

## **MOVING RESEARCH TO POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. UNIMED SPONSORS EIGHT ACADEMIC SCHOLARS**

In the quest towards repositioning University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State, Nigeria for sustainability, global visibility, relevance and excellence in areas of research, eight lecturers (3 females, 5 males) from 3 faculties namely Clinical Sciences, Sciences and Allied Health Sciences attended a five day short course organized by Centre of Excellence In Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI) from Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, July, 2017 at Banquet hall, University of Benin.

Training was facilitated by eminent dignitaries in academic world including Prof NES Lale- Current VC UNIPORT, Prof Omozuwa, Dean PG School, Uniben, Prof Faborode, Secretary General, Association of Vice Chancellors, Nigerian Universities and former vice chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof (Mrs) H. Oboh Dean Basic Medical Sciences, Dr (Mrs) Idiodi University Librarian, Prof Jesse Uneke (Director, AIHPHS, Ebonyi State), Prof Sede I.P, Project coordinator, Center of Excellence in Reproductive Health and Prof F.E. Okonofua – Center Leader.

During the five days period, capacity of participants were built on evidence based research for effective policy transfer and development implementation, literature review and citation using relevant soft wares such as zotero, systematic and meta-analysis, updated methods and procedures for writing and submitting papers to high ranking journals, choosing journals for publication, and for successfully publishing papers in high ranking journals; methods for effective use of the library and online educational resources for research and development of theses, strategically communication of research results for policy and program implementation as well as the use of “Equist” for policy analysis and ensure equitable distribution of services.

Group picture of participants from UNIMED with important dignitaries Prof Lale, Uniport VC and Prof Faborode, Former VC, OAU-Ife at the event. - From Dr Olarewaju Sunday