WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES IN SCIENCE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA

UNESCO Paris, France

17 – 19 May 2010; Room VIII, UNESCO Fontenoy

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day One – Monday 17 May 2010

09:30 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony
- Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
- Permanent Delegate of Nigeria to UNESCO
- Assistant Director-General for Africa
- Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning (Chairman of the UNESCO/Nigeria Working Group)
- Education Trust Fund, Nigeria
- Deputy Governor Central Bank, Nigeria

Key note speech:
Nigeria’s Vision 20-2020: Challenges for the S&T Sector;
Prof. O. Ibidapo-Obe, President, Nigerian Academy of Science

10:30 – 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30 Introduction and Organisational Issues

11:30 – 13:00 Session I – Science Policy and Economic Development
- Scientific Development, Innovation and Knowledge Economy in Africa
  Lidia Brito, Director, Division of Science Policy and Sustainable Development, UNESCO

- Science Policy and Economic Development
  Representative from OECD

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 Session II – Integrating Science into the National Vision and Development Reform Agenda
- Experience of South-East European (SEE) countries
  Iulia Nechifor, Programme Specialist UNESCO

- Repositioning the Science and Innovation System to meet the challenges of the Tanzania’s Vision 2025
  F. Osotimehin, Senior Science Policy Adviser UNESCO
  & A. Maduekwe, Programme Specialist UNESCO

Discussion
16:00 – 16:30  Tea/Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00  

**Session III – Special issues in Science Policy (1)**

- *Science and Parliament*
  
  Diana Malpede, Programme Specialist UNESCO

- *Ethical issues in Science*
  
  J. Crowley, Chief of Section UNESCO

- *Science Communication and Media*
  
  D. Dickson, Director, Sci.Dev Net

  **Discussion**

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**Day Two – Tuesday 18 May 2010**

09:30 – 11:00  **Session IV – Harnessing University Research for Regional Development**

- *Measures to Strengthen Research & Innovation in Nigeria*
  
  J. Okojie, Executive Secretary, National University Commission, Nigeria

- *Strengthening National Research Systems*
  
  E. Longworth, Deputy Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

  **Discussion**

11:00 – 11:30  Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  

- *Universities as drivers of local economic development: Lessons from OECD Review Project*
  
  *Managing Government, Higher Education, Enterprise relations*
  
  M. Martin, Programme Specialist, UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

  **Discussion**

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00  **Session V – Institutional Mechanisms for Universities/Industry linkages: Science Parks and Clusters**

- *Feasibility study of Obafemi Awolowo University Science Park*
  
  M. Faborode, Vice-Chancellor, OAU, Nigeria

- *The French experience on poles of competitiveness and Operation Campus*
  
  Representative French Ministry of Research

- *Science academia–industry –government partnerships & linkages*
  
  Y. Nur, Programme Specialist UNESCO

  **Discussion**
16:00 – 16:30  Tea/Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00  **Session VI – Special issues in Science Policy (2)**

- *Integration of Indigenous Knowledge in Science Policy*
  H. Thulstrup, Programme Specialist UNESCO

- *Science Museums, Popularisation*
  A. Godonou and C. Manhart, Programme Specialists, Culture Sector UNESCO

- *Biodiversity & Science Policy*
  N. Ishwaran, Director, Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO

  Discussion

18:30  Reception

**Day Three – Wednesday 19 May 2010**

9:30- 11:00  **Session VII – Building Science Policy Capacities in Universities**

Chair: Luk Van Langenhoven, Representative, UNU Office at UNESCO

- *Institutional Capacity Building in Science Policy – Experience of the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Nigeria*
  J. B. Akarakiri, Director, Technology Planning and Development Unit

- *Role of European Universities in Science Policy Analysis and Advice*
  Luc Soete, Director UNU/MERIT, Maastricht, Netherlands

- *UNITWIN programme*
  S. Bahri, Chief of Section UNESCO

11:00 – 11:30  Tea/Coffee Break

- *ICTs in Education: Open Suite strategy*
  Abel Caine and Davide Storti, Programme Specialists, CI Sector, UNESCO

  Discussion and wrap-up session

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch Break

  pm  **Follow-up meeting to be attended by members of the Committee designated by the Nigerian authorities**

**Day Four – Thursday 20 May 2010**

Free day; individual/group meetings (to be arranged based on demand)