

NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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To: **Members of Senate**

From: **Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of Senate**

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT (9TH) TO THE 222ND MEETING OF SENATE, WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE SENATE CHAMBER NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA

1.0 THE OPENING

I am glad to welcome Senate to its 222nd Meeting and to present the following Report.

2.0 ACADEMIC EVENTS

2.1 Inaugural Lectures

- i) 91st Inaugural Lecture: *Radiography in Nigeria: High-Tech Medicine in Technology Challenged Low Resource Setting*, Prof. Kenneth Chukwudi Eze, Department of Radiology.
- ii) 92nd Inaugural Lecture: *System Design for Waste Conversion to Engineering Materials: The Paradigm for Sustainable Engineering*, Engr. Prof. Uche Atuanya, FNPE, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, 19th October 2023.
- iii) 93rd Inaugural Lecture: *Philosophy and Bread on the Table: Reflections On Existence and Essence of Being*, Prof. Maduabuchi Dukor, FNAL, FPAN, FISDSC Japan, Professor of African Philosophy and Logic, Department of Philosophy, 26th October 2023.
- iv) 94th Inaugural Lecture: *Torpedoing the Human Right Abrasion in Genetical Traumatism: Masculinizing the Purpose*, Prof. Felicia Azuoma Anyogu, B.Sc. (Chemistry), LL.B., LL.M., PhD, FCAI, Professor of Human Rights and Minority Protection Laws, Faculty of Law.
- v) 95th Inaugural Lecture: *Protecting the Universal Health Worker and Master of Family Happiness*, Prof. Chibueze Stephen Ufearo, Professor of Physiology, Department of Human Physiology.

2.2 Public Lectures, Conferences, Workshops, etc.

- i) National Conference of the Department of Education Foundations, Friday 22nd September 2023 with the theme: *E-Learning for Sustainable Education in Contemporary Africa*.
- ii) Nnamdi Azikiwe University Alumni Association 2023 Annual Convention, 30th September 2023, at Hotel Benizia, Asaba.

The Vice-Chancellor attended and gave a goodwill message.

- iii) 2nd South-East Regional Water Resources Capacity Building Network (NWRCBNet), South-East Centre, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, 11th – 13th October 2023, with the theme: *Towards Effective WASH Governance in Nigeria*.
- iv) Public presentation of Nnamdi Azikiwe Intellectual Property Policy, 12th October 2023.
- v) 1st Alice Ndu Annual Memorial Lecture and Public Presentation of the book: *Women in Africa's Development* – in honour of Prof. Alice Ndu, 12th October 2023.
- vi) 15th Anniversary celebration of the UNIZIK 94.1FM Radio Station, Friday 13th October 2023.
- vii) International Conference of the Faculty of Arts, Thursday 19th October 2023, with the theme: *Arts and the Art of Nation Building*.
- viii) Faculty of Management Sciences Hybrid International Conference, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023, with the theme: *Disruption and Management Sciences in Africa: Issues and Strategic Choices*.
- ix) Award presentation/Homecoming of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Friday 20th October 2023.

The theme was: *Alumni: The Nucleus of University Administration*.

- x) UNIZIK Business School 2023 Hybrid International Conference, 25th October 2023.

The theme was: *Political Transition and Economic Development: The African Experience*.

- xi) Graduation ceremony of the pioneer Batch of the Anambra State Government's 1 Youth 2 skills Entrepreneurship Scheme trainees, Friday 27th October 2023.

This programme of the Anambra State Government was a collaborative effort with our UNIZIK Business School.

- xii) Symposium and Business Expo organised by the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Alumni Association, Awka Branch, in collaboration with the Anambra State Ministry of Youth Empowerment and Creative Economy, and the Directorate of Business Ventures, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, 27th October 2023.

- xiii) Maiden Workshop of the Directorate of Quality Assurance of the University, Tuesday 7th November 2023.

The theme was: *Re-Engineering the University System Through Quality Assurance.*

- xiv) 2023 Fourth Quarter National Universities Commission (NUC) Parastatals Servicom Committee (NUCPSC) meeting, Friday November 17 2023.

At this meeting, the *UNIZIK Service Charter* was launched.

- xv) Maiden First West African International collaborative conference on Psychology (WAICCP), organised by the Department of Psychology in collaboration with the Psi Chi, the American Psychological Association; and the Maryland Centre for Development Disabilities, Kennedy Kriesger Institute, USA, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November 2023.

The theme was: *Reviewing the Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions of Psychology in West Africa.*

- xvi) The 2023 Digital Frontier Hybrid conference of the Department of Marketing in collaboration with the Centre for Multi-disciplinary Research and Innovation (CEMRI), Poland, Thursday 9th to Friday 10th November 2023, with the Theme: *Digital Technology Disruptions and Consumer Behaviour (Market) in Africa.*

- xvii) 12th Induction/Oath-Taking ceremony of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Saturday 11th November 2023.
- xviii) 12th edition of the Zik Annual Lecture Series. Thursday 16th November 2023. The theme was: *Reclaiming Ziks world: Climate Justice and Africa's Sustainable Development*, with Her Excellency, Joyce Hilda Banda, a former President of Malawi as Guest lecturer.
- xix) 2023 UNESCO World Philosophy Day and Alumni Homecoming of the Department of Philosophy, Friday 17th November 2023.

The theme was: *The Human of the Future and the Future of the Human.*

- xx) 52nd Induction /Swearing-in ceremony of the Faculty of Medicine, 2nd November 2023.
- xxi) Faculty of Education, National Conference (Hybrid), 1st - 2nd November 2023 with the theme: *Education in Period of Socio-Political and Economic Uncertainty.*
- xxii) Department of Technology and Vocational Education Alumni Homecoming and TVE Day, 10th November 2023.
- xxiii) High capacity Building Workshop for the Non-Teaching Staff, October 2023.
- xxiv) Regional workshop for University Administrators and Awards presentation organised by the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators, Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

The theme was: *University Administration in the New Normal: Challenges and Solutions.*

- xxv) 32nd Annual National Conference/Workshop of Chartered Institute of Professional Secretaries of Nigeria (CIPSSON), 16th – 19th October 2023, at the Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos.

Ten (10) secretarial staff on the University attended this workshop.

- xxvi) Inauguration of the Sahelian Institute of Bamboo Research and Entrepreneurship Development, Thursday 23rd November 2023.

2.3 ACCREDITATION MATTERS

1) National Universities Commission's Resource Assessment Visits to new programmes

Senate will recall that I had reported the above to its 221st meeting.

I am glad to inform you that the NUC in its letter, Ref. No: NUC/AP/F24/Vol. II/03 of 31st October 2023, conveyed approval for the commencement of the programmes visited, to wit:

- i) B.Sc. Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- ii) B.Sc. Urban and Regional Planning;
- iii) B.Sc. Forensic Science;
- iv) B.Sc. Cyber Security;
- v) B.Sc. Information Technology; and
- vi) B.Sc. Software Engineering.

2) National Universities Commission's (NUC) Accreditation Visits to some Academic Programmes: October – November 2023

The following academic programmes have received the NUC accreditation visits during this period:

- Entrepreneurship;
- Nursing;
- Medical Rehabilitation;
- Physiology;
- Education/Computer science;
- Education/Physics;
- Education/Chemistry;
- Education/Automobile and Mechanical Technology;
- Education/Woodwork Technology;
- Education/Electrical and Electronic Technology;
- Education/English;
- Chemical Engineering;
- Polymer and Textile Engineering;
- Material and Metallurgical Engineering;
- Mechanical Engineering;
- Environmental Management;
- Medicine and Surgery; and
- Chemistry.

3.0 HONOURS WON, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATIONS

- i) **The 16th Global Chinese competition for secondary school students held in China**
A student of CI, NAU, Miss Jacob Omotola Angel emerged as the African Champion, with title *Chinese Language Ambassador* and a full scholarship for a four year Bachelors Degree in China with a round trip international flight ticket.
- ii) **Chair for the IEEE Nigeria, South-East Subsection**
Dr. Azubuike N. Aniedu of our Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering has been elected Chair for the IEEE Nigeria South-East subsection. The IEEE is the world's largest professional association advancing innovation and technological excellence for the benefit of humanity.
- iii) An alumna of our Faculty of Law, Lotachukwu Okoye resident and working in the United States has been selected as the: *US Customs JFK International Airport Employee of the Year*.
- iv) Nnamdi Azikiwe University male and female volleyball teams respectively emerged champions in the 2nd edition of the 2023 edition of the Annual Inter-tertiary institutions Volleyball Competition held in the University from 4th to 5th October 2023.
- v) **Interschool Spelling Competition (Igbo & English Languages) organised by Educe Learning Consult, 14th October 2023.**
Nnamdi Azikiwe University High School (UNIZIK) emerged first of the sixteen teams that took part in the above competition.
- vi) **Award of the African/Nigeria Science Leadership Programme (ASLP/N-SLP).**
Prof. Izuchukwu I. Obiadi, currently Head of Department of Geophysics was appointed a Fellow of ASLP/N-SLP, having completed the programme.

vii) Vice-President, Association of Vocational and Technical Educators of Nigeria (AVTEN), South-East zone

Dr. Jacinta Ifeoma Obidile of the Department of Technology and Vocational Education was elected Vice-President of AVTEN, South-East zone at a meeting of the Association held from the 27th – 30th September 2023 at the University of Lagos.

viii) Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of the United Kingdom

Prof. J.I. Brian Adinma, Director, Centre for Allied Health and Allied Legal and Demographical Development Research and Training (CHALADDRAT) has been conferred with the above named Fellowship in acknowledgement of: *the highest level of dedication and achievement in the development of women's health care.*

ix) Nigeria Institute of Structural Engineers Presidential Award

Engr. Prof. Akaolisa Celestine Ezeagu of the Department of Civil Engineering was given the 2023 Nigeria Institute of Structural Engineers Presidential Award in Lagos.

4.0 PROMOTION OF STAFF TO POSITIONS NEEDING COUNCIL APPROVAL

In the face of the absence of the Governing Council of the University, the Vice-Chancellor went the extra mile of obtaining the approval of the Honourable Minister of Education, in lieu of Council, for the promotion of staff recommended by the Appointments and Promotions Committees, and which promotions require the approval of the Governing Council of the University.

5.0 17TH CONVOCATION CEREMONIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The 17th Convocation ceremonies of the University have been scheduled as follows:

1. Monday, 4th December, 2023

a) The Vice-Chancellor's Live Radio Interview

Venue: UNIZIK 94.1FM Studio

Time: 10.00a.m

b) Interdenominational Service

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 12 noon

2. Tuesday, 5th December, 2023

a) Pioneer university Hall-of Fame Honour/award

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 10.00 a.m

b) Presentation of Prizes to the Best Graduating Students

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 12.00 noon

3. Wednesday, 6th December, 2023

Convocation Lecture under the distinguished chairmanship of **Prof. Chinedu Nebo** Vice-Chancellor, University on the Niger, Umuaya, Anambra State

Convocation Lecturer

Prof. Ishaq O.Oloyede, CON

Registrar, Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB)

Topic: Mainstreaming Uncertainty

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 9.00 a. m.

4. Thursday, 7th December, 2023

a) Commissioning of Completed Projects.

Venue: Nnewi, Neni, Agulu

b) Award of First Degrees,

Venue: Convocation Arena

Time: 11.00 a.m.

5. Friday, 8th December, 2023

a) Commissioning of Completed Projects.

Venue: Awka

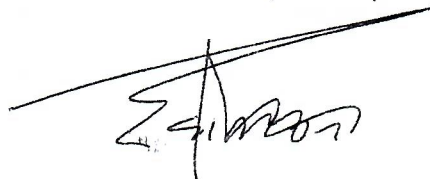
b) Award of Higher Degrees, Honorary Degrees and Installation of Emeritus Professors

Venue: Convocation Arena

Time: 11.00 a.m.

6.0 ACTION SOUGHT

The above Report is presented to Senate for information and noting.



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