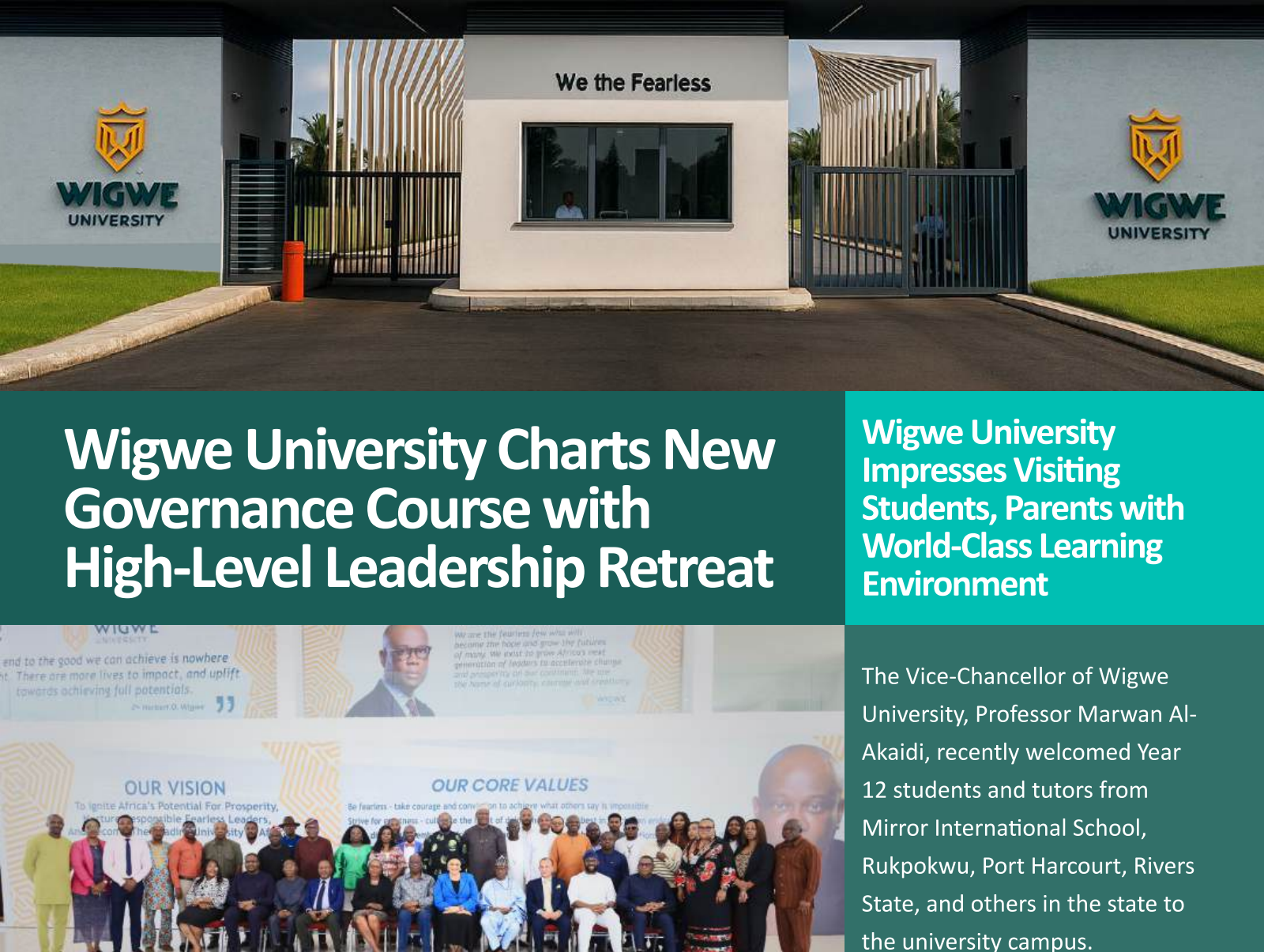
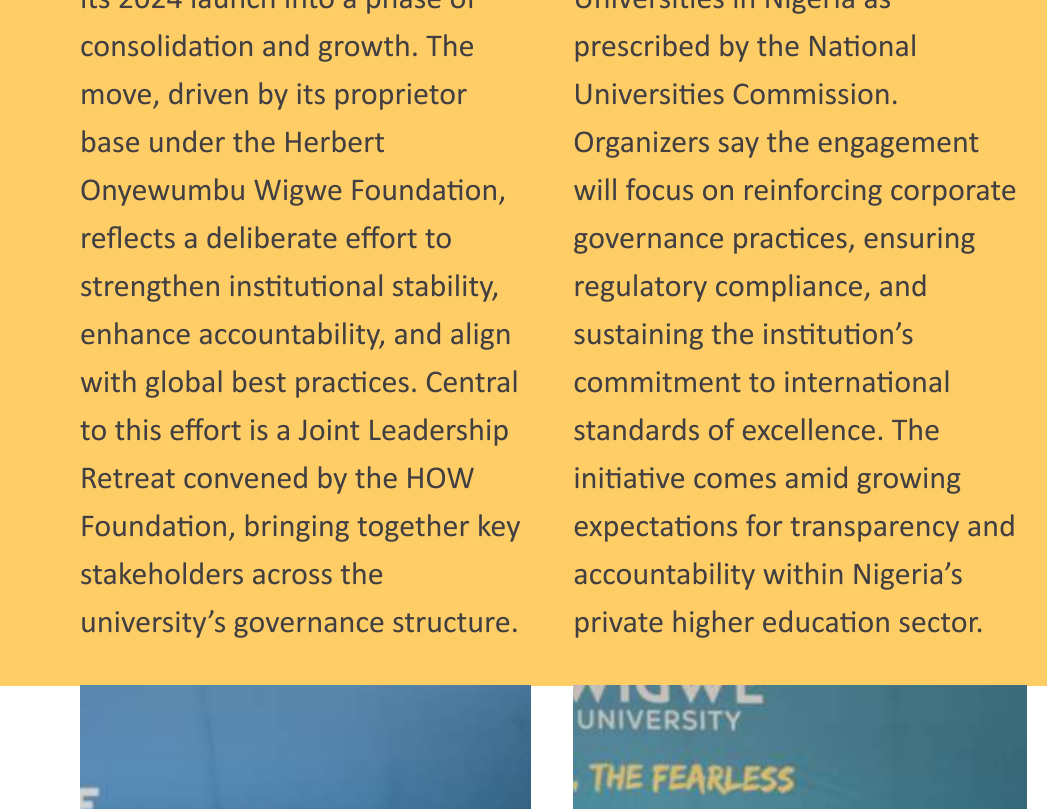


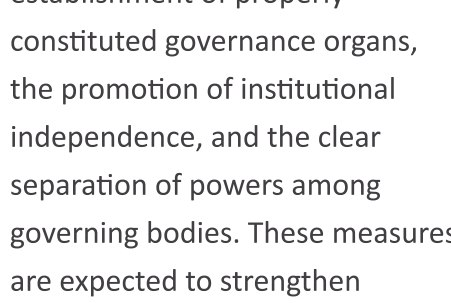


Wigwe University Charts New Governance Course with High-Level Leadership Retreat

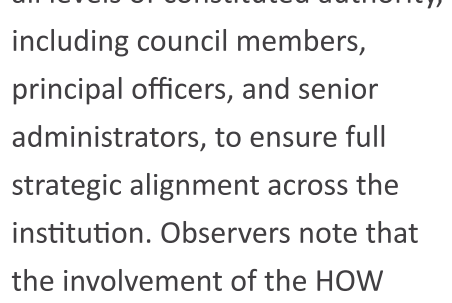


Wigwe University has initiated a strategic repositioning of its governance and leadership framework as it transitions from its 2024 launch into a phase of consolidation and growth. The move, driven by its proprietor base under the Herbert Onyewumbu Wigwe Foundation, reflects a deliberate effort to strengthen institutional stability, enhance accountability, and align with global best practices. Central to this effort is a Joint Leadership Retreat convened by the HOW Foundation, bringing together key stakeholders across the university's governance structure.

The retreat is designed to realign the university's academic and administrative systems with the Code of Governance for Private Universities in Nigeria as prescribed by the National Universities Commission. Organizers say the engagement will focus on reinforcing corporate governance practices, ensuring regulatory compliance, and sustaining the institution's commitment to international standards of excellence. The initiative comes amid growing expectations for transparency and accountability within Nigeria's private higher education sector.



Key sessions will address the establishment of properly constituted governance organs, the promotion of institutional independence, and the clear separation of powers among governing bodies. These measures are expected to strengthen decision-making processes, reduce administrative overlaps, and safeguard academic autonomy while maintaining appropriate oversight from proprietors. By embedding these structures early, Wigwe University aims to build a resilient governance system capable of supporting long-term academic and operational success.

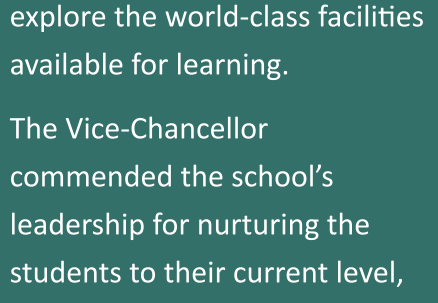


Participation in the retreat spans all levels of constituted authority, including council members, principal officers, and senior administrators, to ensure full strategic alignment across the institution. Observers note that the involvement of the HOW Foundation underscores the growing role of specialised leadership organizations in shaping university governance. As Wigwe University advances into its next phase, the outcomes of this retreat are expected to play a pivotal role in defining its institutional trajectory and positioning it as a benchmark for governance excellence in Nigeria



Wigwe University Impresses Visiting Students, Parents with World-Class Learning Environment

The Vice-Chancellor of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, recently welcomed Year 12 students and tutors from Mirror International School, Rukpokwu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, and others in the state to the university campus.



Professor Al-Akaidi, who was joined by members of the university's faculty and staff in receiving the visitors, expressed hope that the visit would allow them to experience the Wigwe University community and explore the world-class facilities available for learning.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the school's leadership for nurturing the students to their current level, describing them as the future of Nigeria. He noted that, with an institution such as Wigwe University, their ambitions and potential would be effectively harnessed.

Addressing the students, he stated that at the core of the university's academic drive is a bold and defining vision tagged "We Are the Fearless." According to him, "Our aim is simple: to give you a genuine sense of our learning environment, our values, and the opportunities we provide to shape confident, capable, and forward-thinking individuals."

Professor Al-Akaidi also acknowledged the presence of some parents at the event, appreciating their trust and commitment to supporting their children's development by providing access to quality education and a conducive learning environment.

One of the parents, Barrister Rosemary Chikere, applauded the leadership of Wigwe University for creating one of the best learning environments in the country. She noted that the teaching aids, accommodation facilities, cafeteria operations, and emphasis on safety had given her peace of mind regarding her child's well-being at school.

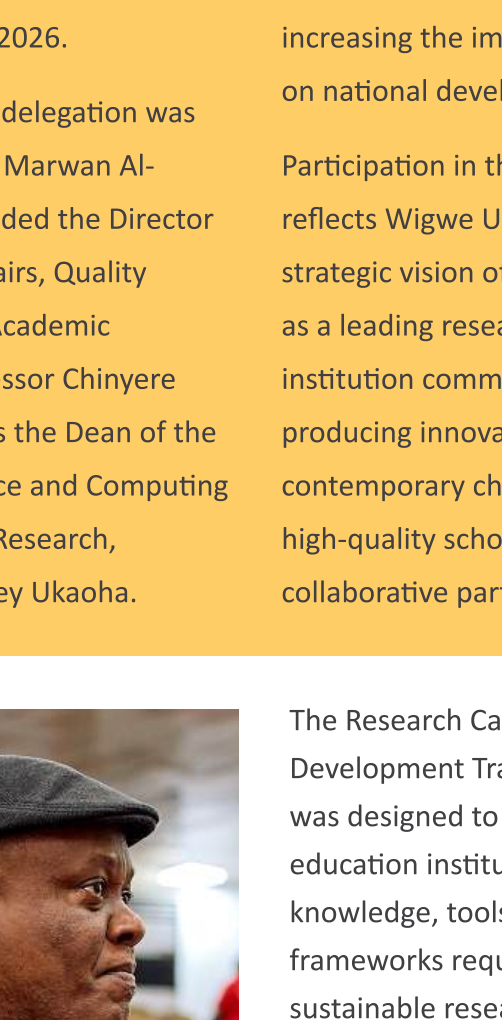
"Having experienced the university over just one semester as a parent, I have no hesitation in recommending it to my colleagues and other parents who desire a quality academic environment for their wards. It is very reassuring to know that my child can stay close to home and still receive a comparable to, or even better than, what some institutions outside Nigeria offer," Barrister Chikere added.

The Principal of Mirror International School, Mr Chia Terseer Christopher, also commended Wigwe University for the warm reception. He noted that their initial impressions from online information had been impressive, prompting the visit to verify the reality.

"We have come, and we can confidently say that what we saw online is not fictitious but real. This experience will help us guide our students in envisioning a future at the university," he said.

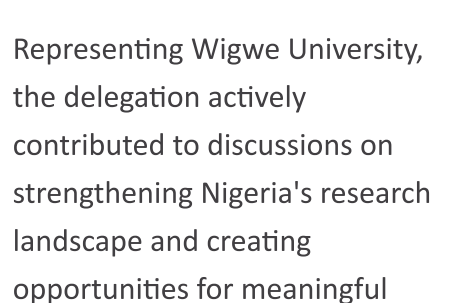
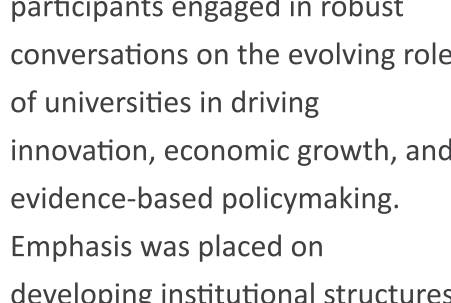
VC Leads Research Team to NUC Research Capacity Development Training in Abuja

In a significant demonstration of its commitment to advancing research excellence and innovation, Wigwe University participated in the Research Capacity Development Training Programme organized by the National Universities Commission (NUC) at its headquarters in Abuja between May 12 and 13, 2026.



The two-day training programme brought together academic leaders, researchers, and policymakers from universities across Nigeria to explore strategies for strengthening institutional research capacity, enhancing grant acquisition and management, and increasing the impact of research on national development

Participation in the programme reflects Wigwe University's strategic vision of positioning itself as a leading research-driven institution committed to producing innovative solutions to contemporary challenges through high-quality scholarship and collaborative partnerships.



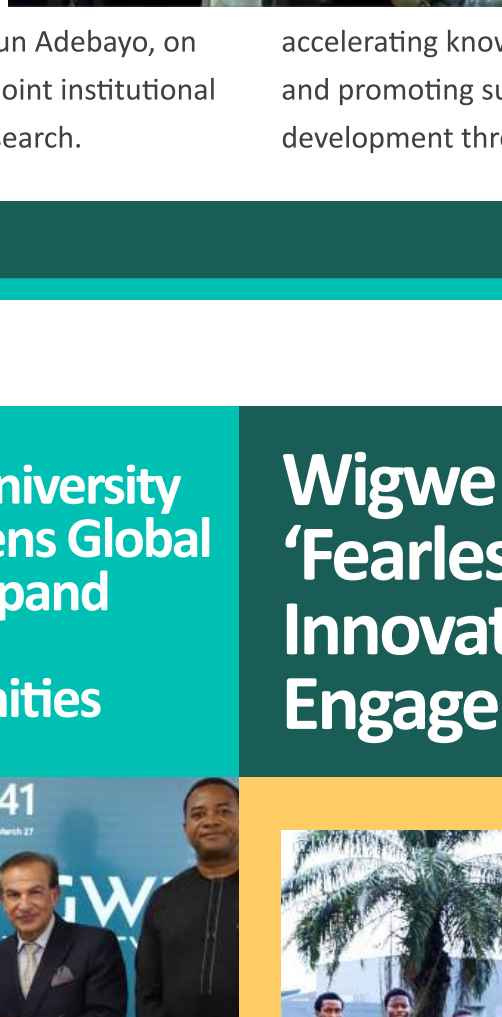
Throughout the sessions, participants engaged in robust conversations on the evolving role of universities in driving innovation, economic growth, and evidence-based policymaking. Emphasis was placed on developing institutional structures that support researchers in securing competitive grants and conducting impactful studies that address national and global

The Research Capacity Development Training Programme was designed to equip higher education institutions with the knowledge, tools, and frameworks required to build sustainable research ecosystems. Discussions centered on best practices in research governance, funding opportunities, project management, institutional collaborations, and the translation of research outcomes into societal impact.

Representing Wigwe University, the delegation actively contributed to discussions on strengthening Nigeria's research landscape and creating opportunities for meaningful collaboration among universities, government agencies, industry stakeholders, and international partners.

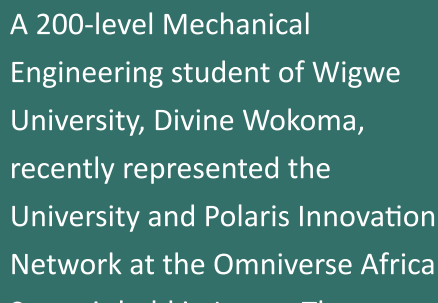


On the sideline of the workshop, Professor Al-Akaidi interacted with the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Abiodun Adebayo, on the prospect of joint institutional collaborative research.



The University's representatives highlighted the importance of empowering institutions to build strategic partnerships capable of accelerating knowledge creation and promoting sustainable development through research.

Wigwe University Student Represents Institution at Omniverse Africa Summit



A 200-level Mechanical Engineering student of Wigwe University, Divine Wokoma, recently represented the University and Polaris Innovation Network at the Omniverse Africa Summit held in Lagos. The summit brought together technical researchers, senior professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, technical experts from the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) and emerging innovators from across Africa and beyond to explore strategies for advancing technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship on the continent.

Speaking on his experience at the summit, Wokoma highlighted the valuable opportunity to connect and network with leading professionals and key stakeholders within the technology ecosystem. He also participated in a series of masterclasses focused on migration pathways, remote work opportunities, and postgraduate study prospects, gaining practical insights into career development in an increasingly globalized digital economy.

The summit further exposed participants to diverse perspectives on the future of Africa's technological landscape. Wokoma listened to presentations and panel discussions featuring speakers and delegates from several countries who examined critical issues related to advancing technology and infrastructure across Africa. Researchers also showcased groundbreaking studies and innovations, emphasizing their potential benefits and implications for technological growth and sustainable development on the continent.

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Wigwe University Strengthens Global Ties to Expand Student Opportunities

Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, recently hosted a delegation of international education stakeholders on a working visit to strengthen academic partnerships and expand student opportunities.

Discussions focused on developing collaborative initiatives to boost student enrollment and create clear pathways for postgraduate study abroad after completing their undergraduate studies at Wigwe University, thus enhancing global exposure and competitiveness.

There was also mutual interest in future engagements to deepen institutional ties and explore academic exchange opportunities. The visit included a tour of facilities, with positive feedback on the university's vision and infrastructure.

The visiting delegation noted that the tour of the university's facilities left a strong impression on them, reinforcing their confidence in the institution's vision of shaping fearless leaders. The meeting concluded with plans to formalize the collaboration through a structured partnership to support student recruitment and long-term cooperation between both organizations.

Wigwe University Poised for 'Fearless Week' to Promote Innovation, Student Engagement

Preparation is in full swing for the 2026 Students' Week celebration at Wigwe University, with a lineup of activities designed to make the weeklong event memorable for students.

The Students' Week, themed "Fearless Week," promises a vibrant mix of energy, innovation, and engagement. Scheduled for

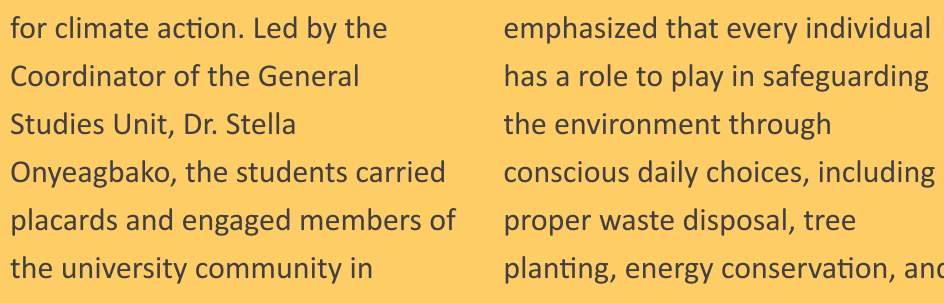
The 2026 Students' Week will include a variety of events such as a talk show, games and sports, a fashion show—where students will showcase designs they have created—and a trade fair aimed at promoting entrepreneurial development.

The week will conclude with a Dinner & Awards Night, during which outstanding students and notable achievements will be recognized. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service, offering students an opportunity to reflect, express gratitude, and celebrate unity at the close of the event.

Organizers note that all activities have been carefully planned to combine entertainment with learning.

Beyond celebration, the event is expected to foster stronger relationships within the university community, showcase student talent and enterprise, and promote a culture of fearlessness among participants. By the end of the week, students are expected to leave with lasting memories, stronger connections, and a renewed sense of pride in being part of the Wigwe University community.

Wigwe University Students Champion Environmental Sustainability with World Environment Day Sensitization Walk



Students of Wigwe University marked the 2026 World Environment Day with a campus-wide sensitization walk aimed at promoting environmental responsibility and raising awareness about the urgent need for climate action. Led by the Coordinator of the General Studies Unit, Dr. Stella Onyeagbako, the students carried placards and engaged members of the university community in conversations on sustainable environmental practices, encouraging everyone to embrace habits that protect the planet for present and future generations.

Speaking during the exercise, Dr. Onyeagbako highlighted the growing impact of climate change and reminded participants that the Earth is sending unmistakable signals about the need for immediate action. She emphasized that every individual has a role to play in safeguarding the environment through conscious daily choices, including proper waste disposal, tree planting, energy conservation, and responsible consumption. Echoing this year's global message, she challenged the university community to reflect on "the kind of signals we choose to send back" through their actions towards the environment.

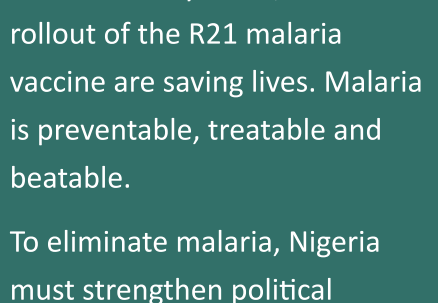
The sensitization walk aligned with the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) global campaign, which calls on people everywhere to step in #NowForClimate and accelerate collective efforts towards a more sustainable future. The initiative reflects Wigwe University's commitment to nurturing environmentally conscious leaders

and fostering a culture of sustainability through education, advocacy, and community engagement. As the university continues to champion responsible citizenship, the World Environment Day celebration served as a timely reminder that meaningful climate action begins with informed individuals and united communities.



Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can, Now We Must — The Nigerian Imperative - Prof C. Ukaga

Nigeria bears the world's heaviest malaria burden, accounting for about 27% of global cases and 31% of malaria deaths, with nearly 97% of the population at risk. More than 24 million confirmed cases were recorded in the first nine months of 2025, making malaria both a public health emergency and a major development challenge.



Yet Nigeria has the tools to change this reality. Insecticide-treated nets, rapid diagnosis, effective antimalarial medicines, seasonal chemoprevention, indoor spraying, stronger surveillance systems, and the rollout of the R21 malaria vaccine are saving lives. Malaria is preventable, treatable and beatable.

To eliminate malaria, Nigeria must strengthen political commitment, increase domestic funding, improve primary healthcare, and ensure equitable access to quality diagnosis and treatment. Communities must also embrace preventive measures, use bed nets correctly, seek prompt testing, and complete treatment.

Ending malaria is both a moral obligation and a national imperative. The science exists, the tools are available, and the opportunity is before us. Driven to end malaria—now we can, now we must.

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