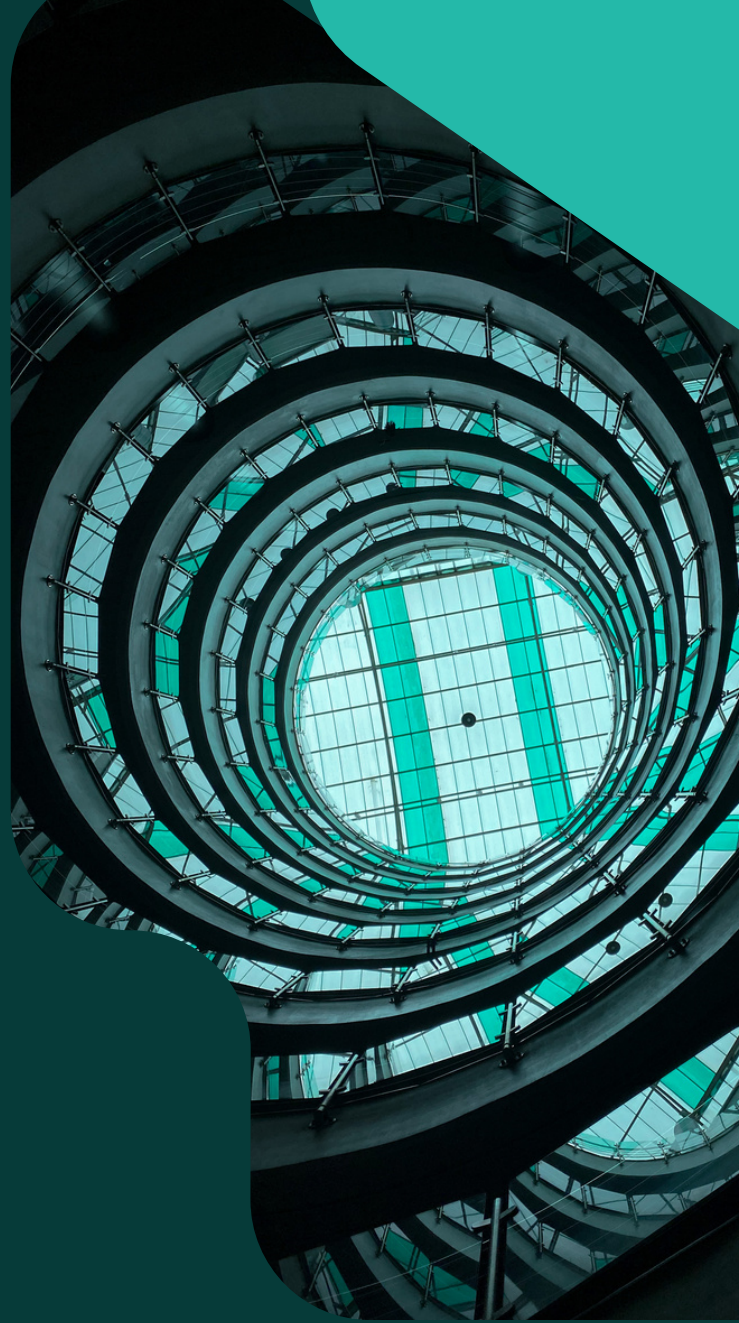




2024-2028

Strategic Plan



THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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Introduction

The Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) is the voice of science in Nigeria, and for over forty years has strived to bring science to bear on the strategic direction of the country, as well as ensure that Nigerians enjoy the dividends of science, technology, and innovation (STI). Between 2018 and 2022; against a backdrop of issues including dwindling global funding, challenges in getting evidence to inform the policymaking process, poor awareness of the Academy and its activities, in addition to a global pandemic, the Academy was able to record several significant achievements related to its strategic goals for the period.

In terms of its fellowship, the Academy continued to elect distinguished Nigerian scientists, including an increasing number of women, into its membership. A crowning achievement in the Academy's ongoing efforts in supporting the inclusion and advancement of women within the NAS fellowship, was the installation of its first female president in 2021.

Also, substantial progress was made towards the building of a befitting NAS secretariat in Nigeria's capital city, Abuja. Architectural designs and models for the various buildings on the site were prepared, and a ceremonial groundbreaking conducted. Furthermore, funding was secured to construct the first building, the science museum/library.

The Academy's journal, the Proceedings of the Nigerian Academy of Science (PgNAS), was notably strengthened during the last strategic period. A website for the journal was developed, and has been fully operational since 2019. The frequency of the journal's publication was regularized, with two volumes published annually, in addition to special editions on germane topics related to STI. The journal is now indexed with CrossRef, African Journals Online (AJOL), and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

The Academy made significant inroads in the provision of science advice to government and other stakeholders; none more relevant than its contributions to the national response to COVID-19 in Nigeria. The Ministerial Expert Advisory Committee on COVID-19 Health Sector Response (MEACoC-HSR) was chaired by a past president of the Academy, and had about half the membership comprising of Academy fellows. At the height of the pandemic, the NAS instituted the NAS COVID-19 Webinar Series (now the NAS Webinar Series) as a platform to virtually convene experts and other stakeholders to discuss key aspects of the pandemic in the Nigerian context, and proffer recommendations for decision making.

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The Academy also collaborated with other national science academies in West Africa to convene similar sub-regional bilingual webinars on COVID-19. Following the pandemic, webinars have become a mainstay of the Academy's activities, and have gone on to cover other topics in health, sustainable energy, and disaster preparedness. Another mechanism through which the Academy contributed to addressing COVID-19 in Nigeria was through the expertise of several NAS fellows who were called to serve on international advisory committees tasked with providing advice to regional bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO), and African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC).

As the Academy moves into a new strategic period; 2024-2028, science and technology in Nigeria is still encumbered by several difficulties such as poor funding, poor infrastructure, brain drain, inadequate partnership and collaboration, low rate of translation of research outputs to innovations, and a disconnect between science and society. Therefore, there is a need for NAS to build on the achievements of the last five years, while charting a course for an Academy with an increased societal presence and impact.

Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Roles

Vision

An improved quality of life for the Nigerian society through the promotion and application of sound science and technology.

Mission

Strengthening the nation's ability to deliver the fruits of science to the society by the acquisition, growth, and dissemination of sound scientific knowledge, and the facilitation of its use in solving major national problems.

Core Values

Merit

Excellence

Integrity

Innovation

Independence

Roles

The NAS plays certain specific roles, which include the following:

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- Providing faithful and diligent advisory services for policy formulation and implementation;
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- Serving as an honest broker in matters between the government and the public, or in matters of conflicting interest between two or more parties;
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- Offering mechanisms for the appropriate practice of science (including medicine and engineering), especially in the delivery of services;
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- Framing the definition of responsibilities of scientists and technologists towards the public, ensuring that they fulfil their obligations to the society and their own professions; and
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- Conducting programs that encourage the youth to seek careers in scientific and technological fields.
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Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
• Functioning well since inception in 1977 • Quality diversity of the NAS Fellowship • Fellows in decision making roles • National and international recognition • Grants received from national and international bodies • Relevant and widely disseminated publications	• No legislative charter • No Grand Patron of the Academy • Inadequate diversity of the Fellowship with regards to gender, geographical location, and age • Poor core and grant funding • Poor visibility • No permanent secretariat	• Globally recognized Fellowship • Increasing interest of government in science • Increasing government recognition • Increasing international recognition of the Academy	• Challenging funding climate • Global economic depression • Proliferation of academies

Obstacles, and Strategic Directions for 2024–2028

Obstacles

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- Academy not backed by legislative charter
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- No Grand Patron of the Academy
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- Imbalance in the NAS Fellowship (with respect to gender, age, specialty, and geographical location)
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- Suboptimal funding (core and grant funding)
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- Poor visibility
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- No permanent secretariat
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- Global economic depression

Strategic Direction to Overcome Obstacles

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- Increase the visibility/impact of the Academy on science and the society
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- Conduct strategic advocacy at the highest levels
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- Strengthen the Academy's science advisory function
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- Strengthen strategic partnerships
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- Develop a sustained funding base to support NAS programmes and activities
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- Improve the diversity and spread of the NAS' Fellowship with respect to gender, geographical locations, age, and specialties
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- Build a befitting NAS secretariat in Abuja

Logical Framework

Strategic Direction 1: Increase the impact of the Academy on science and the society								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Improve public engagement with /awareness of science	Organize public lectures/webinars, to provide relevant and useable science information to the public	Public Affairs Secretary NAS Fellows NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of public lectures/webinars organized	3 public lectures/webinars annually			
	Develop innovative community engagement activities; including radio interviews, YouTube vlogs, online audio conversations, science-entertainment collaborations	NAS President Council NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of innovative community engagement activities	2 activities annually			
	Publish articles, by	NAS sectional and	Annually	Number of articles on	4 articles annually			

	NAS fellows, on scientific matters in national newspapers	or publications committees Public Affairs Secretary NAS Secretariat Fellows		scientific matters published in newspapers				
	Organize media engagements/ outings	Public Affairs Secretary NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of media engagements organized annually	4 media engagements annually			
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Strengthen NAS's social media presence	Maintain a regular frequency of social media posts highlighting the Academy's activities	NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of posts on NAS's social media accounts	50 social media posts, per platform, annually			
	Create social media posts featuring NAS fellows on topical issues	Fellows NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of social media posts on topical issues	8 posts annually			
Strengthen NAS' engagement	Convene the NAS annual scientific	NAS Council	Annually	NAS Annual Scientific Conference	NAS Annual Scientific Conference			

with the Nigerian scientific community	conference on relevant/ diverse themes and topics	Conference Committee NAS Secretariat						
	Convene meeting with Nigerian science associations	NAS President Academic Secretaries NAS Secretariat	Biennially	Meeting with science associations	Meeting with science associations held every two years			
	Deliver ambassadorial lectures in universities across Nigeria	Fellows NAS President Academic Secretaries NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of ambassadorial lectures delivered	3 ambassadorial lectures annually			
	Organize capacity building activities (webinars, workshops) particularly for early career researchers	Academic Secretaries NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of capacity building activities organized	2 capacity building activities annually			

Strategic Direction 2: Conduct strategic advocacy at the highest levels								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Lobby the National Assembly/ Presidency for the enactment of the NAS bill	Contact appropriate stakeholders through NAS Fellows	Council Fellows	June 2026	Public hearing, Bill signed by the Senate President and forwarded to the Presidency, response and acceptance letter from the President	NAS bill signed by the President			
Install the President as the Grand Patron of the Academy	Send letter to the Presidency and conduct installation	NAS President NAS Council NAS Fellows Executive Secretary	June 2026	The President installed as Grand Patron of NAS	The President installed as Grand Patron of NAS			
Engage stakeholders in the executive and legislative arms of government	Conduct courtesy visits to stakeholders in the executive and legislative arms of government	NAS President NAS Council Executive Secretary	Annually	Number of visits conducted	2 sets of visits annually			
	Disseminate NAS reports and publications to stakeholders in the executive	NAS Secretariat	Annually	NAS reports and publications disseminated to relevant stakeholders annually	NAS reports and publications disseminated to relevant stakeholders annually			

	and legislative arms of government							
Strategic Direction 3: Strengthen the Academy's advisory function								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Strengthen the Academy's advisory function	Prepare and disseminate policy briefs/state-ments on topical issues	Sectional Committees NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of policy briefs produced annually	6 policy statements annually			
	Conduct rapid consensus studies on issues of national relevance	NAS President Academic Secretaires NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of rapid consensus studies conducted annually	2 rapid consensus studies, and 2 study reports annually			
	Organize webinars on issues of national significance	NAS President Academic Secretaires NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of webinars organized	4 webinars			

Strategic Direction 4: Strengthen strategic partnerships								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Build strategic partnerships locally and internationally	Attain key positions on international organizations	NAS President Executive Secretary Foreign Secretary	June 2026	Relevant executive positions held by NAS per time.	2 relevant executive positions held by NAS per time.			
	Build partnerships (through MOUs) with national science academies of countries	NAS President Executive Secretary Foreign Secretary	June 2026	Established partnerships with national academies	2 established partnerships with national academies			
	Develop strategic partnerships with Nigerian universities, research institutions, government agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations	NAS President NAS Council NAS Secretariat	June 2026	Strategic partnerships with universities	1 strategic partnership annually			

Strategic Direction 5: Develop a sustained funding base to support the Academy's programmes and activities								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Develop a sustained funding base to support NAS programmes and activities	Launch a NAS endowment	NAS Fundraising Committee	June 2024	Endowment Launched	1 million US Dollars raised			
	Contact indigenous foundations for partnership and assistance.	NAS Council Committees of NAS Council NAS Fellows NAS Secretariat	June 2026	Number of partnerships built Amount of support received				
	Lobby government institutions, corporate organizations, and individuals for endowment	NAS Council Committees of NAS Council NAS Fellows NAS Secretariat	June 2028	Number of Endowments Received				
Increase the number of grants received	Develop more proposals	NAS Council NAS Fellows NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of proposals submitted	12 proposals submitted annually			

	Increase capacity of staff in proposal writing	NAS Council Executive Secretary	June 2026	Number of trainings on proposal writing for relevant staff	1 training exercise a year for each relevant staff			
	Search for funding opportunities by the Fellowship	Council Committees of NAS Council NAS Secretariat	Annually	Number of funding opportunities identified	5 relevant funding opportunities identified annually			
Strategic Direction 6: Improve the diversity and spread of the NAS Fellowship with respect to gender, geographical location, age, and specialty								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Increase the number of female Fellows in the NAS Fellowship	Encourage Fellows to nominate female scientists.	NAS Fellows NAS President	Annually	Number of female fellows	20% of fellows to be female by 2028	No funds required	Not applicable	

Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Lower average age of the NAS Fellowship	Encourage nomination of younger scientists for NAS fellowship	NAS Fellows	Annually	Average age of fellows	Average age of Fellows lowered to 60 years by 2028	No funds required	Not applicable	
Strengthen the NAS Fellowship profile with respect to geographical spread	Ensure more nominations from under-represented geo-political locations of the country.	NAS Sectional Committees All NAS Fellows	Annually	Number of fellows from under-represented regions	Each sub-region/geopolitical zone to have at least 10% representation in Fellowship by 2028	No funds required	Not applicable	
	Hold some NAS activities in under represented locations in the country	Various NAS Committees of Councils Public Affairs Secretary Academic Secretaries NAS Fellows Executive Secretary	Annually	Number of NAS activities in underrepresented locations	2 activities in under-represented areas annually			

Ensure adequate spread of Fellows with respect to areas of specialization	Encourage Fellows in underrepresented specialties to nominate more of their colleagues	NAS Sectional Committees All NAS fellows	Annually	Number of fellows in underrepresented specialties	10% increase in the number of fellows in identified underrepresented specialties by 2028	No funds required	Not applicable	
Strategic Direction 7: Build a befitting NAS Secretariat in Abuja								
Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible	Deadline	Performance Indicators	Targets	Budget	Sources of funding	Remarks /Update
Build a befitting Secretariat in Abuja	Continue advocacy to raise funds from governmental and non-governmental sources	NAS Lands Committee NAS Council NAS Fellows NAS Secretariat	June 2026	Amount of funds available from government and non -government donors	Complete first building by end of 2024 Raise adequate funds for second building by end of 2024 Complete secretariat complex by 2030			

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring

Progress towards the realization of activities, as detailed in the logical framework, will be measured using the related performance indicators, and targets. Monitoring will be conducted quarterly, with the Secretariat collating updates on achievement of targets for each indicator and submitting a report of this to the Council through the President.

Evaluation

Mid-term and full-term reviews will be conducted to evaluate the level of achievement of the strategic objectives. These reviews will be conducted in June of Year 3 and December of Year 5, of the strategic period, respectively. The next reviews of the Strategic Plan are due in June 2026, and December 2028.



The NAS, established in 1977 (but incorporated in 1986), is the foremost independent scientific body in Nigeria. NAS is uniquely positioned to bring scientific knowledge to bear on the policies/strategic direction of the country and is also dedicated to the development and advancement of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in Nigeria. The aims and objectives of the Academy are to promote the growth, acquisition, and dissemination of scientific knowledge, and to facilitate its use in solving problems of national interest.

Over the years, the Academy has done this by:

- Providing advice on specific problems of scientific or technological nature presented to it by the government and its agencies, as well as private organizations
- Bringing to the attention of the government and its agencies problems of national interest that science and technology can help solve
- Establishing and maintaining the highest standards of scientific endeavours and achievements in Nigeria, through the publication of journals, organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, and symposia, recognition of outstanding contributions to science in Nigeria, and the development of a working relationship with other national and international scientific bodies and academies.

As with national academies in other countries, NAS is a not-for-profit organization with a total membership (since inception) of 289 Fellows elected through a highly competitive process, who have distinguished themselves in their fields both locally and internationally. Some of her members have served as vice-chancellors of universities, director-generals of government parastatals, and ministers in federal ministries. The Academy, given its clout, also can attract other experts from around the country and internationally when needed. The NAS is Nigeria's national representative on such bodies as the International Science Council (ISC) – the umbrella body for all science associations and unions, and the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) – the umbrella body for all national science academies globally. The Academy is also a founding member of the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC).

Some Past NAS Activities

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Conferences, Workshops, and Symposia

The Academy has established a tradition of organizing or conferences, seminars, symposia, and workshops periodically. Some of such events organized by NAS recently include:

- Strengthening Research Capacity in Nigeria: A Stakeholders' Workshop (2023)
- Fourth NAS Annual Scientific Conference: Innovations in Science and Technology for Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria (2023)
- Operational Research in Public Health Emergencies: A Stakeholders' Forum (2022)
- Combatting Predatory Academic Practices in Nigeria: A Policy Roundtable (2022)
- COVID-19 Research in Nigeria: Successes, Challenges, Lessons for the Future (2022)
- Third NAS Annual Scientific Conference: Science and Technology Innovations for National Growth and Development (2022)
- The End Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Nigeria Summit (2021)
- Second NAS Annual Scientific Conference: Applied and Translational Research in National Development (2021)
- First NAS Annual Scientific Conference: The Role of Science in Attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (2020)
- Big Data and Artificial Intelligence in Nigeria (2019)
- The Women in Science Summit (2019)
- Shaping the Future of Researchers in Developing Countries: A Stakeholders' Workshop (2018)
- The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of African Science Academies (AMASA-13) Conference (2017)
- Training Retreat for Ekiti State House of Assembly Legislators and Senior Staff (2017)
- Training Retreat for Nasarawa State House of Assembly Legislators and Senior Staff (2017)
- Regional Stakeholders Meeting on Balanced and Inclusive Education (2017)
- Getting Research Into Policy and Practice (GRIPP) Training Workshop for Ekiti State Officials (2016)
- GRIPP Training Workshop for Nasarawa State Officials (2016)
- Roundtable on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Nigeria (2016)
- National Science Summit (2015)
- Immunization in Nigeria: Accountability, Attitude, Economics & Politics – A Vaccine Stakeholders' Meeting (2013)

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Public Lectures and Webinars

The Academy has, since 1989, embarked on lecture tours of the various states by Fellows as part of its campaign to popularize science and technology in Nigeria. So far, lectures have been held in many states of Nigeria including Ogun, Oyo, Ondo, Plateau, Rivers, Lagos, Cross Rivers, Borno, Delta, Anambra and Abia States, and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The Academy's public lectures include such topics as:

- *Hospitals, Infections, and the Nigerian Environment* by Professor Tolu Odugbemi, FAS, July 1999.
- *Technology and the Challenges of Oil and Gas Exploration in the Twenty-First Century* by Professor K. Mosto Onuoha, FAS, January 2000.
- *Mechanization of the Nigerian Agricultural Industry: Pertinent Notes, Pressing Issues, Pragmatic Options* by Professor Emmanuel Odigboh, FAS, Abuja, April 2000.
- *Environmental Degradation with Particular Reference to the sub-humid and Arid Parts of Nigeria: Prospects for Conservation* by Professor Njidda Gadzama, FAS, Lagos, July 2000.
- *Petroleum Refining, Automobile Emissions and Air Quality* by Professor Alfred Susu, FAS, Yola, October 2000.
- *Under-Developing Nigeria: The Conspiracy of Science and Society* by Professor Oyewale Tomori, FAS, January 2002.
- *Educating Nigeria for Competition and Development in the 21st Century* by Professor Anya O. Anya, FAS, July 2002.
- *Organizational Knowledge – Creation and Technological Innovation* by Professor Timothy Akeju, FAS, October 2002.
- *Renewable Energy Technologies for National Development: Resources, Status and Policy Directions* by Professor Abubakar Sambo, FAS, July 2003.
- *Current Issues in Agricultural Biotechnology* by Professor Efiom Ene-Obong, FAS, January 2003.
- *The Role of Mathematical Sciences in the Scientific, Technological, Social and Economic Development in Nigeria* by Professor Aderemi Kuku, FAS, January 2004.
- *The Body Fluid is Not Only Water* by Professor Grace Olaniyan-Taylor, FAS, June 2004.
- *Beyond Stochastics: Optimizing Fuzzy and Random Models for National Development* by Professor Oye Ibidapo-Obe, FAS, March 2006.
- *From Plants to Medicines: Challenges and Prospects* by Professor Charles Wambebe, FAS, May 2008.
- *Beyond Curiosity: Science as a Panacea for Fast Tracked Sustainable National Development* by Professor Olusegun Adewoye, FAS, May 2009.

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- *Environmentally Sustainable Energy Options for the Rural Sahelian Community* by Professor Njidda Gadzama, FAS, May 2010.
- *Salt Intake and Hypertension* by Professor Olusoga Sofola, FAS, January 2010.
- *Nigeria's Mineral Resources for Wealth, Industry, Infrastructure and Life* by Professor Siyan Malomo, FAS, January 2011.
- *The New Direction: A Reflection on Nigeria's Electric Power Sector Development* by Professor Bart Nnaji, FAS, May 2012.
- *Disease Epidemic in Nigeria: Are We Helpless?* by Professor C.O. Onyebuchi Chukwu, January 2013.
- *Meteorology, Climate Change, and the Nigerian Economy* by Dr. Anthony Anuforom, May 2013.
- *Achieving an End to the AIDS Epidemic: Laying the Ground Work* by Professor John Idoko, FAS, May 2014.
- *Drug Production Efforts in Nigeria: Anti-Cancer Recipes Emerge Through Herbs, Chemistry and Biology* by Emeritus Professor Joseph Okogun, FAS. January 2015.
- *The Mining of Nigerian Medicinal Plants for Cancer Therapy* by Professor Isa Hussaini, FAS. May 2015.
- *The Battle against Trans-boundary Animal Diseases in Nigeria and some West African Countries* by Professor Timothy Obi, FAS. May 2016.
- *Source Rocks and Sorcerers: Decoding the Origin of the Niger Delta Petroleum* by Professor Chidi Ibe, FAS. October 2016.
- *Cancer: Keeping the Monster at Bay* by Professor Sunday Atawodi, FAS. May 2017.
- *Antibiotic Resistance: A Consequence of Drug Misuse* by Professor Sunny Ohia, FAS. October 2018.
- NAS Webinar 1- *COVID-19 Response in Nigeria: The Science and the Policy* (2020)
- NAS Webinar 2- *Building a Resilient Higher Education System in Nigeria* (2020)
- Regional Webinar-*Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs) in COVID-19 Containment in Africa* (2020)
- Regional Webinar - *Essential Health Services amid COVID-19 and future epidemics* (2020)
- Regional Webinar- *Technology for Healthcare During and Beyond COVID-19* (2020)
- Regional Webinar: *Toward a New Normal* (2020)
- *Science, Medicine, and the Society: The Three Intricate Nexus in the Development of Therapeutic Signatures* by Professor Olatunde Farombi, FAS. May 2021.

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Public Lectures and Webinars

- *Nigeria's Hydrocarbon Resources: Current and Future Trends; and Challenges Toward a Reliable Energy Diversification.* Dr. Kehinde Ladipo, FAS. First NAS Ambassadorial Lecture (University of Ilorin). November 2021.
- NAS Webinar 3- *COVID-19 Vaccines: Concerns, Challenges, and Nigeria's Plan* (2021)
- NAS Webinar 4- *Variants and Waves of COVID-19 in Nigeria: To be or not to be?* (2021)
- NAS Webinar 5- *Predatory Academic Practices in Nigeria: Combating the Scourge* (2022)
- NAS Webinar 6- *Celebrating the Insulin Centennial: An Enduring Legacy for Science* (2022)
- NAS Webinar 7- *Energy Transition for Sustainable Development* (2022)
- NAS Webinar 8- *Flooding in Nigeria: Why and Why Not?* (2022)
- *Combating Predatory Academic Activities.* Professor Friday Okonofua, FAS. Second NAS Ambassadorial Lecture (Covenant University) June 2022.
- *Great Nations Pay Heed to Nurturing the Mental Health of the Development Brain* by Professor Olayinka Omigbodun, FAS. May 2023.
- *Understanding and Dealing with the Forces at Work in the Nigerian Petroleum Exploration and Production Sector.* Professor K. Mosto Onuoha, FAS. Third NAS Ambassadorial Lecture (Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto). August 2023.

- NAS Webinar 9- *Science Through the Film Lens: Bridging the Divide* (2023).

Publication of Scientific Literature

Arising from its activities, the Academy regularly publishes scientific materials. These include *The Proceedings of the Nigerian Academy of Science* - a highly reputable and prestigious journal in which Fellows, as well as other scholars may publish the results of recent research. The Academy's public lectures and reports of workshops, conferences, and studies are also published.

Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Science in Nigeria

The Academy is committed to recognising and rewarding outstanding contributions in the various branches of science. It does this through the award of the following prizes:

- *The NAS Media Awards:* The Academy instituted this prize, in 2011, to promote quality media reporting of science in the Nigerian media. Two awards are given: to the Science Print-Journalist and Science Broadcast-Journalist of the Year, respectively.

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Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Science in Nigeria

- The NAS Gold Medal Prize: This is an annual award instituted to recognize personal/team scientific excellence, and is aimed at stimulating and rewarding excellence in science, technology, and innovation. The prize is awarded to the scientist/s whose work has made the most impact in furthering the frontiers of knowledge and has made significant contributions to humanity with reference to the Nigerian context. It is the highest honour that the Academy would bestow on a Nigerian scientist. The prize consists of a medal, certificate, and a purse.

Some Previous Funders and Partners

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International Funding Organizations

- Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (WHO)
- American Academy of Arts and Science (AAAS)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Gender in Science, Innovation, Technology and Engineering GenderInSITE
- InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
- International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)
- Network of African Science Academies (NASAC)
- Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals
- Resolve To Save Lives (RTSL)
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Save the Children UK
- The Ford Foundation
- The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Regional Office for Sub-Saharan Africa (ROSSA)
- UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)/the Research and Innovation Systems for Africa (RISA) Fund
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United States' Department of State
- United States National Academies (USNAS)

Local Funding Organizations

- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- Ecobank Nigeria Plc
- Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN)
- Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO)
- Federal Ministry of Defence (FMoD)
- Federal Ministry of Information & Communications
- Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (FMST)
- Federal University Ndufu Alike (FUNAI)
- Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun (FUPRE)
- Federal University of Technology Minna (FUTMINNA)
- Federal University, Lafia
- Lagos State Government
- Mobolaji Bank Anthony Estate
- Nasarawa State Government
- National Agency for Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA)
- National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI)
- National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)
- National Office of Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP)
- National Space Research & Development Agency (NASRDA)
- National Universities Commission (NUC)
- Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC)
- Nigeria LNG Ltd. (NLNG)
- Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)
- Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA)

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Local Funding Organizations

- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Ltd
- Raw Materials Research and Development Agency (RMRDC)
- Schlumberger Nigeria (SLB)
- Science and Technology Education Post Basic (STEP-B)
- The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)
- TY Danjuma Foundation
- University of Ibadan (UI)
- University of Lagos (UNILAG)
- University of Medical Sciences Ondo State
- Zinox Technologies



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