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PROF. MAITAFSIR GIVES ASSURANCE OF CONSOLIDATION ON PAST GAINS



The newly- appointed Director and Chief Executive of NTI, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, when he received his Letter of Appointment as Chief Executive of NTI from Arch. Sonny Echono, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, in his Office.

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the newly-appointed NTI Director and Chief Executive (D/CE) has said that his administration would focus on bridging the gaps and consolidating the gains of the previous leaderships for maximum results.

Prof. Maitafsir made the disclosure in his maiden speech during an interactive

meeting with staff at the SMASE Hall of the Institute, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, shortly after taking over the reins of affairs as the substantive Director and Chief Executive of the Institute.

He commended his predecessors for performing “creditably well in training, retraining, upgrading and certification of Nigerian teachers,” which according to him, are the “core mandate” of the Institute.

He mentioned that his relationship with the Institute dated back to more than two decades ago when among others, he served as Teaching Practice Moderator and Subject Monitor in charge of Zamfara State.

According to him, he had also served on the visitation panel of the Institute’s NCE /DLS in North Western States in addition to facilitating MDGs in Sokoto state from 2007 to 2009.

The DG/CE recalled that as the Executive Chairman of SUBEB, Sokoto State, from 2012 to 2015, he participated in Pre and Post MDGs meetings of the Institute and National Teachers’ Summits.

He mentioned that he had participated in Monitoring of Study Centres and Conduct of NCE and PGDE examinations in Sokoto State.

“I also advised Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (**Sarkin Yamman Sokoto**) to sponsor **1,520** unqualified teachers to upgrade themselves through NCE/DLS.

“The sum of N52 Million registration fees was paid directly to the Institute in spite of the fact that Shehu Shagari College of

Education, Sokoto was running Sandwich NCE programme as at that time.

“Similarly, I sponsored **300** students from hard-to-reach areas to undergo PTPP and later NCE programme of the Institute during the same period,” he said.

Maitafsir, who thanked Almighty God for sparing our lives to witness the day he assumed office, also solicited for support to enable him take the Institute to greater heights.

“I want to proudly and loudly say that NTI is my second home after Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

“I hope, pray and solicit that you take me as one of the NTI Family members, cooperate with and support me to consolidate the gains of previous leaders of this great Institute,” he said.

The DG/CE however, gave the assurance that at the end of his stewardship, he would like to leave the Institute better than he found it as done in all places he superintended before now.

PROF. MAITAFSIR GIVES ASSURANCE OF ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS TO DELIVER

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI Director and Chief Executive (D/CE), has pledged to create an enabling environment for the Institute’s staff to work happily and conveniently.

Maitafsir made the pledge during his maiden address to NTI staff on Wednesday,

September 15, at the SMASE Hall of the Institute.

He mentioned that by so doing, he would enable the staff to maximally contribute their quota towards promoting the image of the Institute and service delivery to students.

According to him, to achieve the desired goals of the current financial year, the Institute's Registry should be able to design and present a workable plan to among others, address the critical challenges of understaffing and delayed issuance of certificates to students despite completing their studies over the years.

Other issues he charged the Registry to do in order to achieve the desired goals of this financial year included the issues of abandoned or uncompleted projects, pension matters as well as poor students' records.

"The Department should be able to design and present a workable plan to overcome these critical challenges within this quarter so as to consolidate on the gains of the previous Executive Management in this regard," he said.

On the Institute's Examination Department, Maitafsir commended efforts put in place to improve its conduct and regretted the hitherto well- pronounced problem of delayed results, missing grades including TP and Projects as well as omission of students from printout all over the Study Centres of the Institute.

"I solicit for comprehensive report on the causes of these challenges along with the recommendations on how to tackle these persistent problems before the end of this quarter.

"We must put everything in place by resolving pending cases to ensure immediate commencement of the 2021 First Semester Examinations deferred by the immediate past Executive Management owing to some obvious reasons," he said.

On the Academic Services Department, the D/CE observed that it was evident that the academic activities of the Institute had generally improved.

He pointed out that the feat notwithstanding, there is the need for the review of students' course books in line with 2021 NCCE minimum standards and current NUC Benchmarks of Academic standards for BDPs and PGDE programmes.

"The Department should design modalities on how to subject all programmes of the Institute to accreditation by the relevant regulatory bodies to avoid sanctions.

"I am also concerned about low patronage of our capacity building trainings by major stakeholders which deserves immediate attention of the department.

"Academic publications, educational conferences and summits must be revived for us to leverage on the gains of our predecessors and continue to count ourselves in the list of academic institutions," he added.

MAITAFSIR CHARGES NTI FOSS DEPARTMENT ON STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI DG/CE has directed the Institute's Field Operations and Students' Services (FOSS) Department to ensure strict compliance with the academic calendar designed by the Institute.

Maitafsir who gave the directive during his maiden address to NTI staff on Wednesday, September 15, at the SMASE Hall of the Institute, also asked the department to improve on the implementation of the entire programmes at both state and study centre levels.

He urged the department to devise possible measures to checkmate all forms of excesses in our Study Centres in addition to making Course Books available to students as and when due.

"We shall condone no more delay in the payment of course facilitators' allowances so that we can improve the image of the Institute and boost the morale of our Centre Managers and Facilitators at Study Centres.

"Doing so would add more value to our products.

"I am expecting a clear guideline from the department on how to mobilise our Field Officers to be more alive to their responsibilities so as to boost students' enrolment into our programmes and increase efficiency in our service delivery," he said.

According to him, there is a serious outcry on the nature of and quality of teachers and teacher education in this country.

"We must prioritise quality in both academic and administrative activities of the Institute.

"The Department should develop comprehensive checklist and standard tool on how to sustain and improve the quality of our service delivery in all activities.

"We need to improve relationships with relevant stakeholders and ensure effective collaboration.

"We should provide IT infrastructure for the Institute and ensure its deployment in all our programmes.

"The quality of network in the Institute shall be improved while available IT infrastructure should be utilised and maintained regularly," he said.

D/CE TASKS NTI BURSARY ON REVENUE LEAKAGES AND DEBT RECOVERY

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI Director and Chief Executive has directed the Institute's Bursary Department to block revenue leakages and recover debts in order to enable adequate funding of present and future activities and programmes without incurring deficit.

He gave the directive during his maiden address to NTI staff on Wednesday, September 15, at the SMASE Hall of the Institute.

According to him, we must think deeply and critically to scout more ways of expanding our financial base and minimise unnecessary expenditure so as to offset inherited liabilities without halting activities of the Institute.

“The Bursary is expected to design and submit a work plan on how to ensure proper budgeting, expenditure and recording of financial transactions of all types of funds,” he said.

The D/CE also availed that the Directorate would sustain and improve on all relationships with sister agencies, organisations and development partners.

“The Directorate would also strengthen and expand collaborations for the benefit of the Institute and Nigerian teachers in general.

“The SDGs, SMASE, COL and BAY States trainings would hold as scheduled without delay by the grace of God,” he said.

He emphasised that due process would be given utmost priority before any approval and that sensitisation and advocacy would greatly be improved upon.

The D/CE stressed that staff development and welfare would receive proper and necessary attention throughout his tenure.

He commended President Muhammadu Buhari for finding him worthy of appointment as the eighth Chief Executive of the Institute and gave assurance that he would justify the confidence reposed in him.

The D/CE similarly appreciated Mal. Adamu Adamu, the Minister of Education and Chief Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, the Minister of State for Education for recommending him to serve the country in that capacity.

“I equally appreciate the Management and staff of the Institute for the warm reception accorded me on arrival at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

The Bulletin reports that Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the NTI Acting Registrar and Secretary to Council, had while delivering his remarks during the occasion, congratulated the new DG/CE and gave him the assurance that the Institute’s Management and Staff would cooperate with him to see to the realisation of his good plans for the Institute.

Also speaking, the Institute’s Director of Examinations, Dr. Bashir Mamman, who held forte as the Acting DG/CE within the period of the transition expressed willingness to work with the new D/CE as a formidable team player.

The Bulletin further reports that Prof. Maitafsir, who was a one-time Executive Chairman, State Universal Basic Education Board, Sokoto State between 2012 and 2015, was appointed the new NTI D/CE effective from September 2, 2021 for a first term of five years.

He was also the Chairman of Yabo Local Government in 2007 and the first Commissioner for Religious Affairs, Sokoto State from 2008-March 2014.

The new Director and Chief Executive holds a B.A.Ed. Degree from the then University of Sokoto (now UDUS); M. Ed. (Educational Psychology) from University of Lagos and Ph.D. (Educational Psychology) from the famous University of Science, Malaysia (USM).

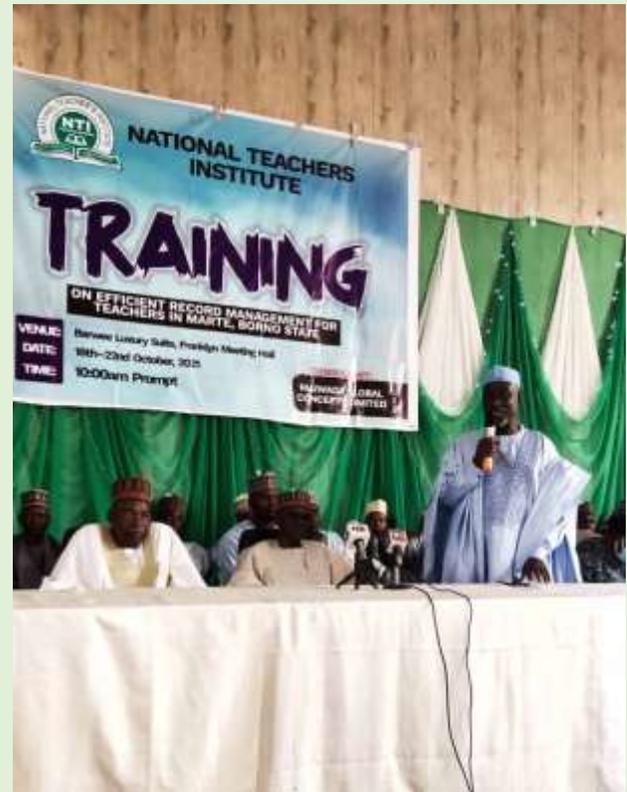
He rose from the position of Graduate in 1989 to that of a Professor of Educational Psychology in the year 2003 in addition to holding positions at various levels at the university.

Our man of the moment was until his appointment lecturing at the Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education and Extension Services, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

The handing over ceremony and the staff interactive meeting were among others, attended by all NTI Management Staff and Prof. Ibrahim Galadima of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, who was a one-time teacher to the new D/CE.

Others at the events included Hon. Abubakar Umar Yabo, the Member representing Yabo-Shagari Federal Constituency; Dr. Armiya'u Malami Yabo, the Special Assistant to the D/CE and Staff of the Institute.

“ Our Mandate as an Institute is production of Quality, Better and Responsible Teachers,” says NTI Boss



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI, Kaduna

The Director and Chief Executive of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI) Kaduna, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir has said that the Institute's mandate is the production of quality, better, responsible and modern-oriented teachers in the country.

Prof. Maitafsir made the disclosure at the closing ceremony to mark the end of training for 250 teachers from Marte, Monguno and Nganzai in Maiduguri, Borno State, Friday, October 22.

He expressed his happiness on the initiative of sponsoring the training by a serving member of the House of Representative,

from the constituency, Hon. M.T, who shown commitment to promote teacher education in his constituency, despite the vulnerability of the communities, which were plagued by insurgency.

“ I am really overwhelmed to see what I have seen, to hear what I heard and appreciate what is going to be delivered,” he said.

Prof. Maitafsir said the teachers have really benefited from the gesture, which is part of the dividend of democracy in the state and urged the teachers to reciprocate in their own way.

The training, which took place between October 18 and 22, was on **Efficient Record Management for Teachers in Marte and Training on Electronic Documentation and provision of Laptops to Teachers in Marte , Monguno and Nganzai**, Borno State.

The main objective of the training is to reiterate the importance of documentation and record keeping in schools as well as develop the skill and competency of school teachers to efficiently document and keep records of various documents within their jurisdiction according to world standard practice.

At the end of the training, the 250 teachers got N50,000 each as allowances and 50 of the teachers went home with Laptop Computers.

The training, which was organised by the National Teachers’ Institute, Kaduna, was a collaboration with Maiwada Global

Concepts Limited, as Consultant, under strict adherence to Covid-19 protocols.

NTI Collaborates with SightSavers International to Train teachers on Inclusive Education



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director-General and Chief Executive of National Teachers’ Institute (NTI), Kaduna, delivering his opening remarks at the Opening Ceremony of “**Inclusive Education Training Workshop for Regular Primary School Teachers and Administrators,**” held between Sept 23 and Sept 25 at NTI Kaduna

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI Director and Chief Executive, has said that delivery and reception of quality education is the right of all people and children across the globe.

Prof. Maitafsir made the disclosure on Thursday, September 23, at the opening ceremony of “**Inclusive Education Training Workshop for Regular Primary School Teachers and Administrators,**” which he declared open at the SMASE Hall, NTI Kaduna.

The workshop which held between September 23 and 25, 2021 was in collaboration with SightSavers, a UK-based Non-Governmental Organisation.

Prof. Maitafsir said the collaboration was in line with the global best practices aimed at creating an inclusive society for all citizens irrespective of race, status, colour, sex, disability or vulnerability.

“ The international community led by the UN, has categorically come up with a strong pronouncement on the need for the provision of quality education through Goal Four of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) project,” he said.

He said the UN also encourages governments to ensure that “**no child is left behind,**” in the quest to pursue education.

Prof. Maitafsir said that inclusive education has been accepted globally as a necessity to enable an inclusive society where all barriers are eliminated or at least reduced to the barest minimum.

He said NTI is committed towards ensuring inclusive education and has gone further to take the necessary steps to ensure actualisation of the lofty vision.

He commended SightSavers International for their intervention and support to make the programme a reality.

The D/CE however, advised the participants to take the training as a rare opportunity and urged them to pay attention to all presentations.

Earlier, in her welcome address, Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, the NTI Director Academic Services disclosed that the 100 teachers are from Jema’a Local Government of Kaduna State, drawn from eight schools in the area as pilot study for the country.

She said SightSavers, has education projects in 11 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

The Director recalled that in 2018, the NGO supported the education of over 20,000 children with disabilities.

Also speaking at the event, the representative of SightSavers, Dr. Grace Jamila Bila, appreciated the Institute for working with her NGO on the inclusive education project.

A document on Inclusive Education made available to **The Bulletin** indicated that beginning from the year 2001, UNESCO sees Inclusive Education (IE) as an international practice and “reform that supports and welcomes diversity amongst all learners.

The document further showed that the National Policy on Education (NPE) stipulated that education of children with special needs shall be free at all levels and all necessary facilities provided.

It indicated that the 2012 minimum standards by National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) has 2/23 courses which included Education of Special Target Groups (1 Credit Elective) and Introduction to Special Education (1 Credit Compulsory).

The document also showed that NTI has programmes for IE which included SDGs, annual ToT on Special Needs and Moral HIV/AIDS which as at 2017 had **13,937** teachers trained.

According to it, the donors included DFID ; USAID; Comic Relief; Open Society; Irish Aid and Peoples' Postcode Lottery.

It emphasised that their projects promote IE for children with diverse impairments and conditions not only children with visual impairments.

The document however, mentioned that they work at all levels of education systems, be it local, state or national and also carry out global-level advocacy and awareness-raising.

It showed that the Disability Inclusive Development (DID) Programme is implemented by a consortium 11 organisations led by Sightsavers and funded by UKAid.

“The goal is to improve the long-term well-being and inclusion of people with disabilities in low and middle-income countries including conflict and humanitarian settings.

“DID would operate in six countries that include: Kenya, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Nepal and Jordan,” the document mentioned.

It availed that in 2018 they organised a workshop which was attended by representatives of disabled peoples' organisation in Nigeria, including Joint

National Association of People with Disabilities (JONAPWD).

The document availed that it was at the workshop that it was decided that DID education project in Nigeria should focus on IE and teacher training.

It availed that it was based on that decision that they planned a new education project with a process that is highly participatory.

According to it, they reached out to stakeholders which among others included the FME; State Ministries of Education; SUBEBs; Ministries of Health; Humanitarian Services; NTI; NERDC; TRCN; NCCE and Colleges of Education.

“The project approach includes amongst others, partnership and participation; system strengthening; effective policy and Advocacy and the main objective is to attain inclusive society starting from inclusive schools.

“The new DID education project was formally tagged ‘**Support Mainstreaming Inclusion to all Learn Equally, (SMILE)**’ .

“The SMILE project is based in Kaduna State and started formally in January, 2020 and Jema'a Local Government is selected for piloting the project and eight schools are targeted,” the document mentioned.

According to it, the beneficiaries would include schools, the school administrators, the teachers and School Board Management Committees (SBMC) of the schools.

It mentioned that the Institute would serve as a repository for sustainability of the

project to scale after the expiration of the project.

The document availed that Sightsavers has agreed to partner with the Institute to among others, review the developed Training Manuals and the Facilitation Guide.

Others are the production of the training modules and Facilitation Guide as well as SBMC Training Manual in English and Hausa as well as system strengthening by strengthening the capacity of staff of the Institute as Master Trainers.



A cross-section of participants at the workshop.

Prof. Maitafsir Vows to Ensure Quality and Commitment in the Training of Teachers

The newly- appointed Director and Chief Executive of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir has vowed to ensure quality and commitment in the training of Nigerian teachers.

Prof. Maitafsir made the commitment during his familiarisation visit to Maiduguri,

Borno State on Friday, September 24, where he solicited for the support of Sen. Kaka Mallam Yale, the Chairman, NTI Governing Council, who is also the Chairman, Borno State Local Government Civil Service Commission, to enable him consolidate on the gains of the previous administration of the Institute.

Sen. Yale, who received the NTI Chief Executive in his Office, congratulated him for his appointment and gave him the assurance of the Council's support to implement meaningful development at the Institute.

In the same vein, the D/CE, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir has also assured the UNICEF Education Specialist in Borno State, Dr. Yusuf Ismail that the Institute is ready to implement the training of **18,367** unqualified teachers in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states (BAY states), who are contracted to the Institute by UNICEF.

Prof. Maitafsir, who expressed NTI willingness and commitment to train the teachers was at UNICEF's office as part of familiarisation visit to the state.

Responding, the UNICEF Education Specialist, Dr. Yusuf Ismail having commended the Director and Chief Executive for the visit, also congratulated him on his appointment and advised him to promote the image of the Institute.

In a related development, Prof. Maitafsir was at the office of Prof. Aliyu Shugaba, the Vice Chancellor, University of Maiduguri, where he commended him for the affiliation and other opportunities offered to NTI by

the University and urged him to give the Institute more opportunities to ensure quality throughout the period of his stewardship at the Institute.

The VC, having appreciated the visit, also congratulated Prof Maitafsir on the appointment by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

Prof. Maitafsir also inspected the NTI Borno State Office, which is under construction in Maiduguri, where he urged the contractor handling the work to speed up work, so as to enable staff of the Institute in the state to move in immediately and continue their work.

The Director and Chief Executive, who was accompanied by the NTI Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu and his Special Assistant, Dr. Armiya'u Malami Yabo, was taken round the NTI Borno State Office by the Borno State Coordinator, Mal. Modu Kingim.

New NTI Boss Embarks on Nationwide Study Centre Monitoring.



Standing Centre, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI, at the NTI Lagos State Office, during the monitoring of study centres in Lagos, Wednesday, September 29.

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the newly-appointed Director and Chief Executive of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has commenced a nationwide monitoring of NTI centres, to enhance the quality of the Institute's programmes.

The first leg of the exercise began with Lagos State on Wednesday, September 29.

Prof. Maitafsir, who was accompanied by, Dr. Bashir Mamman, the Institute's Director of Examinations said they were in Lagos to monitor Study centres and have interactive sessions with the students and staff of the Institute.

He made the disclosure at the African Church College of Education, Ogba, Lagos which is one of the Study centres of the Institute.

Earlier, Dr. Samuel Ola, Provost of the College congratulated Maitafsir on his appointment and appreciated the commitment he exhibited just few weeks after his appointment.

Recall that Prof. Maitafsir who was appointed the Director and Chief Executive of NTI effective September 2, 2021 had since then embarked on familiarisation visit to states and monitoring of Study Centres.

The objective of the visit according to the NTI Chief Executive, was to see things for himself, engage the staff and students in interactive discussion on the challenges of the Institute's programmes in the South-West and Nigeria at large.

Prof. Maitafsir, who was overwhelmed by the reception accorded to him in Lagos, had a separate meeting with the NTI Zonal and State Coordinators, where he encouraged them to bare their minds on the challenges they are facing in the zone.

He said that NTI will soon be a degree awarding Institution.

“ Respect for human dignity and concern is what brought us to Lagos,” he added.

Dr. Bashir Mamman, the Institute's Director of Examination, had during his briefing mentioned that NTI offers a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education, which is affiliated to six universities, Bachelor Degree programmes-affiliated, Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE/DLS), Advanced Diplomas

and other forms of in-service trainings such as Continuing Teacher Professional Development of teachers (CPDs) and capacity buildings workshops under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Dr. Mamman mentioned that the Institute also trains Mathematics and Science teachers, in its National INSET Centre, located at NTI Kaduna, under the Strengthening Mathematics and Science Education (SMASE).

He availed that the Institute equally offers Advanced Diploma in Environmental Education, under what it called the **“Green Teacher Programme.”**

Mrs. Toyin Fape, the NTI South-West Zonal Coordinator , who spoke on behalf of the coordinators in the zone, expressed her happiness for the visit and described Maitafsir as **“ a committed man of his words.”**

Other NTI staff on the Chief Executive's entourage included Dr. Armiya'u Malami Yabo, the Special Assistant to the Director and Chief Executive; Dr. Kayode Jegede , an Assistant-Director with NTI FOSS Department and Mal. Yusha'u Ahmed , Public Relations Officer.

NTI Ensures Quality in Examination Process, as Chief Executive Monitors Venues

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the Director and Chief Executive of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has commenced a nationwide monitoring of the on-going First Semester 2021 Examinations for the programmes of the Institute.

Prof. Maitafsir, who was in Maiduguri, Borno State, paid an unscheduled visit to some centres in the state, to see for himself the development.

The First Semester 2021 Examination, which commenced on Friday, October 22, is a nationwide exercise for the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE), Bachelor Degree programmes (BDps), Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), as well as Advanced Diplomas programmes and Pivotal Teacher Training Programme (PTTP).

While at the Arabic Teachers' College



Maiduguri, Borno State, one of the NTI distance learning Study Centres and venue of the Examinations, Prof. Maitafsir said what he has seen from the teachers is that they are motivated and that the teachers,

who are mostly products of Grade II , have been teaching for long.

“ You are teaching just to occupy space, it is now you are going to be professional teachers. You are in the process of becoming professional teachers, ” he said.

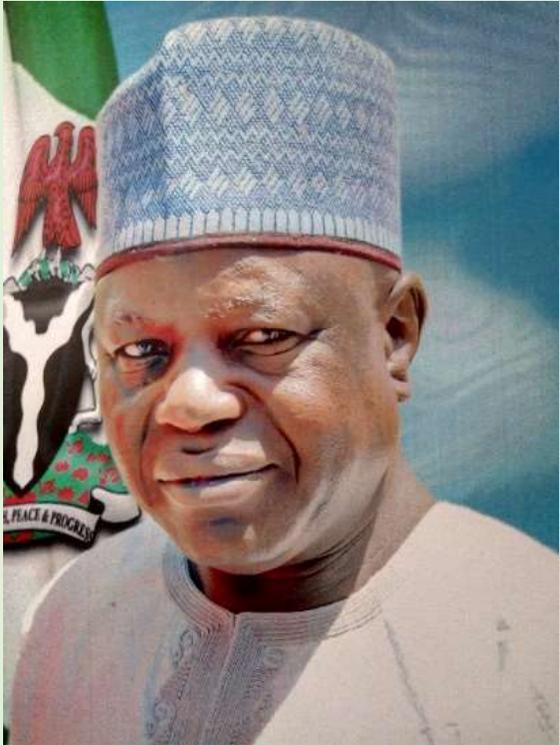
According to him, teaching is a technique, that if someone does not have it, cannot successfully do it

Having had an interactive session with the teachers, the Director and Chief Executive of NTI emphasised to the student-teachers about the rules and regulations guiding examinations at the Institute.

He said the Institute will not compromise on the set quality it has set for itself now.

APPOINTMENTS:

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, has approved the appointment of Alhaji Hussaini N. Umar as his **Senior Technical Assistant** with effect from the month of October.



Mal. Hussaini N. Umar
Senior Technical Assistant to the Director and Chief
Executive of NTI

Born on April 12, 1962, Umar who hailed from Gorau, Shinaka District in Goronyo Local Government Area of Sokoto State, obtained certificates in Clerical and Secretarial duties before bagging his BSc (Economics) Degree from UDUS in 2004.

His working experience which spanned through a period of 35 years between 1985 and 2019 began with appointment as Personal Assistant attached to the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Establishment and Pension Department and he later became PA attached to the office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Housing all in Sokoto State.

Umar later served in the same capacity at the Office of Director, Board of internal Revenue and later moved to the Deputy Governor's Office as Personal Assistant.

He became Principal Administrative Officer at the Office of Sokoto State Head of Service after changing his cadre from Confidential Secretary to Administrative Officer.

The new STA to D/CE later served in the same capacity at the Deputy Governor's Office in Sokoto, Sokoto State and rose to become the Personal Assistant to the Governor of Sokoto State.

He later served as Special Assistant to the Governor before being appointed as Permanent Secretary, Government House, Sokoto.

Umar was later moved in the same capacity as Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Water Resources, Sokoto, before being moved to serve as the Permanent Secretary, Agency for Mass Education, Sokoto, where he retired from the services of Sokoto State Government on April 17, 2019.

He holds Civil Service Governor's Award in 2005; Award of Excellence by the Association of Financial Analysts of Nigeria, January 2014; **Mutawallen Shuni** by the District Head of Shuni, January 2014; 2017 Award of Excellence by the Ahmadu Bello Academy, Sokoto Old Boys' Association and 2017 Youth Ambassador of WAI Brigade, Sokoto State Command.

Umar is married with children and his hobbies include reading, travelling, Volley Ball and assisting the needy and disabled.

The Director and Chief Executive, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, has also approved the appointment of Mal. Ibrahim Muhammad Yabo as his Personal Assistant (P.A)



Mal. Ibrahim Muhammad Yabo
Personal Assistant to the Director and Chief Executive

Mal. Ibrahim Muhammad Yabo was born on January 1, 1977 in Yabo Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

He attended Model Primary School Yabo , where he completed his primary education and obtained Primary School Leaving Certificate in 1989. As a foundation teacher, Yabo had his Grade II Teachers Certificate in 1995 from Sultan Abubakar College, Sokoto and his NCE in 2001 from Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto.

He proceeded to Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto for his Bachelor of Art

Education (Hausa), which he successfully completed in 2005 and immediately got registered as a certified teacher, having passed the prescribed test by the Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) in 2006. He also studied for a Diploma in Computer Studies at Flying High Computers and Educational Services in 2012.

Yabo, who was a Classroom teacher between April, 1996 and October, 2007 under Yabo Local Government Education Authority, had served as Head Teacher, Sarkin Kebbi Shehu Model Primary School, Yabo, between November 2007 and February, 2014.

Between March, 2014 and September, 2016, he served as Deputy Education Secretary, Yabo Local Government and later Education Secretary, Yabo Local Government Education Authority between October, 2016 and May, 2019, respectively.

It is interesting to know that Ibrahim Muhammad Yabo was the **Best Education Secretary of the year 2017** by Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Sokoto State and won the **Best Teacher Award 2012** organised by the Nigerian Union of Teachers, Sokoto State Wing. He was a recipient of Nigeria Humanitarian Icon Award 2019 by Majesty Global Publications. National Merit Award House, Maitama Abuja. The Personal Assistant to the Director and Chief Executive, is married with children and his hobbies are Reading and Traveling.

NTI Reviews Quality Assurance Instruments



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir
Director and Chief Executive, NTI, Kaduna

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive (D/CE) of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has said that the Institute has been in the forefront of producing quality teachers.

Represented by Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, the NTI Director of Academic Services, Prof. Maitafsir, mentioned that during the opening of a three-day Review Meeting of **Quality Assurance Monitoring and Evaluation Instruments**, held at the Institute on October 18.

He said the goal could only be with quality assurance in place adding that same should strive to achieve balance and coherence across different mechanisms, that have been developed to meet the demands and expectations of the Institute.

“ I am very passionate about quality assurance and will continue to promote quality and quality assurance and effective service delivery to all activities of the Institute, that is why this review is being held,” he said.

In her welcome address, Hajiya Fatima Ahmad Belgore, the Institute's Director of Quality Assurance and ICT(QA / ICT) , mentioned that NTI has been nurturing and producing quality teachers to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Belgore said the Institute has since inception has been playing a great role in teacher education in Nigeria through the instrumentality of distance education.

She said that the monitoring instruments have been put to use years ago in order to enhance the quality of the already developed monitoring instruments, which she according to her, is in accordance with modern innovation of regular improvement.

“That is the reason why we deemed it necessary to embark on this critical review of the instruments by experts.

“**The exercise would essentially remove the obsolete tools in the instruments, improve on the existing ones and the prompting challenges encountered on the field as well as meet up with the requirements of periodic review**” she said.

She emphasised that to realise the objectives, professionals and practitioners with sound academic expertise were chosen and are expected to deliberate with staff of

the Institute to broaden knowledge on the instruments.

Also speaking during the event, Prof. Muhammad I. Junaid, a former Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and the Lead Consultant on the exercise, congratulated Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the new NTI Director and Chief Executive, on his appointment by President Muhammadu Buhari.

He said the job of the review of quality assurance monitoring and evaluation instruments have been made easy, because the instruments had already been developed saying: **“ In our capacity as reviewers, it is a laudable objective by the Institute.”**

The Bulletin reports that the QA/ICT Department was a created by the Institute in 2017 following a directive by the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, to enhance the quality of its programmes and services.

“Effectiveness of Teaching very Critical to Effectiveness of Learners,”--- says Maitafsir



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir

Director and Chief Executive, National Teachers’ Institute, Kaduna

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the Director and Chief Executive (D/CE) of the National Teachers’ Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has said that as instructors, the effectiveness of teaching is very critical to the effectiveness of the learners and students.

Prof. Maitafsir, who was represented by the Institute’s Director of Academic Services, Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, made the disclosure on Monday, October 18, at the NTI Conference Centre, Kaduna, during the opening ceremony of a three -day training workshop on Basic Instructional Methods and Techniques for Instructors of the Association of Medical X-Ray Technicians of Nigeria.

“We want you to pay utmost attention and focus on all the deliberations, so as to gain the overall objectives of the training, which will specifically equip you to the pedagogical skills, to be able to deliver instructions effectively,” he said.

The NTI D/CE however, commended the Medical X-ray Technicians for giving NTI the opportunity of the training, which would automatically improve on their skills and impact on their learning.

He said the initiative would enhance the capacity of the members of the association and assured them that they are in the right place.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Mal. Gambo Mu'azu (*JP*), the Deputy Director Programme Design and Development, Academic Services Department of the Institute, who represented Dr Hafsah Lawal Kontagora, the NTI Director, Academic Services, mentioned that the Association of Medical X-ray Technicians of Nigeria was right to have come to NTI and gave assurance that significant changes in their methods of training would be seen after the exercise.

The training, which was held between October 18 and 20, had in attendance, among others, Messrs Sama'ila Idris and Mohammed Sani Usman, the Association's National Secretary and Director of Training respectively.

NTI Director and Chief Executive Vows to Curtail Excesses in Study Centres



Sitting Centre: Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI, Kaduna and stakeholders in the sector at the Two-day Review Meeting for Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states training of unqualified teachers held between October 15 and 16, in Yola, Adamawa State

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI Director and Chief Executive(D/CE) has given assurance that he would curtail excesses at the Institute's Study Centres nationwide.

Prof. Maitafsir gave the assurance during the opening ceremony of a two-day Review Meeting on training of **18,367** unqualified teachers from Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states held at Fombina Ambassadors Suites and Apartments in Yola, Adamawa State, between October 15 and 16.

He charged the Institute's Centre Managers (CMs), who are described as the "*drivers*" of the programmes at the study centres, to be more dedicated and committed in the discharge of their responsibilities at the centres.

The meeting, which sensitised the CMs on the operations of the Institute's programmes using the distance learning

technique, aimed at enhancing the quality of the programmes and ensuring efficient service delivery.

“As we gather to review the progress of the training programme and deliberate on ways forward, the Institute is soliciting for the cooperation of the entire stakeholders to ensure that we produce quality and committed teachers for these three states at the end of the lifecycle of this programme,” he said.

Prof. Maitafsir gave assurance to UNICEF), that Borno, Adamawa and Yobe, States which are described as “ **BAY** ” states and education stakeholders that the Institute under his leadership would ensure that the overall outcome of this GPE support grant is achieved and realised within the stipulated time.

He mentioned that the Institute in conjunction with UNICEF, TRCN and BAY states stakeholders of Basic Education have implemented all the resolutions agreed upon.

According to him, the resolutions included, conduct of Learner Demography Exercise, Provision of Learning Management System (LMS) for the training, Placement of **18,367 Unqualified Teachers** into the Institute's portal and issuance of admission letters to qualified students.

Other resolutions included identification and provision of convenient study centres; Appointment of Centre Managers and facilitators, as well as the commencement of the programme on 21st August, 2021.

The Review meeting was organised by the UNICEF in collaboration with the NTI and TRCN.

Recall that between June 2 and 4, 2021, the first stakeholders meeting on the procedures of conducting and commencing the training were discussed and resolved collectively.

“I will also devise all possible measures to checkmate deviations from the established norms and ethics of the Institute throughout the conduct of this programme,” he added.

In a related development, Prof. Maitafsir has said that the Institute in collaboration with COL is conducting training for teachers of Sokoto and Kebbi States on techniques of Learning Recovery.

He revealed that the Institute is also collaborating with Sightsavers International, where teachers of Kaduna State were trained on Inclusive Education, recently.

According to him, the Institute is in final discussions with World Bank to train another **1,000** teachers each from Adamawa, Katsina and Oyo States.

Prof. Maitafsir who expressed commitment in partnering with stakeholders in the training of teachers in the country also commended the Mal. Adamu Adamu, the Minister of Education and the leadership of the UNICEF in Nigeria, for giving the Institute the unique opportunity to exercise its mandate.

Earlier, Dr. Armiya’u Malami Yabo, the Programme Coordinator in NTI, said the overall objective of GPE support Grant in the

North East, specifically in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States is to improve education access, learning outcomes and continuity in learning for conflict-affected children in safe and protective environment.

Dr. Yabo commended Prof Maitafsir for his support to ensure timely implementation of the work plan agreed by the Institute and UNICEF.

In a Goodwill messages, Mr. Bode Ayanwale , who represented the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja and Mr. Lawrence Ugo-Ali , representative of the TRCN appreciated the progress so far recorded, during the review meeting.

The meeting was attended by no fewer than 50 participants, who are expected to be CMs of the training centres in the affected states.

NTI EXAMINES 56,214 STUDENTS FOR 2021 FIRST SEMESTER

No fewer than 56,214 students of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, are currently sitting for the Institute's 2021 First Semester Examinations being conducted at 229 Centres nationwide.

The exercise which commenced on Friday October 22 would last till Saturday, November 13.

The examinees which cut across the six geopolitical zones in the country comprised among others, those undergoing the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and the Advanced Diploma in Education (ADE) programmes.

Other examinees included those admitted for the Bachelors' Degrees and Post Graduate Diploma programmes being offered by the Institute through the ODL system.

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, the NTI D/CE who addressed staff selected for the exercise on Wednesday, October 20, at SMASE Hall of the Institute, implored them to conduct the exercise at their deployed stations with the fear of God at the back of their minds.

“Consider this assignment as God’s work and ensure that you can justify your actions during the period before God on the Day of Judgement,” he said.

The NTI D/CE, who congratulated them on being selected for the exercise also reminded them that the Institute’s image is paramount pointing out that anything that negates that would rub off on each of its staff.

Also speaking during the event, Dr Bashir Mamman, the NTI Director of Examinations, stressed that NTI is very determined and committed to strengthening conduct of examinations in addition to compliance with all examination regulations and ethics.

He admonished the examination conductors to keep in mind that the most important strategy prior to the commencement of any examination is **prevention of regularities** rather than control.

According to him, that should be done at the point of entry of students into the

Examination Hall or classroom pointing out that students must be screened and only allowed to enter for the examinations having 1paid and registered for the Semester and in possession of Identification Card.

“He/she must hold writing materials only after being identified as the right candidate for that particular paper in addition to ensuring that candidates put on face masks as part of the COVID-19 preventive strategy.

“With these measures implemented, the conduct of the examination would be fair and malpractice-free. Your tasks in the Hall will be simple, easy and you would have full control of your examination,” he said.

The Director however, reminded the examiners that successful conduct of any examination required the cooperation of all and solicited for unflinching support and commitment to have a smooth conduct of the exercise.

“All efforts must be put in place to ensure qualitative conduct. We must be extra-vigilant, proactive, dedicated and committed to ensure a hitch-free conduct of the examination,” said.

Dr Mamman confirmed to The Bulletin the exercise would among others, be closely monitored by the NTI Executive Management and officials from the Federal Ministry of Education.

He also confirmed that representatives of universities from NOUN, UDUS, UNIMAID, UNILORIN, UNIPORT, UNIZIK and TRCN as well as Independent Assessors, internal and

external Quality assessors would also monitor conduct of the examinations.

Comrade Adamu Musa Conferred with Honorary Doctorate Degree



Certificate of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa)

Comrade Adamu Musa, the Chairman NTI Anti-corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU,) has been conferred with an **Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa)**, by the Institute of Leadership Manpower and Management Development (ILMMD).

The certificate, which was issued to him on August 14, at the Merit House, Abuja, has the seal and stamp of the Institute with signatures of both the Chairman, Board of Trustees and Director Membership Services.

The recognition is for the recipient's great contributions to leadership and manpower development in the society.

Comrade Adamu Musa had while responding to the recognition bestowed on him expressed his happiness for the award and honour and commended the ILMMD for finding him worthy for the recognition.

“Upon the recommendation of the Board of Faculty and by the authority of the Board of Trustees, hereby confers upon Adamu Musa, the Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) of Leadership and Development.

“Given under our hands with all rights, honours and privileges appertaining thereto,” dated August 14, 2021,” Citation on the award said.

In the same vein, the ILMMD, has also awarded the recipient, Adamu Musa with ***Gold Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Fellow Award***, as well as ***Certificate of Membership***, which were dated August 21, 2021.

“The Board of the Trustees Certifies that this ILMMD Gold Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Fellow Award is hereby presented to Adamu Musa, in special recognition of your contributions to Leadership, Manpower, Management and Development; having merited the requirements prescribed,” it added.

“ By the Authority of the Board and upon recommendation by the Board of Faculties, it is hereby conferred upon Adamu Musa, this Certificate of Membership, having fulfilled the requirements prescribed and is hereby admitted as a distinguished Fellow of the Institute, dated August 21, 2021,” it concluded.

NTI Approves Charges for Certificate Collection



Mrs. Zainab Garba Aliyu, Deputy Registrar II and Head of Academic Records Division

Mrs. Zainab Garba Aliyu, the Deputy Registrar II and Head of Academic Records Division of the Registry Department, has said that the NTI Executive Management had effective from July this year, approved charges for the collection of students' certificates.

Aliyu who made the disclosure to the Bulletin mentioned that the charges which are in different categories, include: N3,000 for TC II and; N5,000 for NCE and N10,000 for the Bachelor's Degree Programmes, while the PGDE's results collection fee would be N15,000.

She also said that the Institute's Executive Management had equally fixed N750 as charges for JAMB regularisation and stipulated all payments must be done via remita to NTI account.

Mrs. Aliyu however mentioned that the NTI Academic Records Division has recorded significant achievements within a short period of time in the areas of results release and issuance of certificates to students that have successfully graduated.

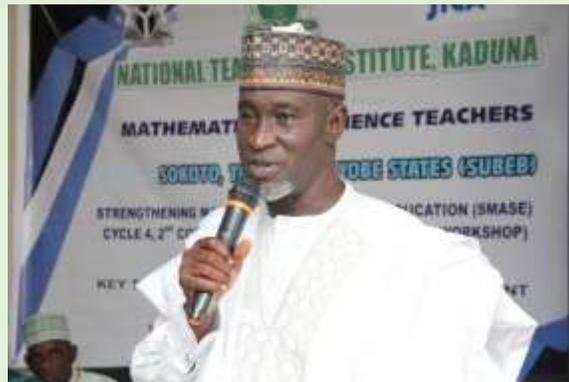
She said the long-awaited 2017 to 2019 PGDE results for the South-West Zone had been released in October this year, while the 2017 to 2019 SOS/PHE Bachelor Degree Programme results had also been released by the University of Maiduguri.

"The Institute received 264 PGDE 2017 and 2018 notification of results from the University of Maiduguri to the Institute in September while the 2017 to 2019 PGDE results of our students affiliated to the University of Port Harcourt (South-South) were in June," she said.

Recall that the delay in the release of these results stalled and delayed the conduct of the First Semester Examination, which just commenced October 22.

In a related development, Mrs. Aliyu said that the Academic Records Division has already issued Admission Letters to the **18,367** unqualified teachers in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states, which are to be trained by the Institute under the United Nation Children Funds (UNICEF).

SMASE TRAINS 92,142 Mathematics and Science Teachers



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir
Director and Chief Executive of NTI at the Opening of Cycle Four, Second Cohort Capacity Building Workshop for Sokoto, Taraba and Yobe, October 11, at the SMASE Hall, NTI, Kaduna

Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, has said that the NTI SMASE National INSET Centre, has in the last 10 years, trained **92,142** Mathematics and Science teachers across the country.

Prof. Maitafsir, made the disclosure on Monday, October 11, at the Institute's SMASE Hall, during the opening Ceremony a two-week training workshop, themed: "**Co-creation of Learning: Key to Sustainable and Professional Development,**" observed under strict COVID-19 protocol for Cycle Four, Second Cohort for Sokoto, Taraba and Yobe States.

He said that the teachers who received the training during the period under review were trained by the centre in its numerous training packages for teachers of primary and secondary schools.

The NTI D/CE mentioned that the Cycle Four training was aimed at exposing the teachers of Mathematics and Science at the basic education level to curriculum analysis and lesson study, so as to continue to update and upgrade their teaching skills.

“This is meant to be achieved through small group interactive sessions that will provide the participants the opportunity to be highly immersed in activities designed to address current and topical challenges facing teaching and learning of Mathematics and Science Education in Nigeria today,” he said.

The D/CE however, urged the National Trainers and the participants to work tirelessly towards ensuring the success of the workshop.

Earlier, Dr. Zainab Muhammad Shuaibu, the NTI SMASE INSET Centre Overseer explained that SMASE training is a continuous learning process categorised into four cycles for now.

She said that the expectation from the participants was that they should go beyond simply participating in the training, but to visibly acquire new skills and competencies of the 21st Century teaching skills.

“It is the vision of NTI and SMASE Stakeholders to engage the participants more constructively within this two-week session of Co-creation of Learning to enhance effective professional development for improved classroom lesson delivery,” she added.

Mr. Ajagbe, J.O. the SMASE National Coordinator in the Federal Ministry of

Education commended the NTI SMASE centre and efforts of Prof Musa Garba Maitafsir, the new NTI D/CE for sustaining the training.

Other stakeholders present at the event included Mr. Aleshin O. T., Director CPD, UBEC, Abuja; Mal Sani Yashe of the National Mathematical Centre and Dr. Chima Egbujuo of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC), as well as Prof. Shem Binda, a Quality Assurance Assessor.

PHOTO NEWS



Prof. Aliyu Shugaba, Vice Chancellor University of Maiduguri, exchanging pleasantries with Dr. Armiya’u Malami Yabo, Special Assistant to the Director and Chief Executive of NTI, during the familiarisation visit by the NTI Chief Executive to the University, recently.



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI with Prof. Aliyu Shagaba, Vice Chancellor, University of Maiduguri, during the familiarisation visit by the D/CE of NTI to University of Maiduguri, recently.



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI with Prof. Josiah Olusegun Ajiboye, TRCN Registrar and Chief Executive at the Eagle Square, venue of the World Teachers' Day, October 5, 2021



Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI delivering his remarks at the 2021 PTPP , NCE(DLS)2, Bachelor degree programmes 300 level and PGDE Pre-Teaching Practice Seminar Briefing held on Monday, October 11, at the Directorate Conference Room II, NTI Kaduna.



Standing 3rd right, Prof. Musa Garba Maitafsir, Director and Chief Executive of NTI with NTI Management staff and other guests at the opening of the workshop on inclusive education, recently.



Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora
Director Academic Services delivering her remarks at the NTI/SightSavers workshop on Inclusive Education for Teachers and School Administrators held, recently.



Distribution of 2021 Second Semester Course Manuals to Study Centres nationwide has begun