

COREN Accreditation Team lauds MOUUAU's huge investments in Engineering Education

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A high-powered Accreditation Team from the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has concluded its visit to the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (CEET) and commended Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), for its investments in and commitment to engineering education in Nigeria.

Addressing the Vice-Chancellor during an Exit Meeting after the Exercise on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 the Team Lead, Engr. Prof. Eytayo Amos Afolabi, commended the University's partnerships with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Nigeria and the Rural Electrification Agency, which led to the establishment of the UniPod and Hybrid Solar Plant. He noted that the facilities are already providing the enabling environment and requisite infrastructure for engineering training and education in the University.

"We visited the UniPod Innovative Centre, which is a beacon of technological research, and the Hybrid Solar Power Plant, which is a strategic asset that enhances output and energy efficiency, and we congratulate the University on these facilities", Prof. Afolabi said.

Prof. Afolabi further highlighted

COREN's shift to Outcome-Based Education, introducing updated tools like the Accreditation Scoring Criteria to help institutions align more closely with global engineering standards and industry expectations and noted that the Team was impressed with the University.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, thanked COREN for the visit and assured them that MOUUAU, under his watch, remains unwavering in its commitment to the highest standards in engineering education and the production of globally competitive engineering graduates.

63rd Inaugural Lecture: Prof. Onyebinama reels out roadmap to attain freedom from hunger in Nigeria

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A renowned Professor of Agricultural Economics, in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUA), Professor Uzochukwu Ubaferem Onyebinama, has reeled out a number of steps which must be taken if Nigeria wants to attain freedom from hunger and food insecurity.

Prof. Onyebinama outlined the measures while delivering the University's 63rd Inaugural Lecture titled, "Tales in Quest of Freedom from Hunger," which held on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 in Anyim Pius Anyim Auditorium

In the Lecture, which was blended with deep academic insight and research outputs, Prof. Onyebinama acknowledged the challenges posed to food security by pandemic, conflicts, climate change, and deepening inequalities, but expressed the optimism that freedom from hunger is attainable, if Nigeria adopts bold policy reforms and implement pragmatic solutions.

He therefore outlined several critical interventions needed to transform the agricultural landscape, including: adoption of modern technologies and innovation in farming; widespread agricultural mechanization; free access to land for genuine and committed farmers, provision of low-interest credit

facilities for rural farmers; equitable distribution of infrastructure and development resources, particularly to rural areas., among others

He described these measures as "bold policy shifts and practical steps" that must be prioritized to boost agricultural productivity and ensure food security.

In his remarks at the Event, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUUA, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, congratulated Prof. Onyebinama for delivering the 63rd Inaugural Lecture, described him as a dogged and dyed-in-the-wool personality and charged him to continue to contribute his best to the growth and development of the University.



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