

## **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNERS**

In line with the provisions of the 4-Year Strategic Plan for the development of the Education sector: 2011- 2012, the need to inaugurate a number of committees with the purpose of reviewing or developing National Systems to enhance quality education delivery became imperative by the out gone Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i (OON).

The committees were Guidance and Counselling Committee, Teacher Development Needs Assessment/Teacher Professional Development Committee, Monitoring of Learning Achievement Committee and Quality Assurance Committee. These committees in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Education have been meeting as and when due since inauguration (that is, from 2012 to date).

One of the greatest achievements of the Guidance and Counselling Committee in year 2013 and of utmost importance to NTI is the inclusion of **Guidance and Counselling for Open and Distance Learners as Chapter 6 in the reviewed Draft Policy.**

The implication of the inclusion of this Chapter is the total recognition of **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNERS** in the **National Systems Frameworks on Guidance and Counselling Policy in the Nigerian Educational System** which had not been conceptualized and prioritized in the Blue Print on Guidance and Counselling Policy since year 2000.