

Covenant, COREN Agree on Promoting Best Practices in Training Future Engineers

The Team Lead of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) Accreditation Team to Covenant University, Engr. Ezekiel Ojekunle, has urged tertiary institutions across the nation to embrace Outcome-Based Education (OBE) in a bid to ensure academically-sound engineering graduates express practical functionality on their jobs.



Covenant Management with COREN Re-Accreditation Team to Computer and Petroleum Engineering Programmes

Engr. Ojekunle, who led a 7-man team, made the call during a pre-accreditation courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, on Monday, April 8, 2019. He stated that structures were being put in place to begin the gradual shift to Outcome-Based Engineering education.

Engr. Ojekunle noted that the adoption of OBE had paved way for the internationalisation of the Nigerian engineering qualification and improvement of the quality, proficiency and global mobility of registered engineers. According to him, "COREN is a member of the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP), which means Nigerian engineering graduates can now practice in over 26 countries of Africa, Asia and the Pacific regions."

He posited that COREN was working hard to improve engineering education and training, adding that the accreditation exercise conducted by COREN, was for partnership and growth, not for witch-hunting. He, on behalf of the Council, appreciated Professor Atayero for supporting and hosting the Higher-Level In-Country Accreditation Teams from COREN, Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) under the International Engineering Alliance in September 2018.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, told the accreditation team that the Covenant brand was one synonymous with quality, which would not tolerate compromising standards in any form, because the mistake of an engineer in the profession could be catastrophic and as a result, the University was always working at improving existing standards.

Professor Atayero noted that the short-term vision of Covenant was partly the driving force behind the massive investment towards quality research materials so as to confer the competitive edge on researchers and students.

He assured the accreditation team that Covenant would continue to hold herself to the highest standards and best practices in the field of engineering, a commitment that had resulted in diverse external validations as seen in her being ranked among the top 501 of renowned engineering institutions of the world by the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

"We are very open to external validation of our resources and products. We are intentional in the things we do, that is why we are so committed to abiding with institutional and professional best practices in delivering on our long and short-term goals as a University," he enthused.

Also present at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akan Williams, Ag. Registrar, Dr. Lanre Amodu, Dean, College of Engineering, Professor David Omole, Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr. Promise Ilo, Director, Academic Planning Unit, Professor Francis Idachaba, Director, Quality Assurance and Academic Standards, Professor David Olukanni, Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. Obindah Gershon, Head of Department of Petroleum Engineering,

Professor Priye Orodu, Head of Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Professor Anthony Adoghe and Dr. Joke Badejo.

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