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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME ADDRESS AT THE ACADEMIC CULTURE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP, AJAYI CROWTHER UNIVERSITY, OYO ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026

**Principal officers of the University**

**Senate Members**

**Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments**

**Esteemed Facilitators**

**Members of Academic Staff**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**



It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I warmly welcome you to this important workshop on Academic Culture and Quality Assurance at Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo.

This workshop is both timely and strategic, as it addresses the very foundation upon which the integrity, credibility and sustainability of the University System rest. *Academic Culture and Quality Assurance are not peripheral issues, but they are the heartbeat of any reputable University. Without them, excellence becomes accidental rather than intentional.*

Academic Culture represents our shared beliefs, attitudes and practices as scholars and administrators. It shapes how we teach, learn, assess, conduct research and relate with one another. Quality Assurance, on the other hand, ensures that, these activities consistently meet the established standards and continue to improve over time. *Together, they form the foundation upon which institutional excellence is built.*

Ajayi Crowther University was founded on *strong moral, intellectual and spiritual values*. Our vision has always been to produce graduates who are not only intellectually sound but also morally upright, socially responsible and globally competitive (*..... Raising Godly Intellectuals*).

Achieving this vision requires a shared academic culture anchored on ***discipline, integrity, accountability and continuous improvement***. To sustain this vision, quality must be intentionally embedded in all aspects of our academic and administrative processes. ***Quality assurance should not be viewed merely as a response to accreditation requirements, but as a continuous internal commitment to integrity, transparency, fairness and accountability.***

Ladies and gentlemen, the contemporary university environment presents many challenges – growing student populations, rapid technological change, ethical concerns and increasing regulatory expectations. These realities make it imperative for us to strengthen our systems, uphold best practices and ensure that our academic standards remain high and credible.

This workshop provides a valuable platform for ***reflection, capacity building and shared learning***. It offers us the opportunity to review our practices, identify areas for improvement and align ourselves more closely with National and Global benchmarks, including those of the National Universities Commission.

I encourage all participants to engage actively in the discussions, share experiences and approach the sessions with openness and commitment. ***The success of quality assurance depends on collective responsibility and personal integrity at every level of the University.***

I sincerely appreciate our facilitators for their willingness to share their expertise and I commend the organizers for putting together this important programme.

In conclusion, I urge us ALL to remember that, ***Quality is a Culture, not an Event. When Academic Culture and Quality Assurance become part of our daily professional lives, institutional excellence will naturally follow.***

It is with great pleasure that I formally declare this workshop open. I wish you fruitful deliberations, a successful programme and a rewarding outcome.

Thank you for your rapt attention and God bless.

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