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NISLT hosts FMIST 2025 second quarter Ministerial SERVICOM stakeholders meeting, earns commendations

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) successfully hosted the 2025 Second Quarter Stakeholders Meeting of the Ministerial SERVICOM Committee (MSC) in the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (FMIST). The event drew participants from various MDAs, regulatory agencies, and SERVICOM units from the Ministry.



NISLT inducts SLT graduates at the University of Benin

...Graduates Encouraged to Embrace Excellence, Innovation, and Professional Ethics

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) has formally inducted the 2023/2024 graduating class of the Department of Science Laboratory Technology (SLT), University of Benin, during a well-attended and symbolic 12th Oath-Taking and Induction Ceremony held at the Akin Deko Main Auditorium.

The ceremony marked a pivotal transition in the lives of the new graduates as they were formally admitted into the SLT profession, taking the professional oath and receiving their Licences to Practice from NISLT. The event attracted

dignitaries from the academia and science community, professional associations, and the NISLT leadership.



Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Edoba B. Omoregie, SAN, was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Ekenwan Campus, Prof. B. A. Ayinde. In his goodwill message, he lauded the graduates for their perseverance and academic success. He encouraged them to be exemplary ambassadors of the university and to uphold high professional standards.



In his welcome address, the Head of Department, Prof. Emmanuel O. Oshomoh, highlighted the department's achievements and reiterated the critical role of SLT professionals in national growth and innovation. He reaffirmed the department's dedication to excellence in training and professional development.

A keynote lecture titled "*Science Laboratory Technology: Catalyst for Industrial Innovation and National*



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Development” was delivered by Prof. Marshall A. Azeke. He emphasized the importance of SLT in driving innovation across sectors such as industry, healthcare, research, and environmental management. Prof. Azeke pointed to vast opportunities in the profession, including career mobility, job security, global relevance, and entrepreneurship.

Administering the oath and leading the formal induction, Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, the Overseeing Director, NISLT, charged the graduates to remain committed to continuous learning and ethical conduct. He mentioned the Institute’s 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, which includes strengthening professional regulation, combating quackery, and promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in laboratory practice. Dr. Oluwafisoye also stressed the indispensable contributions of laboratory Scientists and technologists in all sectors of the economy including research advancement, healthcare, and industrial productivity.

into the professional community and emphasized the importance of integrity, diligence, and competence. In recognition of academic excellence and service, awards were presented to outstanding graduates and former Heads of Department. The Overall Best Graduating Student, Ms. Promise Segine, gave an emotional speech reflecting on the journey of the class, while Mr. James O. Oseyomon, Chairman of the Induction Planning Committee, delivered the vote of thanks. The 12th Induction Ceremony was not only a rite of passage for the graduating class but also a reaffirmation of the University of Benin’s and NISLT’s shared vision to build a cadre of highly skilled, ethical, and innovative SLT professionals who will propel Nigeria’s scientific and technological advancement.

NISLT Engages Edo State Ministries on SLT Recognition and Policy Reform

As part of its nationwide advocacy campaign for the recognition and integration of Science Laboratory Technologists (SLT) in critical sectors, the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) has carried out strategic engagements with key ministries in Edo State.



He urged the inductees to embrace the SERVICOM principles of quality service and national responsibility. The event also featured remarks from Pastor Ayotunde Omorilewa, President of the Association of Science Laboratory Technologists of Nigeria (ASLTON), who formally welcomed the graduates



A delegation led by the Overseeing Director, NISLT, Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, paid courtesy visits to the Edo State Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Digital Economy, Science and Technology (MDEST), where key policy



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documents were presented and dialogue initiated on the inclusion of SLT professionals in state systems. During the meeting at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Oluwafisoye emphasized the indispensable role of SLT professionals in laboratory diagnostics, public health, and scientific research. Drawing from his expertise in health, radiation, and medical physics—and his ongoing research in breast cancer diagnosis and imaging—he highlighted the competencies of NISLT-registered members. He expressed serious concern over: The continued closure of NISLT-accredited private laboratories., Marginalization and harassment of SLT professionals in health institutions and the need for policy reforms to address these systemic issues. Supporting the advocacy were Pastor Omorilewa, National President of the Association of Science Laboratory Technologists of Nigeria (ASLTON), and other ASLTON Edo State Chapter members, who provided further context on local challenges.



At the Ministry of Digital Economy, Science and Technology, Dr. Oluwafisoye reaffirmed the SLT profession's multi-disciplinary nature and the importance of the NISLT Benin Zonal Office as a coordination hub for the six South-South states. He raised key issues around recruitment barriers, low awareness of SLT capabilities, and the need for deliberate inclusion in science and technology roles within the state. Responding, Mr. Jonathan Okpebor, Permanent Secretary of MDEST, acknowledged gaps in policy and awareness. He commended NISLT's initiative and promised to escalate the matter to the Edo State Head of Service for appropriate action.

The advocacy tour concluded with a working visit to the NISLT Benin Zonal Office, where Dr. Oluwafisoye charged ASLTON local leadership to utilize the facility fully in coordinating stakeholder engagement and professional development activities. Other Delegation Members Included: Mr. Umoru Wilson – National Vice President, ASLTON, Mrs. Stella Idowu – Deputy Director, Registry, NISLT, Engr. Mmaduakonam Chukwuma – Deputy Director, ICT, NISLT, Mr. Akhanomhen Kennedy – NISLT Staff, Ms. Olujimi Kemi – NISLT Staff, Mr. Igbinakenzua O. Precious – NISLT Staff, Ms. Agbeje Augusta – NISLT Staff, Mr. Efe Omoruyi – Immediate Past Chairman, ASLTON Edo, Dr. Osagie Kingsley – Chairman, ASLTON Edo, Dr. Akhindenor George – Immediate Past Vice Chairman, ASLTON Edo, Mr. Emmanuel Ovu – Chairman, ASLTON UNIBEN, Dr. Dickson Uwaya – SLT Lecturer, Mr. Oscar Aghedo – SLT Lecturer, Mr. Aiyevebeken Clinton – Secretary, ASLTON UNIBEN,



In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Stanley Osaruyi Ehiaimwian (MBBS, MD, MPH), welcomed the delegation and promised an objective review of the submissions. He assured the Institute that a committee would be established to address the raised concerns comprehensively once the Honourable Commissioner returns from official duties.



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Mr. Iyasere Benjamin – SLT Professional, Ms. Osagie Blessing Princess – SLT Professional.



NISLT Advocates Strategic Innovations at 22nd National Council on Innovation, Science and Technology

Abuja, Nigeria – The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) reaffirmed its strategic role in national innovation and scientific advancement during the 22nd Meeting of the National Council on Innovation, Science and Technology, held from Monday, May 12 to Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Conference Hall of the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Obasanjo Space Centre, Abuja.



With the theme “*Research, Develop, Innovate and Commercialize: A Cycle for National Prosperity*,” the Council brought together policy makers, research institutions, professional bodies, and other key stakeholders to deliberate on strategies that will drive scientific progress and technological transformation across the country. Representing NISLT at the high-level forum was the Overseeing Director, Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, who presented two

strategic memoranda that emphasized the critical role of Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) in achieving national development goals. In the first memo, Dr. Oluwafisoye proposed the upgrade and redesign of NISLT’s Multipurpose Science (MPS) Laboratory from Level I to Level II, with the goal of expanding its capacity and service offerings. The proposed enhancement is expected to boost modern training, enable advanced research, and encourage multi-stakeholder collaboration within the science laboratory ecosystem.

“*This upgrade will position the MPS Laboratory as a national hub for innovation, joint research, and professional development, supporting both public and private stakeholders*,” Dr. Oluwafisoye stated during his presentation. In the second submission, NISLT formally announced the commencement of its Mandatory Professional Examination (MPE) for SLT professionals. The examination, which began in October 2023, now serves as a prerequisite for graduation and licensure in the SLT profession. Successful candidates are inducted and officially licensed to practice, with the licensure serving as a mandatory condition for mobilization into the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) program. Dr. Oluwafisoye noted that the initiative was a major step toward ensuring professional integrity, workplace competence, and alignment between SLT academic training and national service deployment. These contributions reflect NISLT’s unwavering commitment to improving professional standards, building institutional capacity, and aligning laboratory science with Nigeria’s broader innovation, research, and commercialization agenda. The Council commended the Institute’s efforts and reaffirmed the importance of embedding scientific and technological excellence in the country’s development strategy. The event was attended by the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, Mrs. Esuabana Nko Asanye, along with other high-ranking officials, state commissioners, and representatives from the FCT Agency for Science and Technology

NISLT Participates in 2025 Civil Service Week with Focus on Digital Transformation Abuja, Nigeria

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) actively participated in the recently concluded 2025 Civil Service Week, which held from Friday, June 20 to Saturday, June 28, 2025. The week-long celebration, organized by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), featured a series of events under the theme: “*Leveraging Technology for a Smart and Agile Public Service*.”



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The theme aligned closely with NISLT's ongoing commitment to digital innovation, capacity development, and modernization of public service operations within the science and technology sector. NISLT representatives joined delegates from Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) across Nigeria in celebrating the dedication, innovation, and resilience of civil servants. The event was officially declared open by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who reaffirmed his administration's unwavering commitment to digital transformation and innovation in public service.



The celebration, themed *"Leveraging Technology for a Smart and Agile Public Service,"* brought together top government officials, civil servants, development partners, and professionals across sectors to explore digital-driven reforms and performance improvement across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

In his keynote address, President Tinubu commended Nigerian civil servants for their resilience, dedication, and service to the nation. He emphasized that building a smart, technology-driven civil service is critical to achieving the Renewed Hope Agenda and repositioning the public sector for better service delivery. The week-long celebration concluded on Saturday, June 28, with a grand Reward and Recognition Awards Ceremony, where outstanding civil servants were honoured for exemplary service and innovation in their various MDAs.



FMIST and the Agencies participated in the 2025 International Civil Service Conference and exhibited her Innovation and Research projects at the FMIST/Agencies Pavilion in Eagle Square



Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack, commended all participants and stakeholders for making the 2025 Civil Service Week a success. She emphasized the government's unwavering focus on building a digitally enabled, smart, and agile public service capable of delivering efficient services in the 21st century.



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NISLT Honours Mr. Ronald Ukpong on His 60th Birthday and Retirement

Abuja, Nigeria – July 2, 2025 — The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) joined the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology and the wider science community in celebrating the 60th birthday and meritorious retirement of Mr. Ronald Ukpong, Director of Science and Technology Promotion (STP) and Supervising Director for NISLT.

The celebration, held on Tuesday, July 2, 2025, marked the conclusion of a distinguished public service career defined by exemplary leadership, visionary oversight, and steadfast integrity.



Mr. Ukpong, who has served with the Ministry for decades, played a pivotal role in promoting science and innovation

policy in Nigeria. As the supervising director for NISLT, his mentorship and unwavering support greatly enhanced the operational visibility and strategic direction of the Institute. In a formal congratulatory message, the Management of NISLT, led by the Overseeing Director, Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, paid tribute to Mr. Ukpong's outstanding contributions: *"On behalf of the Governing Council, management, and staff of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Ronald Ukpong on the occasion of his 60th birthday and retirement from public service."*

"Your tenure as Director, STP, and your role as Supervising Director to our Institute have left a lasting imprint on our institution's growth and credibility. Your exemplary leadership, unwavering integrity, and support for professional development within the science and laboratory technology community will be remembered with deep respect and appreciation."

"As you begin this well-deserved new chapter, we celebrate your legacy and wish you good health, joy, and continued impact in your future endeavours."

The event drew colleagues, ministry officials, and stakeholders from across the science and technology sector, who came together to honour Mr. Ukpong with tributes, goodwill messages, and presentations recognizing his legacy of service.





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Mr. Ukpong's departure signals the end of a remarkable era but leaves behind a standard of excellence that will continue to guide those he mentored and led.

MINISTER APPROVES 2024/2025 PROMOTION, CONFIRMATION, CONVERSION, AND UPGRADE EXERCISE FOR NISLT STAFF

The Honourable Minister of the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, Chief Uche Geoffrey Nnaji, has approved the 2024/2025 Promotion, Confirmation, Conversion, and Upgrade Exercise for staff of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT). This approval was conveyed via a letter with reference number FMST/PARA/110/VIIT, dated 17th June 2025, and signed by Ochala Mark, Overseeing Director (Human Resource Management), on behalf of the Honourable Minister. According to the report of the Senior Staff Committee (SSC): A total of thirty-three (33) senior staff participated in the promotion examination, out of which twenty-nine (29) were successful, Three (3) staff members were presented for conversion, and all were duly recommended and approved, Two (2) senior staff were presented for upgrade based on earlier recommendations, and both were approved and Twenty (20) senior staff were also presented for confirmation and were unanimously endorsed by the Committee. In the junior staff category: One (1) staff member was presented and approved for promotion and Nine (9) others were presented and recommended for confirmation. The Committee has advised that letters of approval be issued to all successful candidates, in line with their respective categories at the Honourable Minister's directive. This exercise reinforces the Institute's continued commitment to staff development, structured career advancement, and institutional excellence. The Overseeing Director of NISLT, Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, FISLT, congratulated all the successful staff members and charged them to put the interest of the Institute at heart by demonstrating renewed commitment and dedication to their duties.

He further announced that NISLT has adopted the Performance Management System (PMS) recently introduced across the civil service, which will now be used in **future**

promotion exercises. The PMS is designed to enhance employee performance and overall organizational effectiveness by providing a structured approach to goal setting, continuous feedback, and performance evaluation. This modern system replaces the previous Annual Performance Evaluation Report (APER), offering a more dynamic and results-driven framework.

Dr. Oluwafisoye expressed appreciation to the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Esubana Nko Asanye, and the Honourable Minister, Chief Uche Geoffrey Nnaji, for their unwavering support and prompt approval. He lauded their visionary leadership and commitment to innovation, excellence, and productivity across the Ministry and its agencies.

NISLT AND ASLTON ENGAGE HEAD OF SERVICE ON SCHEME OF SERVICE FOR SLT CADRE

Abuja, July 4, 2025 — The Overseeing Director of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, alongside the National President of the Association of Science Laboratory Technologists of Nigeria (ASLTON), recently paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) to discuss the ongoing review of the Scheme of Service for the Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) profession.

During the visit, the duo was briefed on the establishment of a special committee of experts tasked with the harmonization of national Schemes of Service across various cadres. In response to this development, the NISLT and ASLTON leadership were invited to make a formal presentation highlighting the scope, relevance, and professional structure of the SLT discipline.

The presentation was successfully delivered on Friday, 27th June 2025, with Mr. Akeem Onigbanjo also in attendance. Following the presentation, a follow-up letter as requested was formally submitted by NISLT on Friday, 4th July 2025.

A follow-up meeting with the committee has been scheduled and is expected to further solidify progress on the adoption of



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a comprehensive and representative Scheme of Service for the SLT profession in Nigeria.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NISLT TO CONDUCT 2025 MODULE 1 FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) has announced the conduct of the 2025 Module 1 Fellowship Examination, scheduled to hold from Monday, 14th July to Friday, 18th July 2025. Candidates are expected to arrive on Monday, 14th July, while departure is slated for Friday, 18th July. The detailed examination timetable is as follows: Tuesday, 15th July 2025 – *Advanced Research Methodology*; Wednesday, 16th July 2025 – *Advanced General Laboratory Techniques and Laboratory Management*; Thursday, 17th July 2025 – *Advanced Statistical Methods*. The Fellowship Examination represents a significant professional benchmark for SLT professionals who aspire to attain the highest level of expertise, recognition, and leadership within the profession. It affirms their mastery of advanced scientific principles, technical skills, and ethical standards required of fellows of the Institute. The Management of NISLT extends its best wishes to all participating candidates and prays for journey mercies to and from the examination venue.

2025 NISLT SHORT TERM TRAINING WORKSHOP PROGRAMMES (JULY – NOVEMBER)

S/NO	TABLE OF CONTENT	DATE (2025)	VENUE
1.	Training Workshop on Laboratory Methods for Water Quality Testing and Treatment Techniques	14th – 18th July	Ibadan
2.	Statistical Analysis and Interpretation of Laboratory Data	11th – 15th August	Ibadan
3.	Experimental Design and Data Collection Techniques in Laboratory Research	8th – 12th September	Ibadan
4.	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Application in Laboratory Administration and Management	6th – 10th October	Ibadan
5.	Nanotechnology and Its Applications in Laboratory Science	24th – 28th November	Ibadan



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STAFF MATTERS

WEDDINGS

Florence Olugbemisola (NISLT Laboratory staff) and Tolulope Oluwatosin were joined in matrimony on the May 31, 2025, at Zonta Hall, located at No 18 Baale Oyewole Road, beside Feedoc Supermarket, Jericho Ibadan. May God bless the marriage, amen.



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OBITUARY

NISLT MOURNS WITH STAFF OVER LOSS OF BELOVED MOTHERS

The Management and entire staff of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) extend their deepest condolences to Mr. Abiola Okunlade, Deputy Director of Statistics, and Mrs. Olufunke Ebaddan, Assistant Director (Admin), PRD, on the passing of their beloved mothers after a brief illness. The funeral ceremonies were well attended by staff across all departments, reflecting the unity and support that define the NISLT family. The Institute joins Mr. Okunlade and Mrs. Ebaddan in mourning during this period of personal loss and prays that the Almighty grants them and their families the strength, comfort, and fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

May their souls rest in perfect peace.

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President Tinubu at the 2025 International Civil Service Conference



The Permanent Secretary FMIST at 2025 International Civil Service Conference



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2025 International Civil Service Conference



Honours Mr. Ronald Ukpong on His 60th Birthday

