

The Vice Chancellor's Speech at The DBL4 (The Developing Blended Learning 4) Team Special Feedback Session on October 13, 2022

This special feedback session is a rare opportunity to influence teaching and learning at this critical point in the history of education in Nigeria. Since its inception, the University has been receiving positive feedback from the different arms of the Partnership for Enhanced and Blended Learning, West Africa (PEBL-WA) project. As we can see the DBL4 team (The Developing Blended Learning 4) - just presented a success story. The other arms are the Online facilitation by NOUN and Quality Assurance/Rubrics.

I will like to reemphasize an aspect of my remarks at the first presentation in January, that the University of Ibadan is not only pleased to be a part of PEBL-WA, it is committed to taking the activities further and engaging its programs fully.

Having emerged from Emergency Remote Teaching (ERT) during the COVID lockdown with lessons and strategies, the University of Ibadan is well positioned to adopt blended learning. Once activities resume fully on campus the strategy to uptake blended learning from policies, to implementation will be the utmost focus of teaching and learning in the University of Ibadan.

The University of Ibadan being the first and the best remains a trailblazer in every respect and must always be poised to strategically influence academic developments nationally and globally, the place of the University of Ibadan in the DBL4 Journey is therefore really significant. It is a constant that every University in Nigeria would have a lecturer if not trained in UI, trained by someone trained in UI.

On behalf of the Management of the University of Ibadan, I appreciate Ruth Brown, the Program coordinator of the 12 universities in Nigeria and Ghana and I also appreciate the sponsoring body, the Association of Commonwealth Universities for investing so much resources and for the commitment shown in capacity development at this level. The Association of Commonwealth Universities, we are reassured will do well to invest more in this area and others in the University Education in Nigeria.

The University of Ibadan, on its part, will provide the enabling environment and resources to make blended learning achievable, leveraging on the skills gained on this program.

I appreciate the three members of the DBL4 team, Dr. A. Kolawole, Dr. Adetunmbi L. Akinyemi and Mrs. Abiodun A. Alao who have worked tirelessly over the months. I also appreciate the coordinators of the project, Prof. A. Odebunmi, Prof. A. S. Jegede, Prof. V. O. Okoruwa and Dr. Doyin Aguru who recently joined the team and who have been ably supported by the DVC Academic, Prof. Aderonke M. Bayeroju and DVC RISP Prof. Oluyemisi A. Bamgbose (SAN)

I thank all the participants here today, Provosts, Deans, Directors and HODs , our influencers who continue to motivate colleagues, and make continued sacrifices, remaining committed to the rigours attached to teaching and learning at such time in the Nigerian educational sector.

Thank you.

Prof. K. O. Adebawale FAS, MNI

Vice-Chancellor,

University of Ibadan