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FUTADEV DEBUT

Welcome to the maiden outing of **FUTADEV**. This edition presents the development partners and esteemed friends of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria a highlight of the University's activities in the areas of teaching/learning, research, finance and administration as well as development and alumni issues.

In this issue, we draw attention to past and present contributions of individuals, corporate bodies and international organisations to the development of FUTA. We also highlight the areas of present and future need, so that you can be our partner in progress.

FUTADEV, a one-stop shop for information on the Federal University of Technology, Akure will be a quarterly publication of very wide circulation, presenting great advertisement and sponsorship opportunities.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK

The Development and Alumni Affairs was established in 2002 under the direct supervision of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor. The main objectives and goals of establishing the office among others are to implement strategies for sourcing for funds; updating the database of both

individuals and corporate organisations; collecting information on donors and contacting same for financial and material assistance; and liaising with appropriate organs of the University in development matters.

As it is imperative for the University to maintain a link between the Institution and its growing alumni globally, creating and updating database of the alumni and giving other information on alumni has become very necessary. It is equally very important to monitor the activities of the Alumni Association and to encourage members appropriately such that more branches and chapters could be opened in various parts of the country and the world at large. In addition, the office is a veritable liaison point between the alumni and the rest of the University.

In order to fully entrench the essence of this office in the University, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) is particularly saddled with the responsibility of supervising and complimenting its activities on day-to-day basis. This has been very fruitful and beneficial to the University's advancement activities.

This publication has been put together to showcase some of the most recent activities relating to the University's development and alumni matters. It is our hope that international donors, foundations, trusts, non-governmental organizations, embassies and corporate organisations will find this publication useful for funding, linkages and collaboration with our University. Through this medium, we appeal to all philanthropists globally for their respective support both in cash and kind in realizing our vision of becoming one of the best Universities of Technology in the world. In addition, such gesture will assist in our drive at improving our infrastructure, quality teaching and research capability, thus enhancing the

productivity of members of staff in the areas of lecture delivery and conduct of quality research.

It is noteworthy that readers and friends of the University will find this newsletter informative, useful and enjoyable for your record purposes.

FUTA In Brief

The Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), was established in August 1981 to give prominence to training in technology and applied science, and to assist in ensuring rapid technological and industrial development of Nigeria. It formally took off in November, 1982 and has grown tremendously to become the Best University of Technology in Nigeria by the 2004 National Universities Commission's rating. Currently, it has six (6) Schools including the School of Postgraduate Studies with a total of thirty two (32) academic programmes.

LOCATION

FUTA is located in Akure, the Capital of Ondo State, Nigeria. Ondo State lies between latitude 5^o45" and 8^o15" North and longitudes 4^o30" and 6^o East. It is an agrarian state and it is fast becoming an industrial giant with rich forest reserves, bitumen, oil and other valuable natural resources.

Major tourist centres in the State include: Idanre Hills, Idanre; Oke Maria Hills, Oka-Akoko; Ebomi Lake, Ipesi Akoko; Deji's Palace, Akure; and the Museum of

Antiquities Owo. The Ikogosi Warm Spring and the Erin Ijesha Water Falls are located in the neighbouring states of Ekiti and Osun.

VISION

The Federal University of Technology, Akure aims to be one of the best Universities of Technology in the world, committed to carving out an enviable niche for itself as a centre of excellence, epitomized by high quality programmes, products and contributions to the society.

MISSION

The Federal University of Technology, Akure will ceaselessly promote technological advancement through motivated

and skilled staff dedicated to teaching and research, geared towards global needs and production of self-reliant high level manpower, goods and services.

FUTA FACTS and FIGURES

Campus Size

* Current Location - 630 hectares

* Permanent site - 10,000 hectares

Staff

* Academic - 555

* Administrative & Technical- 638

* Junior - 669

* Others - 62

Total - 1924

STUDENTS

	M	F	TOTAL
(a) Undergraduate-	6,764	2,274	9,038
(b) Pre-degree	1,314	570	1,884
(c) Diploma	-	81	54
(d) Postgraduate-	3,645	655	4,300

PHILOSOPHY

The Philosophy of the University is premised on the strong desire to:

- solve real life problems which require the knowledge of more than one subject area;
- undertake a thorough identification of indigenous

technologies;

- identify those that can be upgraded and modernized; and
- harness technological resources (equipment and technical know-how) in servicing as well as providing leadership to industrial and technological development in the country.

STRATEGIC GOALS/OBJECTIVES

The University has set a target of ten strategic goals with clearly identified strategic objectives to be achieved within the next decade. The strategic goals are:

- Reviewing and improving academic programmes.
- Capacity building and enhancement of productive capacity.
- Commitment to research, training and development through a deliberate improvement in post-graduate training.
- Encouragement of gender sensitivity and participation in Science and Technology.
- Outreaching and outsourcing needed resources, (human and materials) to strengthen the development of the University.
- Encouraging good leadership quality and effective governance through improvement in managerial competence at all levels of the University Management.
- Promotion, entrenchment and advancement of universal university culture such as academic freedom and independence of thought.
- Producing highly trained and technologically self-reliant graduates through deliberate and articulate linkage programmes with industries, research institutions, non-governmental organizations, ministries and other community-based organizations.
- Upgrading and provision of infrastructural facilities and learning environment; and
- Devotion to the advancement of peace.

SCHOOLS/DEPARTMENTS

There are six Schools running undergraduate programmes in the respective Departments while the Postgraduate School coordinates graduate studies across Departments.

(i) School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT)

- Agricultural Economics and Extension
- Animal Production and Health
- Crop, Soil and Pest Management
- Ecotourism and Wildlife Management
- Food Science and Technology
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology
- Forestry and Wood Technology

(ii) School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET)

- Agricultural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Metallurgical and Material Engineering
- Mining Engineering

(iii) School of Environmental Technology (SET)

- Architecture
- Industrial Design
- Estate Management
- Quantity Surveying
- Urban and Regional Planning

(iv) School of Mines and Earth Sciences (SMES)

- Applied Geophysics
- Applied Geology
- Meteorology

(v) School of Sciences (SOS)

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry

- Computer Science
- Mathematical Sciences
- Microbiology
- Physics
- General Studies Unit

(vi) **School of Management Technology (SMT)**

- Transportation Management Technology
- Project Management Technology

Arrangements are in top-gear for the establishment of the following Departments:

- Petroleum Engineering
- Surveying and Geo-Informatics

CENTRES AND RESEARCH OUTFITS

- Centre for Continuing Education (CCE)
- Computer Resource Centre (CRC)
- Centre for Research and Development (CERAD)
- Teaching and Research Farm (TRF)
- Directorate of Industrial Training
- Centre for Entrepreneurial Development and Gender Issues in Science and Technology (CEGIST)
- Centre for Space Research and Applications (CESRA)

Centres soon to be established

- Centre for Biotechnology
- Centre for Renewable & Non-Renewable Energy

SUPPORT SERVICES

Library

- **Volumes of Books – 65,000**
- **Journals:**
 - Local – 42 titles
 - Foreign – 78 titles
 - Bound Volumes – 1,920
- **FAO Materials – 5,013 Volumes**
- **Government & Quasi Government**

- **Publications – 3,115 Volumes**
- **Theses & Dissertations- 3,000 vols.**
- **Audio-Visual Materials – 523**

Automation: Fully automated using SLAM software and internet enabled.

Facilities

- ❖ Mini-Stadium
- ❖ Gymnasium
- ❖ Staff Club
- ❖ Technology Museum
- ❖ Bakery
- ❖ Table Water Factory
- ❖ Student accommodation
- ❖ Staff Residential Quarters

Pre-Tertiary Education

- ❖ Day Care and Nursery School
- ❖ Primary and Secondary Schools

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS PARTNERS

World Bank, UNODC, ILO, ACU, IFS, ANAFE, African Maths, Millennium Science, Africa Academy of Science, AvH, ICTP, TWOS, TWAS, etc.



View of our Campus

NEWS AND EVENTS

FUTA Gets New Council



President Umar Musa Yar'Adua has constituted and inaugurated the Governing Council for the Federal University of Technology, Akure. The Council is the highest policy formulation and decision making organ of the University and superintends the policy, finances and properties of the University.

It would be recalled that all Governing Councils of Federal Universities in Nigeria were dissolved in September 2007. The new Council inaugurated in February 2009 is headed by Brigadier-General Raji Rasaki (Rtd), former Military Governor of Lagos State, who is the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council.

Other members of the new Council appointed by the Federal Government are: Engr. Saad Abubakar Abdullahi, Dr. Monday Okonny, Chief Segun Akinwumi, Prof. Steve Azaiki and Mrs. Z. U. Momodu (Representative of the Federal Ministry of Education).

The Vice-Chancellor and the entire University Community wish the new Council a successful tenure in office and pray that FUTA achieves rapid development during their tenure.

FUTA Sets Fund-Raising Target; Takes Campaign to Major Cities

The University Management, headed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffsn* has set a fund-raising target of 4.5 billion Naira aimed at facility and infrastructural upgrade; provision of a more conducive teaching, learning and research environment; and taking the University to a very high international standard.

In pursuance of this, the University took its campaign launch to Lagos, where it successfully held a capital campaign launch on Saturday 26th April, 2008 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.

The objective of the launch was to reach all philanthropists, corporate organisations, FUTA Alumni and other friends of the University in

the South-West for their contributions to the development of the University through donations in cash, kind and or material.

These contributions are intended to fund:

- ❖ Scholarships for the most brilliant indigent students (male and female)
- ❖ Awards to the best students in various disciplines
- ❖ Research grants
- ❖ Teaching and Research facilities
- ❖ Laboratory equipments and building
- ❖ Lecture rooms/ theatres
- ❖ Vehicles for students' field trips

The University has secured the consent of Chief (Dr.) Ernest A. Shonekan, *GCFR, CBE*, General (Dr.) Yakubu Gowon, *GCFR* and Professor (Mrs.) Grace Alele Williams to serve as Goodwill Ambassadors at the Capital campaign launch in Lagos, Abuja and Port-Harcourt respectively.

ABUJA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMING SOON

The University Development Team is desirous of reaching all prospective donors/grant makers at national and international levels at their convenience. FUTA plans to launch its **FUTA Abuja Capital Campaign** in the Federal Capital Territory. This will enable all philanthropists, businessmen and women, corporate organisations in diverse sectors of economy, national and international agencies, non-governmental organisations and embassies to participate actively at the launch.

The Vice-Chancellor, Governing Council, Senate and the entire university community implore the general public to honour their invitations and contribute generously to the future of our nation. Nothing is too big or small.

The details will be communicated to the general public soon. You may call for details through +234(0)703-411-0813 or direct your mail to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng

FUTA E-PAYMENT

Following the directives of the Federal Government of Nigeria that any financial transaction should be effected through e-payment, FUTA has complied *in toto* and all internal payments have followed similar procedures without problems. To perfect our e-payment transactions, FUTA looks forward to receiving necessary technical and material assistance from national and international individuals, agencies, corporate organisations to procure antivirus software for computers, laptops for personnel in charge and extension of bandwidth.

FUTA GETS NESTLE En-LINK LIBRARY

FUTA is one of the international institutions benefitting from Nestle Foundation, Switzerland, En-Link Nutrition Library. The mobile Orange En-link Nutrition Library Trunk was received by the Development Office of the University on Thursday, 25th June, 2009 for the use of researchers on health and nutrition globally. The Vice-Chancellor and Management have expressed their appreciation to Nestle Foundation for the gesture.

The Vice-Chancellor used the medium to appeal to other international foundations and trusts to assist the University by donating teaching, learning and research facilities in their respective capacities. Interested organisations can please contact: developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng or call +234(0)703-411-0813

FIRST BANK ENDOWS PROFESSORIAL CHAIR

The First Bank of Nigeria Plc, a leading Nigerian bank endowed the Professorial Chair in Computer Science of the University.

This Chair has contributed immensely to the Bank's technical operations and has enabled the donor to enjoy cutting-edge research output in Computer science for development of its organisation. The last annual lecture titled 'University Digital Library – The Journey so far' was delivered by Dr. Olumide Sunday Adewale who had occupied the Chair for the past four years. The event took place on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the University Auditorium. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the gesture of the Management of the Bank and prayed for its greater heights.

Meanwhile, consequent upon the expiration of the tenure of Dr. O. S. Adewale, a vacancy had been created in the Chair. As a result, the University had advertised the vacancy and the applications received are being processed as appropriate.

FUTA WIDENS CURRICULUM: FOCUSES ON GENDER, SPACE RESEARCH

As an institution that is responsive to needs of its immediate and wider environment, the Federal University of Technology, Akure has widened its curriculum in sharp response to societal aspirations. In this regard, it has established two additional research and allied centres viz: the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Gender Issues in Science and Technology (CEGIST) and the Centre for Space Research and Applications (CESRA).

CEGIST has the mandate to educate and train Nigerian youths in the entrepreneurial approach to wealth creation, employment, poverty reduction, as well as coordinate research in gender issues in science and technology. CESRA on the other hand has mandate to coordinate research and consultancy in the areas of space

research and applications. CEGIST has Prof. (Mrs.) O. O. Odeyemi as Director while Prof. S. O. Akindele heads CESRA as Director.

Both CEGIST and CESRA offer a wide range of opportunities and prospects, and are ready to collaborate with reputable national and international organisations in their respective core mandates.

UBA TAKES CSR TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The Management of the United Bank for Africa PLC played a significant role at FUTA Lagos Capital Campaign Launch held at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos early in 2008. In a commendable display of Corporate Social Responsibility, Mr. O. Ajose, UBA Regional Manager () visited the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun in his office and presented the University a cheque for five million Naira as the bank's contribution to the capital campaign and another cheque of four hundred and fifty thousand naira for company's advert in the programme booklet.

The Vice-Chancellor, management and the entire University community appreciated the munificent gesture and thanked the UBA Management, wishing them success and rapid progress in their endeavours.

FUTA Secures Campus Radio Licence ...

The University has secured a licence from the National Broadcasting Commission to operate a Campus FM Radio. In a letter conveying the approval, frequency was assigned to the FM Radio as follows:

- i. Assigned Frequency ... 93.1MHz
- ii. Assigned Frequency Bandwidth 200KHz
- iii. Approved Power ... 15Watts
- iv. Effective Radiating Power (Max) 20Watts
- v. Maximum Frequency Deviation. ± 75 KHz
- vi. Mast Height ... 80Ft
- vii. Antenna Gain ... 1.93dB
- viii. Directivity 1.56(1.93dB)
wide Horizontal Cardioid
- ix. Polarization ... Horizontal

FUTA CONSTITUTES CAMPUS RADIO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Having obtained the FM Radio licence for the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun has approved the constitution of the Committee on FUTA Campus Radio under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Z. Debo Adeyewa.

The other members of the Committee are:

- Dr. P.A. Aborisade (*GNS Dept*)
- Dr. O.S Adewale (*CSC Dept*)
- Mr. O Adegbenro (*IP&P*)
- Dr. S.O. Ojo (*AEE Dept*)
- Engr. Y.O. Olosoji (*EEE Dept*)
- Students' Representative
- Mr. T.O. Adeyemo (*SAO*)

The radio service would, among other things, be used to:

- (i) publicize the University;
- (ii) develop students' talents and potentials

FUTA Shines at ZAIN Africa Challenge



ALUMNI NEWS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: FUTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The current National Executive Council of FUTA Alumni

Association came on board on Saturday, 13 December, 2008. The Council consists of people of integrity who are seasoned professionals in their respective areas of specialization and who are committed to the cause of the Alma-mater. They are: Mr. Gbenga Gbarada (National President), Mr. Udoh Ukpung (Vice-President), Mr. Adelakun Adewale (Secretary), Mr. Akinyode Oluwole (Assistant Secretary), Mrs. Olaitan Adesanya (Public Relation Officer), Mr. Oluwole Adeleye (Financial Secretary), Mr. Sunny Oveisi (Treasurer) and Mr. Umunade Charleston (Auditor). The Vice-Chancellor and management wished the team a successful tenure of office and implored them to move their Alma-mater to greater heights.

ALUMNI EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT



A one-day Alumni Empowerment Summit targeted at graduating (500) level students was organised by FUTA Alumni Association on Tuesday, 28 April, 2009. The objective was to expose the participants to skills on adaptation and application of picture of success, self-discovery, job prospecting strategies, personal career management, setting and achievement of goals. The Guest Speaker was an alumnus,

Mr. Innocent Oseghe, Senior Manager at KPMG, Professional Services, Lagos. More than 1000 students attended the Summit.

Charting a New Course: FUTA ALUMNI Seminar Series

The University's Alumni

Association held its 2009 Inaugural Seminar on Wednesday, 17th



June, 2009 at the University Auditorium. The Guest Lecturer was a distinguished alumnus, Engr. Cyril Ajagu, chairman of African Alliance Plc, and his presentation was titled "The Role of Insurance to Mankind and Environment".

The Theodore Idibiye Francis Multipurpose Auditorium was filled capacity, with staff, students and members of public in attendance. Management commended the leadership of the Alumni Association for the feat, and particularly for bringing an alumnus who is a reputable industrialist to serve as a role model for all students.

An outcome of the seminar was the reiteration of the proposed FUTA-AJAGU Collaboration on the development and commercial production of FUTA Fruit Juice, as well as a number of other promises of FUTA-Industry linkages.

FUTADEV implores all Alumni/nae of high net worth to come on board the FUTA Development Programme by sending your Resume/Profile to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng for further contact. This will make our current students to benefit from your wealth of experience and skills.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: FUTA-AA

The 2009 National Convention of FUTA-Alumni Association will come up on the Alumni Day as part of the

University Convocation Ceremonies. This will reflect in the Convocation programme. All great Futarians worldwide are invited to join their alumni at this laudable event which will be an exciting home coming for all.

Please send the following details to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng before or on 30th October, 2009: (i) Surname and Other names; (2) Current Contact Address; (3) Current Postal Address; (4) E-mail Address; (5) Telephone No (Mobile); (6) Date matriculated; (7) Date Graduated; (8) Course; (9) Department (10) Your Contribution/Suggestion.

These details will enable the Development and Alumni Office to reach you regularly with updates on the University's development programmes. We look forward to receiving your suggestion.

FUTA ALUMNI OFFICE RELOCATES

The permanent site of the National Secretariat of FUTA Alumni Association which is located opposite Senate Building extension is now at the roofing stage. The current Administrative office has been relocated to the former PG School Building, Obaekere Campus. All Alumni across the globe are requested to contribute generously towards the completion of a befitting Alumni Secretariat Building. You are welcome to visit the building at anytime. Your donations of cash or materials will be judiciously utilized.

KUDOS TO LAGOS BRANCH FUTA-AA

Members of the Lagos Branch of FUTA Alumni Association were the cynosure of all eyes at FUTA Lagos Capital Campaign Launch held on 26

April, 2008 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos. They left no one in doubt of their commitment to the cause of their Alma-mater.

Gaily dressed in uniform ankara as members of the FUTA family, they made generous donations to the University that nursed them.

The Association was mobilised by Mr. Gbenga Gbarada (current national President of FUTA-AA) and their unity was challenging.

Their efforts were a source of encouragement to the Vice-Chancellor, Management and members of the University community who witnessed the event. At the end of the programme, the Vice-Chancellor thanked all members of the branch, prayed for their success and progress and implored all other branches and chapters to emulate them.

ALUMNI IN DIASPORA

It has been discovered that a sizeable number of FUTA Alumni are in the diaspora, residing and working in Europe, America, Asia and other parts of Africa. Some of them have formed mini-groups to fellowship together, share experience and discuss the development and progress of their 'Alma-mater'. Some of them have communicated their intention of support to their former heads of departments and individual lecturers who mentored them while in the University.

FUTA Alumni Association would soon launch its overseas branch through collaboration between the Development and Alumni Unit,

Office of the Vice-Chancellor and all alumni who are foreign residents. In the past year, FUTA has been reaching some committed Alumni in the diaspora to forward their details and to give the names and addresses of their friends.

You too can join our volunteer group to link us up with FUTA Alumni based outside Nigeria. Please direct your mail to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng or call +234(0)703-411-0813

FUTA GETS ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

A group of committed and loyal alumni/nae have formed a group called FUTA Ambassadors. Their mission is to resolve any internal and external problems that may tarnish the image of their Alma-mater globally. Their membership is free and non-discriminating. They are: Samson A. Arekete, Ikhide Imumorin, Kola Oyeniran, Wole Kolawole, Bisi Oladele, Tutu Olukolu, Tunde Fasheun, Angela Fasheun, Tony Oppoho, Alex Iwok, U. I. Eleweke, Omolara Rotimi, Olakemi Onakoya, Adesulu Moses, Rotimi Aborisade and Akin Akinwale.

These men and women of integrity are resolved to promote the interest of their 'Alma-mater'. You can join them or direct your own contributions/ideas on the development, progress and sustainability of the University to the Development and Alumni Unit at developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng or call +234(0)703-411-0813

ALUMNUS IMPACT: 11 STUDENTS BENEFIT

What good could possibly come out of a story of utter misery and near failure? Imagine an undergraduate who almost dropped out of school because he could not afford the basic requirements needed to survive on

campus. He often went hungry and could not afford to buy clothes, not even a change of underwear.

However, he threw himself completely into his studies. Help came, irregularly and often insufficiently, from a struggling lecturer. But young Michael Odigie pressed on, graduating with a First Class degree in Engineering, resolved that no other brilliant student would ever have undergo the misery he experienced.

Engineer Michael Odigie, now Asset Integrity Engineer with Total Exploration and Production (Nigeria) Limited has alleviated the sufferings of eleven outstandingly brilliant but indigent students of his alma-mater, the first set of beneficiaries of his Impact Scholarship Scheme (ISS).

At the presentation ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor thanked Engr. Odigie for his generosity and urged the beneficiaries to show their gratitude by doing their benefactor and the University proud. He also prayed for the continued prosperity of Engr. Odigie and other like-minded alumni.

FUTA implores other alumni/nae to follow the good example of Engr. Michel Odigie. Please direct your enquiries or information to Development and Alumni Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor through developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng or call +234(0)703-411-0813

PROSPECTS OF FUTA-AA: BRANCHES & CHAPTERS

Over the years, branches of FUTA Alumni Association have been formed and are operating satisfactorily in Ondo, Oyo Delta and River States, and very actively in Lagos State. There are two active chapters in Ondo State: Akure and FUTA.

The National Executive of the Alumni Association are working to establish more branches and chapters in the following States: FCT, Ekiti, Osun, Ogun, Edo, Kogi, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Kaduna and Kano. All Alumni/nae in those states should join their fellows in facilitating the establishment of branches and chapters as

proposed. Please send your details and names of other alumni in your areas to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng and we will reach you.

DONOR'S CORNER

You can become a donor to the FUTA Endowment Fund either as an Alumnus/na or as a friend of the University. You can send your donations on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annual basis. Your major gifts such as vehicle(s), building, equipment, scholarships or sponsorship of FUTA events will be highly appreciated. You can join any of these Circles according to your financial capacity:

- ✚ Chancellor's Circle, monthly gift of ₦50,000 and above
- ✚ Pro-Chancellor's Circle, monthly gift of ₦20,000 to ₦49,999
- ✚ Vice-Chancellor's Circle, monthly gift of ₦10,000 to ₦19,999
- ✚ President's Circle, monthly gift of ₦5,000 to ₦9,999
- ✚ Alumni Circle, monthly gift of ₦1,000 to ₦4,999

Your membership of any Circle will be recognised by the University and accompanied by a lot of packages quarterly. Your contribution will enable 20 brilliant but indigent students who are at risk of dropping out of school to have an opportunity to earn their degrees and contribute more meaningfully to national development.

Please pay into **Union Bank of Nigeria Plc, Alagbaka, Akure** Account No.: **0311040000307** and forward your teller number, your circle of interest, your name, address and telephone number to developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng or post your slip to The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, P. M. B. 704, Akure,

Ondo State, Nigeria and call +234(0)703-411-0813

Nothing is too big or small! We look forward to hearing from you soon. FUTA says thank you.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CASE

The Federal University of Technology Akure has registered as an institutional member of the Council for Advancement and Support for Education (CASE) based in the United States of America and the United Kingdom. The institutional membership took effect from 1st June, 2009 for both professional and general members. CASE will facilitate, enhance and harness capacity building on institutional advancement and fundraising. FUTA staff will benefit from CASE's international programmes in fundraising, marketing, communication and alumni conferences and courses.

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER WINS BURSARY PLACE



Enock Ajayi, Chief Development Officer and Head of the Development and Alumni Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, was one of the five eminent professional fundraisers selected for Bursary place for the 9th International Workshop on Resource Mobilisation (IWRM) held at Bangalore, India from 25 to 28 June, 2009. The Resource Alliance (formerly International Fundraising Group) was established in 1981 and is a registered non-profit charity based in the United Kingdom. Its unique competency is the ability to provide a global perspective on resource mobilisation issues and its flagship event is the annual International Fundraising Congress (IFC), the world's leading education and training conference on fundraising which regularly attracts

around 900 participants from over 55 countries.

The Bursary was to honour the winners on their respective contributions to fundraising and resource mobilisation professionalism. Mr. Ajayi judiciously utilised the opportunity to link up with fundraising professionals and charity organisations/grant-makers from the global south. The International Workshop on Resource Mobilisation that attracted over 250 participants from 40 countries has not been hosted in any institution in sub-Saharan Africa.

FUTA at 12TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF AAU

FUTA was one of the Nigerian universities that actively participated at the 12th General Conference of Association of African Universities held in Abuja, 4 – 9 May, 2009. FUTA was recognised as an example of an eco-friendly institution, greening the Campus and maintaining and effectively managing a healthy environment.



The conference has exposed the institution to some international organisations for research grants, teaching and learning facilities and international collaboration and linkages.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffsn* served on the electoral panel that supervised the election of the members of the executive of the Association. At the forum, he was able to link FUTA with other African Universities for collaboration and linkages which would soon yield results. Many departments in the University have engaged in collaboration programme with international institution of the similar programme and research while Memoranda of understanding have been prepared and signed with some international institutions.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP PROGRAMMES FOR MEMBERS OF STAFF

This is to inform all interested members of staff that the AMMA Summer School in Climate Change and Water Resources

Workshop will hold in UCAD, Dakar, Senegal between 9th and 20th November, 2009.

Interested staff can contact Amaduo Gaye (atgaye @ucad.sn) or get more information from http://www.amma-international.org/IMG/pdf/AMMA_summerschool_Concept_note.pdf

Members of staff are also reminded of the next workshop on Africa-Thorpex. A session will be dedicated to the AMMA forecasters' Handbook project for West Africa with a focus on "High Impact Weather predictability and information system for Africa".

The workshop is scheduled to hold at UNESCO/ICTP, Trieste, Italy, between 5th and 8th October, 2009. All mails should be forwarded to Aida Diongue Niang, aida-duiang@yahoo.fr; Adrian Tompkins, Tompkins@ictp.it; Andre kamga, akamgaf@yahoo.com

For further information, visit <http://agenda.ictp.it/smr.php?2019> or www.wmo.int/thorpex.

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