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Celebrating the Transformational Leadership of Professor Olufemi Peters in Advancing the African Council for Distance Education (ACDE)

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It is with great pleasure and profound respect that we celebrate the outstanding contributions of Professor Olufemi Peters, the Vice-Chancellor of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) and First Vice-President of the African Council for Distance Education (ACDE). Since assuming these roles in 2021, Professor Peters has demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing Open, Distance, and e-Learning (ODEL) across the African continent.

Throughout his tenure, Professor Peters has been a steadfast ally, a visionary leader, and a trusted friend of ACDE. His unwavering dedication to promoting accessible, inclusive, and high-quality distance education has significantly strengthened the Council and its member institutions. We recognise and celebrate the following highlights of his leadership:



1. **Hosting and Strengthening the ACDE Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (ACDE-QAAA):** Under Professor Peters' leadership, NOUN has continued to host the ACDE-QAAA, providing essential office space and institutional support. This foundation has enabled the Agency to operate effectively and assert itself as a continental authority in quality assurance for open, distance, and e-learning.
2. **Empowering the Agency with Skilled Leadership:** His strategic nomination of competent and dedicated faculty members from NOUN to lead the Agency has ensured its continued professionalism, integrity, and direction. This has significantly enhanced the agency's ability to deliver on its mandate.
3. **Driving the Review of the Quality Assurance Toolkit:** Professor Peters played an instrumental role in supporting the recent review of the ACDE Quality Assurance Toolkit. By facilitating the Director's participation in the Train-the-Trainer Workshop at Kenyatta University, he ensured the revised toolkit is relevant, practical, and aligned with current educational standards.
4. **Supporting the ACDE Executive Director:** His mentorship and strategic guidance to the Executive Director have been pivotal in enhancing the Secretariat's effectiveness. The donation of an official vehicle by NOUN is a tangible expression of his commitment to empowering ACDE leadership and operations.
5. **Providing Financial Support to the Secretariat:** Through NOUN's annual financial contributions under his guidance, Professor Peters has reinforced the sustainability of the ACDE Secretariat. This support reflects his firm belief in the collective power of African institutions working together for the common good.
6. **Strengthening the ACDE Board:** His active participation in ACDE Board meetings has brought clarity, vision, and inspiration. His insights and encouragement have consistently guided the Council towards growth and excellence.
7. **Expanding ACDE's Presence in Nigeria:** Professor Peters'



advocacy has been instrumental in expanding ACDE's reach within Nigeria. His efforts to link the Council with the National Universities Commission have elevated ACDE's visibility in key policies and academic circles.

Professor Olufemi Peters' leadership is marked by integrity, foresight, and an unwavering commitment to educational transformation. He has not only advanced the mission of NOUN, but has also elevated the entire African ODeL community. We celebrate his enduring legacy and express our heartfelt gratitude for his service to the African Council for Distance Education.



