

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

6th February, 2025

**Minutes of 15th Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee for ACENTDFB Held on
6TH February, 2025 at the ACENTDFB Board Room, Ahmadu Bello University,
Zaria at 10:25 am**

1.0 Attendance

- i. Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu (Faculty of Vet. Medicine) - Chairman
- ii. Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) - Member
- iii. Prof. Donatus Adie (Faculty of Engineering) - Member
- iv. Aliu Nuhu Onimisi (Bursary Department) - Member/Secretary
- v. Maiyaki Hamisu Musa (Audit Department) - Member/Assistant Secretary

2.0 Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was presented as follows:

- i. Opening Prayers
- ii. Chairman's opening remarks
- iii. Reading, Correction and adoption of minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting
- iv. Matters arising from minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting
- v. Review of last Audit Committee report for the period 1st January to 30th June 2024.
- vi. Review of Internal Audit report for the period 1st July to 31st December, 2024.
- vii. Review of External Auditors Report for year ended 31st December 2024.
- viii. AOB
- ix. Adjournment and closing prayer.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted by Prof. Donatus Adie and seconded by Maiyaki Hamisu Musa.

3.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The 15th Regular Meeting of ACENTDFB commenced at 10:25 am with individual opening prayers and this was followed by the Chairman welcoming members (both physical and virtual). He reminded members that the 14th regular meeting of the Committee was held on August 13th 2024, and that current meeting is the 15th regular meeting. He appreciated the commitment of members to the mandate of the Committee and urged them to keep up the good work in the service of the University and our beloved Country.

4.0 Reading and Correction of minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting

- The abbreviation in the title “**ACENTFB**” was corrected to read “.... **ACENTDFB**...”
- Item 1.0: The title ‘Members’ was corrected to ‘Attendance’; and the names of two members of Committee (Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris and Aliu Nuhu Onimisi) were relocated to the ‘Apology’ section.
- Item 3.0: In the last line, the name Maiyaki Hamisu Musa was written twice. Therefore, the first one was deleted, while the second one was retained.

5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting

The Committee observed that the issue of recruiting a Project Manager and one additional staff each for the Account and Procurement Units were still pending.

6.0 Review of the Last Audit Committee Report for the Period 1st January to 30th June, 2024

The Committee reviewed the last Audit Committee Report and the recommendations contained therein, and noted the areas of strengths and weaknesses in the light of the Centre’s current attainments.

7.0 Review of Internal Audit Report for the period 1st July to 31st December 2024.

The Committee reviewed the Internal Audit report and noted the following:

- Significant improvement in the Centre’s financial accounting records and Internal Control systems.
- However, the need for improvement in prepayment auditing and utilisation of the National Competitive Bidding for some category of procurement was highlighted.
- The low earnings from disbursements for the Project (12%) was also noted.

8.0 Reviewed of External Auditors Report as at 31st December, 2024

The Committee reviewed the External Auditors report and found that the Report was fairly presented and followed Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (FRCN) and Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 and that there was no material misstatement in the Centre’s financial records.

9.0 Adjournment and Closing Prayers

Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris moved for an adjournment of the meeting in the absence of any other matter and was seconded by Prof. Donatus Adie. The meeting was officially adjourned at 3:05 pm after individual closing prayers.



Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu
Chairman



Mal. Maiyaki Hamisu Musa
Assiatant Secretary