

**AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR  
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY  
(ACENTDFB)  
AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA**

1. <b>Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee for ACENTDFB held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in the Conference Hall of the new ACENTDFB, ABU, Zaria at 12:00pm</b>	<b>Action</b>
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2. **1.0 ATTENDANCE**

3. **2.0 Members:**

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| 4. i. Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu    | (Faculty of Vet. Medicine /Internal Council member) |                    |
|                                 | - Chairman  |                    |
| 5. ii. Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris | (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences)                | - Member           |
| 6. iii. Prof. Donatus Adie      | (Faculty of Engineering)                            | - Member           |
| 7. iv. Aliu Nuhu Onimisi        | (Bursary Department)                                | - Member/Secretary |
| 8. v. Maiyaki Hamisu Musa       | (Audit Department)                                  | - Member           |

**2.1 Apology:**

- i. Prof. Donatus Adie

9. **3.0 OPENING REMARK**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of ACENTDFB commenced at 11:00 am with individual opening prayer and this was followed by the Chairman's opening remarks.

10. **4.0 AGENDA**

The agenda of the meeting was presented as follows:

11. i. Opening Prayers
12. ii. Chairman's opening remarks.
13. iii. Reading, Correction and adoption of minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting
14. iv. Matters arising from minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting
15. v. Review of Audit Committee Report for the periods 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup>, June, 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023
16. vi. AOB
17. vii. Adjournment
18. viii. Closing Prayers

19. The agenda of the meeting was adopted by Prof. Abdullahi Idris and seconded by Hamisu Maiyaki.

20. **Reading, Correction and adoption of minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

- i) Line 2.1 Apology item was added.
- ii) Line 9: 3.0 Opening Remark: 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting was corrected to read '11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting'.

- iii) Line 13: '9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting' was corrected to '10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting'.
- iv) Line 21: 'Prof Donatus Adie' was corrected to read 'Hamisu Maiyaki'.
- v) Line 27: ...the phrase 'line numbers....' was corrected to read 'line numbering.....'
- vi) Line 28: The phrase '....Africa Centre of Excellence...' was corrected to read '....Africa Centres of Excellence...'
- vii) Line 29: The phrase '....and domesticate the software...' was rephrased to read '...and to domesticate the software...'
- viii) Line 34: The statement '...the budget which appears contradictory....' Was rewritten to read '...some budget lines percentages appeared contradictory when compared with the current performance levels of those budget lines'
- ix) Line 35 was rewritten to read: 'The Internal Auditor clarified that the percentage performances were for the internal budget activities. The Centre Leader clarified that the reported percentages were based on previous performance levels prior to the ESMP's approval. The Committee advised that the Internal Audit report should be regularly updated in consultation with the Centre Leader'.
- x) Line 37 was rewritten to read: 'Clarification was given by the Centre Leader on the 0% attainment for the Animal House performance. He said that a fully equipped Animal House and supporting infrastructure are available. However, presently most of the students use human samples, instead of lab animals for their research. It is expected that as more students are admitted, the need to use the Lab Animal House will arise sooner than later.
- xi) Line 38: The phrase '....primary employer (i.e., main campus)...' was rephrased to read '....University Registry...'
- xii) Line 39 was rewritten to read: 'The Centre Leader also informed the Committee that the Centre now has a functional organogram with the Vice Chancellor as the Chairman of its Board. Furthermore, he added that an Admin Manager had recently been employed by the Centre'.
- xiii) Line 41 was rewritten to read: 'The Committee reviewed the External Auditor's report and discussed matters arising from the report such as record keeping, compliance with accounting standards, assets register, petty cash and made appropriate recommendations.

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Prof Abdullahi Idris moved for adjournment of the meeting in the absence of any other matter and was seconded by Hamisu Musa Maiyaki. The meeting was officially adjourned at 3.15 pm after individual closing prayers.



xiv) **Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu**  
xv) Chairman



**Mal. Nuhu A. Onimisi**  
Secretary