

COVENANT UNIVERSITY

COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS-

AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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The Center Leader
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COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS & COMMUNICATIONS-Africa Centre of Excellence (CAPIC-ACE)

Management Letter: Audit on the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st December 2022

We have completed the audit of the financial statements of the above organization for the year ended 31st December 2022 and set out in the accompanying domestic report are matters which came to our attention during the audit together with our recommendations for improvement in the accounting systems and internal controls.

It must be appreciated that matters dealt with in this report came to light during the conduct of our normal audit procedures which are designed primarily to enable us to express our opinion on the operating effectiveness of controls of the project and therefore cannot be expected to include all possible improvements in the system of accounting and internal controls which a more extensive examination might reveal.

During the audit, we maintained close contact with your staff and briefed them on our findings and recommendations as and when they arose. It is possible that some of the issues raised have already been addressed. It is the responsibility of the management to establish and maintain the internal control structure of the project. You should assess the recommendations for improvement in line with their full commercial implications before they are implemented.

This report has been prepared solely for your use as management.

No responsibility to any third party is accepted as the report has not been prepared and is not intended for any other purpose.

Yours faithfully



for: Olufela Sokenu & Associates

1) OBSERVATION- FILING OF RECORDS

It was observed that documents in the file were not arranged in any particular order.

Control Risk Issues & Possible Consequences

- Difficulty in retrieving documents.
- Waste of valuable audit time in searching for documents.

Recommendation

- Documents filed sequentially and in date order.

Management Response

This is due to the fact that the documents are file by research based. However, this observation is noted for subsequent filing arrangement system.

2) OBSERVATION- AGGREGATING DOCUMENTS FOR EVERY TRANSACTION

In many instances, it was cumbersome to follow through the payment process because the documents relating to requests, approvals, and payments were not aggregated. It is important to establish an efficient and reliable process for aggregating documents because it leads to improved organization, accessibility, and overall effectiveness in managing requests, approvals, and payments.

Control Risk Issues & Possible Consequences

- High likelihood of errors: due to the challenges of verifying the accuracy of information, matching requests with approvals, and ensuring proper payment amounts, can result in mistakes, discrepancies, and financial inaccuracies.
- Lack of visibility and transparency: it is harder to track and monitor the payment process. making it difficult to provide accurate updates or answer inquiries from stakeholders.
- Compliance and audit issues: non-aggregated documents can create compliance and audit challenges. It may be harder to demonstrate proper authorization, track payment approvals, or maintain an audit trail, potentially leading to compliance violations or difficulties during financial audits.
- Missed opportunities for analysis and improvement: Aggregated documents provide a valuable resource for analyzing payment patterns, identifying trends, and implementing process improvements. Without this consolidated data, opportunities for optimization and cost savings may be missed.

Recommendations

- Create documentation or user guides to serve as references for all employees.
- Ensure that employees involved receive proper training on the established processes and available tools.
- Carry out periodic checks to ensure compliance.

Management Response

The observation and recommendation is well received, we will work towards achieving the aim of the observation and recommendations

3) MATCHING PAYMENTS TO PAYMENT VOUCHERS

It was observed that there was some difficulty matching some payments to the payment vouchers. In some instances, Vouchers were missing from the payment instruments. Payment vouchers serve as crucial supporting documentation for financial transactions. Without them, it becomes challenging to verify the legitimacy, accuracy, and authorization of payments. Below are some transactions that could not be matched to payment vouchers.

Date	Name	Description	Amount
			₦
14-10-22	Dokunmu T.	Chemicals for PHD students (Biochem)	955,339
27-10-22	Super Int. Travel	Flight Tickets	472,020
25-11-22	Super Int. Travel	Flight Tickets	652,821
14-12-22	Super Int	Flight Tickets	1,848,004

Possible Consequences

- Vouchers provide a paper trail and enable proper reconciliation, preventing unauthorized payments or manipulation of financial records. Their absence can leave room for financial discrepancies and potential misuse of funds.
- Auditors rely on vouchers to validate transactions, ensure proper expense allocation, and verify adherence to internal controls and regulatory requirements. The absence of vouchers can result in compliance issues or difficulty in providing necessary evidence.
- This can raise concerns about financial integrity and accountability.

Recommendations

- Review and enhance the organization's document management practices.
- Establish clear guidelines for the creation, retention, and storage of payment vouchers.
- Ensure that proper procedures are in place to consistently capture and file vouchers for future transactions.
- Evaluate and strengthen internal controls related to payment processes. This includes implementing segregation of duties, authorization procedures, and review mechanisms to ensure proper documentation and verification of payment vouchers. Strengthening controls helps prevent future instances of missing vouchers and reduces the risk of errors or fraud.

Management Response

We have payment vouchers for all processed payment; hence we have attached payment vouchers for Dokunmu Titilope for N955.339.00 and Super Travels for N472,020.00

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June 23, 2023

The Director
Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication
Africa Center of Excellence (CApIC-ACE)
Km 10, Idi- Iroko Road
Ota

Dear sir,

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS- CApIC-ACE Eligible Expenditure Jan 2022- December 2022

We have reviewed the Eligible Expenditure and are satisfied that, from the records and explanations given by the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project, this report represents a true and fair view of the eligible expenditure and provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our professional judgment as independent auditors, we confirm that sufficient and appropriate audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

This audit report is the responsibility of the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project.

Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the evaluated revenues based on and limited to records and explanations provided and made available to us by the university

We state that:

- Proper records have been kept



Olufela Sokenu & Associates
(Chartered Accountants)

23rd June 2023



COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS - AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

YEAR	2023	2022	2021	2020
EEP 1 - SALARIES	Amount (N)	Amount (N)	Amount (N)	Amount (N)
	645,756,999.13	1,984,705,111.09	2,083,560,487.94	2,107,638,243.82
EEP 2 - OTHERS				
Travelling (Local and International)				
Office Equipment	34,171,738.11	30,541,771.74	10,907,187.49	3,210,019.02
Furniture and Fittings				6,175,356.25
Consumables	3,785,325.00	56,957,081.00	-	5,944,625.00
Laboratory Equipment	8,198,459.19	24,039,804.00	-	1,696,192.50
Office Expenses	3,180,693.90	153,943,362.60	24,802,759.26	25,654,861.50
Research Assistance Stipend			62,000.00	57,500.00
ICT	61,900,151.00	35,426,885.97	15,470,000.00	7,490,000.00
Computer System	37,287,890.00	33,248,591.25	36,831,207.23	90,000.00
Research Salary		27,851,012.36	338,250.00	
Accounting Software			1,941,701.70	
Advertisement			4,840,000.00	
Audit fees	610,792.03	941,493.11	327,455.75	
Subscription		3,600,000.00		
Accreditation	36,991,009.95			
Bank Charges		20,422,076.43		
Total Expenditure	5,375.00	11,781.41	688.55	43,733.51
	186,131,434.18	386,983,859.87	95,521,249.98	50,362,287.78
TOTAL EEP	831,888,433.31	2,371,688,970.96	2,179,081,737.92	2,158,000,531.60

Olufela Sokenu

Certified by External Auditors:
Olufela Sokenu & Associates
(Chartered Accountants)



23rd June 2023



Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State
Internal Audit Report on the Second Ace impact, Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication (CApIC-ACE)

Key Information on the Project

PROJECT NAME	Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication (CApIC-ACE)
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	Covenant University
EFFECTIVE DATE	2020
CREDIT/GRANT AMOUNT	\$6M
PROJECT DURATION	5 Years
PERIOD COVERED BY REVIEW	January to December 2022
INTERNAL AUDITOR	IGBA JOY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This audit covered the period January to December 2022 and was conducted in accordance with the World Bank's Financial Management guideline and requirement of the International Financial Reporting Standard. During the period under review, the internal audit ensure compliance with the internal control measures put in place by the University in addition to other regulatory requirement by the Nigeria Government. Record check include cash book, bank reconciliation statement, bank statement, receipt, payment voucher, general ledger and interim financial report. These were review in order to eliminate the risk of non-compliance with the agreed financial agreement.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT:

To ensure that:

- i. proper accounting records are maintained.
- ii. applicable accounting standards are properly and consistently followed.
- iii. evaluate the Internal Control system in operation to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and economy.
- iv. internal control measures are instituted which, as far as is reasonably possible safeguard the assets of the project.
- v. actions are taken to prevent fraud and other irregularities.
- vi. financial transactions conform with the financing agreements and only eligible expenditures are made.
- vii. to confirm the existence and accuracy of the balances shown in the records.

INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW:

ACCOUNTING

Suitable accounting policies were adopted and consistently applied. The going concern basis is used, as it has been presumed that the Centre will continue in operation in the foreseeable future.

INTERNAL CONTROLS

Adequate internal control measures are in place. The Project activities go through the normal University procedures for processing of transactions which include 100% prepayment auditing. It should be noted that internal auditing

functions at the Centre is Risk-based, in line with best practice. This is to ensure data integrity of amounts that will eventually flow into the financial statements.

Test of controls were done routinely. This includes segregation of duties, physical control, approval and authorization procedures.

EFFECTIVENESS OF MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT INCLUDING AUDIT COMMITTEES

The University Audit Committee, a Committee of Council performs oversight functions on the financials of the University and those of CAPIC ACE.. Also, the Vice Chancellor, Director Financial Services and Head of Internal Audit supervise financial activities of the Centre. Though the Centre is autonomous, university financial procedures and regulations are adopted for financial activities.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

A 100% review of expenditure presented in the Financial Management Report was carried out. Expenses were checked to the relevant vouchers and other supporting documents. Implementation of an Accounting package (Flexible Accounting) to facilitate prompt and qualitative financial reporting is in progress.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The External Audit for the year ended 31st December, 2022 has been concluded

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

There was no case of fraud and corruption. There are adequate controls in the Centre.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

A 100% review of all expenditures was done. No ineligible expenditure was incurred as transactions undergo pre-audit procedures to ensure integrity and eligibility of transactions.

PHYSICAL VERIFICATION THROUGH ON-SITE VISITS

The Internal Audit inspects all items purchased to confirm delivery. All Fixed Assets are in their proper places and well secured.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

The Deputy Centre Leaders, Project Manager and Procurement Officer are responsible for the preparation, presentation, and defense of the Procurement Work Plan subject to approval by the relevant donor agency. The Procurement officer handles all procurements. Approval for procurement is given by the management before any procurement is made. The procurement procedures in place were adequate to ensure that:

- i. Values were received in respect of funds released to suppliers and other service providers.
- ii. Items purchased meet the requirements of the Centre.

ACTION PLAN

REVIEW AND STATUS OF PREVIOUS INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN AS AT December 2022

The previous audit observations on unreconciled items have been reconciled

New Internal Audit Action Plan

Cash book

S/N	AUDIT OBSERVATIONS	IMPLICATION	AUDITEE'S RESPONSE	RECOMMENDATION / FURTHER COMMENTS BY AUDIT
1	Every observations have been worked on	The account is okay	No issues on the account	More effort to keep prompt response .



IGBA JOY
Project Internal Auditor



MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE CApIC-ACE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2023 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA, OGUN STATE.

CApIC-ACE Audit/007/001 Membership

Present

Pastor O. Kiki	Director, Financial Services	-	Chairman
Prof. E. Iweala	Deputy Director (CApIC-ACE)	-	Member
Pastor A. Alih	Chief Internal Auditor	-	Member
Mrs. A.J. Odaro-Osayande	Legal Representative	-	Member
Mrs. D. Ugbenu	Head, Banking & Investment	-	Member
Mrs. F. Onafeso	Internal Auditor Officer	-	Member
Mr. A. Ayegbusi	Rep. HAA (Mr. O. Vincent)	-	Secretary

Opening Prayer - CApIC-ACE Audit/007/002

The CApIC-ACE Audit Committee meeting commenced at 12:25 pm as Mr. Akinsope Ayegbusi said the opening prayers.

Chairman's Opening Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/007/003

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting and expressed appreciation for the successful contributions of the Committee in enhancing the operations of CApIC-ACE.

The Chairman promised the members present that the session would be business-like.

29 **Motion for the Adoption of the last Minutes of Meeting - CApIC-ACE**
30 **Audit/007/004**

31 The Chairman took all the members through the last minutes of the meeting and some
32 corrections were made to the minutes. The word “to” is to be removed to make a
33 complete sentence. Also, Mrs. A.J. Osanyande-Odaro noted that the letter “J” is to be
34 added to her name initials.

35 Following the amendments, Mrs. F. Onafeso moved the motion for the adoption of
36 the minute, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. A.J. Osanyande-Odaro.

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38 **CApIC-ACE Audit/007/005 – Financial Report for the Year**

39 The Director, Financial Services; requested an update on the report expected from
40 Mrs F. Onafeso. In her response, she acknowledged the receipt of the report but
41 remarked that she is still working on the working document. The Chair informed the
42 session that the Covenant Applied Informatics and Communication – African Centre
43 of Excellence (CApIC-ACE) team won the third-best position during the latest NUC
44 rating.

45 Speaking further, the Chair noted that the team from the NUC is yet to go through the
46 Covenant University book (specifically, for procurement procedures), the Chair noted
47 that they are currently around and will be around till the next day 16th of June, 2023.

48 **CApIC-ACE Audit/007/006 – Report on the Impact Workshop, Morocco (CU**
49 **Procurement Team)**

50 The Chair while briefing the session reported that the Covenant University CApIC-
51 ACE team traveled to Morocco for the Impact Workshop program in Morocco; the
52 9th Regional African Centre of Excellence (Impact Workshop). The Chair read the
53 report as prepared by the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer; Professor Olubanke
54 Olujoke Ogunlana, specifically the section that talked on Procurement and Financial
55 Management. The Chair finally promised to get the full report from the Monitoring
56 and Evaluation Officer as this would be packaged along with the minute of the
57 meeting.

58 The Chair further reported that three (3) sessions were held at the Impact Workshop
59 program in Morocco for the Procurement Officers during the workshop.

60 The first session focused on the new online tracking tool for all procurement activities
61 designed by the AAU. Also, he stated that some of the document expected to be
62 uploaded on the portal for the youth center includes the approved annual work plan,
63 the approved procurement plan, details of the procurement activities under DLI 4.3,

64 and other signed contract of ongoing works at the center. The Chair reiterated that
65 the workshop's second session focused on procurement contract management. Eleven
66 percent of aspects were covered which includes the procurement contract, tools and
67 techniques for contract management (pre-contract to post-contract activities), the
68 commencement of procurement contract, monetary and evaluation of procurement
69 contract, payment and evaluation, cost plan, and cost control and quality control (cost
70 plans, budgeting and means of payment, payment endorsement, qualified control and
71 assurance, contract modifications and change evaluations, addendum contract,
72 procurement contract, and project contract). The prepayment contract filling and
73 requisition must contain all documents in the agreement contract and should depict
74 the perfect picture of all information on activities.

75 The final session being as the third was on contract administration and monitoring
76 procurement officers, during this session, it was noted that the center needs to include
77 milestones when drafting contracts from different procurement activities in order to
78 measure performance and reduce the risk of non-compliance, poor quality delivery,
79 and wastage of time and resources.

80 **CApIC-ACE Audit/007/007 – Financial Management and Submission of** 81 **required reports**

82 On the basis of Financial Management, this session discussed the verification protocol
83 of the financial report of the judiciary management (Auditors and lawyers) of the ACE
84 impact project. The relevant documents are expected to be uploaded to the center
85 website on Judiciary Management (The accountant has to submit the report and
86 ensure the upload of the relevant reports and documents). The Director Financial
87 Services noted that the required reports must be submitted by the accountants within
88 the lifeline for submission (before a month's time) of these reports as delay might
89 result in the failure of Auditors reviewing the required reports.

90 Speaking further, the Chair noted that the Internal Audit Officer is required to provide
91 her review of the report she received. This report will include; the approved budget
92 and the annual work plan, the internal financial report, and the project financial audit
93 report latest in two weeks. The report is meant to be uploaded by the Financial
94 Comptroller. The Chair added that he hoped that the procurement report is as great as
95 that of the Financial Comptroller.

96 **CApIC-ACE Audit/007/008 – Any Other Business**

97 Mrs A.J Osanyande noted that if the financial report is comprehensive enough, we
98 only will need to look through it and harvest the required information. The Director,
99 Financial Services responded by saying, he likes the way the action points were
100 clearly stated for the Financial Officer and he might be asking if this kind of

101 comprehensive report can be made for the procurement Officer and the committee
102 might need to ask Professor Olubanke Olujoke Ogunlana for the action points and
103 recommendations for the Procurement Officer. The committee members present for
104 the meeting all concurred with this idea.

105 **CApIC-ACE Audit/007/009 – Adjournment**

106 Mrs. D. Ugbenu moved the motion for the adjournment of the session and this was
107 seconded by Mr. Akinsope Ayegbusi.

108 **Chairman’s Closing Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/007/010**

109 The Chairman appreciated every member for making it to the meeting and for their
110 useful contributions towards moving CApIC-ACE forward. He prayed that more
111 rewarding times await all the members for all their efforts on CApIC-ACE.

112 **CApIC-ACE - Audit/001/011 – Closing Prayers**

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114 The meeting ended at 12:57 pm as the Chair said the closing prayers

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117 **Pastor O. Kiki**

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Mr. O.G. Vincent



MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE CApIC-ACE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA, OGUN STATE.

CApIC-ACE Audit/006/001 Membership

Present

Pastor O. Kiki	Director, Financial Services	-	Chairman
Prof. E. Iweala	Deputy Director (CApIC-ACE)	-	Member
Pastor A. Alih	Chief Internal Auditor	-	Member
Mrs. J.Odaro-Osayande	Legal Representative	-	Member
Mrs D. Ugbenu	Head, Banking & Investment	-	Member
Mrs F. Onafeso	Internal Auditor Officer	-	Member
Mr. O. Vincent	Representative of the Registrar	-	Secretary

Opening Prayer - CApIC-ACE Audit/006/002

The CApIC-ACE Audit Committee meeting commenced at 12:45 pm as Mrs Deborah Ugbenu said the Opening prayers

Chairman's Opening Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/006/003

The Chairman, warmly welcomed all the members to the meeting as he appreciated all the members on the successes recorded by the Committee and by extension the Centre.

The Chairman promised the members present to that as usual the session would be business like.

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30 **Motion for the Adoption of the last Minutes of Meeting - CApIC-ACE**
31 **Audit/006/004**

32 The Chairman took all the members through the last minutes of the meeting and a few
33 corrections were made to the minutes. The word “**Policy**” was wrongly used and the
34 Committee agreed that the word should be replaced with the word “**expectation**”.

35 Following the amendments, Mrs Odaro-Osayande moved the motion for the adoption
36 of the minute and the motion was seconded by Prof. E. Iweala.

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38 **CApIC-ACE Audit/006/005 – Financial Report for the Year**

39 The Financial Comptroller; Mr Omisikan Olumuyiwa was invited to the session and
40 he briefed the Committee on CApIC-ACE Financial Report for the year 2021
41 (January – December 2021),

42 The Financial Comptroller at the session gave a general overview of what was done
43 for the period based on the budget, the budget expectation and the performance level.

44 The Chairman appreciated the Financial Comptroller for the input and requested the
45 members present to scrutinize the submission and he further urged the team to go
46 through the report after the meeting in order to speak on it at the next meeting.

47 The Committee requested to know from the Financial Comptroller if refreshments
48 meant for the Audit Committee’s meetings were factored into the budget but reported
49 that there was no provision for the committee’s refreshments in the budget but he
50 assured the session that the working document could be modified.

51 On this note, the Chairman promised the committee that he would follow up with the
52 new Registrar on the issue of refreshments and then the appropriate feedback will be
53 given at the next meeting.

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55 **Any Other Business - CApIC-ACE Audit/006/006**

56 Prof. E. Iweala reported that the Covenant Applied Informatics & Communication
57 Africa Centre of Excellence (CApIC-ACE) was recently adjudged as one of the three
58 (3) best Centres in Nigeria. He maintained that by implication, this rating would
59 attract more funding to our institution.

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62 **CApIC-ACE Audit/006/007 – Adjournment**

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64 Mrs F. Onafeso moved the motion for the adjournment of the session and this was
65 seconded by Mrs D. Ugbenu.

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67 **Chairman’s Closing Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/006/008**

68 The Chairman appreciated every member for making it to the meeting and for their
69 useful contributions towards moving CApIC-ACE forward. He prayed that more
70 rewarding times await all the members for all their efforts on CApIC-ACE.

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72 **CApIC-ACE - Audit/006/009**

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74 The meeting ended at 1:27 pm as Pst. O. Kiki (Chairman) said the closing prayers

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77 **Pastor O. Kiki**

78 **The Chairman; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm.**



Mr. O.G. Vincent

Sec; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm



MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE CApIC-ACE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2022 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA, OGUN STATE.

CApIC-ACE Audit/005/001 Membership

Present

Pastor O. Kiki	Director, Financial Services	-	Chairman
Pastor A. Alih	Chief Internal Auditor	-	Member
Mrs. J.Odaro-Osayande	Legal Representative	-	Member
Mrs D. Ugbenu	Head, Banking & Investment	-	Member
Mrs. F. Onafeso	Internal Auditor Officer	-	Member
Mr. O. Vincent	Representative of the Registrar	-	Secretary

Absent with apology

Prof. E. Iweala	Deputy Director (CApIC-ACE)	-	Member
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Opening Prayer - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/002

Mrs. F. Onafeso said the opening prayers as the meeting for the day commenced at 1.15 pm

Chairman's Opening Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/003

The Chairman thanked all the members of the Committee present and he deeply appreciated the members for being dutiful in handling the institution's assignments, particularly with respect to CApIC-ACE Matters.

The Chairman promised all the members that deliberations would be very swift.

27 **Motion for the Adoption of the last Minutes of Meeting - CApIC-ACE**
28 **Audit/005/004**

29 The Chairman took all the members through the last minutes of the meeting and a few
30 corrections were made to the minutes. Pastor A. Alih moved the motion for the
31 adoption of the last minutes of the meeting and the motion was supported by Mrs.
32 Ugbenu.

33 **Committees Welfare - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/005**

34 The Chairman emphasized the need to work out modalities for refreshments to be
35 regularly served at the CApIC-ACE Audit Committee.

36 He proposed that a budget in this regard should be immediately worked out by the
37 Financial Comptroller.

38 **Deployment of Finance Staff to CApIC-ACE - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/006**

39 The Chairman informed the session that issues relating to the recruitment and
40 deployment of the Project Accountant, Assistant Project Accountant, and Project
41 Auditors would be on the front burner. The Chairman reiterates the need to deliberate
42 on the tenure of these officers.

43 He maintained that information reaching him indicates that the tenure of these officers
44 covered the period and time these officers would be available at Covenant.

45 At the end of all deliberations, the Chairman directed that the Director, CApIC-ACE
46 should provide the Committee with the staff policy.

47 **Any Other Business - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/007**

48 The Financial Comptroller is to provide the Audit Committee with relevant books of
49 operations between December through June 2022.

50 The members agreed that the Audit Committee meeting should be held once every
51 two (2) months,

52 **CApIC-ACE Audit/005/008 – Adjournment**

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54 Pastor A. Alih moved the motion for the adjournment of the CApIC ACE Audit
55 Committee and the motion was seconded by Mr. O.G. Vincent.

56 **Chairman's Closing Remarks - CApIC-ACE Audit/005/008**

57 The Chairman thanked all the members for creating time to be at the meeting and also
58 for providing meaningful contributions at the session,

59 **Closing Prayers - CApIC-ACE - Audit/005/009**

60 The meeting ended at 2.32 pm and the Chairman said the closing prayers.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. Kiki', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

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63 **Pastor O. Kiki**

64 **The Chairman; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'O.G. Vincent', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Mr. O.G. Vincent

Sec; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm



MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE CAPIC-ACE AUDITING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA OGUN STATE

CapIC-ACE Audit/C/003/001 Membership

Present

Pastor O. Kiki	Director, Financial Services	-	Chairman
Prof. E. Iweala	Deputy Director (CapIC-ACE)	-	Member
Pastor A. Alih	Chief Internal Auditor	-	Member
Mrs. D. Ugbenue	Head, Banking & Investment	-	Member
Mrs. F. Onafeso	Internal Auditor Officer	-	Member

Absent with apologies

Mr. O. Vincent	-	Representative of the Registrar
Mrs. A. Osayande	-	Legal Representative

CapIC-ACE Audit/C/003/002 - Opening Prayer

The CAPIC-ACE Audit Committee meeting commenced at 12.14pm as Mrs. F. Onafeso said the opening prayer.

CapIC-ACE Audit/C/003/003 - Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman, CAPIC-ACE Audit Committee; Pastor Kiki welcomed all the members to the 3rd meeting of the Committee. The Chairman in his opening remarks informed the members that CAPIC-ACE has received the Board of Regents approval to engage the services of external auditor for CAPIC ACE projects.

The Chairman reiterated that the earlier financial report forwarded to the World Bank by CAPIC-ACE was turned down by the global bank for lacking external auditors' inputs. Speaking further, the Chairman informed the session that the regulatory bank

before now had requested for the inputs of the external auditors on all financial reports meant for the apex bank.

The Chairman at this juncture introduced the two representatives of the Audit firm; Olufela Sokenu & Associate to the members of the CApiC-ACE Audit Committee. He assured the session that Olufela Sokenu & Associate are expected to forward the Audit firm's letter of engagements and the audit fee to the Management of Covenant through the CApiC-ACE Audit Committee.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/003/004 – Reactions and Responses

Olufela Sokenu & Associate Official

One of the officials of the Olufela Sokenu & Associate, the audit firm recently engaged to service the project engagements of CApiC-ACE requested to know the duration of the project.

Professor E. Iweala

In his response, Prof. Iweala informed the session that the CApiC-ACE project is for initial period of five years.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/003/005 - Operational Update

The Chairman notified members at the session of updates and changes within the system which may affect the operations of the Audit Unit and the Financial Services personnel. At this juncture, the Chairman enjoined the stakeholders to study the guidelines as it affects their operations.

Speaking to the Audit Firm, the Chairman advised the members of the Olufela Sokenu & Associate to work with the CApiC-ACE Project Accountant in order to have perfect and swift results.

Prof. E. Iweala on his part advised the newly engaged Audit firm on the need to be timely in their engagement as most of the CApiC-ACE assignments are time bound.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/003/006 – Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all the members of the CApIC-ACE Audit Committee for creating time to be at the important meeting. He prayed that God would reward their selfless services at Covenant.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/003/007 – Motion for Adjournment

Pastor A. Alih moved the motion for the adjournment of the meeting, and this was seconded by Mrs. Onafeso.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/003/008 – Closing Prayer

Professor Iweala said the closing prayer and the meeting ended at 12.36pm



Pastor O. Kiki
The Chairman; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm.



Mr. O.G. Vincent
Sec; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE CApIC-ACE AUDITING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA OGUN STATE

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/001 Membership

Present

Pastor O. Kiki	Director, Financial Services	-	Chairman
Prof. E. Iweala	Deputy Director (CApIC-ACE)	-	Member
Pastor A. Alih	Chief Internal Auditor	-	Member
Mrs. D. Ugbenu	Head, Banking & Investment	-	Member
Mrs. F. Onafeso	Internal Auditor Officer	-	Member
Mr. O. Vincent	Representative of the Registrar	-	Secretary

Apology for Absent

Mrs. A. Osayande-Odaro - Legal Representative

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/002 Opening Prayer

The CApIC-ACE Audit Committee meeting commenced at 12.15pm as Mrs. F. Onafeso said the opening prayers.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/003 - Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman, CApIC-ACE Audit Committee; Pastor Kiki specially welcomed all the members of the Audit Committee to the meeting as he assured that the session would be business like.

CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/004 - Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman requested the Secretary to the CApIC-ACE Audit Committee – Mr. Vincent to read the minutes of the last meeting and thereafter; the following corrections were considered appropriate by the Audit Committee.

- Appropriate use of the initials of the members of the Committee.

- Members who came for the last meeting but left for other University's assignments before the commencement of the last meeting should be marked as absent with apology.

Shortly after reading through the minutes and the noticed errors corrected, Mrs. Onafeso moved the motion for the adoption of the minutes as correct and this was seconded by Mrs. D. Ugbenu.

CAPIC-ACE Audit/C/002/005 - Agenda

The following issues were considered by the Audit Committee as issues to be considered during the session.

- The Account Section of the CAPIC-ACE to brief the CAPIC-ACE Audit Committee on its activities lately.
- The Account Section of CAPIC-ACE and the representative of the Director, CAPIC-ACE; Prof. E. Iweala to brief the Audit Committee on the engagements/projections of the Centre for five (5) years starting from the year 2019 through the year 2024.

The Centre's Accountant; Mr. O. Omisakin was summoned by the Audit Committee to provide update information on the activities of the Centre from the year 2019 and its future projections to the year 2024.

In his briefings, Mr. Omisakin provided the CAPIC-ACE Audit Committee with the following valid information.

- Following the directive of the World Bank; CAPIC-ACE must engage external auditors.
- Availability of the Centre's accounting report.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were considered appropriate at the end of the Committee's deliberations.

- 1) The CAPIC-ACE must as a matter of necessity engage an External Audit following the directive of the World Bank.

- 77 2) The CApIC-ACE Accountant; Mr. O. Omisakin to provide all the members
78 of the Audit Committee copies of the Accounting Report to study in
79 readiness for the next meeting.
80 3) Minimum of three (3) meetings were considered as appropriate by members
81 within the year.
82 4) The standard of the minutes of meeting to be reviewed to conform with
83 available standard in Covenant University.
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85 **CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/006 - Adjournment**
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87 Mrs. D. Ugbenu moved the motion for adjournment of the session and this was
88 seconded by Pastor O. Kiki.
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90 **CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/007 - Chairman's Closing Remarks**
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92 The Chairman appreciated every member for making it to the meeting and for their
93 contributions geared towards moving CApIC-ACE forward.
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95 **CApIC-ACE Audit/C/002/008 - Closing Prayers**
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97 The meeting ended at 12:50 pm as Prof. E. Iweala said the closing prayers.

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99 **Pastor O. Kiki**
100 **The Chairman; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm.**
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Mr. O.G. Vincent
Sec; CApIC-ACE Audit Comm

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Dear sir,

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS- CAPIC-ACE Internally Financial Report 2019

We have reviewed the Internal Financial Reports (IFR) and are satisfied that, from the records and explanations given by the Covenant University – CAPIC-ACE Project, this report represents a true and fair view of the IFR and provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our professional judgment as independent auditors, we confirm that sufficient and appropriate audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report (Appendices 1).

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

This audit report is the responsibility of the Covenant University – CAPIC-ACE Project.

Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the internal financial reports based on and limited to records and explanations provided and made available to us by the university

We state that:

- Proper records have been kept



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29th April 2022

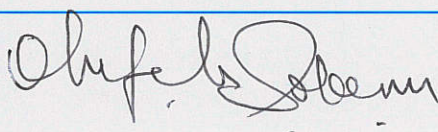


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2019 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

APPENDIX 1

**COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND
COMMUNICATIONS - AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**
STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 31ST
DECEMBER 2019

Receipt	Amount (N)
Payment Made By Covenant University	15,106,068.00
Payment	
Travelling (Local and International)	14,726,068.00
ICT	380,000.00
	15,106,068.00
Cash/Bank Balance	-



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In our professional judgment as independent auditors, we confirm that sufficient and appropriate audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report (Appendices 2).

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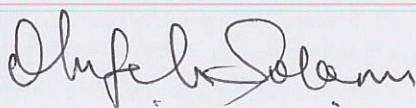
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APPENDIX 2

COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS -
AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Receipt	Amount (N)
Opening Balance	-
Payment Made By Covenant University	10,847,519.02
Funds Covenant University	77,700,000.00
Total Receipt	88,547,519.02
Payment	
Travelling (Local and International	3,210,019.02
Office Equipment	6,175,356.25
Furnitures and Fittings	5,944,625.00
Consumables	1,696,192.50
Laboratory Equipment	25,654,861.50
Office Expenses	57,500.00
Research Assistance Stipend	7,490,000.00
ICT	90,000.00
Bank Charges	43,733.51
Total Expenses	50,362,287.78
Cash/Bank Balance	38,185,231.24



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We have reviewed the Internal Financial Reports (IFR) and are satisfied that, from the records and explanations given by the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project, this report represents a true and fair view of the IFR and provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our professional judgment as independent auditors, we confirm that sufficient and appropriate audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report (Appendices 3).

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**COVENANT UNIVERSITY CapIC-ACE PROJECT
2019 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

APPENDIX 3

**COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS -
AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Receipt	Amount (N)
Opening Balance	38,185,231.24
Payment Made By Covenant University	27,230,324.94
Funds Covenant University	0.00
Reimbursement From NUC - Payment Made On Our Behalf	43,508,864.82
Reimbursement From NUC - Funds Transfer	109,417,929.00
Total Receipt	218,342,350.00
Payment	
Travelling (Local and International	10,907,187.49
Office Equipment	-
Furnitures and Fittings	-
Consumables	-
Laboratory Equipment	24,802,759.26
Office Expenses	62,000.00
Research Assistance Stipend	15,470,000.00
ICT	36,831,207.23
Computer System	338,250.00
Research Salary	1,941,701.70
Accounting Software	4,840,000.00
Advertisement	327,455.75
Bank Charges	688.55
Total Expenses	95,521,249.98
Cash/Bank Balance	122,821,100.02



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Dear sir,

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS- CApIC-ACE Internal Financial Report 2022

We have reviewed the Internal Financial Reports (IFR) and are satisfied that, from the records and explanations given by the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project, this report represents a true and fair view of the IFR and provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our professional judgment as independent auditors, we confirm that sufficient and appropriate audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report.


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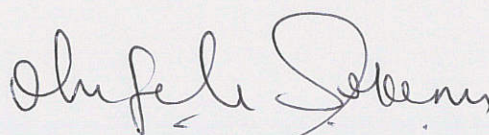


COVENANT APPLIED INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS - AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Receipt	Amount (N)
Opening Balance	
Payment by Covenant University	122,821,100.02
Funds Covenant University	35,225,970.90
Reimbursement from NUC - Payment Made on Our Behalf	79,919,097.40
Reimbursement from NUC - Funds Transfer	149,171,431.00
Total Receipt	387,137,599.32
Payment	
Travelling (Local and International)	
Office Equipment	30,541,771.74
Furnitures and Fittings	
Consumables	56,957,081.00
Laboratory Equipment	24,039,804.00
Office Expenses	153,943,362.60
Research Assistance Stipend	
ICT	35,426,885.97
Computer System	33,248,591.25
Research Salary	27,851,012.36
Accounting Software	
Advertisement	
Audit fees	941,493.11
Subscription	3,600,000.00
Accreditation	
Bank Charges	20,422,076.43
Total Expenditure	11,781.41
	386,983,859.87
Cash/Bank Balance	
	153,739.45

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS- CApIC-ACE Procurement 2020-2021

We have evaluated the procurement contracts and are satisfied that, from the records and explanations given by the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project, this procurement Audit Report represents a true and fair view of the procurement contracts and provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The procurement audit was conducted for the period 2020 to 2021 for the project (copy of procurement summary attached as appendix 1).

In our professional judgment as independent auditors, sufficient and appropriate procurement audit procedures have been conducted and evidence gathered to support the accuracy of the conclusion provided and contained in this report.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

This procurement audit report is the responsibility of the Covenant University – CApIC-ACE Project.

Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the evaluated procurement contracts based on and limited to records and explanations provided and made available to us by the university

We state that:

- Bidding & quotation documents were prepared
- Biddings/ quotations were evaluated by the decision committee
- Evaluation report and recommendations were prepared
- University Management approval obtained
- Forensic Services Department reviewed and approved
- Duly signed LPOs/ Award Letters were issued
- Evidence that goods were received, and inspections carried out
- Store receipt vouchers (SRV) were generated
- Payment document was complete
- Proper records have been kept

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29th April 2022

CAPIC-ACE PROCUREMENT SUMMARY
2020-2024

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