



Imo Gov., Uzodinma, to deliver 12th Convocation Lecture as Dep. Senate President, Jibrin, chairs occasion

By Chinedu Ononiwu



H.E. Distinguished Sen. Hope Uzodinma
(Exec. Gov. Imo State)



Sen. Barau Jibrin
(Deputy Senate President)

Imo State Governor, Distinguished Senator Hope Uzodinma, will on Friday, November 29, 2024, deliver the 12th Convocation Lecture of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, while the Deputy Senate President of Nigeria, Senator Barau I. Jibrin, will chair the occasion.

According to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Chairman of the University Ceremonial Committee (UCC), Prof. Nneoma Elechi Obasi, Gov. Uzodinma will speak on the topic: "From Ivory Towers to Innovation Hubs: The Renewed Hope Agenda for Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development."

Prof. Obasi also disclosed that the Lecture would hold at

the Senator Anyim Pius Anyim Auditorium of the University at 1:30pm.

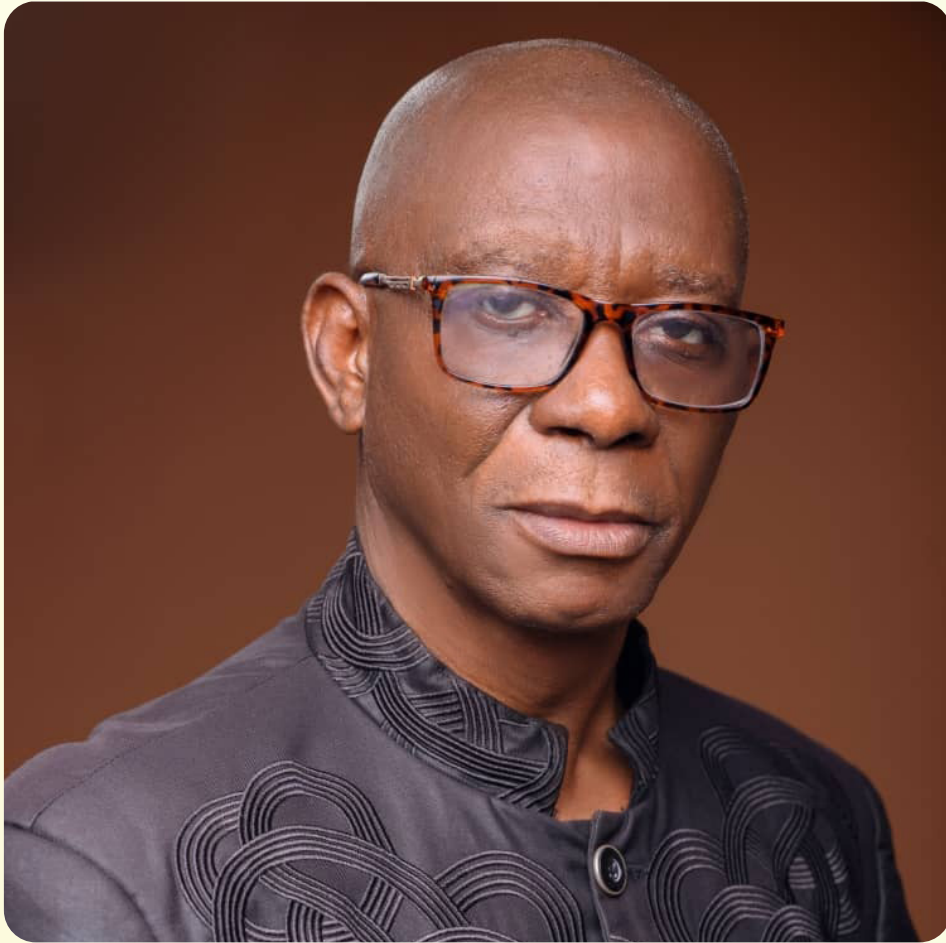
It may be recalled that Gov. Hope Uzodinma, on May 9, 2024, delivered the 52nd Convocation Lecture of University of Nigeria, Nsukka entitled "Why Universities should lead the way to a new Nigeria." He also delivered the Michael Okpara Leadership Lecture entitled "Contemporary issues on leadership and governance in Nigeria: Lessons from the leadership philosophy of Dr. Michael Okpara." on August 22, 2024 in Abuja.

MOU**AU** News gathered that the UCC has invited Vice-Chancellors, Heads of Tertiary institutions, Government officials and Policy makers, Captains of industries and other stakeholders to the Lecture.



89th Meeting of the Governing Council of MOUAAU holds Nov. 25 - 27

By Patrick Oparah and Sunday Anyim



Comrade Fidelis Edeh
(Pro-Chancellor MOUAAU)

The 89th Meeting of the 8th Governing Council of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU), has been scheduled to hold from November 25-27, 2024.

A memo signed by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Dr. Nkeiruka Charity Mbanasor, indicates that a meeting of the Appointments

and Promotions Committee (A&PC) would hold on Monday 25th Nov. 2024 at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room by 10:00am.

The memo also states that the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GPC) will meet on the same day by 12:00pm at the same venue. The Council Staff Disciplinary Committee will also meet by 3:00pm the same day.

On Tuesday, November 26, 4 Committees of Council are scheduled to hold crucial meetings. They are: Council Committee on Revised Conditions of Service; Council Committee on Budget/Project Monitoring and Evaluation; Council Committee on Physical Planning and Works, and the Council Committee on Standing Order.

The memo further states that the Council Meeting, would hold on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, and would be chaired by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Comrade Fidelis Edeh.



Dr. Nkeiruka C. Mbanasor
(Registrar/Secretary to Council)



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Prof. Akanwa assumes office as MOUUAU DVC Administration

By Joy Nlebedum & Collins Ginger-Eke



Prof. Ursula Ngozi Akanwa
(DVC Administration)

Prof. Ursula Ngozi Akanwa has assumed office as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), following an election by Senate of the University, during its 242nd Regular Meeting which was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2024, and approved by Council.

Prof. Akanwa, who was at the time of her appointment the Dean of the College of Education (COED) of

the University and a member representing Senate in the 8th Governing Council of the University, will replace Prof. Elechi Franca Asawalam whose tenure as DVC Administration ended on October 24, 2024.

Prof. Akanwa, a renowned Professor of Educational Research and

Statistics, has had a distinguished career spanning over three decades with notable achievements in teaching, research, and administration.

She previously served as Head of the Department of Science Education from 2011 to 2015.

Prof. Akanwa is a respected member of several professional bodies, including the American Psychological Association (APA), the National Association of Educational Researchers and Evaluators, and the Science Teachers Association of Nigeria.

With her assumption of office, Prof. Akanwa becomes the 3rd female Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) of MOUUAU; the first being Prof. Joy C. Nwabueze.

MOUUAU Post-Harvest Hub Set for massive release of rice, composite flour, others

By Sunday Anyim & Collins Ginger-Eke



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Soon, members of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike community, will be able to purchase special composite flours, consisting of unripe plantain, corn and cassava which would be helpful for the management of diabetes, coordinator of the MOUUAU Post-Harvest Hub, Prof. Greg Onwuka has said.

Prof. Onwuka also disclosed that the Hub has acquired 5 tonnes of rice which will be parboiled, milled, destoned, and bagged in 10kg size bags, for sale to the public.

He also said processing of beans flour (in 700 gram bags), cassava meal, and *bambara* groundnut flour is on-going at the Hub and will soon be made available to the community.

It may be recalled that Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), built, equipped and donated the Post-Harvest Hub to MOUUAU, which was inaugurated on November 6, 2024 by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe.



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Dr. Michael Okpara Foundation awards scholarship to 4 PG Students in MOUUAU

By Ubadire Agua and Collins Ginger-Eke

Four postgraduate candidates have received scholarship awards from the Michael Okpara Foundation to pursue various aspects of research at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike.

The candidates, Udofia Sidibe Monday (Ph.D Poultry Production), Ajah Joshua (Ph.D Cocoa Production), Nwugo Merit (MSc. Rabbit Production) and Omabe Grace (MSc. Snail Production) were presented with the scholarship award during a colorful ceremony on Tuesday, November 11, 2024, in the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room by the Chairman of the Foundation, Chief Uzodinma Okpara.

Addressing the Vice-Chancellor of MOUUAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, and other members of the University Management during the Ceremony, Chief Okpara, son of the late Premier of the defunct Eastern Nigeria, Dr. Michael Iheonukara Okpara, stated that the candidates were selected by the Board of the



Prof. Ofo Iwe (VC) (Centre), Chief Uzodinma Okpara (2nd from right) and Awardees

due to its specialization in agriculture, a sector the late Dr. Okpara had interest in.

According to him, "The Board of Dr. Michael Iheonukara Okpara Foundation is glad to present the award of scholarships to these four candidates, having found their research proposals worthy of support."

Chief Okpara also said, "We are proud of the robust research culture in MOUUAU and glad to institute this award at the University, knowing full well that it has adequate manpower and facilities to enable our scholars to carry out their work."

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Iwe, congratulated the Michael Okpara Foundation for choosing MOUUAU for the scholarship and for upholding the legacies of Dr. Okpara in Eastern Nigeria. He assured the Foundation that the University would ensure that the candidates complete their studies in record time.

MOUUAU News gathered that each of the candidates received 500,000 Naira for tuition and upkeep and would also receive 50,000 Naira monthly stipend.



Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe
(Vice-Chancellor MOUUAU)

Foundation after a rigorous screening process.

Chief Okpara explained that Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, was chosen as the pilot University for the Foundation's scholarship scheme



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