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*The Transformational Legacy
Of The Executive Committee
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★ Strengthening University Financial Management.”



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The Transformational Legacy Of The Executive Committee

Building Institutions. Advancing Professionalism. Strengthening University Financial Management.

In the intricate architecture of Nigeria's university system, where academic excellence often takes center stage, a quiet but powerful engine drives sustainability, accountability, and institutional growth—**THE BURSARY**.

Behind every lecture hall renovated, every research grant processed, every salary paid on time, and every capital project executed with fiscal discipline, stands a team of financial administrators whose work defines the stability of higher education.

The past three years, at the forefront of this critical sector is the Executive Committee of the Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU)—a team not merely managing accounts, but setting landmarks in Nigeria's education financial landscape.

With a blend of experience, innovation, and reform-driven leadership, this executive committee has redefined what it means to steward university finances in a complex, dwindling and evolving national economy.



Dr. (Mrs.) Hadiza Goje, FCNA, FCTI, ACA
Chairman, ABNU

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CHAIRMAN'S LEGACY MESSAGE

A Journey of Vision, Service and Institutional Transformation

When the Executive Committee assumed office on 28th November 2023, our vision was clear: to strengthen ABNU as a professional institution capable of shaping the future of university financial management in Nigeria.

The journey has been defined by collaboration, innovation, accountability, and commitment to excellence.

Together, we pursued initiatives aimed at building enduring structures rather than temporary achievements. The acquisition of land for the ABNU Permanent Secretariat, the establishment of the **ABNU Centre for Professionalism and Accountability**, strengthening of partnerships, promotion of professional development, and enhancement of financial governance represent milestones that will continue to serve the Association beyond this tenure.

Our success has been made possible by the dedication of the Executive Committee, the support of our members, and the cooperation of our stakeholders.

As we conclude this tenure, we leave behind a stronger ABNU — one positioned for greater relevance, sustainability, and impact.

Dr. (Mrs.) Hadiza Goje, FCNA, FCTI, ACA
ABNU Chairman



LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENTS

I. Acquisition of Land for ABNU Permanent Secretariat and Hospitality Facility

One of the most historic achievements of the Executive Committee was the successful acquisition of a one-hectare parcel of land at Yakubu Gowon University (formerly University of Abuja) for the development of ABNU's permanent headquarters.

The proposed facility will accommodate:

- ABNU Permanent Secretariat
- Hotel and Guest House Facility
- Administrative Offices
- Conference Facilities
- Training and Professional Development Centres

This milestone represents a major step towards institutional permanence, financial sustainability, and long-term growth.



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2. Establishment of the ABNU Centre for Professionalism and Accountability (ACPA)

The Executive Committee conceptualised the establishment of the ABNU Centre for Professionalism and Accountability (ACPA) as a centre of excellence dedicated to:

- Professional ethics and standards
- Accountability and transparency
- Research and policy development

- Leadership capacity building
- Public sector governance improvement
- Continuous professional development

ACPA is envisioned as a national platform for advancing excellence in university financial management.

3. Establishment of a Functional ABNU Secretariat

Recognising the importance of a stable administrative headquarters, the Executive Committee secured a functional ABNU Secretariat through the goodwill and support of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU).

The provision of office accommodation at the SSANU National Secretariat:

- Eliminated recurring rental costs
- Improved administrative efficiency
- Strengthened institutional identity
- Enhanced service delivery capacity

This achievement created a sustainable operational foundation for ABNU.



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4. Strengthening Financial Accountability Through Audited Accounts

The Executive Committee ensured the preparation and audit of ABNU financial statements for:

- 2023 Financial Year
- 2024 Financial Year
- 2025 Financial Year

This achievement reinforced:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Good corporate governance
- Stakeholder confidence

5. Launch of the University Exchequer Magazine



The administration successfully launched the University Exchequer Magazine, ABNU's flagship professional publication.

The magazine provides a platform for:

- Professional dialogue
- Research dissemination
- Policy advocacy
- Knowledge sharing
- Documentation of developments in higher education

The maiden edition was successfully published, with subsequent editions developed as part of ABNU's knowledge legacy.



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6. Strengthening Strategic Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement

The Executive Committee strengthened ABNU's relationship with critical stakeholders including:

- National Universities Commission (NUC)
- Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)
- Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND)
- Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund (TISSF)
- Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation
- Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation
- Federal Ministry of Education
- Federal Ministry of Finance
- National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission

These engagements positioned ABNU as a respected voice in university funding, governance, accountability, and financial sustainability.



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7. International Study Visits and Capacity Development

The Executive Committee expanded professional exposure for University Bursars through international learning and benchmarking programmes in:

- ◉ United Kingdom
- ◉ Canada
- ◉ United States of America
- ◉ South Africa
- ◉ Kenya

The programmes promoted:

- ◉ Global best practices
- ◉ Innovation
- ◉ Knowledge exchange
- ◉ Professional networking

Modern financial management approaches



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8. National Recognition Through Policy Engagement

The ABNU Chairman, Dr. (Mrs.) Hadiza Goje, FCNA, FCTI, ACA, was appointed as a member of the Joint Technical Sub-Committee of the Federal Government of Nigeria and ASUU 2009 Agreement Renegotiation Committee.

This reflected national confidence in ABNU's professional expertise and strengthened the representation of university financial management perspectives in national policy discussions.



9. Facilitation of Transition from IPPIS to GIFMIS

The Executive Committee contributed significantly to the transition of Federal Universities from the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) to the Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS).

The transition strengthened:

- University autonomy
- Payroll efficiency
- Financial transparency
- Accountability systems



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10. Facilitation of the Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund (TISSF)

The administration played a strategic role in promoting awareness, engagement, and implementation of TISSF initiatives.

The intervention contributed to:

- Improved staff welfare
- Greater access to financial support

Increased stakeholder participation

11. Resolution of Institutional and Regulatory Matters

Through diplomacy, consultation, and constructive engagement, the Executive Committee successfully intervened in issues involving University Bursars and regulatory agencies.

These interventions promoted:

- Harmony
- Compliance
- Stronger institutional relationships
- Operational stability



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12. Professional Thought Leadership and Distinguished Resource Persons

Throughout the tenure, ABNU hosted several distinguished resource persons, policymakers, public officials, academics, and industry leaders who made valuable contributions to its meetings, conferences, workshops, and professional development programmes. Notable among them were:

- His Excellency, Sir Monday Onyeme – Deputy Governor, Delta State.
- Alhaji Yayale Ahmed – Chairman, Committee of Pro-Chancellors of Nigerian Federal Universities (CPCNFU).
- Representative of Dr. Shamseldeem Babatunde Ogunjimi – Accountant-General of the Federation (AGF), Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- Representative of Arc. Sunday Sylva Togo Echono, OON – Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).
- Hon. Bamidele Salam – Chairman, House Committee on Public Accounts, House of Representatives, National Assembly.
- Prof. Shehu Abdullahi Ma'aji – Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, North-West Development Commission (NWDC).
- Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta – Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMinna).
- Prof. Leo Daniel – Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Ikot Abasi (FUTIA).
- Prof. Andrew Yakubu Haruna – Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVC).
- Prof. Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu – Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC).
- Prof. Kennedy Okpara – Chief Executive Officer, CSS Farms Limited.
- Prof. Abdulrahman Asipita Salawu – Vice-Chancellor, Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara.
- Prof. Sulaiman A. S. Aruwa – Vice-Chancellor, Nasarawa State University, Keffi.
- Prof. Hassan Ibrahim – Vice-Chancellor, Phoenix University.
- Alhaji Garba Dutse – Auditor-General, Jigawa State.
- Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr – Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND).
- Management Team of NUPEMCO – Nigeria University Pension Management Company.
- Management Team of E-Transact International Plc.
- Representatives of Norrenberger Pensions Limited – Pension Fund Administrator (PFA).
- Mr. Emmanuel Shagaya – Project Manager, GIFMIS.

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12. Professional Thought Leadership and Distinguished Resource Persons

- Mr. Olurotimi Ishola Akingbade, FCTI – Director, Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS).
- Mr. Jonathan Sobowale – Managing Director /Chief Executive Officer, KPC Consults Limited.

These engagements provided members with valuable insights into public financial management, taxation, pension administration, university governance, educational financing, institutional accountability, and emerging developments in higher education administration, thereby enhancing the professional capacity of members and strengthening the Association's strategic partnerships.



A LEGACY OF TRANSFORMATION

The Executive Committee of the Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU), led by Dr. (Mrs.) Hadiza Goje, FCNA, FCTI, ACA, has established a legacy defined by:

- *Visionary leadership*
- *Institutional development*
- *Professional excellence*
- *Financial accountability*
- *Strategic partnerships*
- *Sustainable growth*

From securing land for ABNU's permanent home, strengthening governance structures, promoting international exposure, enhancing publications, and contributing to national higher education reforms, this administration has created a foundation for a stronger and more influential ABNU.

As the tenure concludes in September 2026, the achievements recorded remain enduring evidence of purposeful leadership and commitment to advancing university financial management in Nigeria.



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ABNU Training Academy



ABOUT US

The Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU) is the umbrella body for all University Bursars in Nigeria. Its training arm, ABNU Training Academy (ATAL), is dedicated to delivering relevant professional skills and leadership development programmes.

ATAL was established in response to the growing need to transform and improve workplace systems and conditions across institutions. We are committed to delivering high-quality, needs-based training interventions to both local and international clients.

Our strength lies in a team of highly experienced professionals, complemented by a network of seasoned facilitators and industry experts from both the public and private sectors. This blend of expertise enables us to provide innovative, forward-thinking solutions that address the challenges of a dynamic and increasingly globalized environment.

OUR PEOPLE

We have a diverse pool of highly skilled and experienced resource persons—both local and international—who are dynamic, results-oriented, and committed to delivering optimal client solutions.



VISION STATEMENT

To be a leading global training institution.



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide world-class, solution-driven training programmes that effectively address the evolving challenges of our clients.



OUR SERVICES

We offer capacity development and consultancy services in the following areas:

- ✓ Accounting
- ✓ Auditing and Investigation
- ✓ Leadership Development
- ✓ Taxation
- ✓ Process and Systems Improvement
- ✓ IT-Based Accounting Modules
- ✓ Consultancy Services

IN-PLANT TRAINING

In addition to our scheduled programmes, ATAL partners with institutions to deliver customized, needs-based in-plant training tailored to address specific skill and knowledge gaps.

This approach ensures maximum staff participation and delivers measurable impact and value to organizations.

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