



BACKGROUND

The Directorate was established in April 2021 by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olufemi Peters, as a Directorate in the Vice-Chancellery. It is established to explore opportunities for a working relationship and collaboration with local and international institutions, agencies, industry, and individuals in areas of training, research and overall development and advancement of the University.

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WHAT WE DO

In the developing world, the modern-day challenge in higher institutions of learning is in the realm of human and material resources. The need to collaborate in the fields of human capacity building, conduct of quality research, and the mounting of development projects with similar institutions and other stakeholders at national and international levels is vital. to overcome the dynamic challenges.

The need for progress and successes calls for continuous strategizing in the area of aiding and guidance on issues relating to external liaison and development of solid and concrete relationships towards the enhancement of the quality status of the University.

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The Directorate is guided by the following objectives:

1. Establish, co-ordinate and manage linkages between NOUN and various public or private sector establishments and organizations for

purposes of qualitative manpower training, capacity building, and scientific/technological advancement.

2. Serve as a platform for effective upgrading and marketing of NOUN academic programs at national and international levels, through a purpose-oriented curriculum, collaborative research, and mutually beneficial staff and student exchange partnerships.
3. Organise and publicise information on various linkage activities and attainments of NOUN for the attention of local, national, and international beneficiaries, stakeholders, and target end-users.
4. Support and assist interactions and exchanges that encompass both undergraduate and post-graduate traineeship schemes and other collaborative arrangements as may be worked out between the University and other institutions and agencies.