

CENTRE PROFILE

The University of Port Harcourt (UniPort) became one of the Nigerian universities to benefit from a World Bank grant in 2014, aimed at establishing an African Centre of Excellence in Higher Education. With this grant, the University established the Africa Centre of Excellence in Oilfield Chemicals Research (ACE-CEFOR)

Mission

The mission of ACE-CEFOR is to provide international post-graduate programmes and applied multi-disciplinary research in engineering and the sciences for sustainable development of the oil and gas industry in Africa.

Vision

The vision of ACE-CEFOR is to become the leading Centre of Excellence in Oilfield Studies for the petroleum industry.

Strategy

ACE-CEFOR operates on the basis of the Triple Helix model of government-academia-industry partnership and thus creates a research network of higher institutions for knowledge and technology transfer. The postgraduate courses and research are designed, organized and taught on modular basis with teaching responsibility shared amongst experienced and active resource persons from the collaborating universities, industry partners, and the government. The industry partners and resource persons from the government are involved in our curricula review. In addition, the industry partners provide places for, at least, one month internship placement for our postgraduate students and faculties. Therefore, our strong university-industry-government relationships with the resultant cross-fertilization of ideas have continued to be a veritable source of solutions to development challenges especially as they relate to the oil and gas sector.