Audit Committee for Africa Centre of Excellence in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) and Africa Centre of Excellence on New Pedagogy in Engineering Education (ACENPEE)

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

9th June, 2022

Centre Leader, ACENTDFB &
Centre Leader ACENPEE
ABU, Zaria.

Dear Centre Leaders,

Notification of Appointment, Terms of Reference (ToRs) and Commencement of Assignment

Please, recall that the Audit Committee (AC) for the Africa Centre of Excellence in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) and Africa Centre of Excellence on New Pedagogy in Engineering Education (ACENPEE) was set up by the Vice Chancellor on 13th April, 2022 vide a letter with Ref.VC/P.14,284 with a tenure of 2 years at the first instance. Also, recall that at its inaugural meeting held at its Secretariat in the New Biochemistry Annex building, Room 222, the Committee had preliminary interaction with the Centre Leaders of the ACEs.

In the light of the above developments, the Committee hereby notifies the ACEs of the commencement of its assignment with the primary purpose of overseeing the finances, accounting, risk management, internal controls and institutional integrity of the ACEs and the following terms of reference (ToRs) as adopted from WBG document (0120 [IDA/R2020-0206, IFC/R2020 – 0125, MIGA/R2020 – 0045]):

1. determine integrity of financial statements and financial reporting;
2. the appointment, qualification and independence of the External Auditor;
3. performance of Internal Audit and of the External Auditor;
4. the adequacy and effectiveness of financial, accounting, administrative policies and internal controls and mechanisms to deter, prevent and penalize fraud and corruption in operations and corporate procurement;
5. the effective management of financial, fiduciary (including procurement procedures), compliance and administrative risks; and,
6. institutional arrangements and processes for risk management across the ACEs.

Finally, the AC hereby solicits for the support of the ACEs in carrying out its assignment on behalf of the World Bank Group and the ABU Governing Council.

Thank you.



Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu
Chairman