



TETFund Team says MOUAAU stands out among others in Institutional Research

By Sunday Okorie and Joy Nlebedum



Emeritus Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede



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A National Research Fund (NRF) Monitoring and Verification team from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) says Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, (MOUAAU) stands out among other tertiary institutions in Nigeria in its commitment to institutional and impactful scientific research.

Leader of the Team, Emeritus Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede stated this while addressing the University Management after inspecting some ongoing research projects in the University last week. .

"Forget about ranking, most of which are skewed and not reflecting reality; we did not make a mistake when we decided to visit Umudike first. We

listened to all the researchers; they are professionals in their fields. Their research topics were timely and are reactive to the needs of the society. We think Umudike stands out and we are not disappointed", Prof. Jegede said.

Further, he said his team would recommend to TETFund to complete its funding of research projects in MOUAAU and provide more resources to spur the researchers to undertake more research activities.

In his welcome remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUAAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, represented by the DVC, Administration, Prof. Ursula Ngozi Akanwa, commended TETFund for its invaluable

contributions to tertiary education in Nigeria, adding that MOUAAU as a beneficiary remains open to suggestions that would help to improve its institutional research efforts.

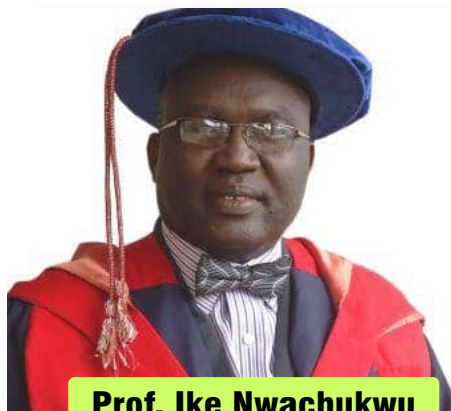
MOUAAU News gathered that the National Research Fund (NRF) monitoring exercise is aimed at assessing the implementation, progress and impact of TETFund sponsored research projects across institutions to ensure compliance to standards.

Other members of the Team that visited MOUAAU were Prof. Friday Okonofua and the Director of Research and Development in TETFund, Mrs. Comfort Ochebo



VC appoints **MOUAU-SEDC** Team, names Prof. Nwachukwu as Leader , Mrs. Anyaoha as Secretary

By Ubadire Agua and Sunday Okorie



Prof. Ike Nwachukwu



Dr. Mrs. N.C. Mbanasor
Registrar



Mrs. Nkechinyere Anyaoha
SAR, PG School

The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, has, on behalf of the Appointments and Promotions Committee (A & PC) appointed a team of experts in various fields of agriculture, science, management and administration in the University, to interface with the South East Development Commission (SEDC) on behalf of the University, with Prof. Ike Nwachukwu as Leader.

The Registrar and Secretary to Council of the University, Dr. (Mrs.) Nkeiruka Charity Mbanasor, communicated the appointment to members of the Team via a letter dated June 13, 2025 and made available to the Public Relations Unit.

Members of the MOUAU-SEDC Team are:

1. Prof. Anthony A. Nlewadim, Director of Academic Planning)
2. Prof. Dozie Ndubuisi Onunkwo (College of Animal Science and Animal Production (CASAP),

3. Prof. Uchekchukwu Okah (College of Animal Science and Animal Production, CASAP),

4. Prof. Georgina O. Ugwuanyi (College of Management Sciences)

5. Dr. Nkeiruka Emmanuela Udeh (College of Veterinary Medicine, and

6. Mrs. Nkechinyere Anyaoha, a seasoned University administrator, who will serve as the Team's Secretary

The Team, according to the Registrar is charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing strategies to promote the University's growth and development in the South East Region and identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership with stakeholders in the region.

It will also providing expert advice and recommendations to the Chairman, SEDC, through the Vice-Chancellor and other University officials on matters related to the University's development in the South East Region.

The Team will engage with local communities, government agencies, and other stakeholders to promote

the University's interests and objectives as well as to monitor and evaluate the impact of the University's initiatives and programs in the South East region.

MOUAU News gathered that the Vice-Chancellor in setting up the Team is positioning the University for greater impact in the South East Region in collaboration with newly established South East Development Commission, (SEDC).

It may be recalled that in May, 2025, the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of Senate, invited the Chairman of the SEDC, Dr. Emeka Wogu, and he delivered the 2nd Michael Iheonukara Okpara Lecture during the Founders Day of the University, where he called for collaboration with MOUAU in addressing critical challenges such as food security and rural development.



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MOUAAU 2025 SUG Election: E-voting system delivers another peaceful, transparent outcome

By Ginger-Eke Collins



Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe
Vice-Chancellor

The electronic voting system introduced 4 years ago by the Administration of the 6th Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has, once again, delivered a transparent and peaceful outcome in the 2025 Student Union Government elections.

The election, held on Friday July 27, 2025 allowed students to vote conveniently from hostels, classrooms, or canteens, with electronic devices without any record of violence or disruption. The results were released in real-time, enhancing transparency and trust in the process.

Our Correspondent, Ginger-Eke

Collins, who monitored the election reports that Comrade Nwogu Bright Addison was declared winner of the SUG Presidential election after polling 1030 against his opponent, Comrade Achi Paul Chidera, who garnered 514 votes.

Speaking to MOUAAU News, the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Onwuchekwa Raphael Iheke, expressed satisfaction with the outcome and praised the Vice-Chancellor and University Management

for sustaining the e-voting initiative. He noted that the digital process has significantly reduced electoral malpractice, violence, and rigging.

Said Prof. Iheke “the e-voting system is a step in the right direction. It has brought peace, transparency, and convenience to our electoral process”.

Other elected officials from the election include:

Onuekwusi Precious - Vice President

Sunday Miracle - Secretary General

Monday Isabella - Assistant Secretary General

Abuchi Emmanuel - Director of

Welfare

Innocent Godziller - Director of Socials

Godson Somotochukwu - Director of Finance

Kenora Adaeze - Director of Treasury

Chimaroke Ibeh - Public Relations Officer

Goodluck Ifeanyi - Director of Transport

Omeonu Uchechukwu - Director of Sports

MOUAAU News commends the Vice-Chancellor and the Dean for a job well done.



Prof. O.R. Iheke
Dean, Student Affairs



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MOUAU wins 8th South East Zonal CODET Competition, set for National showdown

By Ubadire Agua



MOUAU 8th SE Zonal CODET-Winning Team

It was another win for Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, as 4 of her Engineering Students emerged winners of the 8th South East Zonal Competition of the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology in Nigerian Universities (CODET) for Engineering Students, and qualified for the national competition slated for Abuja n July, 2025

The Competition, held on June 24, 2025 in Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) Imo State, afforded engineering students from different universities in South East the opportunity to demonstrate their ingenuity and creativity in addressing real-world challenges and gave judges drawn from the academia industries and regulatory agencies, a platform to evaluate the students' ability to translate theoretical knowledge to practical applications.

The Engineering students who won the overall best at the group category are: Ivienagbor Promise (Department of Chemical Engineering), Nwali Ugonna Emmanuel (Department of Computer Engineering), Dan Emmanuel Iniobong and Iroabuchi Jane Chisom both of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

It may be recalled that just last month, 3 of the 4 engineering students above won the first prize at the highly contested Nigerian Genius Competition, organized by Clintonel Innovation Centre.

Speaking to MOUAU News on the latest feat achieved by Students of Engineering in MOUAU, Dean of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (CEET), Engr. Prof. Bethrand N. Nwankwojike, described the victory as another feather in the cap of the

University and noted that it is a demonstration of the high quality of teaching and training that go on in the College of Engineering.

Prof. Nwankwojike commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, for paying special attention to the College of Engineering and supporting staff and students of the College to push beyond every limitations and make the University proud.

The Dean also called on key industry players note the profile of the College and partner with the it to advance knowledge and skill in Engineering as well as support the College for development of curriculum and infrastructure.



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HNUD inducts 257, sends forth 252 students at NADSAN 2025 Week

By Ginger-Eke Collins and Joy Nlebedum



No fewer than 257 new students in the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics were, Wednesday, June 25, 2025, inducted into the Nutrition and Dietetics Students Association of Nigeria (NADSAN) at MOUAU, while 252 graduating students were celebrated and officially sent forth as part of the 2025 Students' Week.

The ceremony, held at the university's multipurpose hall, featured inspiring presentations from distinguished guests. Delivering the keynote address, Mrs. Chinaza Precious Ucheka underscored

the importance of sustainable nutrition, urging students to champion healthy eating practices that benefit both people and the environment.

In his address, guest speaker Engr. Oke Adedamola challenged the students to embrace innovation, remain optimistic, and translate academic knowledge into practical skills that address real-life challenges.

Representatives of the Dean of the College of Applied Food Sciences and Tourism (CAFST), Prof. Stella Obor, and the Head of Department, Dr. E. O. Ukegbu, congratulated the inductees, advising them to remain

focused, law-abiding, and committed to excellence. The graduating students were encouraged to uphold the university's values and become proud ambassadors of their alma mater.

The occasion was colorful and well-attended, featuring a blend of intellectual and cultural activities, including debates, traditional dances, oath-taking, and award presentations. Members of staff, students, and well-wishers turned out in large numbers to grace the celebration.



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Sir,

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT AWARDS

Re: Award of Contract for Years 2017, 2018, & 2019 (Merged) TETFund Normal Intervention Projects:

Lot 1: Construction of Classrooms and Offices for College of Natural and Environmental Management (CNREM).

Lot 4: Construction of Offices and Classrooms Block for College of Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology and Extension (CAERSE)

You may recall that based on the Administrative Review as requested by you and in compliance with the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) directives, the initial Contract awards for the above Projects (Lots 1 & 4) were determined and re-awarded to you vide award letters dated 26th July, 2022 with completion period of six (6) and three (3) months respectively.

You applied and received Mobilization Advances of the sum of ₦52,695,188.57 and ₦24,421,782.14 for Lot 1 and Lot 4 respectively. Your accomplishment was insignificant compared to the scope of work. You stopped work in the absence of frustrating circumstances and left site since December, 2022. You ignored all efforts made for you to come back to site and utilize the project funds paid to you.

The University (Client) takes your actions as Fundamental Breaches of the Contracts, and in a letter dated 20th June, 2023 notified you of her intention to determine these Contracts.

You are invited as directed by the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), two weeks from receipt of this letter, to a Tripartite Evaluation of works done by you on the Projects vis-a-vis Advance payment on the Projects. Your failure to comply shall leave the University with no option than to escalate the matter to the relevant Anti-graft Agencies for necessary action.

Consequent upon the above and in compliance with Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) directives for the University to take all necessary actions to salvage the projects in line with the Conditions of Contract, the Contracts awarded to you for execution of the underlisted Projects are deemed terminated.

Lot 1: Construction of Classrooms and Offices for College of Natural and Environmental Management (CNREM).

Lot 4: Construction of Offices and classroom Block for College of Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology and Extension (CAERSE).

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Dr. Mrs. Nkeiruka C. Mbanasor
Registrar and Secretary to Council



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