

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF FIRST UBEC MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH DIRECTORS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE FROM SUBEBs AND UBEC ZONAL/STATE COORDINATORS HELD ON 13TH JULY 2011 AT THE ROYAL CHOICE INN, MAKURDI, BENUE STATE**

The meeting, which had in attendance UBEC Headquarters officials, Zonal/State Coordinators and SUBEB Directors of Quality Assurance, commended UBEC Management for its activities within the year, especially towards effective and proper implementation of Universal Basic Education (UBE) in Nigeria and for initiating this meeting, to ensure quality within the system.

At the end of the meeting, the following resolutions were made:

1. UBEC should direct the harmonization of Quality Assurance (QA) Departments in SUBEBs/FCTUBEB to check proliferation and duplication of functions and to make SUBEBs Quality Assurance-compliant.
2. UBEC should advise SUBEBs to provide vehicles/boats, as well as funds, for effective supervision of schools by QA Departments.
3. UBEC is congratulated for the successful completion of 2011 NALABE, and States are urged to conduct similar assessment in their areas of jurisdiction, every two years.
4. There is need for immediate Training/Re-Training of QA Officers in the States for effective and quality service delivery.
5. The Quality Assurance (QA) practices should be uniformly implemented in States/FCT from next academic session by UBEC/SUBEBs/FCTUBEB/LGEAs. Hence, there should be approved uniform instruments for implementation and reporting.
6. Directors of QA of SUBEBs/FCTUBEB, as actual agents of QA, should take proactive steps to implement standards, by conducting and directing regular school supervision. They should take steps to improve the quality of Supervisors, as well as their attitude to work.

7. Where QA Agencies are established in the States/FCT, SUBEBs should key in and be prominent to its advantage.
8. States should endeavor to access their FGN/UBE Intervention funds in order to ensure improved funding, provide adequate infrastructure, instructional materials, etc, for quality Basic Education delivery in the States and the FCT.
9. UBEC should adequately sensitize and mobilize the States on QA practices to ensure acceptance and adoption.
10. All SUBEBs/FCTUBEB should ensure the establishment of ECCDE Centres in their schools, to ensure quality and availability of pupils for the regular school system.
11. Since Quality Assurance practice is wholesome and involves other components, efforts should be made by the SUBEBs/FCTUBEB to improve the welfare of teachers, as well as school managers, by providing adequate incentives and motivation.
12. There is need to convene annual meetings of QA Officers by UBEC to appraise activities and results from States for improved standards.

The Communiqué Committee hereby expresses its appreciation to UBEC for the opportunity given members to serve in this regard, and the Directors for their commitment to effective service delivery.