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ACE PROJECT FORMAL LAUNCH

*NUC Auditorium, Abuja
May 20, 21 and 22 2014*

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2014

SESSION	TIME	FACILITATOR
Arrival of Participants/Registration	8.30am-9.00am	
Welcome address by the Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission of Nigeria, Prof. Julius Okojie and MOE (tbc)	9.00am – 9.30am	Dr. Joshua Atah/Prof. Jonathan Mba
Welcome remarks by ECOWAS and Opening Remarks from the AAU Secretary General, Prof. Etienne Ehile	9.30am-10.00am	Mr Roland Kouaku-ECOWAS
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH/TEA/COFFEE BREAK	10.00 – 10.30am	
Brief Overview of the ACE Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives • Results • Roles and responsibilities • Feedback on implementation plan • Next Steps 	10.30 – 11.00am	Mr Andreas Blom/ Prof. Jonathan Mba
Discussions/Q&A	11.00am-11.30am	Ms. Himdat Bayusuf/Prof. Jonathan Mba
Essential Mechanisms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Management (30 mins) - Procurement Practices (30 mins) - M&E, etc. (30 mins) 	11.30am- 1.00pm	Ms. Himdat Bayusuf Mr Patrick Piker Mr Daniel Kajang?
LUNCH	1.00-2.00pm	

Component 2: Regional services for The Gambia- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - presentation by Gambia Representative - the Role of the ACEs - Mechanics of implementation of this component 	2.00pm-2.40pm	Gambia Representative/Himdat/Andreas on workings of comp 2.2
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	2.40pm-3.00pm	
First round of ACE presentations by the Center Leaders of the 19 ACEs in three breakout sessions (STEM, Health and Agriculture) *Institutional Collaboration/Roles of Partners	3.00pm-5.00pm	Dr. Adekola/ Dr. Roland Kouakou
DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2014		
ACTIVITY	TIME	FACILITATOR
Break-out sessions on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement - Financial Management - M&E - Safeguards 	9.00am –11.00am	Daniel Kajang Patrick Piker Adeline and Himdat
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	11.00-11.15	
Break-out sessions continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement - Financial Management - M&E - Safeguards 	11.15am – 12.00pm	Daniel Kajang Patrick Piker Adeline and Himdat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments and feedback on specific capacity building priorities on all three areas including other education/financing/priorities 	12.00pm-1.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break-out session for 45 mins • Reporting back for 30 mins 	
LUNCH BREAK	1.00-2.00pm	
*Second round of presentation Center Leaders of the 19 ACEs in three breakout sessions (STEM, Health and Agriculture) *Institutional Collaboration/Roles of Partners	2.00pm-4.00pm	Dr Adekola/Jonathan Mba
Feedback and comments on the ACE Project Operations Manual and open working session with ACEs	4.00pm-5.00pm	Ms. Himdat Bayusuf/Prof Mba

DAY THREE: THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014

ACTIVITY	TIME	FACILITATOR
<u>Welcome remarks</u> by the Executive Secretary, NUC and the Secretary General of AAU	9.00am-9.20am	Joshua Atah/Jonathan Mba
<p><u>Africa Centers of Excellence Formal Launch</u> Federal Minister of Finance-Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (tbc)</p> <p>Minister of Education –Federal Republic of Nigeria (tbc) Ministers of Agriculture, Science & Technology, Health and Labour & Productivity, Foreign Affairs, Industries/Trade/Investments)</p> <p>World Bank Country Director, Ms. Marie-Francoise Marie-Nelly</p> <p>High Level ECOWAS representation</p> <p>Presentation by top 3 ACEs (voted by peers)-one from each discipline</p>	9.20am-11.00am	Andreas Blom/Joshua Atah
<u>Vote of thanks by the ACE PSC Chairman</u>		
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	11.00am – 11.15am	
<p>Regional Focus of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case studies on regional partnerships - Focus of DLIs on regionality - Q&A on how to make ACE more regional in nature <p>Brief Closing Remarks</p>	11.15 – 1.00pm	Andreas Blom/Roland Kouakou