



Workshop for the establishment of a National Bioethics Committee in Nigeria  
Nasarawa State, Kini Hotel, Akwanga,  
7- 8 June 2017

Draft Agenda

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*Day 1- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

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**9.30 a.m. – 10:00: Opening Session**

- **Mr Yao Ydo**, Regional Director and Representative, UNESCO Abuja Office
- **Dr Nwadei C.J. Chioma**, Secretary-General, Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO
- **Mr Hugue Ngandeu**, Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Abuja Office, Overview of the Workshop

**Moderation: Enang Moma**, UNESCO Abuja

**10.00- 10.30 Family Photo and Coffee Break**

**10.30- 12.00: Session 1- Bioethics: challenges and opportunities for Nigeria**

This session aims to provide overview on some of the challenges of bioethics and related issues. Interventions will inform a broader discussion on bioethics and ethics of science and technology, with a view to take stock of the implications in the context of Nigeria.

**Keynote speakers:**

- **Prof. James Ogbonna**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria (Nsukka): *Promoting academic research on bioethics and ethics of sciences and technologies: opportunities and challenges for Nigeria*,
- **Mr Eric Omazu**, Philosophical Association of Nigeria, *Bioethics: philosophical consideration and challenges for Africa*
- **Dr Ibeh Bartholomew**, Ag. Director and Head of Department Medical Biotechnology National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA): *Addressing bioethics challenges at the national level: what challenges for NABDA in developing related legal framework, policy actions and capacity building in Nigeria*
- **Representative, National Consumers Council (TBC):** *Bioethics and the protection of consumers: some questions for thought.*

**Moderation: Prof. Adeparusi Eunice Oluwayemisi**, Professor of Aquaculture Technology FUTA, Member of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

**Questions/Answers Session- Discussion**

**Expected outcome:** Participants are familiarized with the key challenges related to bioethics, the ethics of science and technology from different perspectives and within the context of Nigeria, and are ready to engage further in the discussion.



### 12.00- 13.00: Session 2- UNESCO ABC Project in action

This session will provide background information on UNESCO's work on bioethics and the ethics of science and technology, including instruments developed in this field and relevant bodies established to address related matters (International Bioethics Committee (IBC), Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) and World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST). Highlights on the Assisting Bioethics Committees (ABC) project will be provided, with emphasis on their establishment, sharing experience from the NBC in Kenya.

#### Keynote presentations:

- **Dr Dafna Feinholz**, Chief, Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Technology Section, UNESCO: *An Overview of UNESCO's work on Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Technology through the ABC Project*
- **What experience from established NBC around the world?**

**Moderator:** Hugue Ngandeu, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Abuja Office

#### Questions/Answers Session-Discussion

**Expected outcome:** Participants are familiarized with UNESCO's work in the field of bioethics and the ethics of science and technology, including international standards and bodies set-up by the Organization in this domain, and are further informed by the experience from the NBC in Kenya.

### 13.30-14.30 Lunch

### 14.30-16.00: Session 3- Shaping of the NBC Nigeria

This session will discuss the nature, mandate and functions expected from the NBC in Nigeria, building on existing examples and recommendations from NABDA and the Ministry of Justice.

#### Key discussants (tbc):

- Forms of bioethics committees around the world and possible structures (**Dr Dafna Feinholz**, UNESCO)
- A possible structure for the NBC-Nigeria and its composition (**Dr Ibeh Bartholomew**, NABDA )
- What possible legal framework and process for establishing the NBC-Nigeria (**Mr Macaulay Williams**, Federal Ministry of Justice)

**Moderation:** **Dr Nwadei C.J. Chioma**, Secretary-General, Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO

#### Discussion

**Expected outcome:** Participants are provided with information on possible structures for the NBC, including

### 16:00-16.15- Coffee Break

### 16.15- 16.30: Session 3- Shaping of the NBC Nigeria, Continuous

**Enang Moma and Gloria Iyaji**, UNESCO Abuja, introducing group work and expectations (group discussions the next day-morning).

### 16.30-17.00- Wrap up of Day 1 discussions




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## *Day 2- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

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### **9.00-10.30: Session 3- Shaping of the NBC Nigeria, Continuous (GROUP WORK)**

Based on discussions from Day 1, this session will allow a split of participants into three groups to address specific area for shaping the NBC in Nigeria. This will enable the drafting of the statutes of the NBC and the legal framework for its recognition (Group 1). Group 2 will reflect on the Terms of Reference for the NBC, focusing in particular on the expected seize and profile of the members to form the NBC, including nomination criteria.

<b>Group 1:</b> Drafting of the statutes and legal framework for the NBC	
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Dr Ibeh Bartholomew (NABDA)</b>
<b>Rapporteur:</b>	<b>Mr Macaulay Williams (Federal Ministry of Justice)</b>
<b>Group 2 :</b> Drafting of TORs for the NBC and its members and proposed areas of focus of the work of the NBC in Nigeria	
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Prof James Ogbonna, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria Nsukka</b>
<b>Rapporteur:</b>	<b>Dr. Christie Onyia, Head of Department - Biotechnology and Applied Biology, Godfrey Okoye University</b>

**Expected outcome:** Statutes, MoU and ToRs for the NBC are drafted.

### **10.30-10.45 Coffee Break**

### **10.45-13.00: Session 3- Shaping of the NBC Nigeria, Continuous (Plenary)**

- Presentations of Groups Rapporteurs and discussion
- Review and adoption of the Statutes and Legal framework for the NBC
- Call for nomination of nominations for the NBC Members

**Moderator: NATCOM**

### **13:00 – 14: 30 Lunch Break**

### **14.30-15.30: Session 4: Way forward: Chronogram towards establishing a NBC in Nigeria**

- Discussing a scenario for the adoption of the legal framework of the NBC, the inauguration of the NBC and the capacity building of its members
- Establishment of a follow-up committee and possible calendar

**Moderator: UNESCO**

### **15.30- 16.00 Conclusions/ recommendations**

### **16.00 Coffe Break –End of the Workshop**