

Testimonial/Insights from Nigeria's NCPs

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OUTLINE OF
PRESENTATION

- **Nigeria and Horizon Europe**
- **Action Plan towards 2027**
- **Summary**

Nigeria & Horizon Europe

- We are here to **learn & to seek collaboration**

- We are determined to change the Nigerian Narrative in the funding period 2021-2027
- In the last programme, Horizon 2020:
 - ❖ There were 310 successful funded projects in Africa
 - ❖ **However, none emerged from Nigeria; 26 were part of projects by other nationals**
 - ❖ South Africa, for example, had 140 grants

Nigeria's Action Plan

- The Federal Ministry of Science , Technology and Innovation (**FMSTI**) is coordinating the national response at the Research Institutes
- The Tertiary Education Fund (**TETFund**), with its successful management of the National Research Fund (NRF), is saddled with organizing and coordinating the response network by Higher Education Institutions.
- National Contact Points/Persons (NCP) (**All Here**) have been appointed for the 4 Sectoral Priority Areas of EU-AU Partnership

Nigeria's Action Plan

Lead NCP for Universities: Michael O. FABORODE

NCP for Public Health: Adamu Gerei BAKARI

NCP for Green Transition: Fatimah Batul MUKHTAR

NCP for Technology and Innovation: Ayo AJAYI

NCP for Capacity in Science: Musbau AKANJI

TETFund Rep to the National Network: Ms. Asmau MAIKUDI

TETFund Adviser on Innovation: Tope Toogun

Nigeria's Action Plan

- Each Sectoral NCP has identified the key **Thematic Areas** of interest
- A critical mass of researchers will be identified, trained, guided and assisted to write winning proposals
- Training shall be at the national, regional and Institutional levels
- A system of coordinated proposal screening will be put in place
- In all these, we shall need the guidance, assistance and technical support of the EU and AU. We are aware of the EU dedicated portal and some other resources

Key Performance Indicators of R&D

- Number and overall value of successful Grants
- Number of Graduate Students included in projects, in particular, PhD students.
- Intellectual Property Disclosures of new discoveries, innovations and inventions,

- Filed patent applications and patents received,
- New products (based on discoveries and inventions) to market,
- New licenses of innovations,
- Research Expenditure; through Grants & Contracts (National, International, industry, Public sector
- Earned royalties and other income from consultancies, commercial licenses, contract research
- Business enterprises, Start-ups under incubation, Spin-offs
- Endowed Chairs,
- National and international Awards and Honours/Prizes,
- Creative Works and Copyrights,
- Publications in internationally indexed Journals,
- Citations of publications, Total research output/Research citations ([ISI Web of Knowledge](#))
- Contribution to SDGs and the Africa Agenda 2063

CONCLUSION/ SUMMARY

- **Nigeria welcomes this partnership** to expand the success of the EU Horizon programme in STI. It offers Nigeria's Universities & research Institutions a great opportunity to make salutary impact on National, Regional and Global Development
- **HEIs/Universities have never been as crucial to nation states as they are today** if such nations or states are to be competitive in the global economy. They need their university sectors to produce and apply knowledge, and to produce knowledgeable and well-skilled workers across the skills spectrum. They must therefore be well funded and accorded needed recognition, and in return they must not be found wanting in responding to this crucial need that will determine their local relevance, social value and global visibility.

