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## President Buhari Appoints Prof. Anunobi as National Librarian

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the appointment of Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi as the new National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria.



Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi,  
National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer, National Library of Nigeria

The appointment which takes effect from 2nd September 2021, was announced by the Director of Press, on behalf of the Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu on 8th September, 2021.

Until her appointment, Prof. Anunobi was a lecturer at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka and had at different times been a lecturer at the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, the Imo State University, and the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede.

Prof. Anunobi completed her tenure as the University Librarian of the Federal University of Technology Owerri, FUTO in April 2021 and returned to the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka before she was identified by President Muhammadu Buhari and appointed as Nigeria's National Librarian.

While serving as the University Librarian, she established the University's Institutional Repository and also successfully led the Library to score above 80% for all the programmes that faced accreditation throughout her tenure as the University Librarian, which started in 2014. She also transformed the Operations and Services of the Library from traditional to ICT based – by automating operations and services; digitization and

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# Prof. Anunobi Assumes Office as National Librarian/CEO

Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on Tuesday 14th September, 2021 reported to duty as Nigeria's National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria.

It will be recalled that the appointment of Prof. Anunobi was announced on 9th September, 2021 by the Honorable Minister for Education, Adamu Adamu through a press statement signed on his behalf by the Director of Press in the Ministry, Mr. Ben Goong.

Professor Anunobi who was received on arrival by the Director Public Services Department, Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu at the Corporate Headquarters in Abuja, Abuja, promised to contribute her best, as she builds on what her predecessors

have done at the apex library of the nation to meet global standards. Speaking further, Prof. Anunobi thanked President Muhammadu Buhari for finding her worthy of the appointment and pledged to justify the confidence reposed in her, by keying into the education agenda as being championed by the Minister for Education, Adamu Adamu.

Prof. Anunobi was before now, the University Librarian, Federal University of Technology Owerri, Nigeria. She started her career as Library and Information Science {LIS} practitioner at the same University. She pioneered the establishment of Information Communication Technology {ICT} unit, Electronic Thesis & dissertation and the automation of the University Library.

She also pioneered the establishment and development of Digital library at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Nigeria. As a lecturer in the polytechnics and universities, she was involved in the formation of young and budding Library and Information Science professionals especially in the area of ICT application in libraries.

She has over 60 publications in National and International Journals and contributed the chapter 'Technology Librarian in a Developing Country' in the Book A Day in the Life: Career Options in Library & Information Science and IFLA Publication 139; Strategies for Regenerating the Information Professions.



Prof. Anunobi, Receiving the Handing Over Note from Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Kalu

Professor Anunobi, a Chartered Librarian, is member of the Nigerian Library Association. She has attended and contributed to the organization of many national and international conferences and workshops. She is an active participant in IFLA conferences where she has presented many papers. She is interested in networking, mentoring and research on the adoption of ICT in Library and Information Science as well as library users' needs. She is an expert in Digital Library development and management as well as Open Educational Resources.

The newly appointed National Librarian is happily married to Mr. Sonny Anunobi and the marriage is blessed with four Children.



## NASU WELCOMES NEW NATIONAL LIBRARIAN/CEO

The Non Academic Staff Union {NASU} National Library of Nigeria Branch sent a congratulatory message to the newly appointed National Librarian/ Chief Executive officer, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on her appointment. In a statement signed by the Secretary of the Union Mr. Praised Uguru noted that the "news of your appointment brought

joy to us in NASU because of your impeccable and outstanding professional and academic profile

We congratulate you on your appointment as the National Librarian/ Chief Executive Officer.

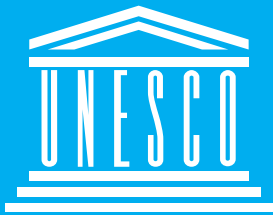
We joyfully welcome and pledge our support to you.

We are very confident that you will

further transform the fortunes of this noble institution.

We urge you to remain focused and diligent to leave an outstanding legacy.

Our prayer is that the good Lord will guide and protect you. He will grant you wisdom and courage to steer the wheel of this great organization"



## UNESCO-Nigeria Congratulates Prof. Anunobi on Her Appointment

The National Librarian and Chief Executive of the National Library of Nigeria, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on Wednesday 3rd November, 2021 received a delegation from the United Nations, Educational, scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, Nigeria, on a congratulatory visit in her Office, in Abuja.

Speaking during the interaction, Prof. Anunobi, told the delegation that one of the mandates of National Library of Nigeria is to preserve its intellectual heritage for people to have access to anywhere in the world, decried the absence of a published compendium about Nigeria's cultures, noting that "as rich and diverse as our cultural heritage is, there is hardly any single document where you can read about them all." Furthermore, she encouraged Nigerians to start writing histories of their families and cultures and publishing same, for public consumption.

To promote this initiative, she added, the Organization would commence a

of Nigeria is ever ready to collaborate with UNESCO Nigeria to promote the county's Culture.

Earlier in his presentation, the Director General of UNESCO Nigeria Mr. Olagunju Idowu Lateef expressed happiness and enthusiasm on the appointment of Professor Anunobi as Nigeria's National Librarian, based on her professional antecedents and wealth of experience. He stated that the purpose of their visit was to congratulate her and pray that she succeed in transforming the library services in Nigeria to meet global standard.

Mr Lateef also used the occasion to seek the collaboration of the National Librarian, being a statutory Member of the National Committee, to lead the committee to achieve the mission and vision of UNESCO in Nigeria.

It will be recalled that the National Committee for UNESCO is comprised of Representatives from, Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM)



Group Photographs of the National Librarian, Prof. Anunobi middle with Members of UNESCO Nigeria, in her Office.

programme called "Family book club" which shall be aimed at educating Nigerians on the importance of documenting the histories of their families and cultures and making them public, as this would help Nigerians preserve their identities for generation yet unborn.

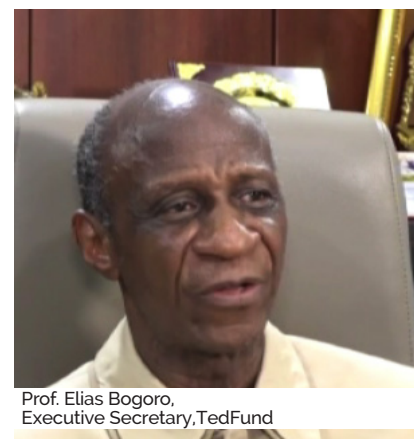
The National Librarian further promised that the National Library

National Archives of Nigeria, National Council for Arts and Culture, National Library of Nigeria, National Commission for Museums and Monuments, Nigerian Films Corporation, as well as the FCT Council of Arts and Culture while the Director General is from International Cultural Relations of the Federal Ministry of information and Culture.

## National Librarian Visits Tetfund.

The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe Anunobi on Monday 25th October, 2021 paid a courtesy visit on the Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TedFund, Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro in his Office in Abuja.

Prof. Anunobi informed her host that the visit was to extend the profound appreciation of the Management and Staff of the National Library of Nigeria to the Executive Secretary and the Management of the Fund for their interest and considerate gesture towards the completion of the permanent headquarters building of the National Library of Nigeria. According to the National Librarian, with the intervention of the Fund which will see to and early completion of the multi-storey edifice, the Library will have a standard book storage facility capable of housing and preserving the huge collection of its materials.



Prof. Elias Bogoro, Executive Secretary, TedFund

Responding, the Executive Secretary of TedFund, Prof. Elias Bogoro stated that within the limit of its enabling law, the Fund is desirous of supporting any cause that will further the development of education in the country, including the development of libraries.

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deployment of eLibrary operations and services; Social media services; Cloud Services through the Library Website and University Library Automation Platform running on Alexandria. – She also instituted Innovative Library Services by creating a gaming section, Viewing / Relaxation section, Light reading section

Throughout her career, Prof. Anunobi has always seen to the introduction of novel and innovative programs that enhance service delivery, especially with the deployment of ICT tools and subscription to reputable databases.

As an administrator, the new National Librarian has at different times been

Anunobi is a member of many professional bodies and associations including being a chartered member of the Nigerian Library Association and IT Section of the Profession. She is also a member of the Governing Council of African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) where she represents the entire



Prof. Anunobi, Middle, with Management of the National Library of Nigeria on Her First Day in Office

, Research & Learning common. She also Led the University to take 1st position at the National Universities Commission's Open Educational Resources Competition in 2018.

Her career as LIS practitioner began at the Federal University of Technology Owerri, Nigeria where she pioneered the establishment of ICT unit, Electronic Thesis & Dissertation and the automation of the University Library. She also pioneered the establishment and development of Digital library as a Digital librarian of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Nigeria.

Before her appointment as the University Librarian in FUTO, she had worked in different roles as a librarian including being a Deputy University Librarian at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, where she was the Chairman, Committee on Automation of the University library, initiating steps towards automating the University Library with a Web- based software.

either Chairman or Member of various institutional committees including: University Management Committee, University Senate, Tenders Board, Curriculum Committee of the University, Research Policy Committee, as well as ICT, Academic and Professional Staff Training, Publications and Procurement Planning Committees as well as Member, Institute of Erosion Studies.

The alumnae of the United Nations Institute For Training and Research (UNITAR): where she completed a course in Innovation Collaborative for Development, e-Learning course on Social Media is also an Associate, Mortenson Centre for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana where she participated in the Programme: Librarians of Tomorrow, Communication and Leadership.

Prof. Anunobi has published over sixty articles in both international and domestic academic journals and published over ten books.

West Africa region on the Board of the Organization.

The erudite scholar has attended and contributed to the organization of many national and international conferences and workshops. She is an active participant in IFLA conferences where she has presented many papers.

She is interested in networking, mentoring and research on the adoption of ICT in Library and Information Science as well as library users' needs. She is an expert in Digital Library development and management as well as Open Educational Resources.

Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi by her appointment stands as the second female National Librarian/CEO of the apex library of the nation and took over from Prof. Olatokunbo Aina, who was the the National Librarian from August 2016 until the end of his tenure in July 2021.

# Akwa Ibom State Branch Celebrates First Anniversary

The Akwa Ibom State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria the 1st November, 2021 celebrated the first anniversary of its establishment.

for ensuring the fulfillment of the state's obligations, by providing a temporary office accommodation at State Library Board premises and equally allocating a site for building of the prototype



Head of Akwa Ibom State branch, Mrs. Helen Alfred Ebi in a group photograph with staff during the anniversary celebration at the branch.

The branch which commenced activities on 1st November 2020, was established in compliance with the Organization's enabling Act, which makes it mandatory for the establishment of its branch in every state of the federation upon the state's fulfilment of their requisite obligations. The branch has brought closer to the people of the state, the services of National Library of Nigeria.

Speaking during a brief ceremony to mark the anniversary, the pioneer Head of Branch, Mrs. Helen Ebi acknowledged the Governor of Akwa Ibom, His Excellency Udom Emmanuel

permanent structure in the State. Mrs. Ebi further stated that the high level of patronage of the new branch indicates that it was a wise decision to have established the branch.



Mrs Helen Ebi, and Mr. Neutimharm left, and Mr. Ubong Idorenyin Uttah Chairman Jehub Resources during the Anniversary Celebration at the Branch.

# Students from Fed. Uni. Lafia, visits NLN on excursion

One hundred and Forty Seven (147) Students from Federal University Lafia, Nasarawa State had on Wednesday 17th November, 2021 visited the National Library of Nigeria on excursion.

Led by their Course Lecturer, Dr. Mpage Asom, the students were received on arrival by a Deputy Director in the Planning, Research and Statistics Department, Mrs Franca Ofodili who took them round all Professional Departments at the Corporate Headquarters. She equally encouraged them to practice librarianship profession with passion, charging them to double their effort especially in the area of digital library services which has become a new trends in the profession worldwide. Mrs Ofodili also explained to the Students, function and activities of the National Library of Nigeria and encouraged them to inculcate the habit of reading even outside school hours.

Earlier, the Lecturer Dr. Mpage Asom accompanied by three other supportive Lecturers said that the purpose of their visit was to bridge the gap between theory in the Class and what is practiced in the profession so that students would understand the course very well.

The students had earlier visited the FCT Abuja branch of the National Library of Nigeria.

## National Library to Support City Library Abuja

The National Library of Nigeria is to continue extending professional support to other libraries in the country, in order to enhance standard service delivery to members of the public. The National Librarian stated this when the Head of the FCT City Library, Mr. Lawrence Akumuo paid her a courtesy visit on Thursday 21st October, 2021 to congratulate her on her appointment as the National Librarian/Chief Executive of the apex library of the nation. Prof. Anunobi who pledged that the National Library will support the City

Library in to upgrade its services, lamented the ineffectiveness of e- library services in most libraries across the Country which limits access to information resources that available. She noted that it's a mandate of



Prof. Anunobi Flanked to the Right by Mr. Akumo and Mrs Safiya Kaita while to Her Left, is Mrs. Zainab Abdulmalik.

the National Library of Nigeria to promote reading culture, she added that with the support of her Staff and other stakeholders the library services in the Country would be upgraded to meet the demands of the populace.

Earlier in his presentation, the Head of Federal Capital Territory City Library Mr. Lawrence Akomuo, who was accompanied by Mrs. Safiya Kaita and Mrs. Zainab Abdulmalik, stated that they were at the National Library to felicitate with Prof. Anunobi on her appointment as Nigeria's National Librarian and also explore areas of possible collaboration towards quality service delivery.

## National Librarian on Familiarization Visit to Departments

The National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has commenced a familiarization visit to the departments at the Corporate Headquarters, Abuja. The visit which offers her first-hand information on the functions of the various departments/divisions/units and to also acquaint herself with the staff and interact with them one on one.

Addressing the staff at the Collections Development and Technical Services Department which was her first point of call, Prof. Anunobi encouraged them to be focused, passionate and committed to duty as their department is the engine house



Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer

that plays a very important role in the acquisition and processing of information resources, which eventually and shelved for public use.

The National Librarian was received in the department by the Director, Mrs. Anthonia Onuoha who briefed her on the achievements, challenges and future plans of the department. The meeting also afforded other staff of the department and opportunity to voice out their challenges which the National Librarian promised to attend to, in order of priority.



## National Library to Intensify Legal Deposit Drive, Create a Digital Repository

The National Library of Nigeria is to intensify its drive in the collection of legal deposit materials, towards the realization of one of its key mandates. The Library is to also digitize the information resources and create a digital repository. The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi stated this during her visit to the Legal Deposit Department and the Virtual Library Services Department on Monday 11th October, 2021.

The National Librarian in her remarks at the Legal deposit department expressed optimism that the department would continue to provide the best services in the area of legal deposit compliance by Authors and Publishers in the Country so that intellectual memory of the nation be preserved for posterity. She lamented that “of course many Institutions of learning across the country produce publications without complying with the law”. She encouraged the department to double their efforts to enlighten Authors and Publishers to respect the law.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Ag. Director of the Department, Ms. I.G Akpabio expressed appreciation to the National Librarian for the visit and promised to support the administration to upgrade the Organizational services to greater heights.

While at the Virtual Library services department, Professor Anunobi encouraged Staff to understand that digitization of National Library materials is the backbone of their schedules. Prof. Anunobi reminded staff of the department that in an era whereby technological advancement has made it possible for users to access information resources without leaving their comfort zones, it is has become mandatory for the Library to also make their available to the public in the comfort of their homes or offices. This, according to her, should be the driving force of the department and the yardstick upon which the department will be appraised.

She also directed that the department liaise with ICT division of the Organization so that a link be created at the website on the activities of the Virtual Library services. The National Librarian also directed that all Staff Members should add the Organization's email address (info@nl.gov.ng) as their second e-mail address

in order to make it more functional and efficient.

Earlier on, Mr. Paul Mamman, the Director of the Department, during his presentation solicited the intervention of the National Librarian to revive the department to perform optimally.

**We Shall Digitize All Rare Materials for Easy Accessibility**  
- Prof. Anunobi

The National Librarian has directed that rare materials should be digitized and made accessible to the public through the Library's website. She gave the directive during her departmental visit to the Planning, Research and Statistics Department.

Welcoming the new Chief Executive Officer, the Head of Department, Mr. Philemon Aya briefed her on the functions, achievements and challenges of the department.

Members of staff expressed their needs and expectations from the administration of the new NL/CEO.

The National Librarian/CEO was accompanied by Mr. Aworinde Special Assistant Administrative matters and Mr. Kenneth Ahonsi, SA Professional matters including staff of the Public Relations Division.

# Prof. Anunobi Shares Her Vision: Reels Out Eight-Point Agenda



Prof. Anunobi, During the Press Conference.

The National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi held a Press Conference on Wednesday 19th November, 2021 where she reeled out

an Eight Point Focus of her administration. According to Prof. Anunobi, although National Library of Nigeria will continue

with all other routine services in accordance with the best global practices, a lot of attention shall be given in the following areas:

1. Digitization and Development of National Repository of Nigeria (NRN);
2. Virtual Library Services Development;
3. Automation of Library Operations and Services;
4. Enhancing the Branch Libraries Environment;
5. Providing Library Services to the “Hard to Reach”;
6. Enhance Literacy Sensitization and Encourage Documentation of Family Heritage in Indigenous Languages;
7. Expansion and Strengthening of the National Library Archives;
8. Collaborating with Schools to Ensure Establishment and Management of Libraries for the Promotion of Reading.

## Plateau State Branch Commemorates Day of the Girl Child – Trains 20 Girls on ICT

The Plateau state branch of the National Library of Nigeria, in collaboration with The Women and Girl Child Rescue and Development Initiative and Better Class Environment joined the world in commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child. The event which took place at the premises of the Branch in Jos, had students from 20 secondary schools and other invited guests in attendance.

Speaking at the event, the Head of Branch, Mrs Sarah Emmanuel Mshelia stated that the National Library of Nigeria organized the programme to expose

participants, especially the girl-child on basic knowledge of Information Communication Technology (ICT) and other skills which will enable them to be useful to themselves and to the society.



Some Students during the Girl Child day at Jos State branch

The Executive Director of the Women and Child Rescue and Development Initiative, Mrs Bridget Dalkyes stated that the training will be beneficial to the participants by getting them acquainted with technological development especially in the areas of information communication technology (ICT) and other skills. She said that the girl child possessed lots of potentials which should be celebrated.

Also addressing the students, the Director of Zamani Environmental Foundation, Mr. Zeenet Zamani enlightened them on the best way to maintain a conducive environment and keep their surroundings clean. He promised to set up a garden in the premises of the participating schools to give their school a nice look. Other guests at the event were; the Convener of Change Makers, Rev. Toyin Wiggins, the Chairman, Nigeria Library Association Plateau state chapter, Mr. Daship Na'angap and Mrs Sandra Adik, the leader of the Better Class Environment.

The International Girl Child Day is an annual event celebrated globally on October 11th to advocate for the rights of the girl-child and amplify their voices. The day is also mapped out to kick against gender-based challenges faced by young girls and adolescents around the world. Issues like child marriage, discrimination against girl child education, violence and other ill-treatment against the girl child are given prominent attention.

# National Library of Nigeria Seeks Deeper Collaboration with American Center

The National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has indicated that the National Library of Nigeria is ready to collaborate with the American Center in various areas of mutual interest in order to improve service delivery to the public.

Addressing a team from the American Embassy Abuja, who paid her a courtesy visit at the National Library Corporate Headquarters, Prof. Anunobi emphasized that the American Center has been so wonderful to librarians and users of information in Nigeria. According to her, “The American

Speaking further, the National Librarian/CEO informed her guests that “the National Library of Nigeria being the knowledge repository of the country, is always willing to explore new avenues that will expand the reach of the services we render to the public.” She therefore advocated for collaboration in the

capacity development especially on virtual library services.

Earlier in his speech, the Centre Supervisor, Mr. Peter Burba who is also the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, said he was delighted to be associated with the National Library of Nigeria reiterating that the American Center is always willing to collaborate with the National Library of Nigeria for better service delivery.



Prof. Anunobi Handing Out a Souvenir to the Director American Centre



The National Librarian Receiving a Gift from the Director American Centre Nigeria, Mr. Peter Burba in her Office.

Center provides librarians opportunities to improve on their skills and competences most especially during conferences, which equips them to better discharge their duties.

areas of preservation of resources via digitization, stating that NLN has backlogs of information materials in prints which needed to be converted and digitized for easy accessibility. Other areas of collaboration according to her is on

Also speaking, the Center Director, Mr. Aondona Daniel Orlu stated that they had visited to congratulate Professor Anunobi on her appointment as Nigeria’s National Librarian, noting that she has been at the forefront of pushing the profession forward, and no doubt has the capacity to take the NLN to greater heights. He reiterated that the American Center has maintained a cordial relationship with the National Library of Nigeria in the past and would like to build on the existing relationship, as well as look at other areas of expertise and specialization where both organizations could partner. He assured that the American Center has noted the possible areas of collaboration as highlighted by the National Librarian/CEO. Also among the team was Mrs Margaret Ameh.



L-R: Mr. Aondona Orlu, Prof. Anunobi, Mr. Burba and Mrs. Margarete Ameh

# National Library Holds Readership Campaign in Borno state

The National Library of Nigeria on Tuesday 21st September, 2021 held its annual readership promotion campaign in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital. The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, who was represented by the Head of Plateau State Branch, Mrs. Sarah Emmanuel Mshelia, during her opening remarks at the occasion emphasized why it is important for Nigerians to imbibe the habit of reading, in order to develop themselves and the economy of the nation. She reiterated that the readership promotion is one of the mandates of the apex library of the nation and stated that on the same date, the event was simultaneously been held in Ondo, Kogi, Katsina, Abia and Delta States and other states are also scheduled to hold their on different dates.

The National Librarian added further that, “the objective of the campaign is to stimulate the lackluster reading culture among Nigerians

We adopted this strategy to ensure that no social stratum is neglected in the campaign”

Earlier in her welcome address, the Head

sectors of government, Traditional Rulers, also inclusive of all Tertiary Institutions in the State but due to the dreaded Covid 19 pandemic that ravaged the entire universe, the committee of this great occasion reduced it to accommodate not less than 50 persons. Mrs Bello also prayed that the subsequent event will be marvelous.

In his goodwill message, the Director of the Borno State Library Board, Mr. Abubakar Ahmed Askira commended the Management of National Library of Nigeria for taking a bold step to organize national campaign of this nature, he promised to support the apex library of the nation in this giant project, he informed the gathering to put heads together to support the National Library of Nigeria in promoting the declined reading culture amongst Nigerians. He lamented the recent mass failure of Students at the just concluded Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination which he attributed to lack of efficient preparation by both Schools and their Students. He noted that reading culture was one of those preparations, he added “had it been the schools and their students



Cross Section of Students during Reading campaign in Borno.

by way of promoting the availability of good reading materials, and together with other stakeholders seek solutions to address identified obstacles to a robust reading culture in Nigeria.” To achieve these over the years, the National Library has continued to embark on readership promotion campaigns with the focus on children and youths in primary and secondary schools by way of sensitizing, informing, and educating them on reading culture. This is geared towards enhancing their knowledge and creativity via various literary activities. However, by extension of strategies, the campaigns were later extended to some identified groups in the society, such as: the Expectant and Nursing mothers in maternity homes, workers and travelers in motor parks, inmates in the correctional centers of the Nigeria Correctional Services and rural communities around the state capitals.

of Borno State Branch Mrs Nafisa I. Bello bemoaned the effect of COVID 19 which affected participation at this year’s event.

She added that the campaign used to be a big occasion with dignitaries from all

embarked on the serious reading and practice they would not have failed this examination” He urged all participants to inculcate the reading habit in order to develop themselves and the economy.



Representative of the National Librarian, Mrs. Sarah Mishelia, With Mrs. Bello to Her Right



# Nigeria, Bulgaria National Libraries to Exchange Indigenous Literature

The National Library of Nigeria and the National Library of the Republic of Bulgaria are to explore a symbiotic cultural relationship that will see the two National Libraries exchanging indigenous literature of their countries.

books exclusively about Nigeria.

This, according to the Ambassador, will enable Bulgarians and Nigerians who study in Bulgaria to know more about Nigeria.

He stated that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will open a discussion for both organizations to cooperate meaningfully over the years to come.

Meanwhile, the National Librarian/CEO assured that there will be fruitful engagement with the supervising agencies to start the process immediately.

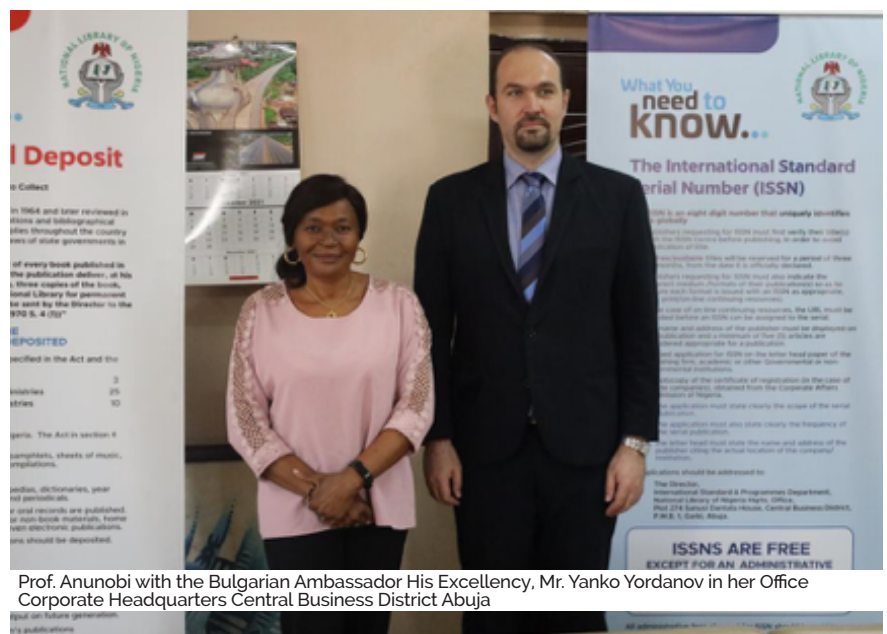


The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi middle with Bulgarian Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr. Yanko Yordanov third right and the Management during the visit.

This was disclosed during an official visit by the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Nigeria National Library in Abuja, on Monday 15th November, 2021.

Speaking during the visit, the National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi stated that the National Library of Nigeria will collaborate with the Bulgaria National Library in order to promote the exchange of books and resources of both nations' origin. She further stated that National Library of Nigeria has resources predating the colonial rule and other rich resources about the peoples and cultures of Nigeria.

Earlier, His Excellency, Mr. Yanko Yordanov had informed his host that the Bulgaria National Library had created a dedicated Corner where it intends to stock



Prof. Anunobi with the Bulgarian Ambassador His Excellency, Mr. Yanko Yordanov in her Office Corporate Headquarters Central Business District Abuja



## Distinguish Yourself - National Librarian/ CEO Urges New Inductees

The National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has urged the newly inducted Librarians who were recently certified by the Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria {LRCN} to distinguish themselves in words and in actions in order to practice the profession with passion.

Library of Nigeria to familiarize themselves with all professional departments including: Legal deposit department, International Standard and programme department, Virtual library Services, Collection development and Technical services department, Planning Research and Statistic department, also at



Prof. Anunobi, Middle with the New Inductees

She advised the certified Librarians who were on a tour visit to the National Library of Nigeria immediately after their induction exercise at LRCN to listen to themselves individually and follow their passion to excel more in the profession. The inductees had visited the National

the Office of the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer.

Prof. Anunobi further stated that the profession is evolving with the speed of light and one needs to enhance his/her capacity, diversify knowledge and attitude in order to remain relevant to the profession.



A Deputy Director from the Legal Deposit Department, Mr. Samuel Ojo Explaining to the Students functions and activities of the National Library of Nigeria at the Corporate Headquarters Abuja.

## Directors Inspect CALIM Ahead of Com- mencement of Academic Activities

The Management of the National Library of Nigeria on Friday 29th October, 2021 converged at the Centre for Advanced Library and Information Management, CALIM, Enugu on a facility Inspection to ascertain the level of work done, while looking forward for the official take off of the Centre as a Diploma awarding Institution, following the approval of National Board for Technical Education granted to the National Library of Nigeria to award Diploma certificate in Library and Information Science.

Led by the Director, Public Services Department Dr. Mrs Oluchi Kalu, they were received on arrival by a Senior Librarian Mrs Kelechi Onyecherelam, and Admin Officer 1 Mrs Sarah Imemesi. The duo took the Directors round the various sections of the facility, including the Computer Base Test center, the library, the cataloguing workshop, the conference hall of 100 sitting capacity and the students lounge where students would await for commencement of examination.

It would be recalled that the National Librarian/CEO Professor Chinwe V. Anonubi had equally on Tuesday 26th October, 2021 visited CALIM for inspection, in preparation for the takeoff of the diploma program by the Centre, as recently approved by the National Board for Technical Education, NBTE.



From left, Ag. Board Secretary Mr. Abdulrahman Abubakar, Director Human Resources and Administration Department Mr. Jacob Bamidele, Director Virtual Services Department Mr. Paul I. Mamman and Head CALIM Mrs. Imemesi when she received them on arrival.



Some Directors and CALIM Staff during the visit at Enugu

# National Librarian Pays Inspection Visit to Headquarters Building Under Construction

The National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi today made a facility tour of the site of the corporate headquarters building, to ascertain the level work done so far.

Prof. Anunobi was optimistic that her stepping into the system will be a stepping stone to the completion of the gigantic edifice which will serve as knowledge heritage of the nation. She hoped that the holdings will grow and surpass the 10million being projected by the Contractor.

Briefing the NL/CEO, Arc. Mike Oti, the project Consultant from Odeleye International Associates informed her that the building was structured for 11 floors, comprising of two basement floors, ground floor and 8 upper floors. The building also

has the capacity of holding 10million items out of which 3million are volumes.

Speaking, the Contractor, Engr. Adebowale Adeyanju appreciated President Muhammadu Buhari for turning the search light of the building. He anticipated that with the appointment of the National Librarian/CEO, she will use her good offices to push forward so that the project does not suffer further delays anymore

The National Librarian was conducted



The Head of Physical Planning, Mr. Wilson Odumbaku Showing the Model Model of the Building to the National Librarian.



The National Librarian, Prof. Anunobi, Middle with Consultants and Contractors During Her Visit to the Site of the Headquarters Building

round the edifice by the Contractor while Deputy Director in charge of Physical & Planning Division, Builder Wilson Odumbaku gave explanations about the projects.

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