

THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CREATION OF GLOBAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (GUS) FOR NIGERIA

The National Workshop on Creation of Global University System (GUS) for Nigeria was organized at Protea Hotel, Garden City, Port Harcourt on May 28, 2009. The Workshop received the Key-Note Address from Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, Vice Chancellor of Igbinedion University, Okada. The Workshop participants constituted the Working Group Session under the Chairmanship of Prof. Alexis Monsi, Dean of Post-Graduate School, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt which adopted this Report.

1.0: Secretariat

The activities of GUS Nigeria shall be hosted by a Secretariat which will serve as the hub from where member Universities will be served.

2.0: Infrastructure

The facilities required at the Secretariat shall include the following:

- Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- Students Laptops
- Microwave Access
- Computers
- Internet Telephony
- Fax
- Voice mail
- E – mail
- Web Access
- Video conferencing
- Stand-by Generators

3.0: Global e-Learning

The Global Lecture Hall is the heart of the Global e-Learning for the GUS. The following are required for Global e-Learning:

- Training and retraining
- Public enlightenment
- Member Universities are expected to place their best programs in the Global Lecture Hall in order to be competitive.
- Member Universities will need to register to participate in Global e-Learning.

4.0: Global e-Healthcare/ Telemedicine

Polio has been eradicated in most countries of the World, except four (4) countries including Nigeria. Other prevalent diseases in Nigeria highlighted are:

- Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Cancer and health related diseases.

The program on Global e-Healthcare/ Telemedicine will involve the following:

1. Medical records
2. Computerization
3. Drug data
4. Records of hospital visits
5. Train- the- trainer program
6. Diagnostics and Tracking of patients throughout treatment and recovery

5.0: Community Development

The knowledge economy is built on entrepreneurial interfaces with the Internet such as Software development, Texts/ Graphics and Imaging.

The Network for Community Development will include the following:

- Health Centers
- Libraries
- Local Government Agencies

- Primary and Secondary Schools
- Microwave access
- Training and retraining

6.0: Globally Collaborative Research and Development (R &D)

This will be effected through the sharing of knowledge by institutions that have special programs for collaborative research. Such special programs include:

- a) Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR)
- b) Global Socio-Economic Energy and Environment Development (GSEED)
- c) Research Inventory
- d) Globally Collaborative Peace Gaming (GCPG)

7.0: Funding

The following funding sources were identified:

- Japanese Government's Official Development Assistance (ODA), Japanese Technical Assistance Funds and Internet Technology and Content Development Funds of Europe and USA
- Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs
- Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)
- States and Local Governments
- National Universities Commission (NUC)
- Federal Ministry of Education
- Multinational Companies in Niger Delta
- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- Banks

8.0: ACTION PLAN

8.1: Internet Service Provider

The Session of the Working Group on GUS/ Nigeria, identified the following agencies/ organizations who could be contacted to provide Internet service to GUS/ Nigeria:

- Starcomm
- MTN
- Zain
- Multi-Links
- Cinfores
- Hyperia

8.2: Infrastructure

- 1) GUS/ Nigeria shall explore the possibility of securing corporate bodies that can provide Lap-tops for students of member Universities.
- 2) For the GUS/ Nigeria concept to operate effectively, it shall be managed by the following Administrative structure:
 - a) A Board which shall pilot the affairs of GUS/ Nigeria and set the general direction.
 - b) National Coordinating Council: The Coordinators at member Universities shall constitute the National Coordinating Council which shall be the policy formulating body for GUS/ Nigeria.
 - c) Secretariat: The Secretariat shall be the implementor of the National Coordinating Council's policies and administer the hub.

8.3: Project Document for Funding Partners

The project document to be submitted to funding partners shall include the following:

- a) Report of the Working Group Session
- b) Statement of purpose (the Keynote Address)
- c) Energy Research paper
- d) Research paper on Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution
- e) Bio-data of Project Team members.