



**UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT**  
**AFRICAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)**  
**Centre for Petroleum Research and Training**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING, AFRICAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE), CENTRE FOR PETROLEUM RESEARCH AND TRAINING, HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014, AT THE ALAIN ROUX COMPUTER ROOM, IPS PARK.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**A. Present:**

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| 1. Prof. Ify L. Nwaogazie   | 13. Prof. U. U. Ukaegbu      | 25. Uduma Ikpa            |
| 2. Prof. E. T. Iyagba       | 14. Dr. S. S. Ikiensikimama  | 26. Dorcas Ihenacho       |
| 3. Prof. Godwin Igwe        | 15. Prof. Dulu Appah         | 27. Chinelo Umeakuka      |
| 4. Dr. I. P. Okoye          | 16. Prof. Onyewuchi Akaranta | 28. Prof. G. O. Avwiri    |
| 5. Dr. M. K. Oduola         | 17. Dr. A. A. Aiyeloja       | 29. Benedicta Omeni       |
| 6. Dr. John N. Ugbebor      | 18. Prof. E. S. Erondu       | 30. Morris M. Kinikanwo   |
| 7. Prof. Charity U. Okujagu | 19. Prof. A. O. Kuye         | 31. Sampson Iwuoha        |
| 8. Prof. Gideon O. Abu      | 20. Prof. F. O. Chukwuma     | 32. Toyin Olabisi Odutola |
| 9. Prof. Oleka K. Udeala    | 21. Prof. Bene Willie Abbey  | 33. Grace Monday          |
| 10. Prof. Bosa E. Okoli     | 22. Dr. I. Etela             | 34. Dienye Tamunoigoni    |
| 11. Prof. J. U. Okoli       | 23. Engr. B. O. Omjeh        | 35. Peter Obiora Edoziem  |
| 12. Prof. Ben Ndukwu        | 24. Prof. J. A. Ajenka       |                           |

	<b>Opening</b>	The meeting commenced at about 1:31 P.M. An opening prayer was said by Prof. Ify L. Nwaogazie.	
	<b>Safety Brief</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety Brief on the need to comply with the safety rules of the Institute during the meeting, as well as the use of conveniences and muster points within the Institute was given by the IPS HSE Officer; Sampson Iwuoha.</li> <li>2. Members were also encouraged to feel free to use the anomaly forms of the Institute to report any anomaly they notice in the Institute.</li> </ol>	
	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An opening remark was given by the DVC R&amp;D, Prof. Bene Willie Abbey.</li> <li>2. She apologized for coming late and advised that timing of meetings should be well coordinated to avoid running two meetings concurrently.</li> <li>3. She noted that the winning of the Grant after the proposal by Uniport with 53 other universities was a very important milestone in the history of the University.</li> <li>4. She further noted that the Stake holders' forum should be extended to all the other African countries which are supposed to be involved in the World Bank Regional project.</li> <li>5. She reported that at the meeting with World Bank at NUC office Abuja, the Minister for Education was elated at the winning of the Grant by Uniport.</li> <li>6. She asked for more hard work, commitment, from all Stakeholders, and was optimistic that with determination, the University will attract more funds from the World Bank.</li> <li>7. She also noted that we have a better platform and enabling environment to succeed in this project than other universities.</li> <li>8. She also stressed that stakeholders should exhibit a positive approach to work to achieve the desired success.</li> </ol>	
	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Discussion/Action Plan</b>	<b>Action Party</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>EXPECTATIONS BY WORLD BANK ON THE GRANT AND THE WAY FORWARD</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Ogbonna Joel gave a presentation on the expectations from the World Bank.</li> <li>2. He highlighted that the Grant is result based funding as opposed to previous projects, which were activity based.</li> <li>3. Availability of enabling environment and capacity to deliver, were emphasized as important factors.</li> <li>4. It was noted that World Bank expects the Centre to graduate a minimum of 60 PhDs, and 300 Masters respectively, 30% of these students should be non-national Africans during the period of the project, and there should be a minimum of 60 publications in high impact factor journals within this period.</li> <li>5. He stressed that aggressive marketing, commitment, and unorthodox strategy are needed to achieve the desired results.</li> </ol>	

