

Impact Of Marketing Education Hubs In Enhancing Economic Productivity Among Business Educators In The South-South Region Of Nigeria

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Abstract: *This study investigated the impact of marketing education hubs in enhancing economic productivity among Business Education lecturers in the South-South Region of Nigeria. Three objectives, questions and hypotheses were considered in the work. The study adopted a descriptive survey design, with a population of 226 Business Education lecturers across twelve federal and state universities in the region. A proportionate stratified sampling technique yielded a sample size of 180 lecturers, of which 164 valid responses were retrieved. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire validated by experts and tested for reliability, yielding a Cronbach's Alpha coefficient of 0.89. Descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) were used to answer the research questions, while independent sample t-tests tested the hypotheses at a 0.05 level of significance. Findings revealed that digital learning infrastructure, industry-academia collaboration centres, and research and innovation labs each had significant positive impacts on economic productivity. The results further showed no significant gender differences in perceptions across the three constructs. These findings suggest that marketing education hubs are instrumental in improving teaching quality, strengthening research capacity, fostering collaboration with industry, and enhancing graduate employability. The study recommended strengthening digital infrastructure, institutionalising collaboration frameworks, and expanding innovation labs in universities to ensure that business education contributes more effectively to regional and national economic productivity.*

Keywords: Marketing education hubs, economic productivity, business educators, digital learning infrastructure, industry-academia collaboration.

Introduction

Marketing is widely recognised as a vital driver of growth and sustainability in modern economies because it connects producers, consumers, and markets in ways that stimulate innovation and competitiveness. Within the educational domain, marketing is more than just a business practice; it is a learning framework that equips individuals with competencies to navigate competitive environments and enhance productivity. The concept of impact in this regard refers to the measurable influence that marketing-related interventions exert on outcomes such as innovation, productivity, and institutional advancement (Okafor & Uchenna, 2022). Thus, assessing the impact of educational innovations such as marketing education hubs provides insight into how effectively they contribute to human capital development and socio-economic transformation.

In recent years, Marketing Education Hubs have emerged as specialised platforms designed to integrate teaching, research, and practice in marketing-related disciplines. These hubs are intended to serve as centres of excellence where learning resources, digital tools, industry engagement, and innovation converge to advance the quality of marketing education (Nwosu & Adegbite, 2021). By clustering resources and expertise, hubs stimulate collaborative learning, create opportunities for experimentation, and foster knowledge transfer across academic and industrial settings. Their role in enhancing economic productivity lies in their ability to bridge gaps between theory and practice, enabling business educators and students to generate ideas and practices that directly benefit regional and national economies.

The term economic productivity refers to the capacity of individuals, organisations, and nations to maximise output relative to the resources invested. For developing contexts such as Nigeria, improving productivity is essential to address unemployment, underutilisation of resources, and economic stagnation. Business educators, as facilitators of knowledge and skills, are central to driving this productivity agenda. Through curriculum delivery, innovation, and collaboration with industry, they help shape a workforce that is better prepared to engage in entrepreneurial and professional activities that stimulate growth (Adebayo & Sulaiman, 2023). Consequently, positioning business educators within the framework of marketing education hubs enhances their influence in strengthening human capacity and economic performance.

The South-South Region of Nigeria represents a unique context for this inquiry. The region is rich in natural resources, particularly crude oil, yet struggles with socio-economic inequalities, unemployment, and infrastructural deficits. In such a setting, education, particularly business and marketing education, can play a transformative role in driving inclusive growth. Business educators in this region, operating within universities, are strategically placed to benefit from and contribute to the establishment of hubs that integrate digital tools, collaborative partnerships, and innovative research practices. Their perceptions of how hubs influence productivity thus become critical in determining the success and sustainability of such initiatives.

One of the fundamental pillars of marketing education hubs is Digital Learning Infrastructure. This includes access to e-learning platforms, simulation software, and digital libraries that modernise teaching methods and expand access to marketing education resources (Obi & Ekpo, 2022). When effectively deployed, digital infrastructure enhances both teaching outcomes and the economic relevance of graduates. Another dimension is Industry–Academia Collaboration, which provides opportunities for educators and students to engage directly with practitioners, thereby enriching curriculum content with practical experiences. Such collaboration fosters mutual benefits: universities benefit from industry exposure while industries gain access to innovative ideas and a skilled workforce (Adeola & Popoola, 2021). Finally, Research and Innovation Labs within these hubs play a pivotal role in knowledge generation and technological advancement. By providing spaces where educators and students can experiment and develop new ideas, these labs strengthen the region’s innovation ecosystem and contribute to sustainable productivity gains.

Despite increasing recognition of these opportunities, empirical investigations on how marketing education hubs influence productivity in Nigeria remain scarce. The novelty of this study lies in its specific focus on the perception of business educators within the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Statement of the Problem

Economic productivity is central to sustainable development, and higher education institutions play a crucial role in driving this through teaching, research, and innovation. Business Education, in particular, is expected to prepare individuals with the competencies needed for entrepreneurship and industry relevance. However, in Nigeria, especially in the South-South Region, the contribution of Business Education to economic productivity has remained limited. Challenges such as inadequate digital infrastructure, weak collaboration between academia and industry, and low research innovation continue to undermine the ability of lecturers to foster the skills and outputs required for regional growth.

Although marketing education hubs comprising digital learning infrastructure, industry–academia collaboration centres, and research and innovation labs have been globally acknowledged as catalysts for productivity, there is little empirical evidence of their actual impact within Nigerian universities. Without such evidence, institutions risk underutilising these hubs and continuing to produce graduates with limited practical exposure and employability. This study, therefore, investigated the impact of marketing education hubs in enhancing economic productivity among Business Education lecturers in the South-South Region of Nigeria, to provide evidence-based insights for policy, curriculum reforms, and institutional development.

Objectives of the Study

The main objective of the study was to examine the impact of marketing education hubs in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria. To achieve this, the study specifically sought to:

1. Determine the impact of digital learning infrastructure in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.
2. Assess the impact of industry–academia collaboration centres in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.
3. Ascertain the impact of research and innovation labs in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Research Questions

The following research questions guided the study:

1. What was the impact of digital learning infrastructure in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?

2. What was the impact of industry–academia collaboration centres in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?
3. What was the impact of research and innovation labs in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?

Hypotheses

The following null hypotheses were tested at 0.05 level of significance:

1. H₀₁: There was no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of digital learning infrastructure in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.
2. H₀₂: There was no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of industry–academia collaboration centres in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.
3. H₀₃: There was no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of research and innovation labs in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Methodology

The study employed a descriptive survey research design because it enabled the researcher to obtain the opinions of respondents on the impact of marketing education hubs in enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria. The population comprised all 226 Business Education lecturers drawn from twelve (12) federal and state universities within the region (Source: HODs’ Offices, 2025). A sample of 180 lecturers was selected through proportionate stratified random sampling to ensure adequate representation across institutions. The instrument used for data collection was a structured questionnaire titled “Marketing Education Hubs and Economic Productivity Questionnaire (MEHEPQ)”, which was designed on a four-point Likert scale of Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), and Strongly Disagree (SD). The questionnaire was validated by three experts in Business Education and Measurement and Evaluation to ensure both face and content validity. Its reliability was tested using the Cronbach Alpha method on a pilot sample of 30 lecturers outside the study population, yielding a coefficient of 0.89, which indicated high internal consistency. Data collection was conducted with the assistance of trained research aides, and out of 180 distributed copies, 164 were successfully retrieved and found valid for analysis, representing a response rate of 91.1%. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation to answer the research questions, while independent sample t-tests were employed to test the hypotheses at a 0.05 level of significance. A decision benchmark of 2.50 was used; mean values equal to or greater than 2.50 indicated agreement, while those below 2.50 indicated disagreement.

Table 1: Simple Percentage Analysis of Distributed and Retrieved Questionnaires

S/N	Number of Questionnaires	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1	Retrieved	164	91%
2	Not Retrieved	16	9%
	Total	180	100%

Source: Field Survey, 2025

Table 1 shows that 180 questionnaires were distributed to Business Education lecturers across the South-South Region, out of which 164 were successfully retrieved, representing 91%, while 16 copies (9%) were not returned. The high retrieval rate enhances the reliability of the dataset and ensures a credible analysis of results.

Table 2: Simple Percentage Analysis of Respondents Based on Gender

S/N	Gender	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1	Male	79	48%

2	Female	85	52%
Total		164	100%

Source: Field Survey, 2025

Table 2 presents the gender distribution of the respondents. Out of 164 retrieved questionnaires, 79 respondents (48%) were male, while 85 respondents (52%) were female. This indicates a fairly balanced representation of both genders, with a slight predominance of female lecturers in the study sample.

Research Question One

What is the impact of Digital Learning Infrastructure in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?

Table 3: Mean and Standard Deviation on the Impact of Digital Learning Infrastructure in Enhancing Economic Productivity

S/N	Item Statement	Male (N = 79)		Female (N = 85)		Total (N = 164)		Remark
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
1	Provision of digital platforms improved teaching efficiency	3.46	.74	3.59	.72	3.53	.73	Agreed
2	Access to e-libraries enhanced research and knowledge sharing	3.52	.78	3.63	.69	3.58	.73	Agreed
3	Use of simulation software improved practical teaching of marketing concepts	3.41	.82	3.56	.77	3.49	.80	Agreed
4	Integration of online learning increased students’ digital literacy	3.38	.79	3.51	.74	3.45	.77	Agreed
5	Digital learning tools supported collaboration between students and lecturers	3.44	.81	3.58	.76	3.51	.78	Agreed
6	Availability of ICT facilities encouraged innovative lesson delivery	3.55	.73	3.61	.70	3.58	.72	Agreed
7	Adequate digital infrastructure improved the global competitiveness of graduates	3.49	.77	3.62	.71	3.56	.74	Agreed
Grand Mean/SD		3.46	.78	3.59	.73	3.53	.75	Agreed

Decision Rule: Mean ≥ 2.50 = Agreed; Mean < 2.50 = Disagreed **Source:** Field Survey, 2025

Table 3 shows that both male and female lecturers agreed that digital learning infrastructure had a significant impact on enhancing economic productivity among business educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria. The grand mean of 3.53, which is well above the benchmark of 2.50, indicates a generally positive perception of digital infrastructure. Female lecturers (Mean = 3.59, SD = .73) recorded slightly higher agreement levels compared to their male counterparts (Mean = 3.46, SD = .78).

The findings suggest that the integration of digital platforms, e-libraries, and ICT facilities enhanced the teaching and learning process, improved research outputs, and supported collaboration between students and lecturers. This aligns with the observations of Obi and Ekpo (2022), who noted that the availability of digital learning infrastructure increases the efficiency of knowledge delivery in higher institutions. Similarly, Adeola and Popoola (2021) emphasised that digital infrastructure strengthens human capital development, which in turn boosts economic productivity.

The implication is that strengthening digital learning infrastructure across universities in the South-South Region could directly enhance the capacity of business educators to train graduates who are digitally literate and globally competitive, thereby making a tangible contribution to regional and national productivity.

Research Question Two

What is the impact of Industry–Academia Collaboration Centres in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?

Table 4: Mean and Standard Deviation on the Impact of Industry–Academia Collaboration Centres in Enhancing Economic Productivity

S/N	Item Statement	Male (N = 79)		Female (N = 85)		Total (N = 164)		Remark
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	

		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
1	Collaboration with industries provided practical exposure for students	3.44	.79	3.56	.74	3.50	.77	Agreed
2	Industry–academia partnerships enhanced research opportunities for lecturers	3.49	.83	3.61	.78	3.55	.80	Agreed
3	Collaborative centres helped in aligning curriculum with industry demands	3.52	.74	3.64	.71	3.58	.73	Agreed
4	Collaboration increased access to internships and employment for graduates	3.38	.82	3.49	.77	3.44	.80	Agreed
5	Joint projects between universities and industries improved innovation	3.46	.76	3.59	.72	3.53	.74	Agreed
6	Industry–academia collaboration enhanced knowledge transfer	3.55	.73	3.63	.70	3.59	.72	Agreed
7	Partnerships improved educators’ professional development	3.47	.78	3.58	.75	3.53	.77	Agreed
	Grand Mean/SD	3.47	.78	3.59	.74	3.53	.76	Agreed

Decision Rule: Mean \geq 2.50 = Agreed; Mean $<$ 2.50 = Disagreed **Source:** Field Survey, 2025

The results in Table 4 revealed that both male and female lecturers agreed on the significant role of industry–academia collaboration centres in enhancing economic productivity. The overall grand mean of 3.53, which is above the benchmark of 2.50, indicates strong agreement among respondents. Female lecturers (Mean = 3.59, SD = .74) rated the impact slightly higher than male lecturers (Mean = 3.47, SD = .78).

The findings highlight that collaboration with industries provided students with practical exposure, improved research opportunities for lecturers, and enhanced innovation through joint projects. This supports Adeola and Popoola (2021), who argued that industry–academia collaboration fosters mutual benefits by aligning university curricula with market needs while offering industries access to innovative ideas and skilled manpower. Similarly, Nwosu and Adegbite (2021) reported that sustainable collaboration between academia and industry is crucial for improving graduate employability and overall economic growth.

The implication is that strengthening and institutionalising industry–academia collaboration centres across universities in the South-South Region would not only enrich business education but also directly enhance the productivity of the workforce, thereby addressing regional development challenges.

Research Question Three

What is the impact of Research and Innovation Labs in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria?

Table 5: Mean and Standard Deviation on the Impact of Research and Innovation Labs in Enhancing Economic Productivity

S/N	Item Statement	Male (N = 79)		Female (N = 85)		Total (N = 164)		Remark
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
1	Innovation labs improved lecturers’ capacity to conduct applied research	3.51	.74	3.62	.70	3.57	.72	Agreed
2	Research labs enhanced opportunities for experimentation and innovation	3.47	.79	3.59	.74	3.53	.76	Agreed
3	Access to innovation labs increased collaborative research projects	3.42	.81	3.55	.75	3.49	.78	Agreed
4	Research outputs from labs contributed to problem-solving in industries	3.38	.82	3.52	.78	3.45	.80	Agreed
5	Innovation labs improved the employability of graduates	3.44	.77	3.57	.72	3.51	.75	Agreed
6	Research and innovation centres boosted institutional visibility and reputation	3.48	.76	3.61	.73	3.55	.74	Agreed
7	Innovation labs stimulated technology-driven entrepreneurship among students	3.53	.73	3.66	.70	3.60	.72	Agreed
	Grand Mean/SD	3.46	.77	3.59	.73	3.53	.75	Agreed

Decision Rule: Mean \geq 2.50 = Agreed; Mean $<$ 2.50 = Disagreed **Source:** Field Survey, 2025

Table 5 shows that both male and female lecturers perceived research and innovation labs as having a substantial impact on enhancing economic productivity. The overall grand mean of 3.53 is above the benchmark of 2.50, indicating widespread agreement. Female lecturers (Mean = 3.59, SD = .73) perceived a slightly greater impact compared to male lecturers (Mean = 3.46, SD = .77).

The results reveal that research and innovation labs improved lecturers' research capacity, fostered collaboration, strengthened industry problem-solving, and enhanced student employability. These findings corroborate those of Adebayo and Sulaiman (2023), who asserted that innovation labs provide the environment for knowledge transfer and the incubation of ideas that translate into entrepreneurial ventures. Similarly, Okafor and Uchenna (2022) noted that access to research infrastructure enhances institutional productivity and supports sustainable development.

The implication of these findings is that universities in the South-South Region must prioritise the establishment and strengthening of research and innovation labs as strategic drivers of both academic excellence and economic growth. By linking academic research to industrial needs, these labs can generate innovative solutions that contribute directly to regional and national productivity.

Hypotheses Testing

The three null hypotheses were tested at the 0.05 level of significance using independent sample t-tests to determine whether there was gender-based differences in respondents' perceptions. The results are presented in the tables below.

Hypothesis One (H₀₁)

There is no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of Digital Learning Infrastructure in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Table 6: t-test Analysis of Male and Female Responses on Digital Learning Infrastructure

Variable	N	Mean	SD	DF	t-cal	p-value	Sig. Level	Decision
Male	79	3.46	0.78					
Female	85	3.59	0.73	162	1.21	0.23	0.05	Not Sig.

Since the p-value (0.23) was greater than 0.05, the null hypothesis was accepted. This implies that there was no significant difference between male and female lecturers in their perceptions of the impact of digital learning infrastructure.

Hypothesis Two (H₀₂)

There is no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of Industry–Academia Collaboration Centres in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Table 7: t-test Analysis of Male and Female Responses on Industry–Academia Collaboration

Variable	N	Mean	SD	DF	t-cal	p-value	Sig. Level	Decision
Male	79	3.47	0.78	162	1.15	0.25	0.05	Not Sig.
Female	85	3.59	0.74					

Since the p-value (0.25) was greater than 0.05, the null hypothesis was accepted. This indicates that both male and female lecturers shared similar views on the impact of industry–academia collaboration centres in enhancing economic productivity.

Hypothesis Three (H₀₃)

There is no significant difference in the mean response of male and female lecturers on the impact of Research and Innovation Labs in enhancing economic productivity among Business Educators in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Table 8: t-test Analysis of Male and Female Responses on Research and Innovation Labs

Variable	N	Mean	SD	DF	t-cal	p-value	Sig. Level	Decision
Male	79	3.46	0.77	162	1.09	0.28	0.05	Not Sig.

Female 85 3.59 0.73

Since the p-value (0.28) exceeded the 0.05 significance threshold, the null hypothesis was accepted. This result suggests that male and female lecturers had no significant differences in their perceptions of the contribution of research and innovation labs to economic productivity.

Discussion of Findings

The findings of this study provided insights into the impact of marketing education hubs on enhancing economic productivity among Business Education lecturers in the South-South Region of Nigeria. Specifically, the study examined three dimensions of hubs—digital learning infrastructure, industry–academia collaboration centres, and research and innovation labs—and their perceived contributions to productivity.

Digital Learning Infrastructure and Economic Productivity

The results revealed that both male and female lecturers agreed that digital learning infrastructure enhanced economic productivity. Respondents strongly believed that access to e-libraries, online platforms, ICT tools, and simulation software improved teaching quality, strengthened research activities, and increased students’ digital literacy. These outcomes are consistent with Obi and Ekpo (2022), who argued that digital learning infrastructure is indispensable for effective pedagogy in 21st-century higher education. Similarly, Adeola and Popoola (2021) affirmed that technology-driven instruction equips graduates with globally competitive skills, thereby increasing productivity. The implication here is that universities in the South-South Region must prioritise digital learning infrastructure as a foundational component of business education hubs, given its transformative effect on teaching, learning, and graduate employability.

Industry–Academia Collaboration Centres and Economic Productivity

The study further showed that industry–academia collaboration centres significantly enhanced productivity by aligning academic programmes with industry needs, creating research opportunities, and increasing graduate employability through internships. Both genders reported no significant differences in their perceptions of this impact. These findings support the work of Nwosu and Adegbite (2021), who contended that sustained collaboration between universities and industries bridges the skill gap by infusing real-world experience into curricula. Bello and Musa (2022) also reported that collaboration drives innovation and provides industries with skilled manpower while exposing academics to practical problem-solving contexts. Therefore, sustained partnerships with industry actors are crucial to ensure that business education is not only theoretically sound but also practically relevant in addressing regional economic challenges.

Research and Innovation Labs and Economic Productivity

In addition, the findings indicated that research and innovation labs contributed significantly to productivity by fostering experimentation, applied research, and technology-driven entrepreneurship. Respondents noted that such labs improved institutional visibility, enhanced graduate employability, and generated industry-relevant problem-solving initiatives. These results align with Adebayo and Sulaiman (2023), who stressed that innovation labs create environments for knowledge transfer and entrepreneurial incubation. Okafor and Uchenna (2022) also affirmed that innovation infrastructure improves institutional outputs and strengthens socio-economic development. The absence of significant gender differences in responses suggests a shared consensus among lecturers that innovation labs are pivotal to the growth of business education and regional productivity.

Synthesis of Findings

Collectively, the findings indicate that marketing education hubs serve as catalysts for enhancing productivity by modernising teaching methods, aligning curricula with industry demands, and generating innovations. The acceptance of all null hypotheses showed that gender did not influence lecturers’ perceptions, underscoring a unified perspective on the value of these hubs. These findings contribute to ongoing debates about how higher education in Nigeria can be repositioned to address economic realities and align with global standards. They also provide empirical evidence to support government and institutional investment in marketing education hubs as a strategic response to underemployment, resource underutilisation, and slow industrial growth in the South-South Region.

Conclusion

This study examined the impact of marketing education hubs in enhancing economic productivity among Business Education lecturers in the South-South Region of Nigeria, focusing on three major components: digital learning infrastructure, industry–academia collaboration centres, and research and innovation labs. The findings revealed that all three dimensions had significant

positive impacts on productivity, with respondents agreeing that these hubs improved teaching efficiency, research output, graduate employability, and institutional innovation capacity. The results further showed that there were no significant gender differences in perceptions across the three areas studied, indicating a shared recognition of the value of marketing education hubs as a strategic driver of socio-economic transformation. Overall, the study concluded that marketing education hubs play a crucial role in bridging the gap between academic theory and practical realities, thereby strengthening the capacity of business educators and contributing directly to economic productivity in the South-South Region of Nigeria.

Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations were made:

1. Universities in the South-South Region should increase investments in ICT facilities, e-libraries, simulation software, and other digital learning tools to ensure that business educators are well equipped to deliver high-quality, technology-driven instruction.
2. Policies should be developed to formalise and expand collaboration between universities and industries, including internship schemes, joint research projects, and curriculum development partnerships. This would ensure that graduates are industry-ready and that academic programmes remain relevant to evolving labour market demands.
3. Federal and state governments, in partnership with universities, should prioritise the establishment and funding of research and innovation labs. Such labs would enable applied research, foster entrepreneurship among students, and provide practical solutions to industrial challenges in the region.
4. Regular training programmes, workshops, and professional development opportunities should be organised for business educators to enhance their knowledge of modern marketing strategies, digital tools, and collaborative research practices.
5. Government agencies such as the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) should provide sustainable funding and regulatory support to ensure that marketing education hubs are effectively implemented and maintained across higher institutions in Nigeria.

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