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2025 LTU Summit: Vice-Chancellor reveals what MOU**AU** stands to gain



PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF 2025 LTU SUMMIT

The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Maduebisisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, has revealed some benefits which his participation in the 2025 Summit of the League of Tropical Universities (LTU) held in Hainan University, Haikou, Southern China, a fortnight ago, would bring to the University.

In an e-mail to MOU**AU** News, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that MOU**AU** now has a functional and world-class relationship with over 100 universities across 40 nations in Africa, Europe, Asia and America through its membership of the League of Tropical Universities (LTU).

The relationships, according to Prof. Iwe, are for talent cultivation, scientific research and social services, as well as

cultural exchanges, with the aim of empowering higher education, sustaining economic growth and contributing to social progress in tropical regions, among others.

The Vice-Chancellor said that MOU**AU** would benefit from LTU's plan of promoting the establishment and development of training bases and training programmes as well as mutual recognition of qualifications and academic degrees.

In terms of collaborative scientific research, Prof. Iwe said MOU**AU** is now well-positioned to benefit from LTU's plan to promote the establishment of joint laboratories and platforms for transforming research achievements, as Members of LTU would jointly organize academic seminars and cooperation forums.

MOU**AU** News reports that LTU is a non-governmental and non-profit organization dedicated to building open, inclusive and innovative multilateral platforms for international cooperation and exchanges. It brings universities and research institutions with common commitment to advancing higher education and socio-economic development in tropical regions.

The LTU is guided by the principles of equality, openness, inclusiveness and a win-win cooperation, and is dedicated to promoting comprehensive cooperation among its members in various areas



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MOUAAU's Prof. Iwe elected to the Council of LTU as Africa's Rep.



Transfer Projects and White Paper Release during its 2025 Summit in China on Monday, April 14, 2025.

MOUAAU News reports that the LTU was founded in 2023 at Sanya Island of Hainan Province, Southern China, with 10 universities drawn from 8 countries in attendance at the inaugural meeting. The League has now grown to nearly 100 universities drawn from more than 40 countries across Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas.

The untiring efforts of the Administration of Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, at enhancing the visibility of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike among universities across the globe is commendable. MOUAAU News congratulates our VC on his election and for marketing the University effectively among universities in tropical regions.

It was yet another win for Nigeria and Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, as the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, was elected to Council of the League of Tropical Universities (LTU), to represent Africa.

During a meeting of the League, South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria represented the African Continent, and during a leadership election, Nigeria was elected as a member of Council of the

League. By the election, Nigeria, represented by Prof Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe and Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike is the member of Council representing Africa, in the LTU 8-member Council.

As Africa's Rep. in the Council of LTU, Prof. Iwe, was selected to be part of an On-stage Team that performed the critical role of presenting the League's Collection of Science and Technology



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LTU recognizes 7 MOUAU's Inventions in its CSTTP



PROF. IWE, FIRST FROM LEFT DURING THE PRESENTATION OF LTU WHITE PAPER

The League of Tropical Universities (LTU) has recognized and published some inventions by selected research scientists and engineers in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike in its Collection of Science and Technology Transfer Projects (CSTTP), MOUAU News can authoritatively report.

The inventions, published by the Secretariat of the League in April 2025 include: Development of a Lever Actuated maize Shelling Machine for Rural Farmers by Nwogu Chukwunonso Nweze, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering; Biochar Fortified Fertilizer by Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka of the Department of Soil Sciences; and Dual Cross-beater Bambara Nut-crushing Machine and Bambara Nut-milling-sieving Machine by Ijeoma Francisca Ikechukwu of the Department of Mechanical

Engineering.

Other inventions that featured in the CSTTP Publication are: Integrated Oil Palm Fruit Digester-separator-screw Press Machine by Bethrand Nduka Nwankwojike of the Department of Mechanical Engineering; Design of a Bubbling Fluidized Bed Gasifier for the Thermochemical conversion of Petiole by Ugwuodo Chijioko B. of the Department of Food Engineering, and Oil Palm Broom Processing Machine by Osinachi Stanley Onwuka of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Hainan University, China, spearheaded the compilation of the latest research achievements of LTU members across various fields including Seed Breeding and tropical High Efficiency Agriculture, Digital Intelligence Technology, Marine science and Technology, Life and Health, and Ecological

Civilization.

The inventions by MOUAU scientists, not only represent cutting-edge exploration and innovation, but also underscores the strong commitment and capabilities of the University in advancing science and technology innovation that serve critical national needs and promoting local industry upgrades and socio-economic development.

MOUAU News, reports that the University Management under the able leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, commends the Inventors for their commitment that has presented the University as a research hub that should be reckoned with globally.



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MOUAU, HNU Forge Academic Partnership



VC, MOUAU, Prof. Iwe (left), President of Hainan University, Prof. Prof. Qingming Luo during the signing of MoU

As part of his vision to truly internationalize Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for academic partnership with the President of Hainan University, China, Prof. Qingming Luo.

The MoU was signed between the two Universities during the 2025 Summit of the League of Tropical Universities held in Hainan, Southern China recently, and aims at fostering international academic cooperation and knowledge exchange between MOUAU and Hainan University. MOUAU News reports that this

MoU marks a significant milestone in enhancing academic and research collaboration between the two institutions. The agreement outlines several key areas of cooperation, including staff and student exchange at both undergraduate and graduate levels; joint research initiatives and academic conferences; sharing of information, publications and academic materials; and other mutually beneficial activities as agreed upon by both universities.

In a similar development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Iwe, held productive meeting with the Dean of the HNU-ASU (Hainan University and Arizona State University) Joint International

Tourism College of Hainan University (HAITC), Wang Lin, and signed a document ushering the College and MOUAU into a partnering relationship in Tourism. The details of MoR show that MOUAU and HAITC will now collaborate for staff and student exchange, among other academic relationships.



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