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FG INAUGURATES 8TH UNIABUJA GOVERNING COUNCIL

- *Education Minister Harps on New Revenue Sources*

The 8th Governing Council of the University of Abuja was inaugurated in Abuja on Tuesday (9/5/2017) along with 22 other Councils of Federal Universities across the country.

The new Council members include Alhaji Sani Maikudi, a Quantity Surveyor by training as the Chairman; Dr. R.I. Badamosi and Dr Lawal Mohammed Kaura both medical doctors; Dr I Umaru Dorofi a Veterinary doctor and Mr Gbenga Odusola a lawyer as members appointed by the Federal Government on the Council.

Members elected from the University community include Dr. Abubakar Umar Kari and Dr. Ben. Ugheoke from the University Congregation; Professor Adegboyega Kolawole, Professor Amos Gadzama, Professor Clement Alawa and Professor Rhoda Mundi elected from the University Senate were inaugurated along with automatic members of Council by virtue of their positions, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael U. Adikwu; Deputy Vice-Chancellors Academic and Administration, Professors E.J.C Nwana and Muhammadu Abdullahi Katcha, respectively. Inaugurating the 23 Governing Councils at the National Universities Commission, NUC,

the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, directed the Councils to make independent means of generating funds for the Universities their first priority. He said that government could no longer shoulder the responsibilities of funding the Universities alone in view of the dwindling economic fortunes of the country therefore it was imperative for the system to supplement government allocation to sustain development in the institutions.

The Minister charged the Councils to as a matter of

development in the Universities.

Malam Adamu Adamu acknowledged that the Universities now faced serious challenges evident in deteriorating infrastructures and poor finances among others, but pointed out that the malaise did not develop overnight but was symptom of prolonged neglect.

The Minister urged the Councils to live above board stating that the revolution that was expected in the education sector was pegged on the personal integrity of those implementing the government



Alhaji Sani Maikudi
Pro-Chancellor & Chairman of Council

priority diversity sources of funding to the Universities and draw up plans of shoring up the revenue base of the institutions to steadily supplement government appropriations and sustain

policies.

He stressed the need for the Councils to resist any form of pressure from within or outside the Universities in the discharge of their responsibilities warning that

Councils that failed to discharge their responsibilities will be dissolved.

He also warned against flouting due process in the award of contracts, wreckless staff employment and interference in the day to day affairs of the Managements of Universities.

Executive Secretary of the NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, urged members of the Councils to bring their diverse and rich experiences to bear in the effort to develop the Universities and announced that the Commission will organize a retreat for the Councils in July to keep them

abreast with developments and current practices in Universities the world over in order to equip them well to face the challenges of their mandates.

Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Barrister Solomon Dalung reiterated government's determination to restrict specialized Universities to their mandates which will open up more opportunities for them for research and development.

Chairman House Committee on Education, Alhaji Aminu Suleiman stressed the need to keep monitoring the Universities closely to ensure

that they complied with financial regulations and the spirit and letter of federal character in the staffing of the institutions.

At a brief informal meeting soon after the inauguration, the Chairman of the University of Abuja Governing Council, Alhaji Sani Maikudi, enumerated some of the priorities he felt members should address which include improving the internally generated revenue (IGR), completion of on-going and abandoned projects, enhancing accreditation status of the University's programmes, among others.



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