

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

7th February, 2025

**Minutes of 16th Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee for ACENTDFB Held on
7TH February, 2025 at the ACENTDFB Board Room, Ahmadu Bello University,
Zaria at 12:20 pm**

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 15th Regular Meeting
- iv. Matters arising from minutes of the 15th Regular Meeting
- v. Review of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer's Report
- vi. Reading and correction of Draft Audit Committee Report for the period 1st July to 31st December 2024
- vii. AOB
- viii. Adjournment and closing prayer.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted by Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris and seconded by Prof. Donatus Adie.

3.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The 16th Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee on ACENTDFB commenced at 12:20 pm with individual opening prayers and this was followed by the Chairman welcoming members (both physical and virtual). He commended members for their commitment towards accomplishing tasks when called upon.

4.0 Reading and Correction of minutes of the 15th Regular Meeting

- The date in the title was changed from 6th Feb, 2024 to 6th February, 2025. The same correction was effected in the sub-title

- Similarly, the Venue of the Meeting was changed from the **Department of Biotechnology (Annex)** to **ACENTDFB Board Room**

5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes of the 15th 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 Reading and correction of Draft Audit Committee Report for the period 1st July to 31st December 2024

The Committee observed some minor corrections in the Draft Audit Report for the Period 1st July to 31st December 2024.

The Date of the Report was changed from 1st March, 2024 to 7th February, 2025. The members also suggested appropriate renumbering of the major and minor items in the Report (item 1 on the report was changed to 1.0, and so on.....)

7.0 Review of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer's Reports

The Committee reviewed Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer's and noted as follows:

- The M&E Officer presented three (3) independent Reports namely (i)Recent Progress made by Nigerian Centers under ACE Impact (ii) ACE for Development Impacts (ACE Impact) and (iii) Africa Center of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB) Disbursement and Linked Indicators (DLR) progress and earnings to date
- The documents provided and insight into the progress and performance, successful grants disbursements of each DLR, as well as the details of the Center's activities
- These were presented as summaries in the Internal Auditor's Reports for 1st July to 31st December. 2024.
- The reports were extensively reviewed by the Committee and key performance indicators, achievements and challenges identified and documented as part of the Committee's report for the second half of 2024.
- The Committee's second quarter report for the year 2024 was extensively discussed, corrected and the final copy adopted by the Committee.

8.0 Adjournment and Closing Prayers

Prof. Donatus Adie moved for an adjournment of the meeting in the absence of any other matter and was seconded by Prof. Abdullahi Y. Idris. The meeting was officially adjourned at 5:05 pm after individual closing prayers.



Prof. Mohammed U. Kawu
Chairman



Mal. Maiyaki Hamisu Musa
Assistant Secretary