

- **WARIMA** (West Africa)
- founded in Lagos 2006, with support from the Association of Commonwealth Universities
- Collaboration with SARIMA
- ~150 members
  - Secretariat at First Floor, University Advancement Centre, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.
  - Has a Full-Time Administrator

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## ABOUT WARIMA

- The West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) was conceived in May 2006
- The idea was concretized at an international seminar held in Lagos in November 2006, with financial support from the *Association of Commonwealth Universities, London*.
- It is the professional body for research management in the West Africa sub-region

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## WARIMA

- It aims to improve awareness and professional standards in areas such as the presentation of research proposals, negotiation and management of projects, and the commercialization and wider dissemination of results.

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## WARIMA CORE OBJECTIVES

- professional development and capacity building of its members;
- promotion of best practice;
- increasing awareness of research and innovation issues in academic and public fora;
- advocacy of appropriate national and institutional policy in support of research and innovation and participation in the development and testing of policy;

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- advancement of science, technology and innovation including addressing the asymmetries in access to, and diffusion of knowledge between 'North and South' as well as the advancement of a code of professional standards as well as the enhancement of the profile of the research management profession.

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## FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT IN WEST AFRICA

Lagos State University College of  
Medicine, Ikeja, Lagos, 21 to 23  
November 2006

## WARIMA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

- November 2007. ABUJA (NIGERIA)
  - Theme “**ACCESSING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FUNDS**”, with partial funding from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, London.
- November 2008. IBADAN (NIGERIA)
  - Theme “**INSTITUTIONALISING RESEARCH MANAGEMENT**”

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## The 3<sup>rd</sup> WARIMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 23 to 25 November 2009

- University of Ghana, Legon
  - Theme “**ENHANCING RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY IN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES**”

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The 4<sup>th</sup> WARIMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
24 to 27 November 2010

- United Methodist University, Liberia
- Theme: “RESEARCH AS A TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT”

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- An avenue for sharing experience on best practises among participating institutions
- Development of models of research governance in the institutions
- Development of research policy as part of the Strategic Plan of each University
- Establishment of Research management Offices
- 30-35 participants at the INORMS 2010 Conference

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