

MOU BETWEEN SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION (SMC), PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITY, AND NIGERIAN GUILD OF EDITORS (NGE)

Preamble

In the light of the challenging state of journalism in our country in recent years, the School of Media and Communication, of the Pan-African University has established, in collaboration with the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE), the Centre for Leadership in Journalism (hereinafter called the CLEJ) as a purpose-driven unit on a mission to improve and develop the practice of journalism and the competence of editors, media managers and journalists in general. The CLEJ will be a centre of the School of Media and Communication for an initial period of five years with the active support of the NGE, after which period its objectives and performance will be reviewed.

Objectives of the CLEJ

The objectives of the Centre for Leadership in Journalism are:

- To serve as the focal point for the specific training of editors and other journalists in technical, and professional areas
- To train editors, media leaders and managers in media enterprise and management skills
- To promote excellence in journalism practice, and integrity in media leadership, through bespoke and other specific forms of training
- To conduct research on issues pertaining to media in Nigeria and Africa
- To offer short fellowship positions to editors, senior news managers and other media executives from time to time.

Linkages

The NGE will mobilize and work with other industry bodies (NPAN, BON & others) to support and be integral parts of this initiative. NGE will also seek collaborative work with, and engage the nation's business and industrial communities, to appreciate and actively support the centre with funding initiatives. The two institutions will also collaborate to develop international links and support for the centre.

MoU was signed this afternoon 13 September 2011 at the SMC, with Gbenga Adefaye, President of NGE representing the NGE, and Prof Emevwo Biakolo, Dean of SMC, representing the Pan-African University