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## Pan-African Varsity Hosts Deans of Business Schools

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Deans and Directors of more than 20 business schools across the continent gathered in Lagos recently for a workshop focusing on the key management challenges and opportunities facing African business schools, including the enhancement of teaching methods and curricula.

The workshop which was held at the Lekki campus of Pan-African University was designed and jointly organized by Lagos Business School and South Africa's Gordon Institute of Business Science. The deans' workshop was followed by a meeting devoted to the establishment of an association of African business schools.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, supported these efforts through its Global Business School Network (GBSN) initiative which facilitates the enhancement of management skills in emerging markets by partnering with business schools to build local capacity for management training.

"To bring about institutional change and build the capacity of African business schools to train our current and future leaders, we must begin by supporting the efforts of the leadership of these institutions - the deans," Professor Albert A. Alos, vice-chancellor of Pan-African University said.

By supporting deans' efforts in managing change, the workshop follows from the teaching the practice of management workshop held in Johannesburg, South Africa last May, which focused on introducing into African management education curricula practice-based and participant-centered teaching and learning methods, often involving classroom discussion of case studies.

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, (IIMA) was invited to discuss its experience in developing a globalizing MBA program in an emerging economy and in writing and using cases extensively for high quality management education.

Professor Matthukutty Monipally, Chairman of the IIMA's post-graduate programme (equivalent of the "MBA" program), shared some of the strategies the institute has pursued to reach the ranks of the top 100 business schools globally. At IIMA, a stand-alone institute of management, "we focused on developing leaders in management, not just business administration, because we wanted to develop India," explained Prof. Monipally. "We said, 'We will be relevant to industry, to agriculture, to education... and we will focus on excellence, no compromise'."

African business school deans from English-speaking and francophone Africa discussed innovative strategies for introducing new teaching methods, revamping curricula,

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modifying incentive and promotion systems related to teaching and research, and strengthening institutional independence and engagement with business communities.

Guy Pfeffermann, former IFC chief economist and director of the GBSN, noted that "stronger management schools can be very important tools for contributing to economic growth in African countries and raising efficiency not only of business but also non-profit and even government organizations."

Following the conclusion of the workshop, a meeting to consider proposals for the formation of a continent-wide association of African business schools was held. The proposals are the outcome of a meeting of African business school deans held earlier this year at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration in Accra.

The purpose of the association is to enable African business schools to cooperate in activities that promote excellence in business and management education through capacity building, collaboration, and quality improvement.

The deans' workshop and meeting form part of the Global Business School Network's (GBSN), African pilot programs financed by IFC.

GBSN harnesses the experience of several of the world's top business schools in support of institutional capacity-building for African business schools. Strengthening these business schools will deepen and widen the pool of well-trained local managers, who play a crucial role in generating jobs, reduce reliance on expatriate managers, and help stem brain-drain.

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