

World Bank, AAU, NUC approve Covenant's Africa Centre of Excellence Team

A team representing the World Bank, Association of African Universities (AAU), and National Universities Commission (NUC), has expressed satisfaction with the quality of hands assembled by Covenant University, to manage and oversee the Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication Africa Centre of Excellence (CApIC-ACE).

The team was in Covenant on a scheduled Africa Centre of Excellence Impact Implementation Plan visit. A representative of the World Bank and a health expert, Professor Solomon Agbor, who led the visiting team, said that the purpose of the 2-day visit was to see the level of adherence and compliance of the Centre to the earmarked implementation plan for the ACE project

Professor Agbor, who came in company of the representative of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Peter Tobrise, said that the visit was about measuring accomplishment and set goals to be attained and see the inherent ability of the Centre to meet target indicators of each phase of the project. According to him, "We are to check out every phase of the approved implementation plan and see how the Centre has been able to adjust and adapt to observation made".

He posited that the monitoring and compliance visit was about ensuring that the Centre had done everything needful, so that when requests were made for funds, there wouldn't be any impediment along the way.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, said it gladdened his heart that a University of barely 17 years was able to submit two proposals in the bid for the Centre, one of which was successful, thus signposting the nation on the continental and global front.

"One thing we can assure you of is institutional support for everything towards the success of the initiative of the Centre. Be rest assured that whatever needs to be done will be done toward actualizing the set goals and measurable indicators of the Centre," Professor Atayero stated.

He thanked the team for the good work they were doing, promising that Covenant would work at making the most of the opportunity with the full support of the University's Board of Regents.

The Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication Africa Centre of Excellence (CApIC-ACE) would be carrying out advance research to proffer solutions in the following areas: Coding to tackle malaria, prostate and breast cancer, and the FEDGEN cloud computing, where generated genomics data set from the malaria coding and cancer research work would be decoded for application.

CApIC-ACE was established based on the urgent need to build a critical mass of indigenous African scientists with the necessary bioinformatics, molecular biology, and information and communication engineering knowledge and skills, to drive and sustain impactful researches in collaboration with academic, clinical and industrial institutions in Nigeria, West Africa, Africa, Germany, France, US and the UK.



Covenant University Management with team from from World Bank and AAU

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