**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to section 62(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of 1999 as Amended, and the House Standing Order. The House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions was inaugurated among other Standing Committees of the 9th National Assembly by the Speaker, **Right Honourable Femi Gbajabiamila** on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

**2.0 MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee consists of thirty one (31) Members with **Honourable Munir Babba Dan’Agundi** and **Honourable Gana Bukar** as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively.

See appendix 1 for the Committee’s Membership list.

**3.0 JURISDICTION**

Like other Committees, the mandates of the Committee of Agricultural Colleges and Institutions are defined in the Standing Order of the House. Part of these responsibility are oversight mandate over all Agricultural Universities, Colleges and Research Institutions in Nigeria. The institutions are:

* Federal Universities of Agriculture;
* Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute;
* Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria;
* Nigerian Institute of Soil Science;
* National Veterinary Research Institute;
* Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute;
* National Horticultural Research Institute;
* Lake Chad Research Institute;
* National Agricultural Extension Services;
* National Animal Production Services;
* Institute of Agricultural Research;
* Institute of Agricultural Research and Training;
* Rubber Research Institute;
* National Cereals Research Institute;
* National Institute for Freshwater Fisheries;
* Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria;
* National Root Crop Research Institute;
* National Institute for Oil Palm Research;
* National Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research;
* National College of Product Inspection Technology;
* Federal Colleges of Land Resources Technology;
* Federal Colleges of Animal Health and Production Technology;
* Federal Colleges of Agriculture;
* Federal College of Freshwater Fisheries;
* Federal Cooperative Colleges;
* Annual budget estimates.

**4.0 MODUS OPERANDI**

In line with the best democratic practice and House standing Order, the Committee adopts meetings, investigative hearings, interactive sessions, regular oversight visits and demand for periodic reports in carry out its legislative mandate.

**5.0 ACTIVITIES**

**Meetings:**

In the period under review, the following activities were embarked upon by the Committee:

* 1. **Committee Leadership meeting of Friday 20th September 2019**

The Committee Leadership held a meeting with the representatives of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Acting Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN) and the Petitioner on the Leadership crisis in the Federal College of Agriculture Akure onFriday 20thSeptember 2019 **prior to the inauguration of the Committee.**

**Resolution:**

* That ARCN halts its investigation on the crisis.
* That the Committee Secretariat invite the Petitioned and other parties involved in the crisis for fair hearing.
* That the Ag. Executive Director ARCN furnish the Committee with the Acts of agencies under his supervision.
  1. **The Inaugural meeting of Thursday 10th October 2019 in House Meeting Room 019.**

The Committee held its Inaugural meeting and was briefed by the Chairman on the meeting held on the leadership crisis in Federal College of Agriculture Akure onFriday 20thSeptember 2019 **prior to the inauguration of the Committee**.

**Resolution:**

The meeting deliberated on the Chairman’s inaugural speech, jurisdiction and the leadership crisis in the Federal College of Agriculture Akure; and resolved as follows:

* 
* That the appointment of Dr. Fadiyimu as the Ag. Provost being the 11th person on the nominal roll be reversed. Also, Dr. Odedina remains the Provost till the expiration of his tenure in December 2019 consequent on a letter from the Ministry.

**Budget Defence**

* 1. **The Joint Year 2019 Budget Performance and Year 2020 Budget Proposal of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture and Rural Development with MDAs**

The Year 2019 Budget Performance and Year 2020 Budget Defence meeting of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture and Rural Development with MDAs was held on Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th October 2019 in Senate Conference Room 231 and 022.

The meeting reviewed the submissions of the MDAs, and advised that where additional information were required, agencies should forward same to the committee secretariat not later than Monday 21st October 2019.

**Resolution**

* That the Committees painstakingly study the submissions made by the Heads of the MDAs along with their oral presentation, and revert where necessary.
* That for effective consideration of the Year 2020 Budget, the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions hold a post 2020 Budget Defence/ Interactive with agencies under its jurisdictions on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

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**5.4 Interactive Meeting with Agencies under its jurisdiction on Tuesday 22nd and 23rd October 2019**.

The interactive session intends to:

1. Offer the Committee the opportunity to understand the activities of the Ministry, Departments, and Agencies (MDA’s);
2. Review the Budget Performance of all its Agencies between 2017 to date in the agricultural sector;
3. Adequately brief the Agencies on the 9th Assembly Legislative Agenda and its policy direction with a view to maintaining a common front.

**Resolution:**

The meeting in which the Hon. Speaker was in attendance resolved as follows:

1. House consideration of early budgetary disbursement of fund to aid effective research.
2. Adoption of the Chairman’s Speech as its working document.
3. Review all Bills before the House that can enhance optimal performance in the Agricultural Sector.
4. Research programs to align with the National Agenda.
5. Set up an agricultural trust fund similar to TETFUND to cater for the Agricultural Research Institutions, Colleges, and Universities by way of legislation.
6. Agencies to synergize with the Committee for the development of the Sector.
7. Set up a sub-committee to collate all views and challenges in order to proffer solution to the main committee.
8. Consider a bi-annual Agric. Technology Show Day to showcase achievements in the agricultural sector.
9. Agencies to chart road maps needed to enhance their agency’s performance.

**5.5 Meeting of Thursday 6th November 2019 In House Meeting Room 019**

The meeting deliberated on the leadership quagmire in National Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR).

**Resolution:**

The Committee deliberated and resolved:

* That the Committee invites all Stakeholders for dialogue and negotiation in the spirit of fair Hearing.
* That the Permanent Secretary, Attorney General Office and Office of the Accountant General’s Office be invited for a meeting in order to find a lasting solution to the crisis.

**6.0 REFERRALS**

**Motions**

A motion titled ‘Need to Revitalize and Upgrade the National Aquaculture Technology Transfer Center, Oluponna in Ayedire/Iwo/Ola-Oluwa Local Government Areas, Osun State (HR. 181/11/2019)’ moved at the Plenary session of Wednesday 13th November, 2019 was referred to Committee on Legislative Compliance with the same copied to the Committee in the period under review.

**7.0 TOURS**

No tour was embarked upon within this period.

**8.0 CONSTRAINT**

* Inadequate and obsolete office equipment
* Lack of adequate funding for pending Committee activities
* Insufficient office space
* Lack of periodic training for staff
* Overlap of meetings of various committees which occasion low attendance at meeting

**9.0 RECOMMENDATION**

In the light of the statutory responsibility of the Committees as the engine room of the House of Representatives, the Committee recommends that:

* Provision of office equipment to increase committee productivity
* The release of adequate funds to enhance effective legislative functions.
* Periodic training of staff on Parliamentary Procedures and Practice for optimal performance.

**10.0 CONCLUSION**

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the Leadership and Management of the House of Representatives for the opportunity to serve in this capacity thereby contributing its quota to Nation Building. Also, it wishes to state its commitment to partner with the Executive in its resolve to revamp the Agricultural Sector.

**Hon. Munir Babba Dan’ Agundi Olunike Adesina-Obube**

Chairman Clerk

**APPENDIX 1**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS LIST**

* + - 1. Hon. Munir Babba Dan’Agundi
      2. Hon. Gana Bukar
      3. Hon. Agbo Francis Ottah
      4. Hon. Yusuf Ahmed Tijani
      5. Hon. Abdullahi Saidu Musa
      6. Hon. Bulus Solomon Maren
      7. Hon. Buba Yusuf Yakub
      8. Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu
      9. Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima
      10. Hon. Magaji Amos Gwamna
      11. Hon. Mahmud Abdullahi Gaya
      12. Hon. Sani Zangon Daura Nasiru
      13. Hon. Ahmed Shehu
      14. Hon. Onuigbo Samuel Ifeanyi
      15. Hon. Oke Martins
      16. Hon. Uju Kingsley C.
      17. Hon. Archibong Henry Okon
      18. Hon. Etaba Michael Irom
      19. Hon. Pondi Julius G.
      20. Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno
      21. Hon. Fatoba Steve Olusola
      22. Hon. Balogun Adebayo Olusegun
      23. Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi
      24. Hon. Makinde Peter Abiola
      25. Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi
      26. Hon. Bala Sani Umar
      27. Hon. Shaaban Sharada
      28. Hon. Amiru Tukur Idris
      29. Hon. Zainab Gimba
      30. Hon. Ojugbele Jimoh
      31. Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek D.