

PRESENTATION III: ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CENTRES WITH OPEN ACCESS

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A Leadership Engagement Meeting on Policy and Practice



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ENABLING NIGERIA TETFUND ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CENTRES (APC) WITH OPEN ACCESS BOOKS



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SYNOPSIS

• INTRODUCTION

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- Book Development Project
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
- Academic Publishing Centres (APCs)
- TAG & APCs Productivity

• OPEN ACCESS (AO)

- A call for OA
- OA Meaning & Merits
- OA Models

• TETFUND TAG READINESS

- Actions and Expectations
- Implimentation
- Conclusion



TERTIARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND (TETFUND)

- Established under Education Tax Fund Act No. 17, 2003 & Education Tax Act Cap. E4 2004 of Law of Federal Republic of Nigeria
- To develop and improve Nigerian public tertiary institutions; and
- Enhance their quality of education,
- With mandate to establish and nurture Higher Education **Book Development Project (BDP)** in Nigeria

• Key Objectives

Promote Quality Education

Support Research and Development

Enhance Teaching and Learning

Upgrade Infrastructure



TETFUND BDP & TAG

- ❖ **TETFund BDP** was created to reactivate and foster research and publication of academic books, journals, monographs (ABJM) in both hard and e-forms.
- ❖ **TAG** was established to turn **TETFund BDP** Blue Print Document into a Strategic Working Document; and to
- ❖ **Roll out BD interventions** for Nigerian tertiary education institutions.; and to
- ❖ **Ensure production** of academic books and monographs



ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CENTRES (APCs)

- Academic Publishing Centres (APCs) are the outlets of producing these books for TETFund
- APCs were conceived in 2012 but implemented in 2019-2020, with modern publishing equipment.
- TAG also encourages and recommends support for professional institutions in journal publication
- An APC was cited in each of the six geopolitical zones; with one in the Federal Capital Territory
- With the APCs, TETFund continually produces and circulates relevant, up-to-date indigenous academic books
- TETFund APCs were modelled after Cambridge and Oxford University Press .

TETFUND ACCADEMIC PUBLISHING CENTRES IN NIGERIA

- Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Adamawa State, North East;
- Usmanu Dan-fodio University, Sokoto, Sokoto State, North West;
- University of Lagos, Lagos State, South West;
- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Anambra State, South East;
- University of Calabar, Cross River State, South-South; and
- Federal University of Technology, Minna, North Central

TAG AND APC PRODUCTIVITY

- As at Nov. 2023, over 140 manuscripts were sent to Press by TAG under Prof Charles Aworh
- One hundred of these were transformed to books and delivered to both TETFund & authors
- At 2000 copies per book, 200,000 copies of TETFund books are now in circulation
- About 60 books are being expected from the Press
- Currently, 30 manuscripts are ready to be sent to TETFund book publishing centres



THE LACUNA: A CALL FOR OPEN ACCESS (OA)

- ❖ TETFund aims at producing adequate quality indigenous academic books for Nigerian tertiary institutions
- ❖ It desires to inculcate and promote reading among students and staff
- ❖ Much fund has been expended to produce quality academic books to achieve this goal

- For over a decade, scarcity of/limited accessibility to quality, relevant and up-to-date hard and e-copy books still persists
- There are close to 2.5 millions Nigeria youths schooling in more than 400 tertiary institutions with poor OA
- Over 450 tertiary institutions need OA
- 200,000 circulated hard copy TETFund books can only be in the hands of 8.0% students population!

OPEN ACCESS: MEANING AND MERITS

- **OA is democratization of free access to scholarly research documents without legal, financial, or technical limitations**
- **This:**
 - **Aids Knowledge Furtherance Across the Globe;**
 - **Increases Accessibility;**
 - **Promotes Equity;**
 - **Encourages Collaboration and Partnership;**
 - **Enhances Research Reputation and Impact;**
 - **Supports Transparency;**
 - **Fosters Innovation and Funding;**
 - **Advocates for Open Standards;**
 - **Minimizes plagiarism; and Encourages Data Sharing**

OPEN ACCESS (OA) WILL THRIVE IN NIGERIA

- Nearly 90% of Nigeria phone users hold android phones, a tool for OA
- More than 80% of Nigerian tertiary institutions' community members prefer digital access to libraries
- Over 97% of tertiary institution students source for online books and journals
- Current Tech. wave and modern drive toward digital world both back OA
- Research shows that scholars' dependent on online libraries is greatly increasing

POPULAR OPEN ACCESS MODELS

- **GOLD OPEN ACCESS:** Immediate and unrestricted access to books and journal articles' (BJAs) contents. E.g. PLOS ONE and BioMed Central.
- **DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS:** Free, unrestricted access to BJAs without costs for authors or readers but with support by institutions or funding bodies.
- **GREEN OPEN ACCESS:** Accessing BJAs in institutional or subject repositories after authors have deposited them
- **HYBRID OPEN ACCESS:** Mixture of Gold and Green methods of accessibility.

TETFUND'S READINESS FOR OPEN ACCESS

- TETFund has a formidable perfect structure
- Its leadership Good Will and Policy in establishing APCs, archiving e-copies of printed books all favour OA
- It has an existing online facility- Good website and a Link to TERAS
- Its free funding of academic books agrees with OA main objective
- TETFund ICT Department can facilitate its books' OA initiative
- The virtual library section in TETFund website can anchor OA books
- TETFund policy allows for collaboration to promote educational development

TAG'S READINESS FOR OPEN ACCESS

- ❖ The Executive Secretary- Arc. T.C. Echono has mandated Digitization of TAG activities with readers' OA to all past and forthcoming TETFund books
- ❖ The former TAG Chairman- Professor Charles Aworh also recommended readers' Open Access to all TETFund academic books
- ❖ An 11 man Tech-team of TAG are currently working on TAG operations' digitization to meet the Executive Secretary's OA mandate
- ❖ The Director for Education Support Services has repository of all e-copies of TETFund academic books whose authors have submitted their copyrights

NECESSARY ACTIONS & EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Raising continual sensitization across Nigerian Universities and among relevant Agencies
- ✓ Formation of strong QA Team among relevant MDAs, private and public educational institutions
- ✓ QA Team meeting with Top Key Actors for buy in on QA actualization
- ✓ QA policy appraisal, formulation and review across agencies and institutions
- ✓ Identifying and strengthening/building necessary QA infrastructure

NECESSARY ACTIONS & EXPECTATIONS CTD.

- ✓ Capacity building in readiness for OA in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions
- ✓ Synergizing and Integrating OA with TETFund APC and other similar bodies
- ✓ Identifying and harvesting of e-copy resources from repository.
- ✓ Partnership and Collaboration among stakeholders
- ✓ Global OA Networking
- ✓ OA advocacy

NECESSARY ACTIONS & EXPECTATIONS CTD.

- ✓ Studying Case Studies and Success Stories
- ✓ Impact assessment report
- ✓ Modelling Best Practices
- ✓ Researching,
- ✓ Pilot survey
- ✓ Replication and monitoring results

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- **Setting up of Execution Team (TETFund Tech., TAG, NUC, NGOS, tertiary institution reps.)**
- **Preparation of Key milestones and timelines**
- **Phased Approach: Short-term and long-term**
- **Execution**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Review and weighing benefits**
- **Technical and financial appraisal**
- **Preparation against resistance to change**
- **End users' feedback**



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