  
Chairman, UNAAB Pensioners*

#### Prof. Balogun Has Put Smile On Our Face

UNAAB Pensioners have poured deserving accolades on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Babgun for putting smile on their faces, since he assumed office.

The retirees in a letter signed by their Chairman, Pastor Abimbola Aboluwarin and copied the Head of Public Relations Directorate, Mr. Lasun Somoye said Prof. Babgun has made the age-long saying that rest is sweet after labour a fulfillment in their lives.

According to them, the Vice-Chancellor practically demonstrated his concern for their welfare by offsetting their outstanding arrears of seven years owned by the Federal Government.

By so doing, they stressed that UNAAB Pensioners became the first to be paid their outstanding arrears from the Federal Government, adding that they've never had it so good.



Prof. Oluwafemi O. Balogun, VC, UNAAB

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**TRANSFORMATION:**

## Council Transforms CENHURD To INHURD — *Rename Linkage As CENIP* — *Following Senate Recommendation*

In what appears as a gale of the Governing Council of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) has approved the transformation of the Centre for Human Resources Development (CENHURD) to Institution for Human Resources and Development (INHURD).

In the same vein, the Council also ratified the renaming of Directorate of Linkages and Partnership as Centre for Internalisation and Partnerships (CENIP).

According to Extract of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Governing Council signed by the Acting Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye, the transformation of the two vital organs of the University came on the heels of recommendations of Senate to the Council at its meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

Approving the transformation of CENHURD to INHURD, Council noted among other things the strong demand for the programme being offered in the Centre, a development which has sharply increased students enrolment from about 1000 at inception in 2002 to 2,500 at present.

Council also noted that an Institute usually has a higher profile and

capacity for greater recognition and more clientele than a Centre.

It further reasoned that an Institute has a large scope to develop, offer and run programmes at sub-degree, undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

Justifying the renaming of Directorate of Linkages and Partnership as Centre for Internationalization and Partnerships, Council noted that the degree of Internationalization has become one of the strongest parameters in global ranking and that most institutions, especially in the developed countries have established Centres specially dedicated for Internationalization purposes.



*Mr. Adeleke Adeboye,  
Secretary to the Council*

## .... Approves INHURD Governing Board — *Dr. S.O. Oladiti as Chairman*

The Governing Council of the University has approved the composition of the Governing Board of the Institute for Human Resources and Development (INHURD) with its new nominee, Dr. S.O. Oladiti as Chairman.

The approval was contained in a release signed by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr. Adeleke

Adeboye.

According to it, though Council noted that the proposed Governing Board of INHURD was similar to the existing Board of CENHURD, it further noted that a major change was an increase of Council Nominee on the Board from one to two apart from the Board Chairman who is also a Council Nominee.

## Don't lose your Head in UK

The ETF sponsored scholars of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta have been admonished to adhere strictly to all the necessary guidelines in, to tackling the challenges of studying in the United Kingdom.

This charge was given at a One Day Sensitization Workshop for the 2010/2011 UNAAB Education Trust Fund scholars, organized by the Centre for Internalization and Partnership (CENIP), UNAAB.

Speaking at the event, the Trade Development Manager of the United Kingdom Trade and Investment, Miss Fayokun Mojisola noted that the UK is a very placid environment, having the strongest Research Base Institute and the highest source of innovative technologies for post graduate study world wide.

She disclosed that Nigeria currently ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the number of foreign student studying in the Europe.

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## N.R.C.P Thanks UNAAB

The National Co-operative Revitalization Programme (N. C. R. P.) for farmers, Ogun State Chapter has appreciated the University Management for its visitation to the Industrial Park Unit (IPU) of the University on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

In a letter addressed to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) and signed by the State Coordinator of the Association, Pastor S. Olatunji Abogunrin, the farmers' association expressed their profound gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. S. T. O. Lagoke and the entire staff of the Industrial Park Unit.

The letter further expressed the association's boundless appreciation towards UNAAB's progressive step in attending to farm produce processing, storage and marketing in Ogun State.

## PG SCHOOL: UNAAB Shops For Dean

The process for the renewal of the term of the current Dean of Postgraduate School, Professor Steve Afolami or appointment of a new Dean will commence from Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

According to a release signed by the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr. Obafemi Oginni, the process is imperative since the tenure of Professor Afolami will end on August 8, 2010, having assumed office on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2007 adding that the renewal or appointment of a new dean, takes effect 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2010.

The Statement further informed that the process for the renewal of the term of current Dean or appointment of a new one is in accordance with the Senior Staff Rules and Regulations on the Appointment of Dean

(Section 2.11.1.p.11) and Postgraduate Prospectus (Article 4 p.7).

Interested Professor(s) in the University except those on visiting status should pick Nomination papers for renewal or appointment of Dean of Postgraduate School in Room 3, Assistant Registrar's Office, Postgraduate School.

According to Mr. Oginni, deadline for submission of completed nomination papers is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

The release requested eligible candidates to present themselves to the Board of Postgraduate School for acceptability ranking through election at the Special Meeting of the Board slated for July 14, 2010 at 11.00 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.



**Professor Steve Afolami**  
*Outgoing Dean*



**Professor Awonorin**  
*Chairman CODAD*

## Dr. Bolaji Becomes HOD ... Dr. (Mrs.) Sanni Too

The duo of Dr. B.O. Bolaji and Dr. (Mrs.) S.A. Sanni have been appointed Acting Heads, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering (COLENG) and Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, COLFHEC respectively.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has approved their appointments following the recommendations of Dean of College of Engineering and his College of Food Science and Human Ecology counterpart respectively.

Dr. Bolaji's appointment is for a

period of two (2) years with effect from May 23, 2010 while that of Dr. (Mrs.) Sanni is also for two (2) years with the effect from June 2, 2010.



**Professor Chrissy Onwuka**  
*Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic*

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According to them, "As pensioners, we knew what was our lot before his assumption of duty as Vice-Chancellor of the University. We now have cause to laugh as UNAAB Pensioners remain the first that have been paid their outstanding arrears from the Federal Government".

As Chairman, of the Federal Universities Pensioners Association, UNAAB Chapter, I know and my members too, know that, we have never had it so good. No wonder all Pensioner rose in Unison in 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, showing gratitude to him by dancing and jubilating when they got their seven years arrears", they added.

They, however, warned that "No-body should mudsling the great and rapid expansion of this great University that the Lord is using Prof. Balogun for. We should all rally round him and encourage him to do more".

The Pensioners observed that "What the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta has witnessed in the last three years of Prof. O.O. Balogun's Administration cannot be thought of in the next ten years. An example is CENHURD (NOW INHURD)) which is even more than what most private Universities call their Campus".

## NIGERIA AT 50: Trade Fair Beckons

In the euphoria of celebrating Nigeria at 50, an invitation has been extended to the University's Scientist, Technical Officers, PG Students and Individuals to submit a page concept note (including budget) on the Technology/Goods/Services to be showcased at an all Nigerian made goods fair.

The Fair tagged "Nigeria@50 Made-In-Nigeria Trade Fair" is aimed at showcasing the array of Made-In-Nigeria Goods and Services to the International Communities in order to establish the high quality and competitiveness of the Made-In-Nigeria Goods and Services.

Interested candidates should make their submissions to the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development). Short-listed Technologies/Goods/Services will be showcased at a Mini Fair slated for August 10, 2010 and the grand finale fare, September 28 to October 4, 2010 at the Old Parade Ground, Abuja.

Further enquiries on details of the fairs should be made to the Secretary, Organizing Committee for UNAAB's Participation in the Nigeria@50 Made-In-Nigeria Trade Fair, Mrs. F. O. A tungwu, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development).

## INHURD Hands-over Computer Centre To ICTREC

In line with the directive of the University's Senate at her 184<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meeting, the Information and Communication Technology Centre at Iberekodo which was under the Institute of Human Resources Development (INHURD) of the

The ICTREC Director, Dr. Ferdinand Oguntoye in his speech appreciated Senate's decision by directing INHURD to hand-over their ICT unit to ICTREC. He promised that the Directorate under his leadership will make the popular Lion Build-



University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, has now been formally handed over to Information and Communication Technology Resources Centre (ICTREC).

Speaking at the handing over ceremony, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Chryss Onwuka represented by the Chairman, Committee of Deans and Directors (CODAD) in the University, Professor S. O. Awonorin charged ICTREC to justify the confidence repose in them by utilizing the Centre adequately.

Professor Onwuka also called on the ICTREC and INHURD to collaborate in the area of organizing coaching classes for the secondary school students in the area, most especially final year students, noting that it will be another source of income for the Centre apart from the usual ICT trainings.

ding environment at Iberekodo conducive for various ICT activities.

Dr. Oguntoye also stressed that CISCO Academy at the Alabata Main Campus of the institution will also be moved to Iberekodo Centre, while some of the ICTREC staff at the permanent site have been redeployed to the Centre.

Commenting on the underutilization of the building, the Director of the Institute of Human Resources Development (INHURD), Dr. Taofiq Salisu said the place is still being underutilized. He, however, called on the ICTREC Director to fully utilize the Centre.

Dr. Salisu also enjoined the Director to turn-around the place with everything he has in his power and ensure adequate power supply to the Centre by having a stand by generator which will be an alternative to public power supply.

## UNAAB/NESTLE Set To Boost Soybean Production

A ground-breaking relationship has further been established between the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta and Nestle Nigeria Plc., as both parties have devised means of impr-

oving the local production of Soya Beans in the country.

This landmark was achieved when the University hosted the management of Nestle Nigeria and the staff of the National Office Of Technology Acquisition (NOTAP) to a program targeted at improving Soya Beans popularization and Farm Family Health Project, organized by the Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (UNAAB).



In his Welcome Address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olufemi Olaiya Balogun, who was represented by the Deputy

Vice Chancellor (Development), Professor Segun Olagoke, acknowledged as boundless, the long existing relationship between UNAAB and Nestle, which can be traced back to 1995.

The Vice Chancellor, in his words, noted the importance of the need for a purposeful, realistic and mutually-benefiting collaboration with Non-Governmental Agencies like Nestle.

He added that this will go a long way at contributing to the realization of an effective and sustainable agricultural development within the South-West Zone and Nigeria as a whole.

Professor Balogun commended Nestle for its momentous contribution to the production of high yielding Soya Beans and the sponsoring of the Farm Family Health Project in four South Western States of the Country.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Nestle has for these entire project and many more donated the unprecedented amount of 29,950,000 for execution.

Commenting on the overall involvement of Nestle, the Director of Agricultural Media Resource and Education Centre (AMREC), Professor Kola Salako stated that farmers have with the aid of Nestle, gained an exceptional technical-know-how, which has positively improved the output of grain production.

He added that the great challenges of low input production of grain product in Nigeria and Africa are beginning to erode.

The Soil Physics expert therefore identified the aims of the partnership, as to sensitizing farmers on the potential economic benefit in the production of soya beans, encouraging high production of quality seeds that will enhance the production level of beverage companies like Nestle.

In the same vein, a Soya Beans Farm Coordinator in Lagos State, Alhaji Mufutau Oyelekan praised UNAAB and NESTLE for providing the enabling environment for the quality production of Soya Beans, which has directly impacted positively in the lives of Farmers and the society at large.

Alhaji Oyelekan therefore urged both parties to look into the pricing of the product, as it will further increase the willingness of farmers to go into soya beans cultivation.

Responding to all the comments, the Director Finance and Control, Nestle Nigeria Plc., Mr. Martin Kruegel confirmed that there had been no regret partnering with UNAAB from the outset.

## VC Inaugurates NWRIB

A nucleus team that will oversee the affairs and effectiveness of the National Water Resource Capacity Building, UNAAB Centre, has been inaugurated.

nator of the Centre, Dr J.K. Adewunmi stressed the Centre's readiness to working assiduously so as to be the force to reckon with amongst all the six centres, presently established in the country.



*Caption*

Inaugurating the team which consists of experts within and outside the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olajya Oluwafemi Balogun, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Professor Segun Lagoke noted that the team is expected to work towards achieving the functions envisaged for the region by the National Water Resources Institute (Kaduna).

The Vice-Chancellor in his words identified the regions functions to include; the integration of Water Resources Management And Research, gathering of hydro Information and related services.

Also included are the creation of an institutional frame work for development and specialization of short courses on demand, collaboration and partnership.

Prof. Balogun implored the team to make the saying "Water is Life" their watch word. He stated that this will form a stimulus to boosting their commitment in achieving the network's objectives.

While reiterating his administration's commitment to providing the necessary support for the achievement of the Centre's goals, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the College of Engineering had been directed to provide a two room apartment to temporarily house the Centre, pending the completion of the propose building for the Centre.

Speaking at the event, the Coordi-

Also speaking the General Manager, Ogun-Osun River Basin, Engineer Rasaan Jimoh, who was represented by Engineer Akintunde Soyemi reiterated his agency's willingness to partnering with the centre in all its activities.

Engineer Jimoh observed that the project had been long overdue in Ogun State, especially in the area of underground water development with no adequate and accurate Hydrological data in place.

In his comment, the Dean College of Engineering, Professor Ajisegiri, who was represented by Professor B.A Adewunmi, implored every member of the team to make a tactical and practical impact on the project. He added that this will go a long way at proffering a long-term solution to the problem of water scarcity in Ogun State and Nigeria as a whole.

In the same vein, Dr. Mrs. Abiola Philip commended the Cordinator for considering the economic point of view in the execution of the project. She noted that this will provide a means to measure the project's progress.

Present at the event are Prof. N. J. Bello, Water Resources Management and Agro metrics Engr. G. A. Bolaji, Civil Engineering; Dr. O. S. Awokola, Civil Engineering Department; Dr. J. A. Awomeso, Water Resources Management and Agro-metrics among others.

## 2010 COLLEGIATE: Students Praise VC

As University's Sports Unit is leaving no stone unturned for the successful staging of Inter-Collegiate sports competition, showers of encomiums have continued to rain on the Vice-Chancellor Professor Oluwafemi Olajya Balogun for lifting sports in the campus.

In their separate interviews, Mr. Waheed Aransi, former Sports Secretary of the Students Union Body and a member of the University's soccer team described the forthcoming event as a major step-up for UNAAB sports since the competition had in the past produced athletes that have put the name of the University on a platter of gold both at the local and national competitions.

Miss. Dolapo Oyewunmi, a gold medalist of the University in Javelin at the 2007 Gateway Tertiary Institutions Games (GATIG) and a representative of students on the University's Sports Committee commended the effort of the Vice-Chancellor at rebranding sports in UNAAB through the provision of facilities, while noting that the facilities will aid the organization of the 2010 Inter-Collegiate Competitions in all ramifications.

The incumbent Sports Secretary of the Students Union Body, Mr. Adeoye Ridwan also gave kudos to the Vice-Chancellor for approving the staging of the competition most especially during his time as the Sports Secretary.

However, a total of 372 medals will be presented to outstanding participants at the competition which is scheduled to kick-start on 28<sup>th</sup> July and end on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

It would be recalled that the last edition was held in 2006.

## Dr. Wobo Now Sports Chair

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Balogun has constituted the University's Sports Committee.

In a release sent to UNAAB Bulletin desk by the University's coach, Mr. Victor Oshintolu, the newly constituted Sports Committee has Dr. Sam-Wobo as its Chairman and Mr. Adekunle Adeniyi as the Secretary.

Other members of the Committee are the representatives of the Colleges, Physical Planning, Senate, Congregation, INHURD, Dean, Student Affairs, Health Services, Student Union Body and Coaches in the Sports Unit.

However, the Terms of Reference placed before the new Sports Committee are: to formulate policies, to promote activities involving students and staff in sporting activities in the University and to prepare, submit budget proposals for the consideration of the Vice-Chancellor.

## Unveiling UNAAB's Pioneer Driver

— Employed In 1983

...Reveals His Saddest and Happiest Day At Work

When he joined the then Federal University of Technology, Abeokuta (FUTA) now University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) in 1983, little did Mr. Adekunle Haruna realize that he's on

with Work and Services, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has taken UNAAB success to the pinnacle, yet sky is not even the limit but the blissful paradise.

Relating this to his constituency,



*Caption*

the path of history as the institution Pioneer Driver.

Twenty Seven years on the job and in the University, Haruna stands tall not only as a pacesetter, but more importantly as a Chief Driver.

Mere looking at his deep and sharp eye balls, one doesn't need the clairvoyance of the most accurate seer of our time to know that the Fadipe Village, Obafemi Owode Local Government born chauffeur has seen it all in UNAAB

Or how on earth would you describe a middle aged man who joined the University service when Professor Nkoku (full name sketchy at press time) was the Vice-Chancellor. I'm cock sure that at that time many of the present staff of UNAAB, except the likes of the Acting Registrar, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye were yet to sleep, not to even talk of dreaming employment in the University.

Therefore, if the likes of Mr. Haruna as UNAAB historical encyclopaedia in their assessment of the University since inception conclude that it has been a story of success to progress, then what other proof do we need.

According to the Level Seven-Step Twelve Officer who ply his trade

Mr. Haruna beamed with simile, took a long breath and declared, "UNAAB personnel don't underate their drivers".

The next minute, his countenance changed. The glow in his eye balls disappeared into palls of sweat now dotting his fore-head. No thanks to the next question, "Your saddest day in UNAAB?".

He retorted, "It was in 1994 that was the year dare-devil armed robber snatched a 504 car belonging to the University from him at gun-point".

But alas, robbers could not steal his joy, little wonder when asked of his happiest day in UNAAB, his smile returned with full force while the freshness that is typical of a suckling who is enjoying his mother's mammary glands enveloped his face. He submitted, "I've been happy almost every blessed day in UNAAB, the Lord is good".

If the Lord has been good to UNAAB Pioneer Driver since 1983 when he was employed, what about you? Methinks the Lord is good to you, to me and to UNAAB at large.

... UNAAB, UNAAB glory of our day  
Forward, upward we shall ever stay  
(repeté, encore).

*Don't Lose ur Head in UK ...Contd. from pg. 2*

Miss Fayokun therefore implored the sponsored lecturers to judiciously tap all the opportunities they would be exposed to in their different fields of study and the environment of United Kingdom as a whole.

She advised the scholars to, at the end of their program come back and impact positively in the development of Nigeria through their Research findings.

Addressing the sponsored scholars on the Life of a Post Graduate Student in the University in the United Kingdom, the Director of Biological Centre, Professor Okanlawon Onagbesan identified some areas in which the lecturers needed to be cautious to include Weather condition, Food, Finance management, Interpersonal relationship and Obedience to Law and Order.

Professor Onagbesan urged the beneficiaries to ensure they complete all the necessary papers relating to their travel and academic registration, to avoid embarrassment.

The Dean, College of Environmental Management, (COLERM) Professor Toyin Arowolo spoke on the challenges in dealing with the post graduate students.

According to him, the United Kingdom offers the state-of-the art facilities which the scholars really need to understand. He stated that this would only be achieved if the ETF Scholars develop a good interpersonal relationship with their supervisors and their mates.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Development), Professor SegunLagoke commended the Centre for Internalization and Partnership for organizing the workshop and working endlessly to ensure the University stands high in its Internalization Quest.

Professor Balogun urged the scholar to make do with this golden opportunity of their life time, noting that this will allow them to tap from the enormous wealth of knowledge of the world reckoned Universities they have been designated to.

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He further reiterated his company's commitment to providing all the necessary materials that will further boost the production of soya beans especially in the area of facilities that will enhance the meeting of the production level of the on going Nestle Plant construction located at Sagamu, Ogun State.