

Minutes of the Meeting Held on July 20, 2022

Location : Physical and Google meet

In attendance

1. Prof. A. Oluwatope - Physical
2. Prof. I. Awoyelu - Physical
3. Prof. Bisi Bakare - Physical
4. Dr. A. Ogunyemi - Virtual
5. Dr. I.J. Diyaolu - Virtual
6. Mr. E.A. Orisadare - Virtual (Secretary)
7. Mrs. Eunice Ugwu - Virtual

Absent

1. Mrs D. Adedeji
2. Mr. E. Achukwu with apology.

Discussion

1. The meeting started around 12.02P.M WAT with opening remarks and the reading of the agenda for the day by the principal investigator, Prof. A. Oluwatope.
2. The PI reported that the research Instrument had been given to Dr. Opayinka for revalidation. While she promised to turn it in within one day, the PI was yet to receive from her. However, the PI promised to follow it up.
3. Prof. Oluwatope sought the opinion of members about the necessary steps and activities for the proposed pilot study for the research. Members responded with several suggestions, which were looked into.
4. Report of Committee set up to look into remuneration for Research Mentees: Prof. Bakare reported that

after much consideration, the Committee recommended that #20,000 be given to each mentee pending d conclusion of d field study plan. The #20,000 will be deducted from the amount accruable for d exercise for each mentee at later time.

5. August 15, 2022 was proposed for the pilot test.

6. Prof. Bakare and Prof. Awoyelu were selected to work and update members about the budget for the pilot study and pretest.

7. Prof. Awoyelu gave a report on the current state of activity on paper writing for the Africomm 2022. She noted that work is ongoing on the review paper. She also stated that the introduction part of the paper is about to be concluded while work has also started on the research methodology.

8. Prof. Oluwatope enquired about the view of Dr. Ogunyemi on the research question for the review paper. Dr. Ogunyemi stated that it's appropriate to have research questions. He also stated that the goal of the review should be clearly stated and matched with the research questions. Dr. Ogunyemi noted that the review done by the mentes may suffice for the purpose of the research, however, it's not yet ready for the proposed research publication. He stated that there's a need for a publication that fits the purpose of the research and the global audience at large.

9. Dr. Ogunyemi made the following contributions as part of the review paper writing.

Context: Global south/Developing countries

Focus : Digital transformation of the textile/fashion industry in the global south.

Objectives

- A. Determine digital transformation trends in the last three decades in the global south.
- B. Determine the challenges of the industry during this period.
- C. Determine the role played by digital technologies in transforming the industry.
- D. Identify the method used by the researchers (authors of the papers) to conduct the studies.

10. Dr. Diyaolu proposed that there should be a way that the research can forecast the future of digital transformation in the industry. The suggestion was welcomed by members. Dr. Diyaolu also noted that

trends such as smart factories, zero waste, and other new manufacturing technologies should be introduced as part of the write up.

11. The following are the search strings concluded to be used by members for the review paper writing.

- A. Digital transformation or digital technology or Industry 4.0 or industry 5.0.
- B. Textile and / or fashion industry.
- C. Global south / Developing countries
- D. 1992 - 2022

12. The following are the proposed inclusion criteria for the journals to be reviewed.

- A. The study must be published in English.
- B. The study must be a journal article or a conference presentation.
- C. The study must be completed within the time frame specified (three decades).
- D. The study must have a minimum of four pages.
- E. Study must be peer reviewed
- F. Study must be accessible online.

13. The following are the proposed exclusion criteria for the journals to be reviewed.

- A. Study must not be a book chapter, magazine or thesis.
- B. Study must not be a blog article.
- C. Study must not be an interview

14. The researchers were assigned different digital library platforms to get journals to be reviewed for the proposed publication. The assignment is allotted as follows:

Prof. Oluwatope - ACM

Prof. Bakare - Taylor & Francis

Prof Awoyelu - Elsevier

Dr. Diyaolu - Springer & Africa journal online Dr. Ogunyemi - IEEE Explore & Willey online

15. In the absence of any other discussion, Prof. Oluwatope thanked every member for their attendance and meaningful contributions. The motion for the adjournment of the meeting was moved by Prof. Bakare and seconded by Dr. Ogunyemi.

16. The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, July 21, 2022

17. The meeting was brought to an end at exactly 1.48 PM WAT.