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Prof. Azare, Doyen of Teacher Education in Nigeria Marks 70 Years on June 22!!



Standing Centre: Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, DG/CE of NTI being presented with a Happy Birthday card as gift by the members of the Institute's Management, on June 22, 2021, in his office as he turned 70.

Prof. Azare Emphasises on Capacity Building of Teachers as NTI Partners UNICEF



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, DG/CE of NTI addressing participants at Hotel 17, Kaduna, recently

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI Director-General and Chief Executive, has said that stakeholders should avail regular capacity building trainings for their teachers to enable them continuously update their knowledge and pedagogical skills.

He made the disclosure during the stakeholders' meeting on **Content Mapping** on June 8, 2021 at Hotel 17, Kaduna.

Prof. Azare said the issue of digital literacy has to be taken personally, seriously and charged the stakeholders concerned to prioritise teacher retraining and capacity building.

“ You must avail your teachers to continuous capacity building trainings,” he stressed.

He said that he was happy to see people from different backgrounds and experience at the meeting.

The **Bulletin** reports that the objectives of the stakeholders' meeting were to access existing learning materials in use at state level, identify and review materials from stakeholders and collate identified relevant learning materials.

There were presentations by all the 16 participating states on how they kept their pupils busy while the COVID -19 lasted.

Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, the NTI Director of Academic Services said the workshop dealt with existing materials, examined them with a view to upgrading them to address the existing challenges caused by sudden unforeseen circumstances like the COVID-19 Pandemic.

She said that the DG/CE gave a matching order that everybody has to go on e-learning that helps a lot in building the capacity of teachers.

Also speaking during the event, Mrs. Yetunde Olurowatosin, the UNICEF representative at the meeting, mentioned that the Federal Ministry of Education received grants from Global Partnership for Education (GPE), to address the challenges

of school closure in the future for children, who do not have access to mobile devices.

She said that the children can take these materials and use them and explained that the funds would be utilised by 16 states. She requested the states to present their materials, either in the form of radio or audio broadcast format.

The three-day workshop, which was organised by the Federal Ministry of Education and Global Partnership on Education in collaboration with NTI and UNICEF, was held at the Hotel 17, Kaduna, between June 8 and 10, 2021.

Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, NTI Director Academic Services said in situation like the lock-down, the pupils should be engaged as obtained in other countries.

She said the aim was to look at the existing materials and review them to suit the intended purpose.

Participants for the exercise were drawn from Niger SUBEB, Plateau, Benue, Kaduna SUBEB and Jigawa SUBEB.

Others included Bauchi, Kano, Kebbi SUBEBs and Consultants like Prof. Ishyaku Binda from the University of Jos and Dr. Babayo Aliyu from the Federal University Kashere, Gombe State.



Mrs Yetunde, a UNICEF representative briefing stakeholder at the three-day Content Mapping meeting held at Hotel 17 between June 8 and 10.

NTI IN COLLABORATION WITH COL TRAINS 44 PERSONNEL ON SCALING UP TEACHER TRAINING FOR LEARNING RECOVERY



Prof. M. I Junaid
Commonwealth of Learning Consultant at the workshop, recently.

No fewer than 44 NTI staff, officials from Kebbi and Sokoto States SUBEBs and State Ministries of Education received a four-day training on ***“Scaling Up Teacher Training for Learning Recovery,”*** organised by the National Teachers’ Institute (NTI), Kaduna, in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Canada.

The exercise which lasted between Monday, May 31, 2021 and Thursday, June 3, 2021 took place at the SMASE National INSET Centre at NTI headquarters in Kaduna.

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI Director-General and Chief Executive (DG/CE) had during the opening ceremony of the exercise, mentioned that since the world had turned into “electronic techniques,” education must not be an exception in addition to insisting that teaching and learning should transform to include and be available for all.

The DG/CE, who was represented by Hajiya Fatima Belgore, the NTI Director of Quality Assurance and ICT, mentioned that the “all-important” workshop was mounted to improve the capacity of NTI staff as well as officers from Kebbi and Sokoto States SUBEBs and Ministries of Education in addition to enabling them to pilot the main Learning Recovery Programme slated for their states.

He stressed that the objectives of the workshop included among others, bridging the gap of the learning areas lost during COVID-19 and other areas of utmost importance, like security, skill acquisition and entrepreneurship.

“The workshop also aimed at supporting teachers to use the developed podcasts to achieve learning objectives in different subject areas as well as encouraging them to use the podcasts to supplement their face-to-face classroom practice.

“It is expected to bridge the instructional gaps created by the long closure of schools as a result of COVID-19 and security pandemic as well as equip teachers with necessary skills to organised contents

suitable for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platform,” he said.

Prof. Azare said that the expected outcomes of the exercise included among others, improved access to remote /online learning and successful merger of face-to-face instruction with online instruction.

“It is expected that the exercise would enhance teachers’ capacity for flexible learning and empower them with capacity for adaptive instructional practices and lifelong learning.

“The exercise is expected to produce learners with the attitude and skills for online learning in addition to developing dynamic as well as resilient basic education system that can respond to disruptions caused by either natural or manmade phenomena,” he said.

He explained that the training was in line with the Institute’s mandate to carry out research and upgrade teachers’ professional competence using e-techniques, which COL is supporting NTI to champion by flagging off the training for the two states of the North-West zone of this country.

“The programme was supposed to have taken off much earlier, but got stalled owing to some logistics.

“We are beginning the training with Master Trainers comprising participants from NTI, Kebbi and Sokoto States,” he said.

He pointed out that so many skills could be acquired through e-techniques, podcasts and other modes that are very common means of teaching and learning in the 21st Century.

“We should avail ourselves of the opportunity offered by this training to

improve our capacity to deliver online teaching and learning,” he added.

He commended Prof. Muhammad I. Junaid, the Lead Consultant for the programme, for being willing to come to the Institute to render his contribution to teacher education and professional development.

“This is a demonstration of true statesmanship and great hallmark of patriotism from an academic of his standing anywhere in the world,” he concluded.

Prof. Junaid, who had during his opening remarks mentioned that his “blind date,” with teaching began since after his secondary school days also availed that NTI is a “home” for him.

He explained the exercise was apt because the COVID-19 pandemic brought about the closure of schools for eight to nine months, which brought about loss of many things including learning within the period.

“The need to recover what we lost arose and learning being one of them, is the major reason for this exercise which is tailored towards recovering what we lost and going ahead with the remaining curriculum.

“I must add that though teachers are not used to such experiences, this workshop would among others, endeavour to assist teachers on how to assist students not to lose in their examinations and at the same time cover what is entailed in the curriculum.

“That explains the concept of ‘accelerated curriculum,’ which in effect means going on ‘fast speed,’” he said.

According to him, while “speeding ” to recover the lost content, emphasis must be placed on quality, understanding and

comprehension by the students, saying: “we must ensure that we do not stumble or fall in the process.”

“The task before participants includes determining what the students need to know for the period lost and developing a small curriculum content for the Learning Recovery,” he said.

NTI IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TRAINS 130 TEACHERS OF DIGITAL LESSON PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY



Haj. Fatima Ahmed Belgore
NTI Director, Quality Assurance and ICT at the opening ceremony of the workshop

No fewer than 130 teachers from the 30 states of the Federation and the FCT received training on Digital Lesson Production and Delivery jointly organised by the National Teachers’ Institute (NTI) Kaduna and the Federal Ministry of Education.

It was funded through the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) in response to the effect of COVID-19 pandemic on the educational sector in this country and to mitigate its impact using online, and offline platforms, Television, Radio and take-home

materials to keep children engaged academically.

The training conducted in two batches comprised of FCT Abuja, Katsina, Lagos, Benue and Niger states. Others are Nasarawa, Abia, Ekiti, Osun and Ogun States, with four participants each in the first batch which received its training from Monday, June 7 to Wednesday, June 9.

The second batch which like its counterpart, comprised of participants of equal number and had their training between June 15 and June 17, 2021.

Hajiya Fatima Belgore, the NTI Director of Quality Assurance and ICT, had while speaking at the opening ceremony held at the NTI SMASE Hall, on Monday, June 7, regretted that the pandemic had affected educational systems worldwide leading to near-total closure of schools.

“As the pandemic ravaged on more than 50 Million Nigerian children remained at home owing to closure of schools,” she said.

According to her, majority of Nigerian teachers are unable to use those platforms for teaching and learning pointing out that the situation called for the need for training programme on the “use multimedia in teaching and learning” for the teachers.

She mentioned that the training in multimedia aimed at ensuring convenience, flexibility, active learning and catch-up by students anywhere, anytime using any or more of those available electronic media.

“This training programme aimed mainly at equipping participants with necessary skills on how to develop a lesson plan, convert it to a script to be presented on Radio/Television, thereby closing the gap created by the pandemic,” she said.

My Vision is to Contribute Positively and Effectively to the already established system and structure- says Ag. Registrar

In a special encounter with Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the new Acting Registrar and Secretary to the NTI Governing Council, the Bulletin took a “mind tour” of the Administrative Vision of the man at the administrative echelon, where he bared his mind about his Vision for the Institute. As the Chief Administrative Officer of the Institute, Mal. Hamidu has this to say:



Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu
NTI Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council

The Bulletin: Sir, you were recently appointed as the Acting Registrar and Secretary to Council by the Governing Council, how do you see your appointment?

Ag. Registrar: Glory be to Almighty Allah (SWT). I thank Almighty Allah (SWT) for the blessing. I am indeed very grateful and delighted for the trust, confidence and faith bestowed on me. At this juncture, I must express my hearty appreciation to the NTI Governing Council for making this decision and giving me the opportunity to serve this great Institute and my country, at large; it is a rare privilege and I want to use this medium to also thank all those who always support us with prayers.

The Bulletin: Every appointee comes on board with a Vision on how best he /she would discharge his responsibilities, may we share yours with us?

Ag. Registrar: Yes, I would.

The Bulletin: Alright, what is your Vision?

Ag. Registrar: My Vision is to contribute positively and effectively to the already established System and Structures with a robust and proactive professional and non-professional staff towards the attainment of the overall goals and objectives of Teaching and Learning as anchored in the Institute's Vision and Mission Statements.

The Bulletin: How do you intend to actualise that?

Ag. Registrar: This could be actualised through Effective Service Delivery within the best minimum turnaround time and this would be our guiding principle via adherence to due-process. I would by the grace of God Almighty, guarantee effective flow and dissemination of information and knowledge with focus on Human and Material assets of the Institute within the context of established Public Service rules and stipulated extant laws to ensure strict adherence to them.

We would together with my all-in-one team create an enabling working environment, conducive for the realisation of the Vision mentioned earlier. I would also lead the way and to leverage on the **Establishment Act (CAP N79 LFN 2004)** for a good synergy in the following areas:

1. Having pledged to operate with absolute confidentiality and loyalty to the Governing Council and constituted authority, I would support the Director-General and Chief Executive in the general administration of the Institute with optimum utilisation of

resources with effective cost control and efficiency.

2. My leadership style would ensure that all Departments, Zonal, State Offices and Study Centres work effectively and efficiently in synergy and contribute towards the realisation of the Institute's established objectives as a world-class Distance Learning Institution of international repute.

3 In the aspect of Human Capital Administration and Development, either professional or non-professional and Support Services, as it relates to proper Establishment needs, Selection, Placement, Training and Promotion, we would make NTI attractive and reduce staff turnover.

4. We shall in addition, create effective students' administrative system that would do away with procrastination in the admission and certification processes and good records keeping with absolute confidentiality and security.

The Bulletin: Sometimes government appointees do have a lot of programmes to implement, but the administrative bottlenecks hamstringing their actualisation, what is your plan towards that?

Ag. Registrar: We would introduce new ways of doing things that would eliminate administrative bottlenecks, which impede the process and create an atmosphere of effective administrative system through participation, decision making, openness and an all-inclusive system with effective control mechanism, effective delegation of responsibilities and discipline to increase staff productivity and eliminate redundancy and man hour waste.

The Bulletin: What are your plans on Staff Welfare?

Ag. Registrar: My predecessors and the present administration have creditably done well in this area, which I would ensure is sustained in addition to bringing many good things for the Institute's staff through Allah's infinite mercies and guidance.

The Bulletin: What are your Core Values in terms of Service Delivery?

Ag. Registrar: My all-in-one team of staff's Core Values shall be faith in God, commitment to work, result-oriented and service delivery, that would make a positive difference. The focus is expected to be customer-friendly i.e (students' and stakeholder- conscious), assuring quality and innovations, while leveraging on team work, strength and opportunities. The leadership style will be driven by a participatory decision-making process, with the slogan: *"To stand alone I fail and work collectively we thrive."*

The Bulletin: What legacies have you imbibed from your predecessors?

Ag. Registrar: Alhamdulillah (Praise be to God)! My predecessors have undoubtedly made indelible marks in the history of the Institute that I and everybody must recognise and commend them for the tremendous milestones accomplished by them *and I must admit that they all represent great sources of inspiration to me!*

The Bulletin: What Challenges are you facing as a new helmsman at the Institute's Registry?

Ag. Registrar: Firstly, the challenge am facing is to add from where my predecessors stopped, improving on what they left and building on them to make a

positive difference as I mentioned earlier and secondly, I would not like to be judged in the same parameters with any one of them because there are individual differences in terms of competencies as well as strengths and weaknesses associated with each individual.

The Bulletin: What message would you like us to extend to our readers?

Ag. Registrar: I wish to give an assurance to one and all that by Allah's Will and Guidance, my stewardship as the Acting Registrar would build on the indelible footprints and marks of my predecessors through effective support to the Governing Council and the Director-General and Chief Executive to take the Institute to its right place as a **First Class** and One of the largest Open Distance Learning Institution (ODL) in Nigeria and beyond.

The Bulletin: Thank you Sir!

Ag. Registrar: Thank you too!

Prof. Azare Lauds Commonwealth of Learning on Collaboration



Dr. Armaya'u Malami Yabo
Project Coordinator and
Special Assistant to the DG/CE of NTI

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the Director-General and Chief Executive of the National

Teachers' Institute, Kaduna, has commended the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) for their support and partnership.

Prof. Azare made the disclosure in his welcome address during the Opening Ceremony of a-Five-day workshop on **"Course Development for Online and Offline Delivery"** for Learning Recovery Programme held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at the SMASE National INSET Centre, NTI Kaduna.

He said the main objective of the workshop is to bridge the gap of learning areas lost during the Covid-19 and other areas of utmost importance, not limited to security and entrepreneurship.

"I will like to commend the Commonwealth of Learning for taking such a giant step towards helping teachers in Kebbi and Sokoto states to train teachers on the online delivery of lessons," he said.

Recall that the Institute held the first leg of the workshop on **"Scaling Teacher Training for Learning Recovery Programme for the states of Kebbi and Sokoto,"** with the main objective of bridging the gap of the learning areas lost during the Covid-19.

The workshop took place between May 31, 2021 and June 3, 2021 at the SMASE National INSET Centre, NTI headquarters in Kaduna.

The DG/CE stressed that the workshop was mounted to improve the capacity of NTI Staff as well as teachers from Kebbi and Sokoto SUBEBs and Ministries of Education.

Recall that the first leg workshop also aimed at supporting teachers to use the developed podcasts to achieve learning areas lost during the Covid-19 pandemic that forced school closure.

" It was in response to the outcry that international agencies and organisations such as Commonwealth of Learning (COL) deemed it appropriate to come up with intervention programmes such as Learning Recovery Programme, " he added.

Prof. Azare appealed that the scope be expanded to cover teachers in all states of the federation and the FCT, Abuja.

He said the development would help to place teachers on equal pedestal to operate seamlessly across all the geo-political zones of the country and also assist in making popular the activities of COL as a global champion for quality teacher education and professional development.

He urged the participants to learn from the workshop, so as to equip them to master the skills of online delivery of lessons.

Prof. Azare Urges Participants of the Content Workshop to Cascade Training



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare
Director-General and Chief Executive NTI at the event, recently

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the Director-General and Chief Executive of NTI has urged the participants of a Five-day workshop on the **"Development of Ready-to-use and Air Learning Materials and Assessment contents for Primary One to**

Six on Mathematics and English Language,” to cascade the training to other teachers in their various states.

Prof. Azare disclosed at the Opening ceremony of the workshop on June 21, 2021 at the SMASE INSET National Centre, NTI headquarters, Kaduna.

He appreciated the support of the Federal Ministry of Education for finding NTI worthy of discharging the assignment and United Nation International Children Education Funds (UNICEF) for funding the assignment.

Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, the Coordinating Director of the training and also the Director Academic Services of the Institute, thanked the Federal Government for considering NTI suitable to take up the assignment, because of its wealth of experience in the delivery of education using the Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

Dr. Kontagora said the Federal Government felt that even though the schools are now opened, there is the need to continue with this project.

“ The funds are available by the Global Partnership on Education (GPE) because of that need to beef-up what the child is learning and what he has lost,” she added.

She said the content committee is one of the Five sub-committees, working with the National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) and Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), as members of the content committee.

She disclosed that the participants were drawn from NTI Model Primary School, NERDC Model School and school from the Rigachikun Community, which are expected to implement this in the class.

Also speaking at the event, Mrs. Chinyere Nwokorie, who represented the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, a Consultant to the training and Desk Officer, **“Read Campaign”** at the ministry, commended the effort of the Institute for winning the bidding to execute the assignment.

The representative of the Institute at the bidding contest, was Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora.

Describing the DG/CE as the “ father of all teachers,” Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, Director Fields Operations and Students’ Services (FOSS) said for someone to be a sound teacher, he has to make everyday a learning situation, which emphasised on continuous capacity building for teachers.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jummai Garba, a Consultant, said the materials being developed would go beyond the problems created by Covid-19, and could be used in learning in adverse situation, since a lot of conflicts are going on in our society, which affect the child’s learning.

Other Consultants at the workshop included Mrs. Zara Maishanu and Dr. Buhari Yahaya from FCE, Zaria.



Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora
Coordinating Director of the workshop and Director Academic Services NTI, Kaduna, during the workshop

Ag. Registrar Expresses Satisfaction with the Interim Report on Books Reconciliation



Alh. Kabir Ramalan, Chairman Task Force Committee on Books Reconciliation presenting the committee's report to the Ag. Registrar, Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu

Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the NTI Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council, has lauded the efforts of the Institute's Task Force Committee on Books Reconciliation.

Hamidu made this known when he received the committee's interim report on behalf of the management at the Directorate Conference Room II in May, 2021.

He congratulated the committee on a good job and encouraged its members to continue doing their best in any assignment given to them.

“ This laudable work you have done will not go in vain; We are sincerely grateful.

“ The information and knowledge you have acquired in the process of carrying out this assignment should be managed.

“ I am highly impressed with this report and the Institute will come out strong from it, ” he said.

Dr. Armiya'u Malami Yabo, the Special Assistant to the DG/CE equally commended

the committee and gave assurance of maximum cooperation, while considering implementing its recommendations.

Alh. Kabir Ramalan, who is the Chairman of the committee, had, while presenting the Interim Report of the Committee said that the Institute has in stocks a total of **11,380** course books that are relevant out of **1,110,110** Course Books at the headquarters, zonal and state offices.

Ramalan said out of the total of **1,110,110** course books, headquarters have in stock a total of **996,472** Course Books, while zones and state offices have **113,638** Course Books.

He said further that the Institute has a total of **46,789** registered students as at March 31, 2021.

According to the data presented by the Committee, the highest of these Course Books are for Bachelors' Degree Programmes with a total of **509,424** for the stocks at the headquarters, zonal and state offices nationwide, while the least came from the stocks from PTPP, with **6,404** books.

The findings also indicated that more than two-thirds of the books for the Institute's programmes are available, with adequate number of ITS, Mathematics, English for Bachelors' Degree Programmes and adequate number of unused students' examinations answer sheets in the stores.

Based on the document forwarded to the **Bulletin**, the committee recommended to the management, among others that the Institute's stores should be fumigated

regularly to guard against termites that damage some of those books.

It would be recalled that this committee was constituted with the Term of Reference, to determine the total stock balances of the books available in the store, identify the books as per course, programmes and cycle and ascertain the current books that are no longer in use in all the programmes.

Other terms included identifying the locations of all the books in custody at the stores.

The committee, which had Alh. Kabir Ramalan as Chairman, also had Mal. Lawal Ibrahim, Mal. Ibrahim Mohammed and Comrade Adamu Musa as members.

Other members included Mal. Abubakar Abdul'azeez and Mal. Mohammed Lawal Garba as Secretary.

NTI-Produced Teachers are Exceptional -says Bashir Mamman



Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah
Director, Fields Operations and Students' Services (FOSS)

Mal. Bashir Mamman, the NTI Director of Examinations has disclosed that the teachers produced by the Institute are exceptionally trained in the art of teaching.

Mamman, who represented the Director-General and Chief Executive, Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, made the disclosure at the briefing on the conduct of teaching practice activities for 2012 NCE Cycle Four and Bachelor Degree programme, specifically level 400, which was held on May 26, 2021 at SMASE Hall.

He said the Institute's teachers are exceptional because the Institute solely trains teachers in different aspects of teaching pointing out that is what it does regularly.

The Director stressed that centre Managers must address or adopt activity-based students-centred approach and that supervisors must be adequately sensitised to embrace and practice the trending approach.

“ The issue of this methodology of teaching, the emphasis is placed on student-activity and active engagement, so that they would benefit maximally,” he added.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, the Institute's Director of Fields Operations and Students' Services (FOSS), said the State Coordinators are expected to sensitise the students to register for the exercise in time to enable them participate.

She urged the State Coordinators to select schools with needed facilities for teaching and learning with experienced teachers to

assist the student-teachers to practice their acquired skills.

“Use experienced, regular and qualified facilitators as teaching practice supervisors, so as to guide the student-teachers properly.

“ All submissions should be made through the Zonal Offices to FOSS and only registered students should participate in the exercise,” she affirmed.

As part of expectation from the teaching practice supervisors, Dr. Umerah said that student’s lesson notes should be properly marked by the teaching practice supervisors with adequate comments to assist the student-teacher identify his/her areas of strengths and weaknesses.

“ Supervisors should not inform the students before visiting to avoid window dressing,” she added.

She urged the participating staff to be committed, proactive and dedicated towards ensuring a successful conduct of the assignment.

ACTU has been Carrying out its Activities with a Sense of Responsibility, says Prof. Azare



L-F: Comrade Adamu Musa, Chairman ACTU and other members taking Oath of allegiance during their inauguration and induction, held recently.

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the Director-General and Chief Executive of NTI, said the Institute’s Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) has been carrying out its activities with a great sense of responsibility and dedication.

Prof. Azare made the disclosure during the inauguration and induction ceremony of the NTI Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) by the officials of Independent Corrupt Practices and other related Offences Commission (ICPC) held at the Directorate Conference Room on June 17, 2021.

He said that the Institute scored 65.08 per cent on the 2020 Ethics and Integrity Score card conducted among 222 MDAs.

“ Let me emphasise that the current Management of the Institute will redouble its commitment in ensuring a corrupt-free NTI in collaboration with the ICPC through the Institute’s ACTU,” he added.

Speaking at the event, Mal. Munir Mohammed, the representative of the ICPC

Commissioner, Kaduna State, said as a commission, the mandate of the ICPC is enshrined in the constitution, which includes investigation and prosecution.

“ In order to rid our country from all forms of corruption, ICPC initiated ACTU and presented it to the Federal Government as a recommendation after a system study and review conducted on public service in the year 2001, which was considered and approved by the government as the request for the permission for the establishment of ACTU in MDAs via a circular, ” he said.

Comrade Adamu Musa, who was sworn-in along other members of the ACTU, is now serving his second term as Chairman.

He appreciated the support of both the ICPC and the Management of the Institute for the sustenance of ACTU at the Institute.

He said because of the performance of NTI ACTU and recognition, it appeared for the first time on the Anti-Corruption Academy Magazine, published by the Academy.

The newly inaugurated and inducted ACTU, which was inaugurated for the second term since its establishment has enlisted two new members.

INSTITUTE OF PURCHASING AND SUPPLY MGT IN NIGERIA COMMENDS NTI'S PROCUREMENT C'TEE.



Mal. Bashir Mamman, Director Exams, representing the DG/CE at the bidding exercise and the Ag. Registrar, Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, recently.

Mal. Mansur Nuhu, an Executive of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management in Nigeria (IPANSMIN) has commended the Institute's Procurement and Disposal Planning Committee (NTI PADPC) for being transparent in the opening of bids for the 2021 Capital Projects.

Nuhu made the commendation on Tuesday, April 27, at the NTI SMASE Hall, while speaking as an observer during the opening of expression of interest for Institute's Consultancy Services for the 2021 Capital Projects.

“I can confirm that this great Institute has conformed with the provisions of Section 19 (a) i and ii of the Public Procurement **Act (PPA) 2007** and affirm that the exercise was transparent and rancour-free.

“The exercise has complied with Part XI relating to the code of Conduct of the officers involved in the exercise as enshrined in Section 57 Sub-section Six a-f and Section 12 sub-section a-h of the PPA 2007.

“ As an independent observer we noticed a total compliance on the part of the Institute with the provisions of Executive Order Five, signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on Friday, February 2, 2018.

The NTI PADPC had on Tuesday, April 27, opened bids pertaining to the Institute’s 2021 Capital Projects which comprised of Five Lots listed as Lots Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight.

Lot Four consisted of bids from Jivital Global Ltd; Synergy Impact Consultants Ltd; Rose/SSS Ltd; Axiom Learning Solutions and Emuddy Global Ltd which was for Training Component tagged “A” for special Education Needs and Disabilities (NEEDS).

That Lot’s component also comprised of Early Childhood Intervention Training for Primary and Junior Secondary School Teachers in the 36 States and the FCT.

Lot Five, tagged Training Component “B,” was on Moral HIV/AIDS Awareness for Junior Secondary School Teachers in the 36 states and the FCT and was bided by Lemeis Synergy Ltd; Global Resource Ltd; Amamez Consultancy Ltd; Erino Tech Consultancy Ltd and Faith-Based Awareness Initiative.

Lot Six which was for the training of Head Teachers and School Administrators on Academic Leadership and Digital Literacy in the State and FCT was bided by Seven firms which included Solary Global Services; Lami Consulting; ECMC Engineers Ltd; Galaxy Royal Exclusive Services Ltd; Mahakasan Global Resources Ltd; MDS Resources Ltd; EECIC Consultancy Ltd and Flexisaf.

Lot Seven was specifically for training on Efficient Record Management for Teachers in Marte/Monguno in Borno State, North-East, Nigeria and had seven envelopes

comprising Kaita Integrated Services Ltd; Dzason Consultants Ltd and Obet-Obet Nigeria Ltd

Others included Maiwada Global Resources Ltd; Sykins Ventures Ltd; Telland Nig.Ltd ; Lucenex Interbis Ltd ; Skyro Global Resources Ltd and the Spectrum Contractors Nig.Ltd.

The last was Lot Eight which had three envelopes comprised of Obet-Obet Nig. Ltd; Hamina Training and Logistics Ltd as well as Josidat Global Concept Nig. Ltd.

Mal. Bashir Mamman, the NTI Director of Examinations, represented Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI Director-General and Chief Executive at the occasion.

NTI IN COLLABORATION WITH FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO TRAIN 28,000 IN BORNO, ADAMAWA AND YOBE STATES



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, Director-General and Chief Executive of NTI addressing participants of a three-day workshop on Digital Lesson Production and Delivery

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the Director-General and Chief Executive (DG/CE), NTI, Kaduna, has said that the Institute is currently in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education to train 28,000

unqualified teachers from Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States.

He made the disclosure on Monday, June 7, during the opening ceremony of a three-day workshop on **Digital Lesson Plan, Production and Delivery** at the SMASE Red Chambers in NTI headquarters.

The DG/CE revealed that the training was funded through the Global Partnership in Education (GPE) funds.

“Similar collaboration to produce ready-to-use and air learning materials for primary one to six in 16 states of the federation would also be funded through the GPE.

“This is in line with our mandate specified in **ACTNO 7 of the 1979 Constitution** which empowers the Institute to train and retrain teachers on all aspects of teacher education and production in this country,” he said.

According to him, the recognition of NTI by the FME to conduct these trainings deserve commendation particularly from the teachers whose capacities are being developed to adequately face the challenges of teaching and learning in the post COVID-19 era.

The DG/CE reminded the participants the importance of lesson in teaching and learning as an essential tool “that creates an optimum learning environment and a guide for all teachers in the conduct of their teaching activities.”

He stressed that application of multimedia in teaching greatly helps learners to retain information much more than any other means.

“It is evident that people remember 20 per cent of what they see, forty per cent of what they see and hear and about 75 per

cent of what they see, hear and do simultaneously.

“The use of multimedia in teaching and learning makes learning lively and also improves retention rates by 75 per cent in learners, which is one of the ultimate aims of all learning and teaching activities in education,” he said.

Prof. Azare recalled that the FME approved closure of schools on March 19, 2020 as a result of the pandemic pointing out that government at all levels sought to mitigate the impact of the pandemic by using online and offline platforms, Television, Radio and take-home materials to keep children learning despite the pandemic.

“However, majority of Nigerian teachers were unable to use such platforms for teaching and learning which necessitated the need for training on ‘the use of multimedia in teaching and learning,’ for Nigeria teachers,” he said.

Bursar Conferred with Distinguished Leadership Award



Mal. Yunusa Danbala Labaran, NTI Bursar receiving a Distinguished Leadership Award of Excellence from Comrade Abdualrahman Ibrahim, Senate President, National Association of Northern Nigerian Students (NANNS) in his office on June 28, 2021.

Mal. Yunusa Danbala Labaran, the Institute's Bursar was on June 28, 2021, honoured with a distinguished award of Excellence by the National Association of Northern Nigerian Students(NANNS).

The ceremony, which was brief took place at the office of the Bursar.

While presenting the award on behalf of his colleagues, Comrade Abdulrahman Ibrahim, the Senate President of the association said their choice to honour the Bursar was based on his achievements, honesty, discipline and commitment to his duty.

Responding to the honour bestowed on him, Mal. Labaran appreciated the effort of the students and advised them to shun bad habits like examinations malpractice, violence and concentrate on their studies.

Also appreciating the honour, Mal. Bashir Mamman, who represented the DG/CE congratulated the bursar and described it as an honour well deserved. The ceremony was attended by all staff of Bursary Department.

Others students representatives at the event are : Comrade Muhammad Auwal (PRO II), Comrade Ishaya Emmanuel (Director Social) , Comrade Khadija Musa (Senator, representing UMYUK) and Comrade Tahir Inuwa (Assistant- Secretary General).



Mal. Yunusa Danbala Labaran, NTI Bursar in a group photograph with Bursary Staff and the Students, shortly after he was decorated with the award, recently.

PROF AZARE ADVISES NTI STAFF MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY TO DIVERSIFY



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare DG/CE of NTI honoured by the Executive members of NTI Staff Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, recently

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the Director-General, National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has advised the NTI staff Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (NTISMPCS) executives to diversify the society's investments into various sectors of the economy to pave way for maximum returns for its members.

The DG/CE, who gave the advice on Tuesday, May 25, while receiving an award

bestowed on him by NTI MPCS, for encouraging and backing the resuscitation of the hitherto moribund society about two years ago.

He tasked the NTI SMPCS executive's society on the imperative of having in place a Board of Trustees to enable "checks and balances" of its activities.

The NTI DG/CE however, admonished them not to be in a hurry in the diversification of its investments saying: "Whatever you do, must be very concrete that could stand the test of time."

He expressed gratitude for the award bestowed on him and gave assurance of his continued patronage of the society so long as he remains in the services of the Institute.

Prof. Azare encouraged the NTI SMPCS executives to continue garnering the support and cooperation of NTI staffers through doing things that would make them happy like the recent posting of "juicy" dividends to its members.

Speaking earlier, Mal. Musa Abubakar Sabon Birni, the NTI MPCS Chairman, mentioned that the society's executives among others, chose to bestow the award on Prof. Azare because of the wealth of experience displayed by him when he came on board as the helmsman of the Institute in August 2016.

"He personifies humility, sympathy, empathy, progress and all excellent things that could be found in a leader and father.

"He backed the setting up of the NTISMPCS and never at anytime ever interfered with our activities, but always exhorts us to ensure that we always do the right thing," he said.

Sabon Birni mentioned that some of the modest achievements recorded in recent past by the NTI SMPCS included cushioning the burden of financial constraints imposed by the Covid-19 lockdown.

NTI STAFF MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY RESOLVED TO CONTRIBUTE N1,000 EACH TO DECEASED MEMBER(S)



Mal. Musa Abubakar Sabon-Birni
Chairman, NTI Staff Multi-purpose Cooperative Society at the 2020 Annual General Meeting, recently.

Members of the NTI Staff Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd. (NTISMPCS Ltd.) have resolved that each of them would henceforth, contribute N1,000 from their salaries to its deceased and N500 to retired members.

Mal. Musa Abubakar Sabon Birni, Chairman of NTISMPCS Ltd. who made the disclosure to **the Bulletin** recently, also said the resolution was arrived at during the society's 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Wednesday, May 21, 2021 at the SMASE Red Hall Chambers of the NTI headquarters in Kaduna.

“The whole members at the AGM approved N1,000 for any member who died and N500 for a member that has left the services of the Institute to be deducted from each member’s salary.

“The AGM also approved that no new member is entitled to that *largesse* until s/he has spent three years as a registered member of the NTI SMPCS Ltd.,” he said.

He explained that the approval granted by the 2020 AGM is an “ultimate authority,” given to the NTISMPCS Ltd. which superseded any other law in the society’s bye-law.

According to him, the AGM also unanimously resolved that even if one retires from the services of the Institute, he could still remain a member of the NTISMPCS Ltd. if s/he wants “with equal rights and opportunities like any other member of the society.”

“S/he could vote and be voted for if members want him/her for any elective position of the NTISMPCS Ltd. The AGM gave an ‘ultimate authority,’ on this issue and it superseded any other law in our bye-laws regarding membership,” he said.

On the issue of NTISMPCS Ltd. executives’ Sabon-Birni mentioned that the AGM unanimously approved that the current executive and any executive member wishing to contest could do so for either the same or any other position being currently occupied by him/her after every two years without barrier.

“ This approval granted by our esteemed members at the 2020 AGM is an ‘ultimate authority,’ given which superseded any law in the bye-law on tenure of executive for our NTISMPCS Ltd.,” he said.

NTI MANAGEMENT CONDOLES WITH BARR. ALI SA’AD BIRNIN-KUDU THE FORMER COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI Director-General and Chief Executive (DG/CE) and NTI Executive Management had on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, commiserated with Barr. Ali Sa’ad Birnin-Kudu, the immediate past NTI Governing Council Chairman, on the demise of his mother, Hajiya Hafsatu Sa’ad Birnin Kudu, on May, 2021, at the age of 85 years, at a Hospital in Cairo, Egypt.

Prof. Azare, was represented by Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the NTI acting Registrar and Secretary to Council, who led an 11-man delegation of top NTI functionaries to condole with Barr. Birnin-Kudu at his Gyadi-Gyadi residence in Kano metropolis.

Hamidu had while delivering his condolence message to the bereaved family implored the five siblings left behind by late Hajiya Hafsatu, which included four sons and a daughter to take solace in the teachings of Islam, where it emphasised that “*every living soul shall surely taste death.*”

He fervently prayed for the repose of the departed soul and implored Allah SWT to grant her Aljannatul-Firdaus.

Responding, Barr. Birnin-Kudu expressed his profound gratitude to Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI DG/CE and the NTI Family for the wonderful gesture and prayed for the continued success of the Institute.

The Bulletin reports that Hamidu’s entourage included Mal. Yunusa Danbala Labaran, the NTI Bursar; Dr. Armiya’u Malami Yabo, the Special Assistant to the DG/CE; Mal. Yusuf Aliyu, NTI Deputy Registrar II; Mal. Musa Sabon Birni of the SA to DG/CE’s office and a host of others.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Professional Accomplishment

Mal. Dauda Suleiman of the Institute's e-learning, in the Department of Quality Assurance and ICT has been registered with the Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria).

" Dauda Suleiman has been duly registered by the Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria and is hereby authorised to practice as Computer Professional within the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as member and to fix MCPN after his name," it said.

The Certificate with registration no. **007367/2021**, which was dated April 8, 2021, was signed by both the President of the Council and Registrar, respectively.

The **Bulletin** congratulates him for this feat.

WELFARE AND PENSION

The Welfare and Pension Division has disclosed to the Bulletin that pensioners under the Old Scheme Pension were paid nine months, 33 per cent arrears by the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) in June, 2021. Source Mrs. Zainab Garba Aliyu, Deputy Registrar

OBITUARY



Late Miss. Itobore Flora Iloama

The death of **Miss Itobore Flora Iloama** had been announced.

Iloama passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 as a result of an illness.

In a memo addressed to all staff on her demise, which was dated May 18, 2021 and signed by Mr. Philip Ali Dameh, an Assistant-Deputy Registrar, said she was until her death, an Assistant-Registrar I at the NTI Delta State Office, Asaba.

Born on May 9, 1979 , Flora was employed into the services of the institute on December 1, 2004.

The deceased was an indigene of Igueben Local Government of Edo State.

The statement prayed for the repose of her gentle soul even as **The Bulletin** also prays for her soul to have an eternal rest and the bereaved family and colleagues the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss

Inna Lil Lahi wainna ilahiraji'un



Late Haruna Mohammed

The death has been announced of Mal. Haruna Mohammed, popularly known as **“Cheche.”** The deceased, who was until his death a Senior Motor Driver died as a result of an illness on May 5, 2021, a day after he was discharged from Yusuf Dantsoho Hospital, Tudun-Wada, Kaduna.

The Bulletin reports that late Mohammed was employed into the services of the Institute on April 22, 2014.

The deceased, who was born on July 30, 1965, was a driver attached to the NTI staff Clinic.

The Bulletin prays for the repose of the deceased’s gentle soul in Al-Jannat Firdausi and wishes his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

He was from Kacha Local Government of Niger State and survived by two wives and nine children.

Inna Lil Lahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

The death has been announced of Mal. Umar Mohammed, popularly known as **“Baba Rigasa.”**

He died on May 25, 2021 at the 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, Kaduna, after an illness.

The deceased was until his death a Senior Motor Driver with the Institute.

The Bulletin prays for the repose of the deceased’s gentle soul in Al-Jannat Firdausi and wishes his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

He was survived by One wife and Six Children.

PHOTO NEWS



A cross-section of NTI staff at the Teaching Practice Briefing at the SMASE Hall, NTI, Kaduna, recently

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