

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MR. ABEL OLUMUYIWA ENITAN, AT THE SENSITIZATION MEETING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MINISTERIAL DELIVERABLES AND ROADMAP FOR THE EDUCATION SECTOR HELD AT EZEIFE HALL, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, ABUJA, 24TH JUNE, 2025**

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this important one-day sensitization meeting on the implementation of the Ministerial Deliverables and the Roadmap for the Nigerian Education Sector.

2. This meeting is convened against the backdrop of the Renewed Hope Agenda of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, which aims to restore public trust in governance through accountability and results-driven leadership. In line with this vision, the Federal Ministry of Education initially signed 23 key deliverables with the President, which have since been expanded to 25. Each deliverable is accompanied by clearly defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to facilitate effective tracking and evaluation.

3. In furtherance of this agenda, the Chief Executives of Agencies and Parastatals under the Federal Ministry of Education have also signed performance contracts with the Honourable Minister, ensuring that institutional actions align with national priorities and the Renewed Hope Agenda.

4. To coordinate and monitor the implementation process, the Federal Government established the Central Coordination and Delivery Unit (CDCU) within the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF), mandating it to collect reports and oversee performance across all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies.

5. However, it has come to our attention that some tertiary institutions, including Colleges of Education, have either failed to submit their quarterly reports or have missed the reporting deadlines. This trend undermines our collective performance and hampers the Ministry’s ability to accurately account for progress.

6. This sensitization meeting aims to engage all Colleges of Education to ensure timely and effective reporting of their activities. It is imperative that all stakeholders fully understand the policy direction set by the Federal Ministry of Education, along with the specific deliverables and their associated KPIs.

7. The objectives of this meeting are to:

1. Review each relevant deliverable assigned to the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and assign responsibilities accordingly;
2. Familiarize participants with the reporting templates and the performance indicators associated with each deliverable;
3. Discuss the Nigerian Education Data Initiative (NEDI) Policy and clarify the roles of Colleges of Education within this framework;
4. Introduce the newly adopted Performance Management System (PMS); and
5. Identify and address any challenges that may hinder the successful implementation of the Federal Ministry of Education policies.

8. May I take a moment to review with you the *Roadmap for the Nigerian Education Sector (2024–2027)*, which is anchored on three strategic priority areas under President Tinubu’s administration:

* **Access** – addressing the out-of-school population, promoting adult literacy, and expanding vocational education and training;
* **Quality** – reforming basic education, teacher education, the senior secondary curriculum, and tertiary education policies;
* **System Strengthening** – enhancing data availability, planning, and monitoring mechanisms.

9. To enhance access and enrollment in Colleges of Education, the Federal Government has approved the establishment of additional Colleges and introduced a **Dual Mode Policy.** This policy allows Colleges of Education to concurrently award the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and Bachelor’s Degrees in Education. As outlined in the **Federal Colleges of Education Act, 2023,** the dual mode aims to revitalize teacher education and address declining enrollment.

10. Regarding quality, the review of the **NCE Minimum Standards** is currently underway. We remain committed to equipping teacher education programs with the necessary tools to ensure excellence and relevance.

11. Furthermore, the Ministry is addressing the longstanding challenge of data availability in the education sector. In January 2025, we launched the **Nigerian Education Data Initiative (NEDI)** to create a digital, centralized database for managing education data. Colleges of Education will play a pivotal role in this initiative.

12. I therefore urge all Provosts, Registrars, and other leaders of Colleges of Education to lend their full support and cooperation to the NCCE and the Ministry in the implementation of the Ministerial Deliverables.

13. Let me also emphasize that the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation has mandated the CDCU to conduct **quarterly and annual evaluations** of all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to ensure alignment with Presidential priorities. Therefore, all hands must be on deck to ensure the efficient delivery of the targets set for the Federal Ministry of Education and its parastatals.

14. At this juncture, I wish to commend the Executive Secretary of the NCCE and his team for convening this timely and important meeting. I am confident that the outcomes of today’s engagement will strengthen our collective capacity to deliver results and advance the national education agenda.

15. On this note, I hereby declare the meeting open and wish you all fruitful deliberations.

Thank you, and may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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