

Commissioning/Dedication of the ACE PUTOR Infrastructures



UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH (ACE-PUTOR)

INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE

COMMISSIONING OF ACE-PUTOR BUILDING

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GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA ACE IMPACT FUND

BY PROF OWUNARI GEORGEWILL (9TH VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIPORT)



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OCTOBER 2023
9:00 AM PROMPT**



**ACE-PUTOR BUILDING, EAST-WEST
ROAD, CHOBA, RIVERS STATE,
NIGERIA**

MODERATOR:

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**AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOXICOLOGICAL
RESEARCH**

**UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT
COMMISSIONING AND DEDICATION OF
THE ACE-PUTOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

PROGRAMME OF EVENT

- Music Interlude
- Arrival of Guest
- Opening Prayer
- National/UNIPORT Anthem
- Introduction of Guests
- Welcome Address by the Centre Leader
- Address and Official Commissioning by the VC
- Dedication of the Infrastructure by the Chaplain, OSC
- Tour of the Facility
- Pictures
- Refreshment
- Closing

Brief description of Centre

The Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR) is a regional Centre established to promote collaboration and interdisciplinary research; improve the practice of public health, biochemistry, toxicology, and nursing; produce cutting –edge research projects to solve public health issues arising from oil and gas sectors and undertake consultancy and community services. The Centre is support by the World Bank Group (WBG), French Development Agency (AFD), the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the National Universities Commission (NUC).

VISION

To be a centre for innovative research and academic training, recognised for local relevance, international excellence and global impacts in public health, toxicology and nursing sciences.

MISSION

To provide an enabling environment for students and faculties to discover and nurture their full potentials in delivering innovative research and human capacity development.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and effectively manage relevant postgraduate programmes in public health, toxicology and nursing science.
2. To deliver relevant short courses in public

health, toxicology and nursing science to mid-career professionals.

3. To enhance participation of students and faculties in internships & exchange experiences.
4. To develop local, regional and international partnerships and linkages with industries, public sectors and academic institutions.
5. To implement priority interventions focused on remediation of developmental challenges related to public health, toxicology, and nursing.

Academics in ACE-PUTOR

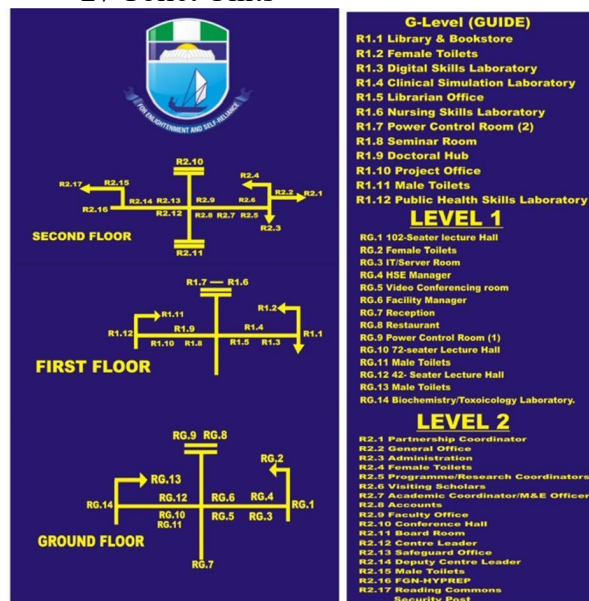
The postgraduate programmes in the ACE-PUTOR are accredited by the National Universities Commission and the Royal Society of Biology.

Research in ACE-PUTOR

Multidisciplinary research including reviews and empirical (observational and interventional) and translational research.

Summary of the spaces the PUTOR Building

- 5 smart classrooms
- 15 furnished offices for workers
- 3 project offices
- 1 Seminar Room
- 1 Video-conferencing room
- 1 Board Room
- 1 doctoral hub
- 3 receptions
- 6 laboratories (Biochemistry/Toxicology, Nursing skills, public health skills, digital skills, clinical simulation laboratories, FGN-HYPREP)
- Library and book shop
- Reading commons
- Kitchen and restaurant
- 27 Toilet Units



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Tinubu pulls FCT out of TSA

Approves establishment of FCT Civil Service Commission

FROM FRED ITUA, ABUJA

PRESIDENT Bola Tinubu has approved the pulling out of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) out of the Treasury Single Account (TSA).

The pullout has paved the way for

the minister, Nyeson Wike to utilize the administration's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for the development of the nation's capital.

Addressing newsmen on Friday in Abuja, Wike also disclosed that the President has approved the creation of the FCT Civil Service Commission

to allow for staff career progression.

He said: "The Central Bank cannot give us loans, and even the IGR is spent as it comes, which you cannot tangibly do anything with it."

I said to Mr. President, if you want FCT to really carry out its developmental projects and infrastructure,

then it must come out of TSA. We (FCT Administration) are not a revenue generating agency of the Federal Government, then what financial leakages are you plugging? The revenue comes in, and it will go to the Central Bank of Nigeria CBN and we need money to do projects, I cannot go to the Central Bank to give us money, and I can't go to the commercial banks. They will ask how do you pay bank? So, I said we must pull out, that is the only way we can survive it."

Mr. President graciously agreed with us and approved that we should pull out of the Single Treasury Account. You will see that from next year it will be projects upon projects in FCT, and what you saw in Port Harcourt, Abuja would be something else. So for us, it is one of the happiest days, and we have

to thank Mr. President for the foresight."

Wike said for several years, a lot of issues in the FCT were stalled due to lack of political will to see them through.

He said: "There is this fear that if I do this, people will kick against it. But it is not personal. It is about the growth of the city, welfare of the civil servants and the interest of the women - our mothers, sisters and wives."

"For many years this fight has been on, but in just few many months, Mr. President has done it. That is the essence of the renewed hope agenda of President Bola Tinubu."

"Mr. President has also approved the creation of a secretariat for women. He has approved the creation of a Mandate Secretariat for Women Affairs just like we have the Ministry of Women Affairs in the states."

Olokun/Olosa Festival: Gani Adams, Bolarinwa, others seek preservation of Yoruba culture

AAREONAKAKANFO of Yoruba land, Ibeju, Lagos at the public lecture/Quiz competition organized as part of the programmes for the ongoing 2023 edition of Olokun/Olosa Festival.

The quiz competition, according to the organisers, was an opportunity for the students of over 20 secondary schools in Lagos State to learn and acquire more knowledge in Yoruba language, even as the lecture was aimed at broaden the knowledge of participants in everything that has to do with Yoruba language, culture and tradition.

The Adams said the Olokun Festival Foundation (OFF) has consistently made stringent efforts at maintaining the cultural values of Yoruba race.

He said the quiz competition and the public lecture were very important for the culture promoters and the to instill the culture and tradition in the younger generation.

"We have consistently adhere to the beliefs of making Yoruba the pride of all races. That is why we always promote our culture, tradition will appreciate our efforts at keeping them abreast of new development in Yoruba land and beyond."

"There is urgent need for the Yoruba Oloos to support the national identity of Yoruba race. I urge our traditional rulers to sustain any ide-

als that can help in sustaining the cultural identity of our race."

The guest lecturer, Professor Olusegun Bolarinwa from the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, spoke on the topic: "The Place of Omoluabi Philosophy in the Protection and Preservation of Yoruba Culture."

He said Yoruba culture is an enduring, dynamic set of behavioural tenets, values, language, ideas and beliefs system.

He stated further that the Philosophy of Omoluabi is the principle of goodwill, respect, honesty, truth, intelligence, respect for society and good character.

"Omoluabi is naturally endowed on the Yoruba peculiarity with the Omoluabi philosophy of Yoruba uniqueness and distinct of our race," he added.



L-R: Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Agriculture, Dr. Oluwarotimi Fashola; Lagos State Commissioner for Agriculture, Ms. Abisola Oluosanya; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Mrs. Olatokunbo Emokpae and Representative of Managing Director/CEO, Demisler Farms Limited, Mrs. Dumbi Oluwole during the 2023 World Food Day Farmers Forum in Lagos yesterday.

Uniport opens N1bn public health, toxicological research facility in Rivers

FROM TONY JOHN, PORT HARCOURT

THE University of Port Harcourt (Uniport), has inaugurated Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR) building valued at over N1 billion.

The Director, ACE-PUTOR, Prof. Daprim Ogaji, disclosed this while fielding questions from journalists shortly after the commissioning of the facility on Friday.

Prof. Ogaji said the centre was established to facilitate learning and research, adding that it was geared towards collaboration with local

and international organisations.

He said: "This edifice was put up to facilitate learning and research in the University of Port Harcourt. And it was funded by the World Bank, French Development Organisation and supported by the Association of African Universities and Nigerian Universities Commission."

"The Centre is structured in a way that it should be self-sustaining. Already, we have a sustainability plan that has been established. So, for the students of all cadres, both the rich and the not so rich can access our facility."

"The current investment in this place goes over a billion naira. In fact, the building alone is over

N600 million. And the equipment that is coming in is about N700 million. We are having an investment that is almost N1.3 billion. This is a plus for the University of Port Harcourt, which is one of the high ranking universities in Nigeria currently."

He, however, described the facility as a landmark, which would contribute to students' research works and advancement.

Meanwhile, the Uniport Vice Chancellor, Professor Owanari Georgewill, said the centre was the dream and vision of the institution, which would be conducive for learning by the students.

Igbo youth leaders demand Kanu's release

FROM STANLEY UZOARU, OWERRI

FOLLOWING the release of Yoruba nation agitator, Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho by the government of Benin Republic, Igbo youths leaders in the South East, have renewed the call for the release of the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) Nnamdi Kanu.

Spokesman of the Coalition of United Political Parties (CUPP), Chief Ikenga Ugochinyere, noted that the federal government should have reasoned with the popular views of the people on the release of Kanu based on political solution.

He blamed the former administration of Muhammadu Buhari for the continuous detention of Kanu, and urged the people to remain calm while waiting for the outcome of the Supreme Court judgment next month.

"There is no problem again. His case would be decided in few weeks by the Supreme Court, let's wait for its decision. We all know that a court has already ordered that he should be released, his release is long overdue," Ugochinyere said.

Igbo National Council (INC) led by Chilos Godsent, described the release of Igboho and the continued detention of

Kanu as a lopsided justice.

He said: "The Igbo National Council INC was pleased when we received the news of the release of Sunday Igboho from solitary confinement. We have also expected that the gesture will be extended to Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, who has been incarcerated for more than three years in DSS Cell in Abuja against the order of the Court of Appeal for his release."

Similarly, Igbo youths, under the aegis of the Coalition of South East Youth Leaders (COSEYL), has said that it amounts to selective justice to release Igboho while leaving Nnamdi Kanu in detention.

President General of COSEYL, Goodluck Ibeni noted that federal government's marginalisation and maltreatment of Igbo are the reasons for the call for a referendum by IPOB.

"We are very aware that the federal government played a significant role to secure the release of Sunday Igboho from detention in Benin Republic."

"The insecurity in the South East geopolitical zone is because of the unlawful incarceration of Nnamdi Kanu and the marginalization of the people of South East in the scheme of things," he said.

Vanguard

World Bank, partners advance healthcare devt with new center at

Uniport <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2023/10/world-bank-partners-advance-healthcare-devt-with-new-center-at-uniport/>

PM News

UNIPORT inaugurates Africa Centre of Excellence in health, toxicological

research <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2023/10/14/uniport-inaugurates-africa-centre-of-excellence-in-health-toxicological-research/>

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<https://punchng.com/uniport-inaugurates-n1bn-public-health-research-facility/?amp>

