



1-Day Training Workshop on Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development organised by the University of Port Harcourt Research and Development Ecosystem. Sponsored by the Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health & Toxicological Research

Workshop Description

The African Higher Education Centres of Excellence Project called ACE IMPACT Project (<https://ace.aau.org/about-ace-impact/>) aims to build regional capacity to deliver high quality postgraduate courses, conduct and disseminate high impact applied research focused on addressing challenges in sub-Saharan Africa. To this end, the African Centre of Excellence for Public health and Toxicological Research ACE-PUTOR (www.aceputoruniport.edu.ng) of the University of Port Harcourt, serves as a platform for providing inter-disciplinary academic stream of postgraduate programmes and supporting the development of the University of Port Harcourt in its core mandates.

Research and development (R&D) are critical to driving sustainable innovation and economic growth. However, unlocking the full potential of university-based research requires a robust ecosystem that fosters entrepreneurship, industry collaboration, and commercialization.

Entrepreneurial Universities like the University of Port Harcourt are uniquely positioned to act as hubs for innovation, bridging the gap between academic research and industry applications.

This 1-day training is designed to expose stakeholders in the University of Port Harcourt R&D ecosystem to the opportunities and strategies for cultivating research entrepreneurship, strengthening innovation ecosystems, and developing effective university-industry partnerships.

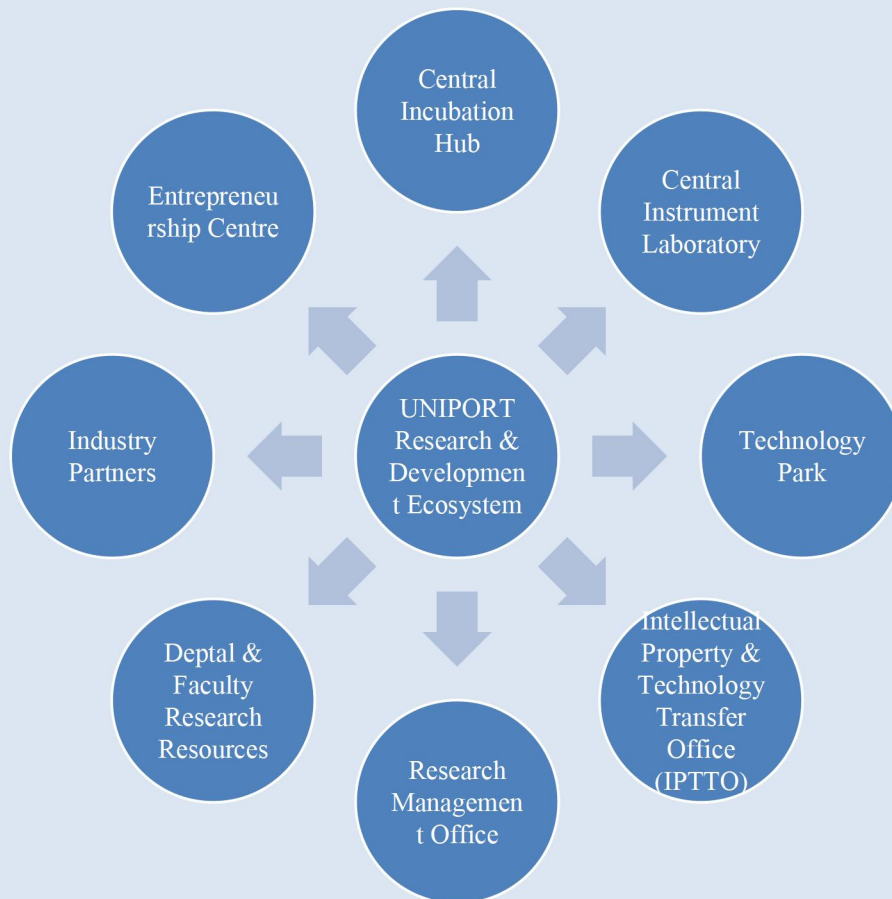


Figure 1. UNIPORT Research & Development Ecosystem

UNIPORT Central Incubation Hub

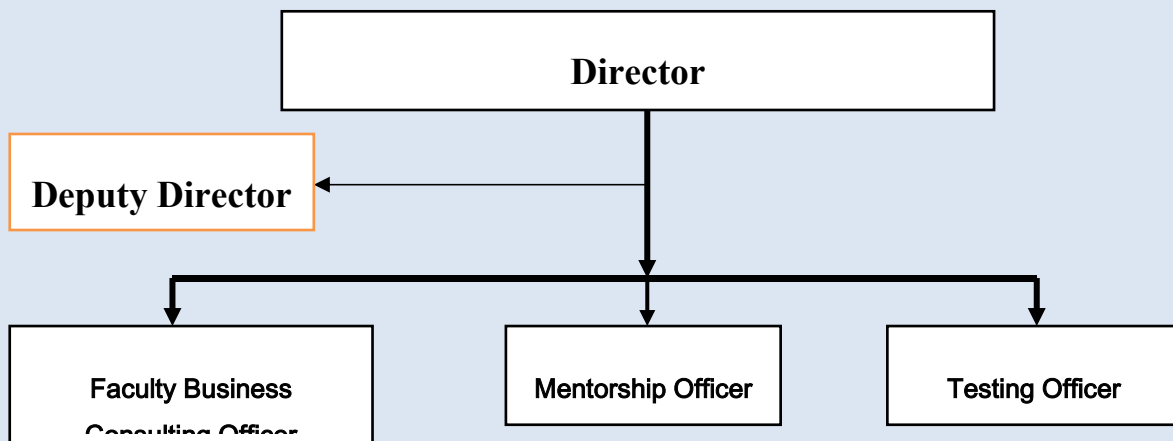


Figure 2. UNIPORT Central Incubation Hub

Workshop Theme: Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Objectives

The workshop objectives are to:

1. Foster Research Entrepreneurship: Equip stakeholders in the research and development ecosystem in the University of Port Harcourt with the orientation and appropriate skills to support researchers and academics to translate research findings into entrepreneurial ventures.
2. Strengthen the Innovation Ecosystem: Highlight the components of a thriving innovation ecosystem in the University of Port Harcourt and the role of stakeholders in sustaining it.
3. Promote University-Industry Collaboration: Demonstrate strategies for building mutually beneficial partnerships with industries to advance research commercialization and socio-economic development.

Expected Outcomes for the University

1. Increased awareness of opportunities for research commercialization and entrepreneurship.
2. Train staff in all units under the Research and Development Ecosystem on their roles
3. Strengthen collaboration among units in the Research & Development Ecosystem in the University of Port Harcourt
4. Strengthened collaboration between academia and industry for sustainable innovation and commercialisation.
5. Evolving actionable strategies for building a thriving innovation ecosystem within the University of Port Harcourt.

Expected Learning Outcomes for Participants

By the end of the 1-day training workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Understand Research Entrepreneurship
 - o Identify pathways for translating academic research into entrepreneurial ventures.
 - o Recognize the importance of intellectual property (IP) rights and how to manage them effectively.
 - o Access funding and support mechanisms for commercializing research outputs.
2. Build Effective Innovation Ecosystems
 - o Understand the key components and enablers of a thriving innovation ecosystem.
 - o Identify their roles as stakeholders in fostering collaboration and sustainability within the ecosystem.
 - o Learn from global and regional best practices for creating innovation hubs.
3. Foster University-Industry Partnerships
 - o Develop practical strategies for aligning academic research with industry needs.
 - o Establish networks and relationships for joint R&D initiatives with industry partners.
 - o Explore successful models of university-industry collaboration for innovation and product development.
4. Enhance Stakeholder Collaboration

- Work collaboratively across academia, industry, and government to address societal challenges.
 - Develop actionable frameworks for sustaining partnerships and fostering innovation-driven development.
5. Apply Knowledge to Drive Sustainable Development
- Leverage innovation and entrepreneurship to contribute to Nigeria’s socio-economic growth.
 - Integrate sustainability principles into research and innovation practices.

Target Participants

Stakeholders in the University’s Reseach & Development Ecosystem including

- Research Ethics Committee
- Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)
- Entrepreneurship Centre
- Technology Park
- Central Instrument Laboratory
- Central Innovation Hub
- Research Management Officer (RMO)
- Department & Faculty Research/IP Officer
- Industry Partners and Private Sector Representatives

Date: Thursday 30th January 2025

Time: 10am

Mode: Hybrid

Onsite Venue: Board Room, ACE-PUTOR, along East West Road, Choba

Online: Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WfhOWfwpT9aiEapf78K0Gg>

Resources Persons

Prof C. Ofurum - Building Research Entrepreneurs in the University

Prof J. Ajienska - Building an Effective University Innovation Ecosystem

Dr O. Obiajunwa - Developing Effective University-Industry Partnership for Sustainable Innovation & Development

Chief Host: Prof. Owunari Abraham Georgewill

Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria

Host: Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi

Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research & Development, University of Port Harcourt

Chief Convener: Prof Daprim Samuel Ogaji

Centre Leader, Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health & Toxicological Research, University of Port Harcourt

Training Execution plan

The workshop will adopt a participatory approach which will icnlude Lecture presentation, Questions & Answers, Discussion, Networking opportunities. Copies of the slides used, and other hand-outs were made available to all the participants. Those who participate fully in the workshop will be given a training certificate and will be expected to complete the workshop evaluation form.

Training Schedule

Time	Duration	Activity	Lead
9:00 – 10:00	60 minutes	Registration	Admin, ACE-PUTOR

10:00 – 10:30	30 minutes	Anthem, Introduction Welcome by Convener Address by Host Remark by Chief Host	Prof Patrick-Iwuanyanwu Prof Daprim Ogaji Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi Prof Owunari Georgewill
10:30 – 11:00	30 minutes	Lecture: Building Research Entrepreneurs in the University	Prof Clifford Ofurum
11:00 – 11:10	10 minutes	Questions & Answers	Moderator/Lecture
11:10 – 11:40	30 minutes	Lecture: Building an Effective University Innovation Ecosystem	Prof Joseph Ajienka
11:40 – 11:50	10 minutes	Questions & Answers	Moderator/Lecture
11:50 – 12:00	10 minutes	Tea Break	
12:00 – 12:30	30 minutes	Lecture: Developing Effective University-Industry Partnership for Sustainable Innovation & Development	Dr O. Obiajunwa
12:30 – 12:40	10 minutes	Questions & Answers	Moderator/Lecture
12:40 – 13:10	30 minutes	Discusion: Who is doing what in the Research and Development Space in the University of Port Harcourt	Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi
13:10 – 13:40	30 minutes	Networking: Building synergy in the Research & Development Ecosystem in UNIPORT	Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi
13:40 – 14:00	20 minutes	Lunch & Departure	

Training Proceedings

A total of 87 participants comprising 53 onsite and 34 online from the various units in the research and development ecosystem of the university of port harcourt and industry partners participated in the workshop

Record

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News - <https://www.uniport.edu.ng/featured-info/university-of-port-harcourt-hosts-1-day-training-workshop-on-research-entrepreneurship-and-innovation-ecosystems/>

The workshop which was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, had both virtual and physical participants. Virtual participants joined via Zoom. The Centre Leader, of ACE-PUTOR welcomed participants to the workshop as the Chief Convener, while the DVC (Research & Development) as host gave the opening remark before the Vice Chancellor, Prof Owunari Abraham Georgewill, as Chief Host declared the workshop officially open. Resource persons for the Workshop included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Clifford Ofurum, former Vice Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka and Dr Obichi Obiajunwa.

Professor Ofurum spoke on “Building Research Entrepreneurs in the University”, Professor Ajienka’s topic was “Building an Effective University Innovation Ecosystem, while Dr Obiajunwa made a presentation on “Developing Effective University-Industry Partnership for Sustainable Innovation and Development.”

Participants included strategic partners, including members of the research ethics committee, research management officers, staff of the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer

Office (IPTTO), Entrepreneurship Centre, Technology Park, Central Instrument Laboratory, Central Innovation Hub and University Industry partners.

In his presentation on “Building Research Entrepreneurs in the University”, Professor Ofurum emphasised that entrepreneurship is a unique factor. It is so important that the other factors may be useless without it. He stated that without entrepreneurship, the other factors of production will be almost unproductive. Entrepreneurship could make up for any other factor of production that may not be available.

Lecturing on “Building an Effective University Innovation Ecosystem”, the 7th Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor Ajienska, who recalled some of the success stories of the university in capacity building of staff, called for sustainable effort for the University of Port Harcourt to continue to take a leading role as a Centre of excellence.

Similarly, Dr Obiajunwa made a presentation on “Developing Effective University-Industry Partnership for Sustainable Innovation and Development,” outlining measures to build effective partnership in the university system.

Welcome Address by the Centre Leader at the training of staff of the research and development ecosystem on their roles

Distinguished Principal Officers, Facilitators, Guests, Esteemed Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I welcome you to this 1-Day Training Workshop on Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development. As the Centre Leader of the Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR), the proud sponsor of this initiative, I am delighted to see such a remarkable assembly of minds gathered here today.

Centres of Excellence (CoE) are expected to provide leadership, best practices, research, support, training of trainers and skill training within their specific focus. It is literally a place where the highest standards are maintained. At ACE-PUTOR, our mission is to advance excellence in research, capacity building, and the translation of scientific knowledge into impactful solutions that address critical public health and environmental challenges. ACE-PUTOR had adopted the quadruple helix linking the academia (training & research) with industry, government (sector) and the community. ACE-PUTOR is focused on bolstering its sustainability through revenue diversification enhanced research opportunities, community-driven impact projects, commercialisation activities, University-Industry linkage. Investing in sustainability and commercialization not only aligns the mandate of our centre which is of pressing global needs but also fosters financial security, academic excellence, and societal impact. We have established the ACE-PUTOR Consult & Investment Limited as a means of vertical integration of our commercialisation activities across services (space, laboratory, hospital) and manufacturing activities.

Today's workshop is indeed a testament to our mission, and aligns perfectly with our commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and partnerships that drive sustainable development across Africa and beyond.

The theme of this workshop, "Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development," is particularly pertinent in today's dynamic global landscape. Universities are no longer just centers of knowledge; but are engines of innovation and hubs for entrepreneurial activity. However, the realization of this potential requires deliberate efforts by the critical stakeholders to bridge the gap between academic research and industry needs, and this is precisely what we aim to achieve through this event. To this end, ACE-PUTOR is supporting the University's quest for synergy and collaboration among the stakeholders in the Research & Development Ecosystems comprising:

- Research Ethics Committee
- Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)
- Entrepreneurship Centre
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This is especially needed at a time, our Centre is providing physical infrastructure for the establishment of a Central Innovation Hub in the University of Port Harcourt where prototyping, testing, fabrication, faculty business consulting and business mentoring services will be undertaken. This workshop also hopes to establish the needed synergy between this latest entrance and existing units under the Research and Development Space in the University of Port Harcourt.

Research entrepreneurship is at the heart of creating impactful solutions. It is about empowering researchers to think beyond publications and patents to envision how their discoveries can solve real-world problems, create jobs, and generate value. Equally, innovation ecosystems thrive when there is synergy among academia, industry, government, and society. This interconnectedness fosters the seamless transfer of knowledge and technology, leading to impactful solutions that drive economic growth and improve quality of life.

At ACE-PUTOR, we believe that sustainable development is a collective responsibility. By fostering collaborations with key stakeholders—including universities, industries, policymakers, and international partners—we can amplify the impact of research and innovation. This workshop represents a critical step in building these bridges and creating a robust framework for sustainable partnerships.

Today, we have an exceptional lineup of facilitators and speakers who will share their expertise on various aspects of research entrepreneurship, innovation ecosystems, and university-industry linkages. I encourage all participants to take full advantage of this opportunity to learn, network, and engage in meaningful discussions. Let us approach today's sessions with open minds and a shared determination to translate knowledge into action.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the 9th Vice Chancellor of UNIPORT – Prof Owunari Abraham Georgewill and all stakeholders in the University of Port Harcourt Research and Development Ecosystem led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (R&D) for their support towards the organizing this event and for their unwavering dedication to fostering innovation and collaboration. My heartfelt thanks also go to our sponsors, partners, stakeholders, and everyone who has contributed to making this workshop a reality. Your support is invaluable.

To all virtual and physical participants, thank you for joining us in this vital conversation. Your presence here reflects your commitment to being part of the solution and driving the change we wish to see in the University of Port Harcourt. Together, we can create an environment where research and innovation flourish, and where sustainable development becomes a shared reality.

Before I end this address, lets have a bit of house keeping rules

Once again, welcome, and I wish you a highly enriching and impactful workshop.

Thank you.

Prof Daprim Samuel Ogaji
Centre Leader, ACE-PUTOR

Opening Remark by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Development) at the Training Workshop on Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development

PROTOCOL

There has been a lot of good things that have happened in the research and development sector of our university in the past three years. Research output is a major contributor to university ranking points and while we have not done so well in the Times Higher Education rankings, we have risen from 6th when this administration came in to 3rd on the Webometrics rankings behind only the Universities of Ibadan and Lagos as at last year. In 2024 we raised from research grants over 3 million dollars largely owing to a Mastercard/RUFORUM grant, close to 1.8 million Euros in total for a consortium of beneficiaries in the EU funded CREATE-Green Africa project and close to 60 million Naira in local grants.

I have not done a detailed analysis but it appears that we had more publications in 2024 than in the previous year and last year we were rewarded with a first place plaque and prize money

for having the most patent applications of any university in Nigeria. While these are all important, how do these ensure our sustained development or as Prof Ajenka put it, in his valedictory lecture, “so what?” Asked differently, what impact has our research made, who has benefitted from our research, besides promotion and citations, how has our research benefitted us as individual researchers and our university.

I am happy to be here today at this pivotal training workshop themed “Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development” that will point the way to answering these questions. This forum consists of all those of us who are united by our shared commitment to nurturing innovation for a sustainable future.

In our rapidly evolving world, the boundaries between academia and industry are becoming increasingly porous, creating fertile ground for groundbreaking innovations and entrepreneurship. It is within this dynamic interface that we find the potential to revolutionize our approach to sustainable development.

Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship:

Research is the backbone of innovation. However, the journey from a research idea to a market-ready product or service is often fraught with challenges. This workshop aims to equip our researchers with the entrepreneurial skills necessary to navigate this journey. By fostering a culture of research entrepreneurship, we empower our researchers to translate their discoveries into viable enterprises that can address real-world problems.

Innovation Ecosystems:

An innovation ecosystem is a vibrant network of interconnected entities – universities, industries, startups, government agencies, and investors – working synergistically to foster innovation. Building a robust innovation ecosystem requires a collaborative mindset, where knowledge, resources, and expertise are shared openly. Our goal is to create an environment where creative ideas can thrive, be tested, and ultimately scaled to drive economic growth and societal progress.

University-Industry Partnerships:

The collaboration between universities and industries is essential for bridging the gap between theoretical research and practical application. These partnerships provide researchers with access to industry insights, resources, and networks, while industries benefit from the cutting-edge research and fresh perspectives offered by academia. Together, we can co-create solutions that are not only innovative but also socially and environmentally sustainable.

Sustainable Development:

At the heart of our endeavors lies the overarching goal of sustainable development. As we seek to enhance research entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems, we must ensure that our efforts are aligned with the principles of sustainability. This means prioritizing projects

that promote environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic viability. By doing so, we can contribute to a future where development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In closing, I urge each one of you to embrace the opportunities presented by this workshop. Let us leverage our collective knowledge, skills, and passion to forge a path toward a more sustainable and prosperous future. Together, we have the power to transform challenges into opportunities and to create lasting impact through innovation.

Thank you.

Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi
Deputy Vice Chancellor (R&D), UNIPORT

**Vice Chancellor's opening speech at the 1-Day Training Workshop on Enhancing
Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry
Partnerships for Sustainable Development organised by the University of Port Harcourt
Research and Development Ecosystem**

Greetings and Protocol,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this 1-Day Training Workshop on Enhancing Research Entrepreneurship, Innovation Ecosystems, and University-Industry Partnerships for Sustainable Development. On behalf of the University Management Committee, I extend my warmest greetings to all onsite and online participants, facilitators, and distinguished guests who have joined us here today.

The theme of this workshop could not be more relevant or timely. As we face complex global, national and subnational challenges such as climate change, economic inequality, and rapid technological advancement, the role of universities in driving innovation and sustainable development has never been more critical. Today's gathering underscores the pivotal role of research entrepreneurship and strategic partnerships between academia and industry in addressing these pressing issues.

The University of Port Harcourt as an entrepreneurial University has long been a beacon of academic excellence and innovation. Through our Research and Development Ecosystem led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & Development (Prof Iyeopu Siminialayi), we have committed ourselves to advancing knowledge, fostering creativity, and providing solutions that contribute to societal progress. However, we recognize that meaningful impact requires synergy among internal stakeholders in this space and collaboration with external stakeholders. By enhancing the synergy between our research efforts and industry applications, we can catalyze transformative change and ensure that our innovations are not just groundbreaking but also sustainable and scalable.

This workshop is designed to provide a platform for capacity building, knowledge sharing, and networking. We are privileged to have a lineup of esteemed facilitators and resource persons who bring a wealth of experience in research commercialization, innovation management, and fostering university-industry collaborations. Their insights will be invaluable in equipping us with the tools and strategies needed to thrive in today's knowledge-driven economy.

Let me take a moment to highlight the importance of entrepreneurship in the research ecosystem. Entrepreneurship is not merely about starting businesses; it is about cultivating a mindset that embraces creativity, resilience, and problem-solving. For researchers, this translates into the ability to identify opportunities, translate ideas into impactful solutions, and effectively communicate the value of their innovations to stakeholders.

Equally important is the creation of robust innovation ecosystems. Such ecosystems thrive when academia, industry, government, and other stakeholders work together in a spirit of mutual trust and shared purpose. Through strategic collaborations, we can bridge the gap between research and real-world application, ensuring that our discoveries address societal needs and drive sustainable development. As a University, we will formally launch the Central Innovation Hub accommodating the testing centre, faculty business consulting office and the business mentoring office as soon as all the equipment which are on ground are installed.

Today's discussions and activities will focus on practical approaches to enhancing research entrepreneurship, building effective innovation ecosystems, and forging sustainable university-industry partnerships. We will explore topics ranging from intellectual property management to funding opportunities and best practices in technology transfer. It is my hope that this workshop will not only enrich our understanding but also inspire us to take bold steps toward creating a future where research, innovation, commercialisation and sustainability go hand in hand in this University.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health & Toxicological Research led by Prof Daprim Ogaji, for sponsoring this event as part of the ACE IMPACT Project. I also wish to thank the organizing committee for their hard work and dedication in putting together this event. Your efforts exemplify the spirit of collaboration and excellence that we seek to promote through this initiative. I also thank our partners and sponsors for their invaluable support in making this workshop possible.

To our participants, I encourage you to engage fully with today's program. Ask questions, share your perspectives, and seize this opportunity to network with like-minded individuals. Together, we can build a community of innovators and changemakers committed to creating a sustainable future.

Once again, welcome to the University of Port Harcourt, and thank you for being part of this important dialogue. I wish you all a productive and inspiring workshop.

On this note, I have the singular privilege to declare this workshop open

Thank you.

Prof Owunari Abraham Georgewill
9th Vice Chancellor, UNIPOINT

Training Workshop Pictures



Prof Patrick-Iwuanyanwu – M&E Officer & Moderator of the training workshop



Anthem at the commencement of the event



Prof Daprim Ogaji – Centre Leader & Convener of the Training Workshop



Prof Iyeopu Siminalayi – DVC (R&D) and host chairing the discourse on roles & synergy of stakeholders in the research & development ecosystem in UNIPOINT



Prof Clifford Ofurum – DVC (Administration) and 1st lecturer



Dr Obichi Obianjunwa – 3rd lecturer

Prof Joseph Ajenka – 7th VC of UNIPORT and 2nd lecturer



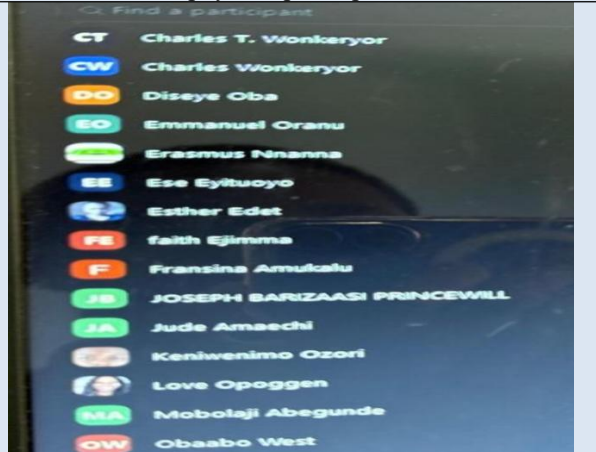
Prof Iwundu – Director, ICTC and immediate past Director IPTTO making a contribution



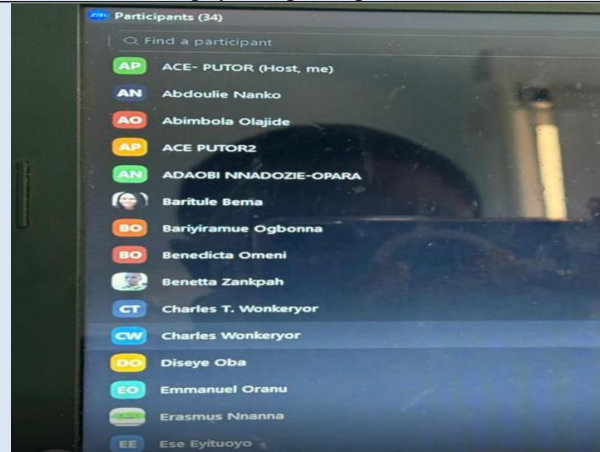
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Capacity Building of Staff in the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystem

The University of Port Harcourt invites stakeholders in
the Research & Development Ecosystem to a 1-day
workshop on Developing an Effective Innovation
Ecosystem in a Contemporary University



Who to Attend

Stakeholders in the University's
Research & Development Ecosystem

- Research Ethics Committee
- Research Management Officer
- Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)
- Entrepreneurship Centre
- Technology Park
- Central Instrument Laboratory
- Central Innovation Hub
- University Industry Partners

Facilitators

- Prof C.O. Ofurum - Building Research Entrepreneurs in the University
- Prof J. Ajioka - Building an Effective University Innovation Ecosystem
- Dr Obichi Obiajunwa - Developing Effective University-Industry Partnership for Sustainable Innovation & Development



Thursday
30.01.2025



10:00AM

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CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF IN THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT (THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025)

Participant Feedback

Location: Hybrid (Virtual and Physical)

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Evaluation focus	Response		
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Discussion Session			
Networking & Synergy Session			

FACILITATORS

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Workshop Instructors	Knowledge on subject	Teaching skills	Engagement with participants
Prof Clifford Ofurum	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3
Prof Joseph Ajienka	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3
Dr Obichi Obiajunwa	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3

Suggestions for strengthening the Research, entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem in the University of Port Harcourt:

Thank you for participating, we appreciate your feedback.



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