

PROPOSED IJESA

PRIVATE

UNIVERSITY

INTRODUCTION

- The Ijesa Private University Committee (IPUC) was set up on 02 July 2021 by the Ijesa Development Assembly (IDA) and it was inaugurated formally on 11th July 2021.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

General:

- To facilitate the establishment of a privately-funded university in Ijesa land for its economic and social development.

Specific:

- To propose a name, location, and the type of university, including types of faculties to facilitate the preparation of its philosophy, vision, and mission;

TERMS OF REFERENCE (2)

- To acquire at least 200 hectares of land for the proposed university, complete with deed of assignment and certificate of occupancy;
- To prepare a draft Physical Master Plan for the university;
- To draft the University Law and its Philosophy, Vision and Mission;

- To prepare the Academic Brief and Programs of the proposed university;

TERMS OF REFERENCE (3)

- To develop a fundraising model to raise money for registration and infrastructural development needs of the university;
- To obtain appropriate endorsement and buy-in of the design of the private university by the key stakeholders in Ijesa land;
- To register and obtain approval to establish the privately-funded university in Ijesa land;

TERMS OF REFERENCE (4)

- To oversee the institutionalization of the private university in Ijesa land;
- To attend to all other relevant matters arising from the assignment; and
- Submit a final draft report to the Ijesa Development Council.

RATIONALE (1)

- Ijesa land needs a world-class private university to further promote its economic and social growth and development
- There is a strong need to reduce youth unemployment in Nigeria through a unique entrepreneurship education-based university

- Ijesa land needs to use its human and economic resources to improve access to university education in Nigeria to attain the target of one university per one million citizens, and beyond

RATIONALE (2)

- There is a strong need for a university that will develop in the students the spirit of problem solving, through curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, and innovation

1. Name and Location Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Identify the name of the University;

2. Identify the location of the university in Ijesa land either for single- or multiple-campus

1. Name and Location Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Engr. Segun Okebiorun - Chairman

AIG Bola Longe (Rtd.)

Mr. Yomi Olomolaiye

Mr. Goke Adufe

Professor Babatunde Agbola

Arc. Dokun Odekunle

Dr. Barr. Akinlabi Komolafe

Pst Ayo Fadahunsi

2. Consultation and Mobilization Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Creating awareness among Ijesa sons and daughters on the need for the University;
2. Identify well-meaning Ijesa sons and daughters to support the initiative;

3. Mobilize various interest groups (societies) at home and abroad to support the initiative; and

4. Etc.

2. Consultation and Mobilization Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Erelu Olusola Obada

Professor Oladosu Ojengbede - Chairman

Professor Olu Olowokere

Engr. Segun Okebiorun

Justice Dotun Onibokun

Dr. Omolara Aromolaran

Dr. Adewale Alonge

Mr. Laitan Obileye

Mr. Tony Igbaroola

Mr. Busayo Awe

3. Academic Brief and Programmes Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Develop Academic Briefs for the University based on the NUC standard;

2. Identify academic programmes to be offered in the University taking into cognisance the employability and marketability of the graduates,
3. Identify best practices at home and abroad that we can benchmark with.

Academic Brief and Programmes Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Professor Idowu Olayinka - Chairman

Professor Emmanuel Lufadeju

Professor Olu Olowokere

Professor Segun Ilesanmi

Professor I. O. Abimbola

Professor C. O. Fasan

Professor Olubukola Oyawoye

Professor Olaniyi Olomolaiye

Professor Kola Kazeem

Mr. Kayode Ogundoro

4. Registration/NUC Liaison Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Identify the requirements for registration of a private university with the NUC;
2. Liaise with the various Sub-Committees whose actions are needed for registration;
3. Pursue the registration and approval of the University with the NUC;
and
4. Etc.

4. Registration/NUC Liaison Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Professor Babajide Alo - Chairman

Professor Idowu Olayinka

Professor Emmanuel Lufadeju

Professor Olu Famurewa

5. Finance/Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Identify various options of funding/financing the University;

2. Identify funding options from best practices;
3. Identify Key Ijesa Sons and Daughters who can donate take-off grants for the University;
4. Identify key infrastructural requirements for the NUC approval;
5. Identify various models for provision of infrastructure; and
6. Etc.

5. Finance/Infrastructure Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Mr. Sunday Omole - Chairman

Mr. Seun Oni

Dr. Remi Folorunsho

Mr. Bosun Falore

Engr. Dideolu Falobi

Mr. Femi Osobu

5. Finance/Infrastructure Sub-Committee (contd.)

Dr. Adewale Alonge

Arc. Titus Ajumobi

Alhaji Lateef A. Bakare

Mr. Gbenga Oluwabord

Mr. Tunde Loye

Mr. Tony Igaroola

Mr. Abayomi Oni-Williams

6. Legal Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Provide a legal framework for the establishment of the University;
2. Advise the IPUC on the issue of Memorandum of Understanding for the University;

3. Examine the technicalities of the NUC guidelines on the CAC (if any) and the financial backing by a Bank;
4. Examine any other legal matters relating the approval of the University as well as recruitment clauses/terms of engagement; and
- 5.Etc.

6. Legal Sub-Committee (Contd.)

Membership

Professor Yemi Kayode-Adedeji - Chairman

Justice Dotun Onibokun

Mr. Anu Esho

Justice Olamide Oloyede

7. Academic Linkages and Partnership Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Identify universities outside Nigeria, which can assist in enhancing the quality of the academic programmes of the University;

2. Assist the Programmes Sub-Committee in authenticating the Faculties and Courses to ensure that they are in line with international best practices;

3. Identify courses which potential partners of the University would find favourable for collaboration; and

4. Etc.

7. Academic Linkages and Partnership Sub-Committee (Contd.)

Membership

Professor Olu Olowokere - Chairman

Professor Segun Ilesanmi

Professor Olaniyi Olomolaiye

Dr. Adesaju Oni

Mr. Gbenga Owoboro

8. Publicity Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Assist the IPUC in publicising its noble objectives and activities;
2. Assist in selling the idea of an Ijesa Private University to the various Ijesa groups;

3. Exploit the use of the various mass media for publicity; and

4. Etc.

8. Publicity Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Dr. Olusanya Awosan - Chairman

Mr. Oladimeji Lasore

Mr. Wale Idowu

Mr. Adeniyi Adesina

Mr. Bola Badmus

9. Security Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Work with the Location Sub-Committee to identify security situation of the chosen area;
2. Identify security measures for the take-off of the University;
3. Put in place security measures within and outside the University; and
4. Etc.

9. Security Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

AIG Bola Longe (Rtd.) - Chairman

Major General Bode Oginni (Rtd.)

Dr. Kayode Olagunju

10. Logistics Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Provide a planning, framework for the establishment of the University;
2. Identify and itemize deliverables and provide a timeline;

3. Provide operational guidelines and backup for other Sub-Committees;
4. Liaise between the IPUC and the IDA/IDC;
5. Etc.

10. Logistics Sub-Committee (contd.)

Membership

Professor I. O. Abimbola - Chairman

Professor C. O. Fasan

Professor Olubukola Oyawoye

Professor F. Okunmadewa

Dr. Dipo Folorunso

Mrs. Yemisi Ariyibi

PROPOSED NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY

_____ University, Ilesa State of Osun, Nigeria

PROPOSED LOCATION (1)

The roles of our Paramount Ruler and other Kabiyesi, Local Government Chairmen, and the State Government, in land release are important

Any part of Ijẹ̀sà land with available land required will be suitable

PROPOSED LOCATIONS (2)

The idea of multi-campus locations was not favoured at present because of administrative cumbersomeness but may be reconsidered in the future

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ACADEMIC BRIEF AND PROGRAMMES (1)

The Academic Brief of the proposed university is under preparation.

Work has been concluded on the draft programs for three Faculties of Humanities

Sciences, and Social Sciences.

The following Faculties are under consideration:

- Faculty of Humanities, Social and Management Sciences;
- Faculty of Science, Engineering, and Technology

ACADEMIC BRIEF AND PROGRAMMES (2)

- Faculty of Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medical and Allied Health Sciences
- Faculty of Pharmacy

ACADEMIC BRIEF AND PROGRAMMES (3)

- School of Remedial and Pre-Degree Studies
- School of Postgraduate Studies
- Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Centre for Ijesa Studies
- Centre for General Studies

CONSULTATION AND MOBILIZATION (1)

Focus on:

- Social Investment (grants, donations)

- Business Investment (equity contribution)

Target:

- Business groups should be identified Strategically, positioned Ijesa in local and international organizations would be targeted

Avenues:

- Virtual/Physical presentations
- Social Media

CONSULTATION AND MOBILIZATION (2)

- Leaflets, Memo cards

- Posters, Billboards
- Print and Electronic Media

The Sub-Committee's assignment overlaps and depends on other Sub-Committees assignments

Cooperation of ijesa media practitioners is needed, and would be sought

OPTIONS FOR FUNDING (1)

- ~~N~~5 billion is proposed as the minimum take-off amount

- Twenty core investors are being sourced at ₦100 million per investor and their names made confidential initially (3 years to redeem pledge, w.e.f. 2022) to yield ₦2 Billion
- Equity Investors-Unit of shares to be broken into ₦5 million each to accommodate other categories of investors to yield about ₦3 Billion

OPTIONS FOR FUNDING (2)

- Right of first refusal in the building of commercial structures
- Naming of structures and roads after such investors

Other funding options include: debt, grants, build operate and transfer (BOT).

OPTIONS FOR FUNDING (3)

- Offshore Non-Governmental Organizations are being established in the USA and the UK for fund-raising for the proposed Obokun University, Ilesa, Nigeria
- Arrangements are on to list the name and details of the Obokun University, Ilesa, Nigeria, on the Non-Governmental Organization established by Mr. Gbenga Oluwaboro

OPTIONS FOR FUNDING (4)

- Arrangements are also on to establish an Ijesa Educational Support Initiative in the UK. The name was decided upon on 15 December 2022.

More information follows later.

- Other funding entities include: Foundations, Trusts, Groups, and Individuals

ACADEMIC LINKAGE AND PARTNERSHIP

- Some overseas universities have been identified and contacted for partnership

- There will be a continuing exploration of other specific partners in addition to the ones already contacted.

PUBLICITY

- The Publicity Sub-Committee already has a copy of the publicity contents on the proposed Ijesa Private University
- The Sub-Committee is awaiting some specific major events to use to launch its campaign
- It was decided that the Publicity Sub-Committee should hold on its roll out for now

REGISTRATION/NUC LIAISON

- Contact has been established with the NUC
- A copy of the guidelines for establishing a university has been obtained and shared
- The work of the IPUC is being guided by the NUC guidelines

LEGAL ASPECTS

- The Legal Sub-Committee submitted a draft University Law for the proposed Obokun University, Ilesa, Nigeria, on Wednesday, 30 November 2022. The document is currently being studied by the IPUC

- The Legal Sub-Committee is being consulted on all aspects of the IPUC assignment.

SECURITY

- The Security Sub-Committee has been working with other relevant Sub-Committees to attend to security implications of their deliberations.

LOGISTICS

- The Logistics Sub-Committee has been prompting, supervising, facilitating, and monitoring the activities of the other Sub-Committees of the IPUC.

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THANK YOU