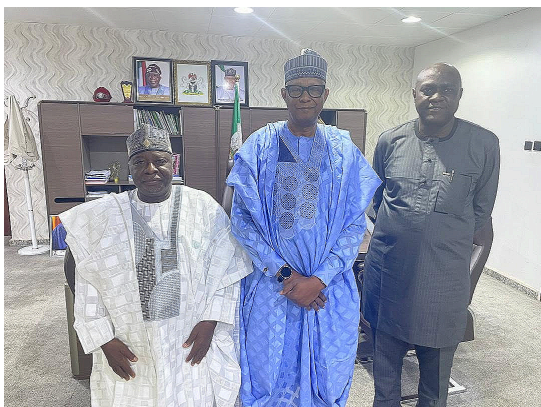




L–R: The President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Abubakar Sambo FAS; the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Muttaqha Rabe Darma; and the Executive Secretary, NAS, Dr. Doyin Odubanjo, during the courtesy visit in Abuja.

News brief

NAS Pays Courtesy Visit to Housing Minister

The President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Abubakar Sambo, FAS, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. Doyin Odubanjo, paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Muttaqha Rabe Darma.

During the visit, the Minister pledged to explore ways of assisting the Academy with the development of additional buildings planned for the NAS site at Wasa District, Abuja.



L–R: The President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Abubakar Sambo, FAS; the Director-General of the Energy Commission of Nigeria, Dr. Mustapha Abdullahi; and the Executive Secretary of NAS, Dr. Doyin Odubanjo, during the courtesy visit to the ECN headquarters in Abuja

NAS Pays Courtesy Visit to Energy Commission

The President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Abubakar Sambo, FAS, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. Doyin Odubanjo, paid a courtesy visit to the Director-General of the Energy Commission of Nigeria, Dr. Mustapha Abdullahi, at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja.

During the meeting, discussions focused on the harmonization of Nigeria's energy policies and the deployment of solar mini-grids across the country as part of efforts to strengthen energy access and sustainability.



Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe FAS

NAS Fellow Appointed Chairman of NUC Governing Board

Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe FAS, has been appointed Chairman of the Governing Board of the National Universities Commission (NUC) by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The appointment was announced in a statement issued by the Presidency on 22nd of June.

Professor Ogundipe succeeds Emeritus Professor Olufemi Raphael Aina and will oversee the regulatory body of the Nigerian university system, with a focus on funding, global competitiveness, academic stability, and the advancement of quality, access, and integrity in higher education.

The National Universities Commission is a Federal Government agency set up to regulate higher education in Nigeria.



Professor Mohammed Kaoje Abubakar FAS

NAS Fellow Appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of AFUSTA Governing Council

Professor Mohammed Kaoje Abubakar FAS, has been appointed the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Abdullahi Fodio University of Science and Technology, Aliero (AFUSTA) by the Executive Governor of Kebbi State, Dr. Nasir Idris.

Professor Abubakar will provide strategic leadership to the Governing Council in advancing the University's vision, strengthening governance, promoting academic excellence, and supporting the continued growth and development of the institution.

Abdullahi Fodio University of Science and Technology, Aliero (AFUSTA), formerly Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero (KSUSTA), is a state-owned university committed to excellence in science, technology, innovation, and research.



**Emeritus Professor Adesola
Ogunniyi FAS**

NAS Fellow Receives Lifetime Achievement Award at AAIC 2026

Emeritus Professor Adesola Ogunniyi FAS, has been awarded the Bengt Winblad Lifetime Achievement Award at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) 2026 in London, United Kingdom.

Professor Ogunniyi was honoured for his outstanding lifetime contributions to dementia research. Over four decades, he has led pioneering cross-cultural studies in Africa that have advanced understanding of the prevalence, risk factors, and outcomes of cognitive impairment and dementia. His work continues to strengthen dementia science, care, and research across Africa, including efforts to uncover the genetic basis of Alzheimer's disease in diverse populations.

The Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) is the world's largest international conference dedicated to advancing dementia science.



**Emeritus Professor Mark Nwagwu
FAS**

NAS Fellow Earns Another Ph.D. at 89

Emeritus Professor Mark Nwagwu FAS, has earned a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies and Media, from the University of Ibadan at the age of 89 years.

Professor Nwagwu's remarkable achievement exemplifies a lifelong commitment to learning, scholarship, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge. Having earned his first Ph.D. in Zoology from Stockholm University over six decades ago and built a distinguished career as a Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology, he has once again demonstrated that intellectual curiosity knows no age limit.

A renowned scientist, accomplished poet, and one of Nigeria's most respected scholars, Professor Nwagwu continues to inspire generations through his unwavering dedication to academic excellence. His unique distinction as both a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science and a Fellow of the Association of Nigerian Authors reflects the

Birthday Celebrations

Professor Chidi Akujor FAS

On the 23rd of July, 2026, Professor Chidi Akujor FAS, marked his 70th birthday.



Professor Gabriel Kolawole, FAS

On the 31st of July, 2026, Professor Abubakar Sambo, FAS, marked his 71st birthday.



Obituary

Emeritus Professor Gabriel Kolade FAS

The Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) mourns the passing of Emeritus Professor Gabriel Kolade Falade FAS. May his soul rest in peace.



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