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AfricaBP has operated as a very scientific African and pro-African community. Recently, it has also crossed the boundaries to a Socio-Scientific community. AfricaBP has more than sixty scientific, technological and policy-making affiliates.

The University of Port Harcourt, one of the earliest Institution partners of AfricaBP has been in the picture right from the time she endorsed the participation of Prof. Julian O. Osuji as a member of Digital Innovations in Africa for Sustainable Agro-Environment and Conservation (DAISEA). The University of Port Harcourt, being favorably disposed to deployment of modern technological innovations in academic deliveries is happy to be a strong partner of AfricaBP.

Some roles played by Uniport staff in AfricaBP include:

Prof. Julian O. Osuji: Co-Chair of AfricaBP

Prof Julian O. Osuji: Chair Genomics for the Conservation of Endangered and Endemic species

Prof. Julian O. Osuji: Team Lead, Taxonomic Group

Prof Julian O. Osuji: Regional Coordinator for West Africa

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Presently, Prof Osuji is the Head of BioNet Research Team and the Head of Molecular Genetics and Cytotaxonomy and BioNet Research Team. His research team has an understanding MyAfroDNA and Hitech group to enabling sequencing in our university and is working very hard to ensure that the University of Port Harcourt will serve as a coordinating Centre for the West Africa Sub-Region and Nigeria National Node of AfricaBP.

The University of Port Harcourt is the South-South Centre for the Nigeria National Biotechnology Research Development Agency “NABDA” and has two Centers of Excellence which serve as models for expansion of the role of the University in the AfricaBP consortium.