



The 4th NAS Annual Scientific Conference

The Academy's 4th Annual Scientific Conference themed, *Innovations in Science and Technology for Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria*, focused on showcasing scientific research and innovations that can contribute to socioeconomic development across all spheres of Nigeria's economy. Each session of this NAS conference featured a lead presentation by an expert on the respective sub-theme, followed by oral and poster presentations of original research.



Members of the high table at the 4th NAS Scientific Conference

The conference, held in Abuja on the 24th & 25th of January 2023, had such subthemes as green energy solutions for Nigeria, food security under a changing climate, innovations in healthcare delivery, innovative solutions for smart cities and national security, sanitation and waste management for a sustainable environment, the future of teaching and learning in Nigeria, as well as manufacturing and local content imperatives.

The meeting began with welcome remarks by the Academy's President, Professor Ekanem Braide FAS, and goodwill messages from the Federal Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), and Innov8 Hub.

Dr. Dan-Azumi Mohammed Ibrahim, Director-General, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), in his keynote address, charged the federal government to grow and develop the needed critical mass of highly skilled science, technology and innovation (STI) experts and innovators to drive the national strategies aimed at achieving the SDGs. The STI strategy should also be effectively factored into the national budget to provide funding for the much-needed research infrastructure.

The second keynote address titled, *The Role of Science, Technology and Innovation Policies to Foster the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, was delivered by Air Vice Marshall Onyemaechi Osahor (Rtd.), the Former Director-General, Defence Research and Development Bureau (DRDB). His presentation was focused on the role of STI policies in enhancing indigenous defence equipment production. Using Brazil and India as case studies, he stated that the provision of incentives such as tax reduction, reduction/waiver in import duties for components and knock-down equipment parts, as well as preferential bank financing with low interest rates would encourage production. He explained that private sector participation in defence production would require clearly defined policy guidelines.



Cross section of participants at the 4th NAS Scientific Conference

The conference was successful in achieving its objective of showcasing scientific research and innovations while disseminating scientific information; as well as providing a platform for networking and collaboration among Nigerian scientists. Also, there were exhibitions by Fresh and Natural Farmy Limited and The Conversation Africa.

Participants at the conference included scientists from universities and research centers, postgraduate students in science disciplines, relevant government departments and agencies, the private sector, developmental agencies, and the media.

The Nigerian Academy of Science 2023 Annual General Meeting

To achieve some of its core values of commitment, relationship building, service orientation, and excellence, Fellows of the Nigerian Academy of Science converged in Abuja on the 29th of January, 2023 to hold their annual general meeting. The meeting was preceded by the 4th NAS Annual Scientific Conference.



Fellows of the Academy at the Annual General Meeting held in Abuja

At the meeting, the Academy's 47th Council was constituted as follows:

1. Professor Ekanem Braide – *President*
2. Professor Abubakar Sambo – *Vice President*
3. Professor Oluwole Familoni – *Treasurer*
4. Professor Alex Acholonu – *Foreign Secretary*

5. Professor Olanike Adeyemo – *Chair, Publications Committee*
6. Professor Chidi Akujor – *Academic Secretary Physical Sciences*
7. Professor Olatunde Farombi – *Academic Secretary Biological Sciences*
8. Professor Jonathan Babalola – *Public Affairs Secretary*
9. Professor Adenike Oladiji – *Representative Biological Sciences*
10. Professor Suleiman Bogoro – *Representative Biological Sciences*
11. Professor Jacob Kwaga – *Representative Biological Sciences*
12. Professor Joseph Ahaneku – *Representative Biological Sciences*
13. Professor Francisca Okeke – *Representative Physical Sciences*
14. Professor Kayode Adebawale – *Representative Physical Sciences*
15. Professor Babajide Alo – *Representative Physical Sciences*
16. Professor Micah Osilike – *Representative Physical Sciences*
17. Professor Mosto Onuoha – *Past President*

NAS elects ten distinguished scientists

To achieve one of the Academy's core values of credibility, Fellows of the Academy of Science at its Annual General Meeting held in Abuja on the 29th of January, 2023 elected ten (10) distinguished scientists, 2 of whom are women. The elected scientists are:-

1. Professor Morenike Ukpong (Female)
2. Professor Adesoji Adeniran
3. Professor Adesegun Fatusi
4. Professor Wasiu Adeyemo
5. Professor Henry Fadamiro
6. Professor Okechukwu Onukwuli
7. Professor Olukemi Odukoya (Female)
8. Professor Gideon Okpokwasili
9. Professor Paul Abdu
10. Professor Emmanuel Unuabonah

They will be inducted as Fellows of the Academy on the 18th of May, 2023 in Abuja.



Professor Abubakar Sambo FAS, Vice President, NAS (2nd from left), Professor Ekanem Braide FAS, President NAS (1st from right) at the 7th edition of the Science, Technology and Innovation Expo 2023 held on the 16th - 20th of January, 2023 in Abuja



Participants at the 5th ASRIC Congress held at Englishpoint Marina, Mombasa, Kenya on the 8th & 9th of March, 2023. President of NAS, Professor Ekanem Braide FAS standing third right on the front row

NAS attends Learning Consolidation Workshop

The Nigerian Academy of Science was invited by the Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) to attend a Learning Consolidation Workshop held in Accra, Ghana between February 27th and March 3rd, 2023.

Professor Mosto Onuoha FAS, immediate Past President and Professor Musbau Akanji FAS, immediate past Public Affairs Secretary of the Academy were sponsored by SGCI to attend the meeting.

The SGCI, which came into existence in 2015, is an effective platform for networking and for facilitating strategic partnerships at different levels, including between and among science granting councils in the context of collaborative research and other activities, National Research Foundations, technical agencies, and other STI system actors.

The SGCI currently contributes significantly to the global stock of knowledge by commissioning a series of papers on emerging STI topics.

5th ASRIC Congress

Both the President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Ekanem Braide FAS, and the immediate past president, Professor Mosto Onuoha FAS, were invited to represent the Academy at the 5th ASRIC Congress which was held in Mombasa, Kenya on the 8th and 9th of March, 2023

OBITUARY

The Academy sadly announces the passing on of the following distinguished Fellows:-



Late Professor Domingo Okorie FAS on the 6th of January, 2023 at the age of 81. Okorie was a Professor of Chemistry and a past Academic Secretary (Physical Sciences) for the Academy



Late Professor Alphonso Anusiem FAS on the 12th of January, 2023 at the age of 84. Anusiem was a Professor of Chemistry



Late Emeritus Professor Theophilus Oladipo Ogunlesi FAS on the 19th of January, 2023 at the age of 100. Ogunlesi was the first Professor of Medicine in Nigeria. He wrote the famous book "Medicine my Passport." He was a Vice President of the Nigerian Academy of Science among his many Leadership positions

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