

**ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF THE NIGERIA NATIONAL OFFICE OF
THE WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (WAEC),
DR IYI UWADIAE *mnim*, AT A PRESS BRIEFING TO ANNOUNCE THE
RELEASE OF THE RESULTS OF THE MAY/JUNE 2011 WEST
AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE)
ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011 AT INDICES SUITES AND
GARDENS, ABEOKUTA**

Distinguished gentlemen of the media, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this briefing. It is always a privilege to interact with you at such fora.

On behalf of the Management and, indeed, the entire staff of the Nigeria National Office of the West African Examinations Council, I wish to express, as on previous occasions, my heartfelt gratitude to you for the understanding and partnership which the Council has enjoyed from the media over the years. You have assisted the Management in no small measure, by throwing more light on the activities and operations of the Council in Nigeria with your pens, microphones and cameras. It is my prayer that this cordial relationship should continue.

Gentlemen of the media, as part of the Council's efforts to improve service delivery and to bring its services closer to its numerous stakeholders; the Council is in the process of relocating its zonal office in Maiduguri, Borno State, to a befitting permanent office. Similarly, the Council also hopes to begin work on a befitting permanent office complex in Jos, the Plateau State Capital very soon.

Gentlemen of the media, in March 2012 the Council will be marking its 60th anniversary. It is my pleasure to inform you that the 60th Annual Council Meeting will be held in Abuja. Other exciting activities will also be held during the anniversary.

Distinguished gentlemen of the media, the conduct of the November/December 2011 WASSCE diet is about to commence. Arrangements are in top gear in order to ensure that the examination is conducted hitch-free and that the results are released on schedule. As our partners in progress, I appeal to you to find time from your tight schedules to help in monitoring the conduct of the examination, in order to get first hand information on its conduct. We will welcome meaningful reports and suggestions from you on how to improve on any aspect of our operations.

One of our priorities over the years, gentlemen of the media, is stemming the unfortunate scourge of examination malpractice in order to protect the sanctity of our certificates. Indeed the Council has expended so much resources and energy in this campaign and has always put in place mechanisms to prevent malpractice and to fish out and punish candidates and functionaries who engage in this unfortunate vice. I appeal to you and to all stakeholders in the education sector to continue to assist us in our efforts in waging war on examination malpractice. We cannot do it alone.

Today, gentlemen of the media, I am pleased to announce the release of the results of the May/June 2011 West African Senior School Certificate Examination, which many candidates and their parents have been anxiously expecting.

A total of **1,540,250** candidates, consisting of **844,630** male and **695,620** female candidates sat the May/June 2011 WASSCE.

Out of the overall total number of candidates, **1,460,003** candidates; representing **94.79%** have their results fully processed; while **80,247** candidates, representing **5.21%** have a few subjects still being processed due to various errors and omissions mostly traceable to the candidates themselves.

Some of these errors and omissions occurred during the online registration for the examination and some were committed during the actual conduct of the examination. The Council will, as usual, work assiduously in order to resolve the errors so that the results of the affected candidates can be processed and released as soon as possible.

The results of **81,573** candidates, representing **5.29%** of the total number of candidates are being withheld for various reports of alleged involvement in examination malpractice.

Of the total number of candidates that sat the examination, **587,630** candidates, representing **38.93%** obtained credits

and above in Mathematics, while **838,314** candidates, representing **55.34%** obtained credit and above in English Language.

Similarly, **618,924** candidates; representing **40.55%** obtained credit and above in six (6) subjects; **789,288** candidates representing **51.71%** obtained five (5) credits and above; **943,187** candidates representing **61.80%** obtained credit and above in four (4) subjects; whereas **1,084,817** candidates; representing **71.08%**; obtained credit and above in three (3) subjects. A total of **1,223,359** candidates; representing **80.15%** obtained credit and above in two (2) subjects.

Out of a total of **110** blind candidates who sat the examination, **41** candidates; representing **37.27%** obtained credit and above in five (5) subjects.

Candidates who sat the examination will be able to check the details of their performance with their scratch cards on our results website: www.waecdirect.org within the next 24 hours.

Gentlemen of the media, I wish to use this opportunity to express the Council's appreciation to the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai and the Honourable Minister of State for Education, for the understanding and support which the Federal Ministry of Education has been extending to the Council. The Honourable Minister assisted the Council, immensely, in meeting the

challenges which were thrown up during the conduct of the May/June 2011 WASSCE, by the general elections. I also wish to express our appreciation to the Inspector General of Police and the Commissioners of Police in all the States of the Federation. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to the Commissioners of Police in charge of Kaduna and Bauchi States for the special assistance which they rendered to the Council in order to ensure that the papers which were to be written on the date the rescheduled gubernatorial elections in the two states were held, were written as scheduled.

I wish also to express appreciation to the State Ministries of Education, Principals of schools, our Custodians, examination Supervisors and Invigilators who collaborated with the Council in order to ensure the successful conduct of the examination.

I must also express my profound appreciation to our Chief Examiners, Team Leaders and Assistant Examiners who honoured our invitation to participate in the coordination and marking exercise for the examination. Without the immense support, hard work, dedication, thoroughness and genuine interest of these functionaries in the progress of education, it will not be possible for the Council to conduct its examinations and process the results. We are indeed indebted and grateful to them all.

Similarly, I wish to thank the staff of the Council for their sacrifices, tireless efforts and doggedness in order to ensure

the successful conduct of the examination. Let me also use this opportunity to pray to Almighty God to grant quick recovery to some members of our staff who were involved in a motor accident during the conduct of the examination.

Distinguished gentlemen of the media, once again, on behalf of the Management and staff of the Nigeria National Office of the Council, I thank you for finding time to attend this briefing.

Thank you all and God bless you.