

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MINISTERIAL PLATFORM ON KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Strategic Plan Represents the Education Component of the Transformation Agenda
- Part of a co-ordinated approach to addressing key challenges facing the Nigerian education sector
- The Plan brings together key policy documents and inputs including
 - Roadmap for the Nigerian Education Sector
 - One-Year Strategy for the Development of the Education Sector: May 2010-April 2011
 - Report of the Presidential Task Team on Education
 - Inputs from individuals, groups and the wider stakeholder community

Development of the 4-Year Strategic Plan for the Development of the Education Sector: 2011-2015

- The Plan identifies key challenges to be addressed for immediate and long-term impact
- Groups challenges into six focal areas
- First two focal areas represent basic strategic goals for the education sector.
 These are
 - Access and Equity
 - Standard and Quality Assurance

4-Year Strategic Plan for the Development of the Education Sector: 2011-2015

- Four other focal areas represent issues to be addressed in order to achieve the strategic goals. These are:
 - Strengthening the Institutional Management of Education
 - Teacher Education and Development
 - Technical and Vocational Education & Training (TVET)
 - Funding, Partnerships, Resource Mobilization & Utilization

Development of the 4-Year Strategic Plan for the Development of the Education Sector: 2011-2015

- The Ultimate Goal of the 4-Year Strategic Plan is
 - Developing world class institutions in Nigeria with world class
 - Infrastructure
 - Learning resources
 - Teachers
 - That are able to
 - Produce highly-skilled, world-class manpower
 - Individuals with entrepreneurial flair

Strengthening the Institutional Management of Education

- Development of National Systems for Basic Education
 - Committees Identified to work on revising/developing framework for key national systems on the following:
 - Guidance and Counselling
 - Quality Assurance
 - Teacher Development Needs Assessment and Professional Development Framework
 - Monitoring of Learning Achievement
 - Educational Management Information System

Strengthening the Institutional Management of Education

- Printing and Distribution of Annual School Census (ASC) Questionnaires to States of the Federation:
 - 415,000 ASC printed and distributed to States to enhance the conduct of the 2011/2012 ASC
 - This will improve the availability of accurate and reliable education data for policy, planning and decision in the education sector



- Strengthening the Commissioners for Education Forum:
 - Forum Activated to improve exchange of information among Commissioners in Nigeria
 - Forum for sharing ideas and experience among States
 - Collaborative platform between States and the Federal Government on areas of Education

Strengthening the Institutional Management of Education

- Amendment of the Universities
 (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendments)
 Bill 2012) extends retirement age of professors to 70.
- Digital School mapping location of schools in Nigeria digitized for easy access and information



- White Paper on Visitation Panels to Federal Universities Released for Implementation
- Visitation Panel Constituted for all Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education
- Nigeria Hosted the Conference of Education Ministers of the African Union

- Formalization of Early Child Care Development Education (ECCDE)
- Almajiri Education Programme
 - Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)
 constructed 32 schools under Phase I
 - Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) constructing 60 schools under Phase
 - Mr President flagged off the Programme in Sokoto
 - 100 schools to be completed by June 2012
 - 400 schools to be completed by 2015

- Schools and vocational centers constructed and donated under Bilateral Co-operation by China, Japan and Korea in Abuja, Kaduna, Kogi, Adamawa and Gombe States
- Girls Education Projects (GEP) in 16
 States committed with budget of over N2.06 billion

- Ist set of students admitted for the 9 new Federal Universities
- 5 new Private Universities licensed bringing total number of to 50
- Accreditation processes started for the programmes of the National Open University of Nigeria
- Materials for Open and Distance Learning being developed by NUC in collaboration with the Open University of UK and the British Council

- Bilateral Agreements with other countries for award of Scholarships to Nigerians.
 These countries include:
 - Russia
 - China
 - Serbia
 - Morocco
 - Algeria
 - Romania
 - Cuba
 - Czech Republic
 - India



- Development and Review of Existing Curriculum
 - Development of Consumer Education Curriculum
 - Development of Teacher Guides for Senior Secondary Education Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Curricula
 - Development of Framework for the Review of Basic Education Curriculum
 - Development of Tourism Curriculum in Senior Secondary Schools
 - Inclusion of Vocational Skills in Nomadic Education Curriculum
 - PPP with major publishers for the development of Basic and Senior Secondary Education textbooks

STANDARD AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Production and Distribution of Basic Education Materials
 - 19,600,000 English Language, Mathematics,
 Basic Science and Technology activity books
 for primaries 1, 2 and 3
 - 4,944,000 library resource materials provided for Junior Secondary Schools



Examination Summit Organised

- Brought together diverse stakeholders to discuss challenge of poor performance in public examinations
- Produced recommendations
- Assigned responsibilities towards improving performance in public examinations

STANDARD AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Improved Performance in Public Examinations

•Consistent improvement in public examination performance i.e. pass in five subjects and above including English Language and Mathematics in WAEC

· 2009 - 13%

· 2010 - 30%

· 2011 - 46%

Need to understand and differentiate between examinations conducted for school candidates in June and the private all-comers examinations conducted in November

STANDARD AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Committee on Universities Needs Assessment
 - Assessed staff and student population in relation to available facilities
 - Identified areas of pressure
 - Explored means through which resources are utilized to address critical needs
 - Took inventory of physical facilities and learning resources in the Universities



- Academic Staff Training & Development (AST& D)
 - Between 2008-2011 each University allocated N240m for (AST & D)
 - 4,574 lecturers from Federal and State tertiary institutions sponsored for postgraduate studies
 - 1,009 are currently studying abroad



- Zonal Central Teaching and Research Laboratories established in of the oldest Universities
- Academic Publishing Centres established in 7 Universities
- National Research Fund with a seed grant of N3 billion for competitive grants
- National Book Development Fund with a seed grant of 2N billion to revitalize publication of books, scholarly articles and suitable PhD theses.



- National Virtual Library subscription renewed to enable access to millions of online materials
- Institutional Accreditation of 26 Universities that met requirements based on grading
- Development of Undergraduate Basic Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education
- Development of the Postgraduate Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (PG-MAS) for Nigerian Universities and related tertiary institutions

TEACHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Science Teachers from across the Federation sponsored for training in Canada to enhance ability to train others.
- NTI, TETFund and UBEC organised Teacher Capacity Development Programmes
- Principals and Vice-Principals of Federal Unity Colleges trained on School-Based Management Committee Policies and Whole School Development Planning
- 28,000 Head Teachers in Primary Schools trained from all geo-political zones
- 125,000 Teachers Trained by NTI



- Training of 103 JSS Principals and Vice-principals
- Training Workshop on School Leadership and Management for Principals and Head Teachers in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning
- Bilateral cooperation with Korea culminating in the training of 60 Mathematics and other science related subjects teachers at the Basic level
- JICA committed to training of in-service teachers



- Establishment of the Department of Technology and Science Education (TSE) in the FME
- Development of the National Vocational Qualifications Framework (NVQF)
- Licensing of over 100 Innovation Enterprise and Vocational Enterprise Institutions (IEI/VEI)
- Rehabilitation of laboratories of all 51 Federal and State Polytechnics with with grant of N12.4 billion
- Entrepreneurship Centres established across tertiary institutions

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (TEVET)

- Improved Productivity of Institutions to the Nigerian Economy
 - Universities, Polytechnics and other Tertiary institutions are developing, fabricating and marketing items such as
 - Machineries
 - Textile materials
 - Electrical goods
 - Automotive goods
 - Medicine
 - General Consumer Goods
 - Food items based on locally-grown and sourced materials

- Stakeholders Retreat organized to actualize new UBEC mandate on funding senior secondary education
- Un-accessed UBEC Intervention Funds reduced from N30.5 billion in May 2011 to less than N7 billion in May 2012
- All Federal Unity Colleges now received \$250,000 to rehabilitate their science and technical laboratories under the FME/World Bank STEP-B Programme

FME/World Bank STEP-B Centre of Excellence Programme	
Institution	Grant (\$US)
University of Nigeria, Nsukka	4,500,000
University of Maiduguri	5,600,000
Federal University of Technology, Minna	5,500,000
Federal University of Technology, Akure	4,500,000
University of Calabar	4,000,000
Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto	4,200,000
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	5,500,000
NASENI, Abuja	5,700,000
University of Lagos	5,000,000
Kaduna Polytechnic	5,000,000

- Education Tax Act Ammended
- Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) formerly known as Education Trust Fund (ETF) now to concentrate on intervention in tertiary institutions
- Will concentrate on progressively upgrading facilities in institutions of higher learning to enhance teaching and learning

- TETFund High Impact Fund
 - Meant to nurture institutions across the geopolitical zones to make them emerge as centres of excellence
 - Funding in its 3rd phase
 - Under Phase I 2009
 - 6 Universities received N3 billion each
 - Universities of Ibadan, Benin, Ilorin, Maiduguri, ABU, and UNN)
 - 3 Polytechnics Received N1 billion each
 - Yabatech, Kaduna and Akanu Ibiam
 - 3 Colleges of Education received N1 billion each
 - Kontagora, Gombe and Omoku

- TETFund High Impact Fund
 - Under Phase 2 2010
 - 6 Universities received N3 billion each
 - Universities of Jos, Port-Harcourt, Bayero University, Kano, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Federal University of Technology, Owerri and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife)
 - 3 Polytechnics Received N1 billion each
 - ·Lokoya, Mubi and Institute of Management Technology, Enugu
 - •3 Colleges of Education received N1 billion each
 - Gumel, Afaha-Nsit and Adeyemi

- TETFund High Impact Fund
 - Under Phase 3 2011
 - 2 Universities received N3 billion each
 - Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto and National Defence University
 - 2 Polytechnics Received N1 billion each
 - Benue State Polytechnic, Ugbokolo and Abia State
 - 2 Colleges of Education received N1 billion each
 - Yobe State, Gashua and FCE Abeokuta