

ADDRESS BY MR. OLU I. ADENIPEKUN, MNIM; FCAI HEAD OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (WAEC), NIGERIA AT A PRESS BRIEFING TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF THE RESULTS OF THE WASSCE FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES, 2017 ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 AT THE WAEC NATIONAL OFFICE, YABA-LAGOS

Gentlemen of the media, on behalf of the Registrar to Council, the Management and Staff of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Nigeria, I am pleased to welcome you to this press briefing.

You will recall that Nigeria hosted the 65th Annual Council Meeting at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja from March 20 to 24, 2017. Council, which is the highest policy making organ of WAEC, consists of 32 members. The membership cuts across the five member countries of the Council. At the meeting, the Council's policies and operations were reviewed. One of the major highlights of the outcomes of the Meeting was the approval granted to member countries to conduct WASSCE for Private Candidates, twice in a year. I am happy to inform you that the Nigeria National Office of the Council has concluded arrangements to commence the conduct of the additional diet of the WASSCE for Private Candidates from January/February, 2018.

I also wish to seize this opportunity to inform you that with the upgrade of the Council's ICT facilities, particularly, the recently commissioned HP Converged System - a Private Cloud, the capability of the Council's ICT has now been enhanced. With the progressive review of our processes and procedures backed with the determination of the entire work force of the Council in Nigeria to serve the Nigerian Child better and faster, the early release of the results of the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2017, has been made possible.

Gentlemen of the media, in a bid to further engage the candidates and bridge the communication gap between them and WAEC, the Council in Nigeria on May 4, 2017 via a public/private partnership arrangement, launched an electronic information sharing and dissemination platform, called Candidates Interactive System (CIS) or WAECKONNECT. It is a talkback Portal designed to allow the Council interact with candidates for the WASSCE diets before, during and after the examination. Registered candidates for different diets of WASSCE are therefore, encouraged to avail themselves of the immense opportunities the platform is capable of providing.

The conduct of the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for School Candidates, 2017 ended on May 12, 2017. The Management and the entire Staff of the Council in Nigeria wish to express our profound gratitude to our Supervisors, Invigilators, Custodians and other ad-hoc personnel

for their sacrifices and contributions towards the successful conduct of the examination. Our sincere thanks also go to the Federal and State Ministries of Education, the All Confederation of Nigeria Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS), the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies for their support and cooperation during the conduct of the examination. We are indeed grateful.

The Coordination and Marking of candidates' scripts for the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2017 was equally successfully held between May 24 and June 11, 2017 at 83 marking venues across the Federation. We therefore, also wish to acknowledge and appreciate the immense contributions of our Chief Examiners, Team Leaders, Assistant Examiners and Checkers during the marking exercise. We are also grateful to the schools that availed us the use of their facilities despite their other commitments and challenges. We cannot thank them enough.

Today, Monday the 17th day of July, 2017, I am happy to announce the release of the results of candidates that sat the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2017 in Nigeria.

A total of 1,567,016 (One Million Five Hundred and Sixty Seven Thousand and Sixteen) candidates registered for the examination, out of which 1,559,162 (One Million Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Two) candidates sat the examination. Of the total number of candidates that sat the examination, 829,853 (Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three) were male and 729,309 (Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Nine) were female, representing 53.22% and 46.27% respectively.

Out of the total number of candidates that sat the examination, 1,471,151 (One Million Four Hundred and Seventy One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty One) candidates, representing 94.36% have their results fully processed and released, while 95,734 (Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four) candidates, representing 5.64% have a few of their subjects still being processed due to errors traceable to the candidates in the course of registration or writing the examination. Such errors are being corrected by the Council to enable the affected candidates get their results fully processed and released subsequently.

Of the total number of candidates that sat the examination:

- 1,490,356 (One Million Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Six) candidates, representing 95.59% obtained credits and above in two (2) subjects;
- 1,436,024 (One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand Twenty Four) candidates, representing 92.44% obtained credits and above in three (3) subjects;

- 1,357,193 (One Million Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Three) candidates, representing 87.05% obtained credits and above in four (4) subjects;
- 1,243,772 (One Million Two Hundred and Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two) candidates, representing 79.77% obtained credits and above in five (5) subjects;
- 1,084,214 (One Million Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen) candidates, representing 69.54% obtained credits and above in six (6) subjects.

A total of 923,486 (Nine Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Six) candidates, representing 59.22%, obtained minimum of credits in five (5) subjects and above, including **English Language and Mathematics**. The percentage of candidates in this category in the WASSCE for School Candidates in 2015 and 2016 was 38.68% and 52.97%, respectively.

The results of 214,952 (Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Two) candidates, representing 13.79% of the total candidature for the examination are being withheld in connection with various reported cases of examination malpractice. The cases are being investigated and reports of the investigations will be presented to the appropriate committee of the Council in due course for consideration. The Committee's decisions will be communicated to the affected candidates through their schools.

Candidates who sat the examination will be able to check the details of their performance on the Council's results website: www.waecdirect.org within the next few hours. The Result checker PIN and Serial Number are contained on the flip side of the candidates' CIVAMPENS Card issued to all candidates by WAEC, and used by them during the conduct of the examination.

Finally, gentlemen of the media, permit me to use this opportunity to commend and thank the staff of the Council, whose sacrifices, dedication and commitment to duty contributed immensely to the successes recorded during the conduct, marking, processing and early release of the results of the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2017 in Nigeria.

Gentlemen of the media, once again, thank you for honouring our invitation.

God bless you.