



## **UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS**

### **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The University of Lagos Audit Committee for the audit activities of the Research Centres and other externally funded units in the University was constituted in August 2022.

The Audit Committee was saddled with the responsibility of carrying out audit activities with respect to the finance/accounts, procurement systems and other related activities for all the Research Centers in the University which also included the ACEDHARS (African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science), to ensure compliance with the laid down guidelines for the Centers.

#### **2.0 MEMBERSHIP**

Professor Olufemi Saibu - Chairman

Dr. Lekan Lawal - Member

Professor Muminu Adamu - Member

Mr. Abimbola Odufote - Member

Dr. Okwy Okpala - Member

Dr. Akeem Bello - Member

Mr. Kingsley O. Okhiria - Secretary

### **3.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORs):**

- (i) To ascertain whether the accounting and reporting policies of the University are in accordance with legal requirements and ethical practices.
- (ii) To review the scope and planning of audit requirements.
- (iii) To review the finding on management matters in conjunction with the external auditor and departmental responses thereon.
- (iv) To keep under review the University system of accounting and internal control.
- (v) To authorize the internal Auditor to carry out investigations into any activity of the University which may be of interest or concern to the Committee.
- (vi) To make appropriate recommendation to the University Management on appointment, removal and remuneration of the external auditors.
- (vii) To advise University Management on observations and recommendations of internal and external audit reports.

### **4.0 ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The University of Lagos Audit Committee, since its constitution, had held several meetings to review various documents submitted by some of the Research Centres in the University including the documents submitted by ACEDHARS.

The University Audit Committee at its recently held meeting reviewed the various documents submitted by ACEDHARS. The documents included the following: Interim Financial Reporting (IFR), for second semester covering July to December 2023, uses of funds by Project Activities, Bank Reconciliations, Eligible Expenditure Programme Statement for the period, Project Internal Auditor's Report and Procurement Audit Report submitted to National Universities Commission (NUC).

The Audit Committee, after extensive review of the documents, observed as follows: -

**(A) Second Semester (July to December), Interim Financial Reporting (IFR)**

- i) The preparations of the Financial Statements were in accordance with IPSAS. The Financial Statements met all the requirements indicated according to International Accounting Standard.
- (ii) The Accounting System used by ACEDHARS as recommended by the World Bank, had adequate provisions for Financial Record Keeping (i.e. the Centre followed the laid down procedure regarding its Record of Accounts – Book of Account).
- (iii) The Source and Application (Uses) of Fund template was based on format provided for in the recommended and approved accounting package.

**(B) Project Internal Audit (IA) Report – January 2023 – December 2003**

- (iv) The Project Internal Audit (IA) Report is considered to be appropriate and in line with the required laid down guidelines.

**(C) Procurement Audit Report submitted by the Procurement team to the National Universities Commission (NUC)**

Based on the compliant ratings applied in the procurement audit based on interplay of the institutional Guidelines, Public Procurement Act 2007 and the World Bank general Procurement principles the ACEDHARS, University of Lagos NEEDS IMPROVEMENT at sixty-eight (68%) mark.

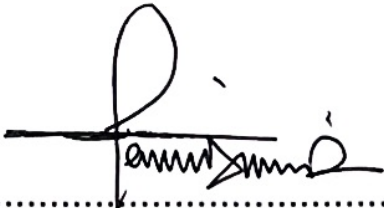
**5.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- i. The Center should ensure all outstanding items in Bank Reconciliation statements are cleared promptly.
- ii. The Center should accelerate work on its buildings to ensure completion before the end of the project.

- iii. ACEDHARS Management should take note of the recommendations in the Procurement audit report and act accordingly.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

- i. The Accounting Reporting as required of ACEDHARS are up to date
- ii. Management Internal Control is relevant, and effective
- iii. There are positive response to audit observations by management



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**Professor Olufemi Saibu**  
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