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NEWS RELEASE

NAPE HOLDS ITS 12TH UNIVERSITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (UAP) LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 12th NAPE-UAP (University Assistance Program) Leadership Forum will hold from **Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March, 2013, at The Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State.**

The theme of the Forum is, **“Enhancing Skill-Based Learning and Professionalism in Geosciences Education in Nigeria-Industry to Academic Support and Collaboration”.**

The Chairman of the Forum will be Professor Isaac Adewole (FAS), Vice- Chancellor, University of Ibadan while Emeritus Professor Ayo Banjo and former Vice Chancellor of University of Ibadan will deliver the Keynote Address.

NAPE President and Managing Director of Geo-Concept Technical limited, Mr. George Osahon, *fnape*, will give the Opening Remarks while Mr. Chike Onyejekwe, *fnape*, Managing Director, Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCO) will deliver the Leadership Forum Address.

The main objectives of the NAPE-UAP Leadership forum are:

- (1) To improve contact and increase interaction between the Oil & Gas industry and Geo-Science departments of Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics.
- (2) To provide assistance that will enhance the teaching of Earth science in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions.

The Leadership Forum was initiated in 2001 and holds biennially. It alternates with the Mini-Conference which is the Students' version of the Association's conference and holds biennially in the campus of Tertiary Institutions in the country. This year's Forum as in previous editions is expected to attract top government functionaries, erudite scholars from tertiary institutions across the country, eminent professional geo-scientists, students from Universities and polytechnics, and captains of the Oil and Gas industry.

Special Highlights in this year's Forum will include a session on Practical Initiatives for Industry - Academic knowledge & Skills Transfer to be chaired by Professor Julius Okojie, Executive Secretary; National Universities Commission (NUC) during which presentations will be made by the following:-

- Prof O.S Adegoke, Chairman/CEO Mosunmolu Limited
- Dr Kunle Adesida, *fnape*
- Chevron Nigeria Ltd

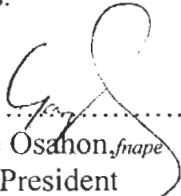
- Dr Kenny Ladipo, CEO, Centre of Excellence, University of Benin, Benin City, in partnership with SHELL
- Dr Lambert-Aihkionbare, CEO, Ehimade Nigeria Limited, in partnership with ExxonMobil, AFREN and AMNI
- Engr. Bello Bugaje, Registrar and CEO, COMEG
- Prof M.A Rahaman, Curriculum Development Director, COMEG

The NAPE-UAP Leadership Forum has in the past 11 years achieved success in identifying, cataloging and assessing many of the root causes of the falling standard of education in Nigeria's tertiary institutions. In addition, the Forum has been a major donor of basic teaching and research equipment and grants to Geo-Science departments in over 26 Universities and 4 polytechnics offering Geo-science programs in the country.


Under the NAPE-UAP Program, the Association has intensified efforts in complementing the Universities in the teaching of specialized courses. In this regard, NAPE is continually supporting oil & gas industry professionals to offer teaching services to the Universities at no cost. Some of the Association's Corporate Members have responded positively by offering their staff on full time basis to Universities to be part of the academic staff at no cost to the recipient Universities.

NAPE has also put in place a Grant-in-Aid programme that offers financial assistance to promising undergraduates requiring such support. The sponsorship covered by the Grant-in-Aid Program is funded by individual members of NAPE and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). This incentive is to encourage students to compete and strive for excellence.

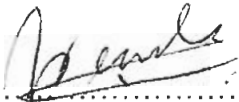
The NAPE Mini-Conference is another student-oriented program that provides an opportunity for budding professionals to showcase their technical skills by presenting papers on petroleum and related subjects. Over the years, the performance of students at the gathering has continued to impress prospective employers such that the Mini-Conference has become an avenue for operating companies and service providers to 'head hunt' potential employees. Six of Mini-Conferences have been held so far with very resounding success.



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