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ABUAD
ADO EKITI, EKITI STATE, NIGERIA

In Collaboration With

Research Nexus
Africa Networks

Promotion Collaborative Research & Development Practices in Africa

Research Nexus Africa Networks
iSTEAM Research Nexus
An International Conference on Science, Technology,
Arts, Management & the Social Sciences

PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENTS

In Respect Of ABUAD'S Hosting

of

The ISTEAMS Research Nexus Conference 2014

At the Afe babalola University, (ABUAD)
Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria.

August, 2013

The iSTEAMS Conference at the
Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti in 2014

INTRODUCTION

A commitment to promote research and development through collaborative and multidisciplinary strategies that engage modernized and ubiquitous ICTs is one of the key components of today's institutional drive. We are aware that this is one of the key objectives that drives the Vision of **Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti (ABUAD), Ekiti State, Nigeria**. Afe Babalola University's commitment also encompass the production of a future generation of leaders who are result-oriented, highly skilled, socially relevant and capable of applying scientific knowledge for the resolution of social and technological problems. We know that Afe Babalola University is equally committed to transforming students into expert thinkers, innovative managers and resourceful technocrats in all fields of learning. It is based on these premises that we write to partner with ABUAD in promoting her laudable ideals.

At the recently concluded iSTEAMS Conference, 2013 held at the Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, the team from Afe Babalola University, especially the duo of Prof. Ademola and Prof. Olaniyi, whose papers were the best presented, demonstrated pragmatic leadership and amiable networking that won the heart of participants who after the bid for the next event unanimously voted that the next iSTEAMS Conference be hosted at the prestigious Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria.

The Research Nexus Africa Networks in conjunction with the Creative Research and Technology Evaluation Networks; organizers of the Annual International iSTEAMS Conference has therefore consented to the demands of participants at the UNIbadan iSTEAMS Conference to support Afe Babalola University's laudable goals by creating a nexus of collaborative and synergistic activities between Afe Babalola University's and other world class institutions by further attracting world class researchers, experts, academic and practitioners to the Campus of Afe Babalola University's and by extension provide Afe Babalola University's additional visibility that promotes the culture of excellence, innovation and creativity among Staff and Students of the University by hosting the International Multidisciplinary Research and Practice Conference at ABUAD in 2014. Considering the pedigree of Afe Babalola University's as a dynamic and proactive university, it has therefore become an institution of choice for the hosting of the iSTEAMS International Multidisciplinary Research and Practice Conference for 2014.

Justification for the ABUAD Research Nexus Conference 20134

Academic gatherings are critical to a University's role as a creator, custodian and base of knowledge. Research, teaching and service do not take place in isolation; rather every field of knowledge is enhanced by the interactions of academics studying similar, related or even different things in different places. When academia, students and researchers come together in very dynamic forums such as offered by the **Research Nexus Africa Networks** conference there is always a tremendous potential for leaps in knowledge and understanding. Research Nexus Africa Network Conferences consists of seminars, workshops, parallel paper presentation sessions, demos, symposiums and training workshops that provide opportunities to academic, teaching, research, non-teaching and scientific community to share knowledge and research outcomes. Justifiably, **ABUAD** has taken giant strides and leadership in teaching and research endeavors. The proposed conference will assist in further establishing and promoting this trend.

Hosting an established conference will in concrete terms achieve the following:

(1) It will assist in promoting the image of the university and giving it the visibility that enables the institution to gain recognition in her area or domain of core competencies.

(2) Students will be exposed to world class scholars who can stimulate their research and learning intentions and provide collaborative support to them pre and post-graduation

(3) Staff of the University will also be able to network with scholars, researchers and industry experts. This will in turn impact on their teaching, job delivery and the way students are prepared to be able to meet society's critical needs on graduation

(4) Training opportunities for Doctoral, Masters and in-service engagement will be provided by speakers and scholars visiting for the conference.

(5) Teaching and non-teaching staff will, through the various workshops and seminars during the conference, be exposed to state of the art methodology for their job delivery.

(6) **ABUAD** will by this conference gain recognition as an institution of choice for hosting world class events.

RESEARCH NEXUS AFRICA NETWORK CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The ABUAD Research Nexus conference is proposed as a multidisciplinary and collaborative research and practice forum that seeks to explore how new, innovative and emerging forms of technologies can aid research, practices and development in different spheres of human endeavours. The specific objectives of the conference are as follows:

(1) Emphasize collaborative and multidisciplinary research as a paradigm shift that can better address the myriads of socio-economic, political, scientific, infrastructural and human capital development challenges posed to the world today.

(2) Offer a nexus for discourses, debates, dialogues and presentations on novel approaches that engage digital tools and related strategies as pragmatic measures through which the dividends of a digital-driven age can be realized.

(3) Go beyond the sparks of activities and forums that provide transient illuminations in the digital skyline by gravitating towards exploring new and dynamic ways of engaging the potentials offered by digitization and ubiquitous ICTs for global growth and development.

(4) Create visibility for host institutions in terms of research opportunities, core competencies and partnership with world class institutions and researchers that attend the **Research Nexus Africa Network** Conference.

CONFERENCE HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

What follows is a list of basic requirements for hosting the Conference:

1. Commitment from Host institution on staff registration and participation. Pre-conference payment from staff of host institution is mandatory. We expect at least 50% of the Staff of the Host Institution to REGISTER AND PAY for the event before the conference.

2. Conference Halls that can sit up to 400 Participants for the conference main events

3. Break out/parallel session rooms for conference tracks/paper presentations

4. Audio-visual equipment to support sound and video displays – microphone, public address systems, loud speakers, projectors, projection boards etc.

5. Accessible lodging for participants during the conference and

6. Accommodation for the Research Nexus Africa Networks and Keynote Speakers during the event – Minimum 6 Standard Rooms

7. Local Organizing Committee team to assist with on-grounds conference logistics

OBLIGATIONS OF THE RESEARCH NEXUS AFRICA NETWORKS

The Research Nexus Africa Group will provide the following:
1. In conjunction with the host institution we will select seasoned keynote speakers and resource persons for the event
2. Appoint a conference co-chair and Conference correspondence to all interested participants
3. Editorial services for conference paper submission, review, acceptance and uploads.
4. Publicity on our conference site and associated partner website
5. Facilitate conference payment and registration activities
6. Publication of conference proceedings
7. Call for extended version of papers accepted for the conference for inclusion in Notable peer reviewed and indexed International and local Journals.

INCENTIVES TO HOST INSTITUTION

The following incentives are offered the host institution
1. All staff and students of the Host institution are offered a discounted rate on Conference Registration Fee.
2. The host institution is to identify one of the domains below that a workshop can support.
   (a) Teaching different courses in the University using computer aided teaching tools
   (b) Grant and proposal writing
   (c) Study abroad opportunities for staff and students
   (d) Online resources for enhanced teaching and learning in academic institutions

This workshop will attract a different cost for all other participants. Staff of Host institutions will participate FREE in the Workshop.

CONFERENCE THEME AND TRACKS

The Host institution and the Research nexus Africa Group will decide on the General Conference Theme and tracks as soon as an agreement is reached to host the event at **ABUAD**.

COST SHARING

Research Nexus Africa Networks will return 50% of the Net Profits from the event to the Host Institution's partnering department in support of Research & Development.

OUR EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE CONFERENCE PARTNERS

- Creative Research Networks
- International Journal of Advance Research in Computer Sciences
- The Initiative for Technology Empowered Education
- PC Tech Magazine
- University of Ibadan Distance Learning Centre
- HIIT Training Centre
- Afe babalola University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria
- VIVA Africa – online TV
- IEEE Nigeria Chapter
- Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi, Nigeria
- Salesians of Don Bosco
- Savvy Africa, Nairobi Kenya
- African Institute for Development Informatics and Policy
- IT Vessels, Nigeria
- AIT Infotech Network

CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES
The Certificates to be issued at the end of the conference will bear the logo and signature of both Research nexus Africa and that of the representative of the Host Institution

EXPECTED DIVIDENDS FROM THE CONFERENCE
At the end of the conference, participants should be able to achieve the following:

- Have a strong foundation in initiating new and exciting productive research agenda.
- Identify and connect with mentors who can provide guidance and direction in various areas of expertise.
- Initiate formation of research groups, Research collaboration and interactions between the industry and academia as necessary conditions to developing strong academic and research culture at **ABUAD**
- Explore information on collaborative opportunities for research linkages, exchanges and other forms of internationalization between **ABUAD** and Institutions abroad.
- Initiate and sustain collaborative research both nationally and internationally.
- Propose multidisciplinary research agenda to attract grants from funding agencies.

COST ESTIMATES FOR THE CONFERENCE FOR 100 PARTICIPANTS

S/NO	ITEM	UNIT COST	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
	CONFERENCE PACKAGE FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS			
	Bags / Folders	N2000 x 60	N120000	
	Students Bags/Folders	N800 x 40	N32000	
	Conference Program	N1000 x 100	N100000	
	Customized Pens	N50 x 100	N5000	
	Conference Jotters	N450 x 100	N45000	
	Conference Registration Tags	N100 x 100	N10000	**N312000**
	Publications			
	Conference Proceedings and Editorials	N3000 x 100	300000	
	Conference Certificate of Participation	N600 x 100	N60000	**N360000**
	TEA BREAKS AND LUNCH			
	Tea Breaks			
1.	Snacks	N400 x 100 x 3	N72000	
2.	Tea/Cofee	N50 x 100 x 3	N15000	**N87000**
	Lunch			
1.	Day 1: Fried Rice/Jollof Rice/Meat/Fish	N500 x 100	N50000	
2.	Day 2: Solid – Amala, Eba, Iyan/ etc	N500 x 100	N50000	
3.	Meat/Fish			
	Day 3: Mix of Rice/Solid	N500 x 100	N50000	**N150000**
	Drinks			
1.	Soft Drinks	100 x 100 x 3 Days	N30000	
2.	Water	N50 x 100 x 3 Days	N15000	**N45000**
	High Table Items			
1.	Fruit Juice	N7000	N7000	
2.	Bottled water	N5000	N5000	**N12000**
	HONORARIUM FOR SPEAKERS			
1.	Home-Based Speakers	N20000 x 5	N100000	
2.	International Speakers	N75000 (Eq $500) x 2	N150000	
3.	Workshop Speakers	N20000 x 2	N40000	
4.	Special Guests (Gift Items)	N2500 Per Gift x 20	N50000	
5.	Flight for 2 International Speakers	N200000 x 2	N400000	**N740000**
	PUBLICITY FOR THE EVENT			
1	Posters (1000 Copies)	N40000	N40000	
2	Handbills (4000)	N60000	N60000	
3	Backdrops/Banners (4)	N30000 x 4	N120000	**N220000**

GRAND TOTAL   N1926000

This cost can be projected for any expected number of participants.

CONFERENCE COST ADVANCEMENT AND SHARING
Research Nexus Africa Networks will provide in cash a QUARTER of the expected cost for running the conference. In cash support to the tune of the QUARTER of the expected costs for running the event is also expected from the host institution. These funds are to be made available latest four months to the event..

Conference Registration Fee
We propose an on ground conference registration fee of N30000 per participant and N20000 for students category. For Participants from ABUAD, Staff will pay a registration fee of N20000 and Students N10000 respectively.

Note:
Suggested Conference Themes:
1. *Working the Angles - Adapting Multidisciplinary Research to Address Human Capital and Developmental Challenges in Africa*
2. *Together Towards Tomorrow: Leveraging on Multidisciplinary Research for Human and Global Development.*

In addition, Research Nexus Africa will provide the following:
- Pre Conference Logistics for advertisement and awareness
- Conference Secretarial Staff
- Conference Registration Personnel
- Conference Account to facilitate registration and other payment/disbursement
- Paper Submission and Editorial Services
- Post Publication of papers presented at this conference in high impact International Journals
- Conference Secretariat tools and facilities such as

The Host Institution/Faculty will further provide the following:
- List of possible Keynote and Special Guest
- Identify an area of special need in the university for which a workshop can be organized i.e E-learning, security, language development, bioinformatics, pathology, astronomy, project management etc
- Hall Decoration
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Accommodation for Resource Persons, Organizers and Invited Guests
- Transport and Logistics Within and Outside the venue
- Protocol Services
- Local organizing Committee Teams to function in the following committees
    a) Welfare Committee
    b) Publicity Committee
    c) Publication Committee
    d) Logistics Committee

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the duly nominated and authorised representatives of ABUAD and Research Nexus Africa Networks have signed this Agreement.

SIGNED at ………………. on the ……… day of……………. 2013…., in duplicate in the English language.

For and on behalf of the Afe Babalola University

For and on behalf of the Research Nexus Africa

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PROF. MICHEAL O. 'AJISAFE
DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR–
ABUAD

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DR. LONGE OLUMIDE
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PRESIDENT 29/8/2013

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