

**Report**  
**APRA-Nigeria Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Rock View Hostel, Abuja**  
**Nigeria**  
**September 27 2019**

**SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

1.0 The Inaugural Meeting of the APRA Nigeria Work Stream 1 Advisory Board/Steering Committee was held on Friday, September 27 2019 at Rock view Royale Hostel, Wuse 2, Abuja (see Program attached). 15 participants were in attendance and these include 6 members of the APRA research team and all 9 members of the APRA Advisory Board, the meeting started by 9:30am and concluded at 1:30pm, same day.

**SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ON MEETING**

**2.1 Introduction of Participants**

This section was led by Professor Adebayo Aromolaran, the Country Coordinator, APRA Nigeria and Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Adekunle Ajasin University Akungba Akoko, Nigeria. He welcomed and thanked everyone for showing up for this meeting today. He also appreciated everyone on behalf of APRA and looked forward to a very exciting day ahead. He started by introducing the participants. First, he introduced other members of the APRA research team present:

- Prof. Titus Awokuse, Professor and a chair of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University.
- Prof. Thomas Jayne, University Foundation Professor of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University.
- Prof. Adesoji Adelaja, John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in land Policy Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University.
- Prof, Joseph Yaro, Director Regional Institute for Population Study University of Ghana, West African Coordinator of APRA programme.
- Dr. Adeola Olajide, APRA lead Research Consultant for Nigeria, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan.

Next, he introduced members of the APRA Nigeria Work stream 1 Advisory Board:

- Ms. Nike Tinubu, President of Industrial Cassava Stakeholder Association of Nigeria.
- Mr. Thomas Etuh, President, Fertilizer Producer and Suppliers Association of Nigeria, represented by Mr. Gideon Negedi, Executive Secretary, FEPSAN.
- Alhaji Sani Sabiu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, Kaduna State

- Mrs Aboosedo Ogunleye, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Ogun State.
- Prince Olusegun Dasaolu, Chairman Ogun State Chapter of All the Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN).
- Alhaji Nuhu, Chairman Kaduna State Chapter of All the Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN).
- Engineer M.O. Akeju, Former Director of Rural Development, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD).
- Dr. Mohammed Bello Umar, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD), represented by Alhaji M.O Azeez.
- Dr Manzo Maigari, Director General, Nigerian Agribusiness Group (Chairman of Board)

He also introduced:

Mr. Ayemi, Journalist, representing Farm Food Mail Organization.

Mr. Abel Gomina, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, Ahmadu Bello University and 2018 APRA Nigeria WS1 data collection field supervisor, Miss Mariam Aliyu, Administrative Assistant and 2018 APRA Nigeria WS1 enumerator.

Finally, he recognized Dr Milu Muyanga, the Principal Investigator of the APRA Nigeria WS1 project, who was unavoidably absent and sends his apologies. Dr Milu is an Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, and Research Director, Malawi Agricultural Policy Advancement and Transformation Agenda (MwAPATA) Institute, Lilongwe, Malawi

## **2.2: Statement of Purpose of Meeting**

Prof Aromolaran explained that the purpose of the meeting was three-fold: first, to inaugurate the APRA Nigeria WSI Advisory Board/Steering committee; and second, to create a framework for the operation of the Board to facilitate the achievement of the purposes for setting it up; and thirdly, to deliberate on the alternative approaches that will ensure that the information coming out of this APRA research would be impactful on the livelihood of small and medium scale farm families in Nigeria, beginning from the two focus states of Kaduna and Ogun .

He pointed out that as technocrats, members of the APRA Board are expected to help translate the research output of APRA into effective policy, stressing that famers are tired of impact-less research activities. During the 2018 primary data collection exercise, farmers openly declared that they were fed-up with incessant questionings in the name of research and desire to see real changes begin to happen as a result of information gathered from numerous investigations they are subjected to. They were assured that this project is designed maximize impact and that is one of the motivations for setting up this board.

## **SECTION 3: BRIEF REMARKS**

### **3.1 APRA West Africa Coordinator Remarks**

Prof. Joseph Yaro gave a brief remark on APRA. According to him, APRA is a continuation of the Futures Agricultural Consortium, which has been working since 2005 on processes of agricultural commercialization and land grabbing. The goal of APRA is to bring about change in agriculture through commercialization. He talked about some of the various research activities carried out by APRA since inception, and surmised that APRA is more innovative than the initial approaches. “The APRA approach is not just research but policy processes involving several actors along the value chain such as the input dealers, farm operators, processors, and different marketing groups”, he said. Prof Yaro described the advisory group as a laudable idea to help the Nigeria research team to re-introduce knowledge that is relevant to addressing existing challenges and which can be easily taken up.

### **3.2 Review of APRA-Nigeria WS1 Activities**

This review was presented by Prof Adebayo Aromolaran. For several decades now, smallholder farming has been a major vehicle for achieving sustainable and inclusive growth in the Africa’s agricultural sector for the past several decades. In recent times, agricultural commercialisation and smallholder transformation has become a key policy focus for achieving food security, poverty reduction, and employment in Africa. The research focus of the APRA Nigeria Work stream 1 project is to investigate the potential role of Medium scale farming as a major pathway to achieving agricultural commercialisation and smallholder transformation in Nigeria. The specific research questions are:

- What are the characteristics of the emerging medium-scale farms (MSFs) relative to small scale farms (SSFs)?
- What is the Nature of the process that produce them, including the key Challenges they face?
- Are there productivity differences between small and medium-scale farms? How do these MSFs influence the behaviour and welfare of small-scale farm households around them?
- Should Medium Scale Investor farms be promoted as a policy tool to facilitate smallholder commercialisation and transformation in Africa?

It is the belief of APRA that the answers to these questions provided through empirical investigation will provide an important information set to guide policy formulation and implementation aimed at improving the livelihood trajectories of millions of smallholder farm families in Nigeria and across sub-Saharan Africa.

The APRA WS1 research activity in Nigeria started with the purposive selection of Kaduna and Ogun States as the pilot states for the research project. This selection is based on the fact that government's policy in the states has favoured the development of commercial agriculture in the past two decades. For the purpose of data collection, 3 Local Government Areas were then selected from each state: Soba, Chikun and Kachia in Kaduna state and Imeko-Afon, Obafemi-Owode and Ijebu-east in Ogun state. The LGA selection was based on geopolitical considerations as well as relative intensity of commercial agriculture.

This was followed by a complete listing of small and medium scale farms in all six selected LGAs between September to November 2017 and March 2018. 18075 small scale and 8193 medium scale farms were listed in both states. From the list, 1078 small scale farmers and 1031 medium scale farmers from both States. Actual primary data collection through survey approach commenced in April 2018 and terminated in June 2018. A National Consultative Stakeholder meeting, attended by about 60 participants was held on September 11, 2018 at the Yar Adua Center, Abuja. The objective of the meeting was to engage stakeholders across the agricultural landscape, so as to increase the potential policy impact of the output of APRA research project.

Results of the preliminary mainly descriptive data analysis is already published in APRA working paper 026 ([www.future-agricultures.org](http://www.future-agricultures.org)), while more in-depth econometric analysis is ongoing and initial results are expected to start coming in by the end of 2019. The advisory board or steering committee was constituted in July 2019 and the inaugural meeting is now holding in September 2019,

Summary of the preliminary results are as follows:

- ❖ About half the current medium scale farms (MSF) actually transitioned from small scale farms (SSF) in the past three decades;
- ❖ Medium scale farms tend to cultivate more cash crops than small scale farms suggesting a higher tendency towards commercialization,
- ❖ Computed Household commercialisation index (HCI) shows that medium scale farms have higher degree of commercialization relative to Small scale farms
- ❖ MSF can potentially enhance the transformation of SSF through observed spill-over effects. Analysis showed that some form of interaction beneficial to SSFs existed between SSFs and MSFs. Prominent among is extension service delivery from MSFs to SSFs
- ❖ Average investment in production assets is higher for MSF than SSF; an indication of increased potential for profit and improved welfare for farm families.
- ❖ Labour use intensity is higher for MSF than SSF; an indication that the growth of MSFs may create surplus labour that would need to be addressed by policy
- ❖ Labour Productivity was found to be higher for MSFs compared with SSFs; an indication that growth of MSFs could bring about increases in farm labour wages.

- ❖ To promote the growth of MSF, policy might need to effectively address some identified challenges facing MSFs such as low land tenure security low access to land market and low youth engagement.
- ❖ Conclusion: Preliminary results points in the direction that promoting medium scale farms may be an important policy tool for enhancing agricultural commercialisation and smallholder transformation in Nigeria. However, these results are not conclusive given the descriptive nature of the results presented in this review. In order to reach more definitive conclusions, more rigorous econometric analysis is needed, and such analysis is currently underway. In addition, a second wave of data collection will be carried out in 2020 to generate a panel data set. This exercise is expected to benefit from the contributions from the Advisory Board.

### **3.3 Reflection on APRA Activities in Africa and Policy Implications**

Prof. Thomas Jayne started by thanking senior colleagues for joining us for the meeting signifying its importance. He also recognized the members of the APRA team and the Nigeria Country Coordinator for making it here to join us. APRA is a project working in six countries, of which Nigeria is one. Even though the current project is expected to end in 2021; he is confident and believe that these activities will go on beyond that. So, the APRA Research Team will want the Board members to consider this relationship a longer-term relationship. According to Prof Jayne, APRA will need their support as key government and private sector operators to be able to translate these results of research findings as APRA as outlined. “We need you to help us think about more of effective ways to translate research results into real impact on the ground. In APRA, we take research translation into impact seriously and we hope to have your guidance in leading us.” Prof Jayne further stated that 62% of Nigeria population is below the age of 25 and their engagement in agriculture would be determined by their access to land. So, the critical issue is how we can improve youth access to land so that they could better contribute to agricultural transformation. He drew the attention of Board members to the fact that suggested that Asian governments spend 8 times more on crop science than African governments; and that increased investment in physical infrastructure, research and crop science, improved hybrid seeds by government are needed to substantially influence the profitability of agriculture on the continent.

He the pointed out that certain synergies exist between the Medium and small-scale farmers. According to him, medium scale farmers today are attracting the private sector, agro-dealers, crop buyers because they produce surplus. So, when the private sector come into an area, they also improve market access conditions for everyone including the small-scale farmers. He invited APRA Board members to generate ideas on how government can help to translate APRA research findings into actions to promote the medium scale farms in a way that would improve the livelihood of all people in their neighbourhoods. He hinted that there is a need to keep an eye on some potential risks of making access to farm land more difficult potentially for the youth while inputs that will guide APRA going forward is very much welcomed. He concluded by thanking everyone.

## **SECTION 4: ENGAGEMENT WITH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

### **4.1 Formal Inauguration of APRA Nigeria Work stream 1 Advisory Board**

Prof Titus Awokuse, Chair, Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University formally pronounced the APRA Nigeria WS1 Advisory Board as constituted duly inaugurated.

Prof Soji Adelaja then announced that Dr. Manzo Maigari, Director General of Nigeria Agribusiness Group has been selected as the chairperson of the Board, after wide consultations among stakeholders. According to him, Dr Maigari's is well suited for the job, given his experience in government, organized private sector and NGO organization.

In his response, the chairperson shares several hard life experiences he had including hustling on the street of Lagos and he reiterated that the approach to policy must necessarily address issues and in addressing issues, it must not misplace the most important thing, which is stakeholder involvement. He commended the APRA approach of intense stakeholder involvement in research project formulation, implementation and results dissemination and application as an innovative way of doing research. However, he lamented the lack of baseline data in the Nigeria Agric space and suggested that in addressing the issues, there is need to do a quick baseline survey to come up with some information to guide policy.

### **4.2 Extensive Discussions**

The discussions section was moderated by Prof. Adesoji Adelaja. He reiterated and emphasizes the importance of the newly inaugurated APRA advisory board members in the work going forward. The discussions emphasized on the following key issues:

- i. Ongoing related initiative in Nigeria that APRA WSI should partner with;
- ii. Sectors and groups that would be interested in APRA WS1 research findings; and
- iii. How to make APRA impactful in Nigeria.

Ms Nike Tinubu, suggested that APRA should partner with the federal government, NGOs, State governments and the private sector to formulate and implement policies to alleviate the sufferings of farmers in the areas of infrastructure improvement, eliminate illegal tariff and hence increase production and income. She added that APRA could partner with GIC (German innovation centre) who support smallholding farming through group formation for commercial production Nigeria.

Dr. Manzo Maigari suggested that APRA could partner with NABG because it is not focused on any particular commodity value chain, but is all inclusive. He recommended that Board could adopt a system of discussing important issues virtually so that physical meetings will be at less

frequent intervals. Dr Maigari also advised that APRA can adopt a type of programme that would involve linking of farmer groups with ff-takers, seed providers and agrochemical providers. In addition, he pointed out that access to knowledge is a major challenge for attracting youth into agriculture. According to him, without knowledge, certain practices cannot be standardized and without standardization of practices, the risk in agriculture venture cannot be quantified and new farmers and funds will not flow into agriculture naturally.

Alhaji Azeez congratulated APRA for putting up this initiative aimed at impacting the lives of farm and non-farm families associated with the agricultural sector. He advised APRA to look into the policy of the Growth Enhancement Scheme (GES) introduced by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture in 2011, but now moribund. He advised that APRA should key into the policy of digital arrangement in agricultural system, where farmers can get inputs and extension services through the use of digital tools. Furthermore, he suggested that for APRA to make impact, there is need to appraise existing agricultural policies, as well as involve all the relevant ministries and stakeholders along the agricultural value chain in policy design. He highlighted some of the programmes of the Nigerian government that have succeeded and would want APRA to take a good look at. These include:

- i. Anchor borrower programme.
- ii. Presidential initiative on fertilizer, which has been appraised as the best in the country. and has made fertilizer available to farmers at low price. The only limitation is that the programme only addresses one segment of value chain, production. He suggested APRA to buy into this initiative by considering other segment of the value chain.
- iii. Presidential initiative for rice and wheat is another policy that has been working and which APRA can give some attention to
- iv. AIMS: Agricultural Inputs and Mechanization Services is the program of the current government that replaced the GES of the immediate past federal government
- v. Rice programme: This programme distributes several rice processing machines and facilitates operation of some large-scale rice mills. The policy establishes rice mill and sells it out to willing investors

Engineer M.O. Akeju suggested that APRA results should highlight specific challenges that hinder increased investment by farmers, so that appropriate policies could be formulated and directed towards eliminating such challenges. He also advised that APRA consider looking at political economy issues that could pose a challenge to policy impact in Nigeria.

Prince Olusegun Dasaolu appreciated the initiative by the MSU and the APRA. He observed that we have experienced series of policy somersault in Nigeria as result of politics and that APRA needs to find a way to circumvent this challenge in order to achieve its objective of high policy impact. He said the grassroot farmers are always not aware of most government policies and suggested that APRA could synergize with the government and stakeholders to

put this issue behind us. He advocated for land policies that would encourage land aggregation within communities to enhance commercialisation, mechanization and poverty reduction.

Prof. Aromolaran asked for contributions from Board members on how on how the issue of low youth engagement in medium scale farming identified from preliminary APRA results be addressed

In responding, Mrs Abosede mentioned that the ongoing federal government initiative of the Anchor Borrower's Programme has facilitated an increase in youth engagement in agriculture. She however express concern that inadequate numbers of off-takers for most of the value chain products under the scheme, especially cassava and poultry have become major challenges. She advised that developing an effective system of off-taking for agricultural produce may be an important area of contribution for APRA, that could help improve the impact of such programmes in Nigeria.

Alhaji Azeez, who represented Dr. Mohammed Bello Umar added that APRA can collaborate with the present NABG to streamline some of these policies by strengthening the ones that are not working and then maximize those that are working to fast track and solve the challenges of increasing youth unemployment and aging farm population. He advised that cultural attachment to land, such that people don't want to sell, should be discouraged by promoting a system of land availability for agriculture purpose for a fee. According to him, this would facilitate participation in land markets and result in growth in average farm size

Mr Gideon Negedi advised that the APRA Board should include a representative from the banking sector, preferably the head of development finance department of Central Bank of Nigeria.

Prof Adelaja then invited contributions from board members on things that could make APRA more effective in terms of policy impact. It was suggested that APRA could:

- ❖ Consider stakeholder engagement advisory;
- ❖ Could create a twitter and village meeting;
- ❖ involve the social and conventional media in developmental project reporting;
- ❖ Organize a multi-levels town hall meeting involving the grassroots at community and state levels to increase grassroot participation in policy formulation and implementation
- ❖ Engage farmers more frequently through the use of the major information outlets such as the radio, television, newspaper, periodicals, Introduce information dissemination through multiple languages, because of the multilingual nature of the Nigerian population. A good start would be the 3 major languages: Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo.

## **5.0 Next Steps**

Professor Aromolaran, who led this part of the event, made the following submissions. First is that one of the major responsibilities of the APRA Advisory Board, going forward, is to ensure that APRA Nigeria research results do not end on library shelves. Rather, the Advisory Board is expected to facilitate the translation of APRA research results into implementable policies, programmes and projects, that will positively and significantly affect the livelihood of the myriad of small-scale farm households that constitute the mainstay of Nigeria's and indeed most of sub-Saharan Africa's agricultural sector.

Secondly, it is important that efforts at translating research results into policies and programmes be initially focused on the two APRA WS1 pilot states of Ogun and Kaduna. Successes achieved in the two states can then be extended to other states in future.

Thirdly, the Advisory Board could play a very important role in attracting funds from both state and federal governments, as well as developmental partners for the purpose of implementing policies, programmes and projects resulting from APRA research work in Nigeria.

Fourth, a Whatsapp platform would be set up for ease of interaction between board members on issues relation to the mandate of the board and for interaction with the MSU based research team.

Fifth, members of the Advisory Board now in place are in a position to facilitate the proposed second wave of data collection in 2020

Prof Thomas added that it is instructive for him and there is so much energy, good will and really innovative thinking in this room and he thanked everyone for giving them. He also appreciated Prof. Aromolaran who really deserves our appreciation for having organized this meeting and identified everyone to serve.

## **6.0 Vote of Thanks**

Professor Aromolaran appreciated every member of the newly inaugurated APRA Advisory Board for finding time out of their very busy schedules to attend this meeting. He also thanked all the members of the APRA research team for traveling very far distances (USA and Ghana) to participate in this meeting. Finally, he appreciated the support staff and the Journalist covering the event for their important contributions to the success of this meeting.

## **7.0 Press Coverage**

**The meeting was covered by Eki Communications and published online in FoodFarm News::** <http://foodfarmnews.blogspot.com/2019/10/apra-nigeria-inaugurates-board-for.html>

## APPENDIX 1: APRA-Nigeria Advisory Board Meeting

Rock View Hotel, Abuja

Nigeria

September 27 2019

### PROGRAM

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#### Thursday, September 26, 2019

12:30pm -8:00pm

Arrival of guests from outside Abuja and check in

8:00pm-9:30pm

Welcome Get-Together

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#### Friday, September 27, 2019

7.00am to 8.30am

**Breakfast**

8.30am to 9.00am

Registration

9.00am to 9:10am

Introduction of Participants and Statement of Purpose of the Meeting-*Professor Adebayo Aromolaran*

9:10am to 9.15am

APRA West Africa Coordinator Remarks

– *Prof Joseph Yaro*

9:15am to 9:30am

Report on APRA-Nigeria WS1 Activities

-*Prof Adebayo Aromolaran*

9:30am- 9:40am

Reflection on APRA Activities in Africa and Policy Implications

-*Prof Thomas Jayne*

9:40am to 9:50am

Inauguration of the APRA-Nigeria WS1/WS3 Advisory Board

-*Prof Titus Awokuse*

9:50am to 10:00am

Expected Role of the APRA Nigeria Advisory Board

-*Lead by Prof. Soji Adelaja*

10:00am to 10:15am

**Break**

10:15am to 12:15pm

Discussions:

- Ongoing related initiatives in Nigeria that APRA WS1 should contact to explore partnering
- Private sector, public sector and civil society groups that would be interested in APRA WS1 research findings
- How to make APRA more impactful in Nigeria

-*Moderator: Professor Adesoji Adelaja*

12.15pm to 12.25pm

Next Steps and Vote of Thanks- *Professor Adebayo Aromolaran*

12.25pm to 12:35pm

Group Photograph

12:35pm-1:35pm

**Lunch**

1:35pm

Guests departure

## APPENDIX 2: PARTICIPANT LIST

	Name	Title /Organization	Sector	Status of Invitation
1.	Prof Adebayo Aromolaran	Professor of Agric. Economics & Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Adekunle Ajasin University	APRA-Nigeria Team	Country Coordinator, MSU APRA-Nigeria
2.	Prof Thomas Jayne	University Foundation Professor, Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU	APRA-Nigeria Team	Lead Principal Investigator, MSU APRA-Nigeria WS3 project
3.	Prof Titus Awokuse	Professor and Chairperson, Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU	APRA-Nigeria Team	Principal Investigator, MSU APRA-Nigeria WS1 project
4.	Prof. Soji Adelaja	John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU	APRA-Nigeria Team	Principal Investigator, MSU APRA-Nigeria WS1 project
5.	Dr Adeola Olajide	Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan	APRA-Nigeria Team	Invited Gest/ Principal Investigator, APRA-Nigeria WS2 project
6.	Prof Joseph Yaro	Director, Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana	APRA-West Africa Team	Invited Guest/ West Africa Coordinator (Future Agricultures Consortium)
7.	Ms Nike Tinubu	President, Industrial Cassava Stakeholders Association of Nigeria (ICSAN)	Private Sector	Advisory Board Member
8.	Mr Thomas Etuh	President, Fertilizer Producers and Suppliers Association of Nigeria (FEPSAN)	Private Sector	Advisory Board Member; Represented by Mr Gideon Negedi
9.	Eng. M.O. Akeju	Former Director of Rural Development, FMARD	Independent	Advisory Board Member
10.	Dr Manzo Maigari	Director General, Nigerian Agribusiness Group	Non-Governmental Organization	Advisory Board Member
11.	Alhaji Sanni Sabiu	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, Kaduna State	Kaduna State Government	Advisory Board Member
12.	Mrs Abosede Ogunleye	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Ogun State	Ogun State Government	Advisory Board Member
13.	Dr Mohammed Bello Umar	Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development	Federal Government	Advisory Board Member, Represented by Alhaji M.O. Azeez
14.	Prince Olusegun Dasaolu	Chairman, Ogun State Chapter of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN)	Farmers Group, Ogun	Advisory Board Member
15.	Alhaji Nuhu Aminu	Chairman, Kaduna State Chapter of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN)	Farmers Group, Kaduna	Advisory Board Member
16.	Mr Abel Gomina	Lecturer, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	APRA Nigeria Research Project	Rapporteur
17.	Mr Ayeni	EKI International Communications Limited	Media	Journalist
18.	Mariam Aliyu		APRA Nigeria Research Project	Administrative Assistant

### **APPENDIX 3 : Participants at the APRA Nigeria WS#1 Advisory Board Inaugural Meeting**

**Rock View Royale Hotel Abuja**

**September 27, 2019**



From Left: Alhaji M.O Azeez, Mr. Gideon Negedi, Prince Olusegun Dasaolu, Dr. Adeola Olajide, Prof. Adesoji Adelaja, Prof. Thomas Jayne, Alhaji Sani Sabiu, Prof. Adebayo Aromolaran, Mrs Abosede Ogunleye, Dr Manzo Maigari (New Board Chairman), Prof. Titus Awokuse, Engineer M.O. Akeju, Prof, Joseph Yaro, Ms. Nike Tinubu, Alhaji Nuhu Aminu.