

Gov't Must Upgrade HEIs To Build Knowledge Society, Economy

-Prof. Rasheed Advocates For Triple Helix Approach



L-R: Academy Provost, Prof. A.S. Nwankwo; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed; Commandant, Nigerian Defence Academy, Major-General M.T Ibrahim and the Guest of Honour, Major-General Paul Tarfa (rtd.)

The Executive Secretary National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, has said that the structure, infrastructure and capacity of Nigerian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) needed to be consistently upgraded to attain world-class status and enable the citizen to acquire

knowledge and competencies to reform government institutions and attract recognition as well as respect of the private sector.

Delivering the 15th convocation lecture of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) titled, 'Nigerian's Quest for Knowledge-Based Economy: A Triple Helix

Approach', Professor Rasheed said that strengthening higher education to drive a structural shift in the country demanded active support of critical stakeholders in the sector and renewed vision on the part of government to broadly conceive of a transition to knowledge-based economy, which would lead

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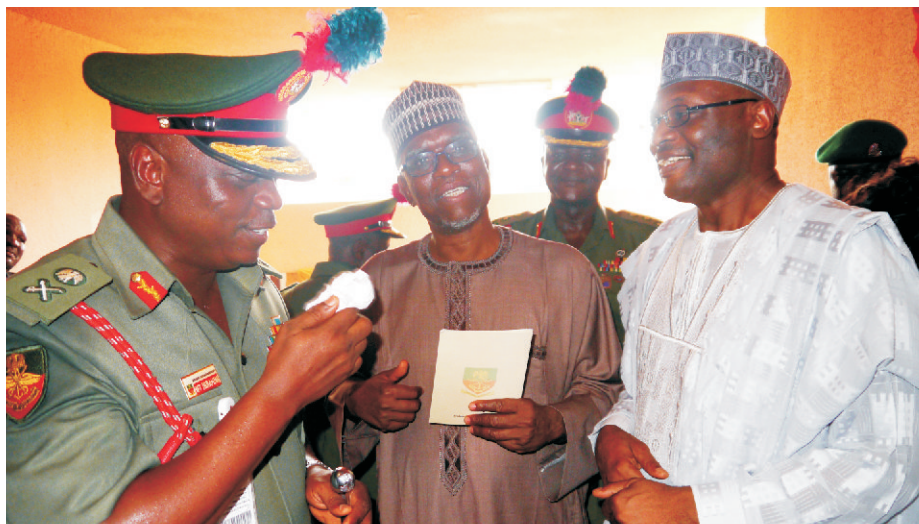
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to greater prospects of changing Nigeria's fortune.

The NUC scribe said that, “as a nation, we must build a concern to start building empires of the mind. We can only ignore this at our own peril.”

Professor Rasheed cited studies that established the relationship between the provision of quality and relevant education and the transition toward a knowledge driven world, adding that “Nigeria as a country or any part of Nigeria as a geopolitical entity can fully join the developed world if it chooses to educate its population” and “in the process, create a knowledge-based economy.”

According to him, the future belong to those countries or communities that invest heavily on the future, to build empires of the mind. It also belongs to those countries and populations who “ignore the temptation of – or do not have the option of – exploiting natural resources” like petroleum, in our case, or gold. It belongs to those countries and populations that invest heavily in the production of knowledge.

There is no doubt, petroleum resource and the revenues derivable from it will continue to play a significant role in Nigeria's economy – even with the decreased pricing of the commodity.

The point, however, is that the world is gravitating towards the supremacy of ideas, of knowledge as opposed to the dominance of natural resources. Ideas and the power of imagination are actually responsible for the changes encapsulated in globalization, digitization and interconnectedness

which define our times.

Countries such as Singapore, with no known natural resources, are today in the league of big nations. Singapore is today a leader in many respects, thanks to its huge, consistent and continuous investment in education. It is therefore clear that education induces ideas and charges imagination and creativity which are actually responsible for the radical changes encapsulated in today's world.

Nigerian HEIs are expected to be in a strategic position to pave the way for the country's transition into the knowledge age. In this process, government leadership is critical in ensuring effective policy frameworks and implementation mechanisms to guide towards the creation and sustenance of a critical mass of world class educational institutions capable of generating relevant knowledge required by the industry and the society at large.

Similar frameworks are also needed to allow unhindered flow of knowledge between research institutions and the industry in a



Prof. Rasheed, delivering the Convocation Lecture



manner that produces multiple benefits.

Explaining the concept of triple Helix project, Professor Rasheed said that it was clear that Universities, Industry and Government (Triple Helix) possess certain capabilities which they could effectively and collaboratively deploy while maintaining their primary roles and distinct identities.

World over, the transition towards the knowledge-based economy is propelled by a dynamic connectivity among Triple Helix with each sphere of the triad gaining as a result of more interaction, collaboration and support in other spheres. In this process, specialized firms capable of utilizing research output are created and strong intellectual property right protection is instituted. Thus, the Triple Helix is a tool for well-informed policy formulation to foster growth and innovation.

Triple Helix is not simply an academic concept but a building block of every day innovation policy and practices. In developed societies and emerging markets, governments are deliberately embarking on policies that favour the transfer of knowledge and technology between universities and organization aiming to solve social or economic problems.

Generally, there is lack of an enabling environment for re-

orienting (Nigerian) universities towards entrepreneurial roles. This is mainly due to the long tradition of over-dependence on government for funding and direction. Also, most publications emanating from Nigerian universities have limited enterprise functionality as they were mainly conceived and conducted for academic purposes.

This tends to make universities' research outputs unattractive to the private sector and policy makers. Even where functional research outputs exist, the weakness in communication between

have no capacity for absorbing Research & Development (R&D) and the foreign subsidiaries relied on their mother corporations for R&D (Munyoki, et al, 2011). These coupled with the lack of comprehensive and focused policy initiatives to support university-industry collaborations tend to compromise the journey of many developing countries towards the creation of a true knowledge economy.

In practical sense, government plays a key role in driving academia and industry to create and deploy knowledge effectively so as to move towards the knowledge age.



L-R: Prof. Rasheed, NDA Director, Academic Planning, Colonel S. S. Ibrahim and Director, Information and Public Relations, NUC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

universities, industry and government caused many innovations and technology to remain underdeveloped inside universities. Over the years, this has whittled down collaborations between Nigerian HEIs and industry to simple and often unstructured transactional relationship in the form of consultancies and grants. At the industry level, there is a paucity of high-tech industries to support innovation and general lack of invention culture in many developing countries (Berry and Sawyer, 2008). More worrisome is that local, small and medium firms

In realisation of the centrality of education in Nigeria's new economic dynamics, for example, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund was established to support HEIs in producing stock of knowledge required for the development of the country. It is expected that sound education and training can speed-up the Triple Helix interaction as relevant capacity is built across government and industry sectors.

Besides its traditional roles, government has a unique responsibility in directing resources towards better understanding of the Triple Helix interaction and the modalities of collaboration to ensure the evolution of long lasting partnerships that would eventually



provide solutions to the socio economic challenges currently faced by the country.

A well-informed political process for resource allocation is the key to supporting entrepreneurial development of technology. The weaknesses in communication and lack of active engagement among the HEIs, industry and the government can be bridged with enhanced capacity development and massive sensitization campaign. Such intervention may involve relevant government agencies concerned with education, technology, industries and enterprise development. The purpose is to develop a new configuration to promote innovation required for re-enforcing knowledge-based economic development. In this process, the innovation that takes place in public and private sectors can be made functional. Consequently, the competitiveness and performance of firms is increased as their knowledge absorptive capacity is enhanced.

Public funds still remain critical given that the governments of most Asian countries support their innovation process (Cai, 2013). The use of public funds to reduce risk of new technology development in critical sectors have long been recognised (Etzkowitx, 2002). HEIs are today the hubs of business/technology incubation, as well as business/technology acceleration, and play a key role In creating science and technology parks.

Beyond offering generic support for researches and publications, Government through TETFund and in partnership with other relevant regulatory bodies should support strategic innovation network by encouraging high-impact research and development in thematic areas that generate entrepreneurial innovations that would, in turn, generate new social and economic capital. As cutting-edge research and high-tech innovations are encouraged, equal attention should also be given to the development of lower-tech solutions or adaptation of existing technologies to address local

problems which may not necessarily require complex technological solutions, All these make the nation's HEIs system really functional and relevant.

This paper concurs with the previous studies that established the relationship between the provision of quality and relevant education and the transition towards a knowledge-driven world. Nigeria as a country or any part of Nigeria as a geopolitical entity can fully join the developed world if it chooses to educate its population and, in the process, create a knowledge-based economy. The paper, however, argues that HEIs alone cannot perform their mediating role in fostering transition from a resource-based, to knowledge based economy without a strategic partnership with the government and the industry.

The structure, infrastructure and capacity of Nigerian higher education all need to be upgraded on a consistent basis in order to attain world-class position. It is by



LR: Former Vice-Chancellor, UNIBEN, Prof. Grace Alele-Williams; Major-General Ibrahim and Prof. Rasheed



so doing that the citizens acquire knowledge and competencies to reform government institutions and attract recognition and respect from the private sector organizations. Herein lies the relevance of government interventions in its attempt to , turn around HEIs, build a knowledge society and a knowledge economy.

Strengthening higher education to drive the structural shift in the country, demands active support of critical stakeholders in Nigeria's higher education sector and renewed vision on the part of the government to broadly conceive of a transition to knowledge-based' economy which holds a greater prospect of changing Nigeria's fortune. As a nation, we must build a consensus to start building empires of the mind. We can only ignore this at our own peril. I thank you sincerely for your kind attention.

Earlier, the Guest of Honour, Major-General Paul Tarfa remarked that Nigeria looked up to the NDA to produce trained professionals that would protect the nation's territorial integrity, noting that it was gratifying that the Academy was living up to this

responsibility. He gave kudos to both the academic and military personnel of the Institution for their dedication and loyalty.

Major- General Tarfa noted that education remained in the front burner of the Buhari-led Administration, saying that it remained the only defence against poverty and ignorance, among the citizenry. To the graduating students, he urged that they distinguish themselves wherever they might be assigned by applying their good sense of judgment and discretion.

Welcoming Guests, the Academy Provost, Professor A. S Nwankwo, stated that the Convocation was held in honour of the graduating Cadets of 63 Regular Course and postgraduate students, who have been found worthy of the academy's certification, both in academic and military training. He thanked all the guests for honouring their invitation, especially Major-General Tarfa and Professor Rasheed. He particularly congratulated Professor Rasheed on his recent appointment as the NUC Executive Secretary, describing him as an academic of unquestionable repute, astute

journalist, university administrator and prolific linguist. He said that the NDA was grateful to him for accepting to be the guest lecturer despite his tight schedules.

Professor Nwankwo expressed confidence that Professor Rasheed would succeed in his new position and strengthen the cordial relationship between the NUC and NDA. He said convocation lectures had been part and parcel of university tradition, to discuss prevailing challenges and proffer solutions.

The highlight of the occasion was the unveiling of lecture hall and theatres, in honour of some prominent staff of the academy, who contributed to the evolving of the academy as a degree awarding institution. These include, Professor A.M. Yakubu Multi-Purpose Hall, Col. U.A. Umar (rtd), Major -General B.I. Oteri and Professors E.A. Obot as well as C.N. Ubah, lecture theatres, respectively.

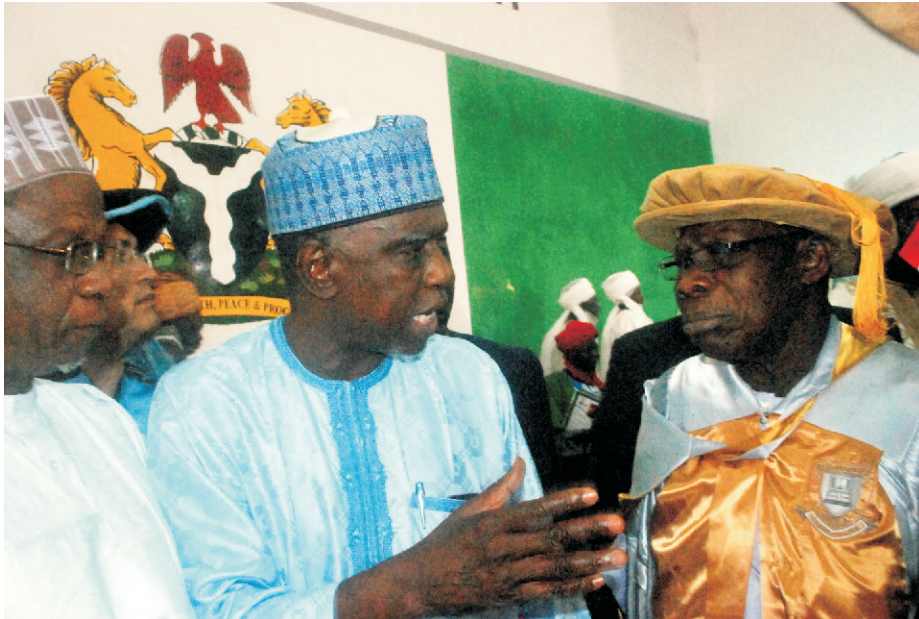
The Director, Information and Public Relations, NUC, Mallam Ibrahim Yakasai accompanied the Executive Secretary to the Convocation Lecture.



Officials of NDA, invited guests and the graduands



Produce More Entrepreneurs, Obasanjo Tells Varsities



L-R: Former Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Alh. Yayale Ahmed; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed and Former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

programmes that would assist government in promoting national growth. He advised them to remain good ambassadors of the Institution.

Earlier, in his goodwill message, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, expressed satisfaction with the tremendous achievements of Baze University since its establishment in 2011. He observed that although the Institution had had some initial challenges with the Commission, both were now on the same page. He noted that Baze was working assiduously to become a world-class university and Centre of Excellence in Management Sciences, Computing and Engineering. He called on the University to consolidate on its achievements and work closely with the Commission to transform Nigeria's knowledge industry.

The NUC Scribe told the gathering that the NUC would soon convene a summit on private university education, with a view to resolving most of the bottlenecks militating against their smooth operation in the country. He noted that it was now mandatory for the Nigerian University System (NUS) to lead the nation's shift from a resource-dependent economy to a knowledge-based one. He disclosed that NUC would soon embark on a comprehensive review of the existing degree curricula and programmes in the NUS, in line with international best practices and Nigeria's urgent quest to shift from being a natural

Former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, has called on Nigerian universities to focus on Entrepreneurship, in order to enhance the employability and self-employment potentials of graduates with vital skills that would enable them compete nationally and internationally. The former President, who was Special Guest of Honour at the 3rd Convocation Ceremony of Baze University, Abuja, held on Saturday, 8 October, 2016, stated that the production of more Entrepreneurs than job seekers would address the challenges of youth unemployment and poverty eradication in the country.

Chief Obasanjo expressed delight at the pace of the ongoing physical development of the University in the short period of its existence. Being the founder of a private university, Bells University of Technology, Ota, he said, he knew that it takes a lot of commitment, including capital, to continue to

develop a tertiary institution. He commended the founder and Pro-Chancellor, Senator Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed, for establishing Baze University at this crucial point of nation-building and expressed optimism that the Institution would go a long way to close the gap in the provision of qualitative tertiary education. Chief Obasanjo congratulated the Board, Management, staff and students of the University for a job well done.

Currently a doctoral student at the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), the former President maintained that education must be a life-long process, adding that it was the most significant process of grooming the right kind of leaders at all levels. While congratulating the graduands, Chief Obasanjo urged them to utilise their new qualifications and acquired skills in developing strategies and



resource dependent to a knowledge-based economy. The Executive Secretary further said that “the Commission has almost completed the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) of a number of new programmes in Aeronautic/ Aerospace Engineering, Software Engineering, Cyber Security, Information Technology, etc.”

Professor Rasheed congratulated the Founder, Board, Management, staff and students on the success of their 3rd Convocation. He also congratulated the graduands and their parents, urging the former to be good ambassadors of the University.

The Visitor and Emir of Zazzau, His Highness, Alhaji (Dr.) Shehu Idris, noted that his Emirate was proud of the achievements of their illustrious son, Senator Baba-Ahmed. He disclosed that, while the founder represented his constituency at the Federal House of Representatives and later as Senator in the National Assembly, he provided a lot of assistance to the development of education

infrastructure in the Emirate. He called on stakeholders to support the growth of the young institution. The Royal Father expressed gratitude to Chief Obasanjo and other special guests for finding time to attend the Convocation.

In his address, the Chancellor, Alhaji (Dr.) Ahmadu Abubakar, congratulated the Executive Secretary of NUC on his appointment. While praying for his successful tenure, he gave the assurances that the University would continue to work with the NUC to improve standards in the NUS. The Chancellor, who also chairs the University's Board of Trustees (BoT), commended other members of the BoT as well as stakeholders of the Institution for continuously striving to take Baze to greater heights. Observing that unemployment had become a serious issue the world over, the Chancellor advised the graduands to explore other opportunities that abound and strive to be employers of labour, rather than struggle for job opportunities that had become scarce. He said that the University had already imparted the skills that

could help them become self-reliant and also contribute to the technological and economic development of the country.

In his vote of thanks, the Pro-Chancellor, Senator Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed, welcomed the Special Guest of Honour and other notable guests and parents of graduands to the University. He thanked the Federal Government for its efforts to revamp the nation's education sector, particularly in giving private investors the opportunity to contribute to the development of the sector. He assured supporters of Baze University that the Institution would continue to strive to provide the needed manpower to drive the development of the nation's economy. He charged the graduands to be of exemplary character as they join the larger society, so that they would not only be beneficiaries of their training, but the entire society would also benefit from their acquired knowledge and skills.

In his Convocation Address, the



L-R: Pro-Chancellor of BAZE University, Ahmadu Abubakar; Chief Obasanjo, Chancellor and Emir of Zazzau, Zaria, Alh. Shehu Idris, Former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Alfa Belgore; Founder/Promoter of the University, Sen. Datti Baba-Ahmed and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mamman Tahir



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

whom were the former Chief Justice of the Federation, Justice Alfa Belgore; former Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Minister, Dr. Aliyu Modibbo; and a former Governor of Kebbi State, Alhaji Adamu Aliero. The Institution named its Auditorium after Umaru Shinkafi and two libraries after Brigadier-General Abba Kyari and General Aliyu Mohamed. Prizes and Medals were presented to deserving graduands from the Faculties of Computing and Applied Sciences; Management and Social Sciences; and Law.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tahir Mamman, listed some of the achievements of the University in the last one year to include the recruitment of some of the best brains into its Law Faculty. He stated that the Institution continuously ensured best practices in all its activities, especially in teaching and conduct of examinations. According to him, all examination scripts are marked on the University campus and not in the homes of the teachers.

Professor Mamman said that, because the future of the country depended on the nation's ability to effectively re-position the education sector for maximum national growth and development, Baze University had positioned itself to achieve its mandate of maintaining a suitable academic environment by synergising world-class human capital and best technology to create and impart knowledge. He informed the gathering that out of its 234 graduands, 21 bagged First Class Honours degrees. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the graduands and urged them to

participate enthusiastically in grooming their young Alumni Association.

The highlights of the Convocation were the presentation of awards to three eminent Nigerians: Chief Olusegun Obasanjo; Retired Justice Fati Abubakar, who was represented by Governor Abubakar Sani Bello of Niger State; and the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed. The University also named some of its buildings after other eminent Nigerians, some of

The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries, including the Sultan of Sokoto, Mohammad Sa'ad Abubakar (III), former Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed; former Minister of Education, Professor Rukayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i; Senators Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso and Bukar Ibrahima as well as Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Ishaq Oloyede, among others.



Graduands at the convocation ceremony



Prof. Rasheed Briefs Senate Committee on Budget Performance



L-R: Members of the Committee, Senators Sam Egwu, Jibrin Barau, Aliyu Magatakarda Wamako and Oluremi Tinubu



Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, (2nd left), flanked by L-R- NUC Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Director, Finance and Account, Mr. Sam Onazi; Deputy Director, Legal, Barr Moses Awe and Deputy Director, Budget, Mrs. Anthonia Bawa

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Rasheed, MFR, on Tuesday, 4 October, 2016, interacted with the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), at the Committee's Meeting Room, National Assembly Complex, Abuja. The interaction centered on the 2016 budget performance, Internally-Generated Revenue (IGR) and other issues affecting the Commission that required legislative action.

The Chairman of the Committee, Senator Jibrin Barau congratulated the Executive Secretary on his new appointment and wished him a successful tenure in office. He explained that, having taken over from Senator Binta Masi Garba as the new Chairman of the Committee, he was mandated to interact with the Commission to equip the Committee with details of the NUC's functions, as well as

the position of ranking, monitoring, regulations and e-learning in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

In his remarks, Professor Rasheed said he is happy that the Senate is concerned with the happenings in the university sector. He recalled that his first assignment on assumption of duties was to visit the Chairman of the Senate Committee in company of the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Ish-aq Oloyede and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Professor Abdul-Ganiyu Ambali to resolve the problem.

The Executive Secretary said he is still consulting and meeting with key stakeholders in order to move the NUS forward. He recounted his meeting with the university-based unions to the Committee, where he requested them to bring up proposals on the way forward for a peaceful implementation of the FGN/Agreement.

Professor Rasheed said that the NUC has four main issues regarding the 2016 budget; delayed in releases of the over-head cost, capital budget is only 40% released to date, pending NUC Bills and non capturing of the NUC core mandates expenses in the budget, such as accreditation and resources verifications.

On the issue of Ranking, he informed the Committee that a Division that would be solely dedicated to internationalisation and accreditation would soon be created in the NUC. He promised to co-operate with the Senate to ensure the promotion of education in the country.

The Executive Secretary was accompanied to the National Assembly by the Directors of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi and Information and Public Relations, (DIPR), Mallam Ibrahim Usman Yakasai.



Quality Assurance Conference Endorses Africa Union Agenda 2063



Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi
Namibian Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation

The 8th edition of the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa (ICQAHEA) has ended in Namibia with stakeholders endorsing the African Union *Agenda 2063* as a strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the African continent over the next 50 years.

The Conference was organised in collaboration with Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi)-Africa, African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) and the Association of African Universities (AAU) with the theme: 'Multi-dimensions of Innovation in Higher Education in Africa: Towards Enhancing Quality and Accelerating Regional Harmonisation.'

Part of its objectives was to review different dimensions of innovation in African higher education that address quality and regional harmonisation; promote awareness among the African

higher education community of recent developments in accelerating regional harmonisation under the Africa-EU partnership, including the Continental Strategy for Education for Africa 2016-2025 (CESA); the Pan African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework; Tuning and Erasmus+; provide a platform for the launch of key initiatives under the Africa-EU partnership, especially Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) as well as train participants in modern and innovative methods of developing quality culture at the institutional and national levels.

Declaring the Conference open, the Namibian Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation, Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, expressed delight at his country's hosting of the ICQAHEA. While observing that the Conference would explore the untapped multi-dimensions of innovation in quality assurance, she expressed hope that the event would produce implementable

results and thanked the organisers for the honour done to her country.

In his welcome address, President of GUNi-Africa, Professor Peter Okebukola, expressed delight that the Network had made progress over the years, working with stakeholders in implementing the series of ICQAHEAs.

Vice-Chancellor of the host institution, University of Namibia, Professor Lazarus Hangula, also welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of higher education and quality assurance in Africa. He charged them to come up with innovative ways of increasing funding of higher education, which was important for achieving quality higher education systems.

ICQAHEA Chairman, Professor Juma Shabani, while welcoming participants on behalf of the International and Local Organising Committees, enumerated the gains of the series of the Conference to the African continent. He informed participants that the best presentations at the Conference would be published after the necessary reviews.

In his remark, AfriQAN Vice-President, Professor Bertrand Mbatchesi, thanked all partners that contributed to the successful organisation of the Conference. He enjoined all stakeholders to collaborate in moving higher education and quality assurance to the next level.

Similarly, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Namibia, H.E. Ms. Jana Hybaskova Michel



Vice-President, African Quality Assurance Network, Prof. Bertrand Mbachi with the Former Executive Secretary, NUC and President of GUNi-Africa, Prof. Peter Okebukola



H.E. Ms. Jana Hybaskova Michel Arrion
European Union Ambassador to Namibia

Arrion, underscored the importance of strong collaborations at all levels for quality delivery of higher education. She reiterated the readiness of EU to continue to support Africa in its higher education developmental efforts.

Secretary-General of AAU, Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission, Dr. Yohannes Woldertensae, and President and CEO, Peregrine Academic Services, Dr. Olin O. Oedekoven, who presented goodwill messages to the Conference, on behalf of their organisations, underscored the importance of the Conference and commended the efforts of the organisers.

The Conference, which had 12 plenary and special sessions as well as parallel contributed paper session, was attended by 253 participants from 38 countries, including Ministers in charge of Education/Higher Education/Science and Technology/ICTs and Labour, Permanent Secretaries/Directors-General of Education and Senior Officials, Heads and management teams of national and regional quality assurance agencies, Vice-Chancellors, Rectors and Presidents of higher education institutions, officers and

members of AfriQAN, officers in charge of higher education at the African Union Commission, and Quality Assurance practitioners. Others were experts in ICT, teaching and research in higher education, civil society, staff unions, students and students' associations, professional associations, employers associations, development partners, notably, European Union and the British Council; ICQAHEA partners, such as Peregrine Academic Services; stakeholders in education in Africa and those of higher education from other regions of the world.

Some highlights of the Conference were the presentation of GUNi-Africa-AfriQAN Awards for Distinguished Contribution to

Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa to Professor Bertrand Mbachi, the Executive Secretary, CAMES and Vice-President AfriQAN and the formal launch of the following Continental initiatives:

- Africa - E U Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) Initiative
- Virtual Institute for Higher Education in Africa (VIHEAF)
- Quality Assurance for Higher Education Leaders (QAHEL)
- Quality Assurance for Higher Education Personnel (QAHEP)



Participants at the Conference



Medical Laboratory Scientists Visit NUC

The National Executive Officers of the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria (AMLSN), recently visited the National Universities Commission (NUC), to felicitate with Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni, MFR*, on his appointment as Executive Secretary of the Commission. Leader of the delegation and President of the Association, Alhaji Toyosi Raheem said AMLSN cherished its long association with the Executive Secretary and saw the appointment as a testimony of the leadership qualities that he exhibited in his previous appointments.

Alhaji Raheem gave a brief history of the profession, since 1951 when the late Pa Raphael Shonekan (who died last year at 96), qualified as the first Medical Laboratory Scientist in Nigeria; to the formation of the Association in 2003. He informed the Executive Secretary that the Association had more than 20, 000 members, who were contributing their quota to the development of the society in health facilities, universities, Research Institutes and the private sector, as employers of labour, both within and outside the country.

The President stated that the Association was working hard to see how the profession could be better packaged to meet the needs of the 21st century. It was also committed to increasing its membership, through good quality training of more Medical Laboratory Scientists, in line with the Federal Ministry of Health's strategic plan of a 10 per cent increase in the number of Medical Scientists in the country by 2019.



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed with the President, Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria, Alhaji Toyosi Raheem

While acknowledging NUC's support to the development of various professions, Alhaji Raheem said the Association's visit was also to acquaint the Executive Secretary with some of its aspirations and goals. One of these was the initiation of faculty status for all Universities offering Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) courses in the country. Another was the adoption of the MLS.D curriculum, developed in collaboration with Medical Laboratory Scientists in the academics, which the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) planned to present to the Commission, shortly.

Responding, the Executive Secretary thanked the Association for the visit and its kind words. While commending the many positive changes that AMLSN had gone through over the years, Professor Rasheed expressed concern over what he called “a key problem of our medical practice in Nigeria: wrong diagnosis”, which must be addressed. He noted that Nurses and Medical Laboratory Scientists were critical stakeholders in medical practice as they constituted about 80 percent of hospital staff, which meant that the

lives of the citizenry depended, heavily, on them. Therefore, better training and equipment for them were imperative.

On the request for faculty status for all Universities offering MLS courses in the country, the Executive Secretary advised the Association to rather focus on standardising its postgraduate professional training and certification, than make this request, which may be difficult for universities to accede to, considering its huge financial implications.

Professor Rasheed also stressed the fact that Association could not develop a curriculum for MLS as the development of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) for all the programmes offered in the Nigerian University System (NUS) remained the sole responsibility of NUC, although relevant stakeholders were always invited to make input into the documents. He said the Commission, as the regulator of all academic programmes in the NUS, would continue to seek the support of all stakeholders,



including professional associations, to improve university education in Nigeria.

Others in the AMLSN delegation were Messrs. Olusoji Billyrose, Babakayode Abdulsalam and

Godwin Ihimekpen; Drs. Donatus Ozuruoke and Felix Emelike as well as Ms. Erdoo Linda Tine.



Prof. Rasheed, 5th left, and some NUC Directors with the AMLSN delegation

Outgoing Corp Members Pay ES ‘Thank You Visit’

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, has congratulated the outgoing ‘Batch B’ Corps Members for successfully completing their mandatory service year and wished them well in their future endeavours.

Receiving the Corp Members, who paid him a ‘thank you’ visit in his office, on Tuesday, 4 October, 2016, the Executive Secretary thanked the corps members for the visit and their tenacity throughout

their stay in the Commission. While also wishing them journey mercies and the best in life, he encouraged them not to despair about the lack of job opportunities in a difficult time like this, when the nation is facing economic recession, but to keep hope alive.

Professor Rasheed noted that as long as there is life there is hope and prayed that in the next 20 to 30 years to come, some of them might come to NUC as Vice-Chancellors and or businessmen and women, giving out scholarships to others.

Speaking on behalf of his colleagues, Mr. Chima Martins thanked Professor Rasheed for giving them audience and for his fatherly role within the period they served under him. He thanked the Executive Secretary for his wise counsel and for his prayers. He described their short stay in the Commission as rewarding, with most of them being positively impacted.

The outgoing corps members presented a gift to the Executive Secretary, in appreciation of his good works and fatherly advice.



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed displaying a souvenir presented to him by the outgoing Batch B Corp members of the Commission



Images from Baze University Convocation



L-R: His Eminence, Sultan of Sokoto, Mohammad Sa'ad Abubakar (III); Chancellor of the University and Emir of Zazzau, Alh. Shehu Idris and former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo



Executive Governor of Niger State, His Excellency, Abubakar Sani Lolo with Prof. Rasheed



L-R: Governor Sani Lolo, Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ahmadu Abubakar, Justice Alfa Belgore and Founder of the University, Sen. Datti Baba-Ahmed



Some of the visiting Vice-Chancellors at the convocation



Aliyu Modibbo Building, commissioned by Chief Olusegun Obasanjo



Justice Alfa Belgore Building



Photo Gallery



Prof. Rasheed and Pro-Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Chike Udenze



Prof. Rasheed and Ambassador Aja-Nwachukwu



Prof. Rasheed with Alh. Sani Musa Mahmud



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Prof. Rasheed and Former Vice-Chancellor, ABU, Zaria, Prof. Shehu Abdullahi



INEC delegation in front of the newly commissioned Prof. AM Yakubu Hall at NDA, Kaduna



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia
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Introduction:

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28th July 2010 approved that Nigeria should adopt the provisions of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for Private and Public Sectors respectively.

Consequently, the Federation Accounts Standards Allocation Committee (FAAC) at its meeting held on 13th June 2011 setup a Sub-Committee to provide a roadmap for the implementation of IPSAS in the three tiers of government in Nigeria.

The Roadmap to the adoption of IPSAS was phased as follows:

- Full Adoption of IPSAS Cash effective from 1st January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1st January 2016.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has commenced the IPSAS implementation project that will enable a seamless adoption of the IPSAS accrual in the preparation and presentation of Financial Statements in line with the directives of Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) Sub-Committee on implementation of IPSAS.

Implementation Approach:

NUC is partnering with Nexia Agbo Abel & Co, to adopt a phased implementation approach which shall focus on the following areas;

- Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Accounting & Reporting
- Knowledge & Resource Management
- Process, Technology & Infrastructure

• Results Based Management
• Easy Comparison
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality
• Consistency
• Comparability

IPSAS

• Transparency
• Accountability

Expected Benefits:

At the end of this implementation project, NUC's financial reporting is expected to be fully IPSAS accrual compliant in line with the directive. This will ensure greater level of transparency, accountability and consistency in financial reporting just like similar Public Sector Entities (PSE), high-quality financial statements based on globally acceptable standards and audit efficiency.



Implementation Committee

In line with the National Treasury Circular Ref. No. TRY/A5 & B5/2014 and OAGF/CAD/POL/C.0301/VOL. I/VOL.I of 23rd October 2014, the composition of the Commission's IPSAS Implementation Committee include:

Executive Secretary
Director, Finance and Accounts
Director, Management Support Services
Head of Internal Audit
Head of Information & Communication Technology
Head of Treasury
Head of Budget
Head of IPSAS/Fixed assets
Head of Procurement
Head of Final Accounts

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member/Secretary

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



ADVERTORIAL

CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

The general public is hereby informed that whereas the Commission maintains its stand that online degrees are not accepted in Nigeria at the moment, this does not include the approved Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme run within the shores of Nigeria.

The Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme is a legitimate and well thought out pilot e-learning initiative. It is a Public Private Partnership between the National Universities Commission (NUC), Park Associates E-Learning Group, and four federal universities. Its goal is to provide new opportunities for students to access university education in Nigeria.

The four Participating Universities are:

- i. University of Uyo;
- ii. National Open University of Nigeria;
- iii. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto; and
- iv. University of Maiduguri.

Students enrolled in the Programme can select any of the following undergraduate degree programmes: Economics, Banking & Finance, Accounting, Business Administration and Marketing for which they have requisite qualifications. The Programme for now is only available for candidates who wish to obtain BSc Degree in Economics.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to allay all fears and doubts concerning the legitimacy or NUC endorsement of the Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme. This is one of the avenues that the National Universities Commission is exploring to increase access to university education without compromising quality. Students in the Programme are therefore advised to continue to pursue their studies without fear and prospective applicants are encouraged to enrol. Concerned parents, guardians, students and the general public may contact the Commission for further clarification on the Programme under reference.

Signed

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Director Information and Public Relations

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Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS)

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

Eight universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola and
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Ogbomoso.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

IMPLEMENTING STEPS FOR NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS, ACCREDITATION ISSUES AND THE NEW MINIMUM BENCHMARK (2015) FOR THE MBBS/BDS PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMMES

Following several Stakeholders' meetings in the last two years and as a prelude to the formal release of the New Minimum Academic Benchmark (2015), proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools in Nigeria (both current and prospective) are requested to note the following implementing steps including relevant adjustments relating to accreditation of Medical/Dental Schools.

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
 - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
 - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.
 - c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
 - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
 - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that





only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:

- a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
- b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
- c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations
3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. (www.nuc.edu.ng) Major components include the following:
 - (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
 - i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
 - ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
 - iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
 - iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
 - (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
 - (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, rasheed3h@gmail.com and copy to chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

A. Federal Universities

1. University of Lagos
2. University of Port Harcourt
3. University of Calabar
4. University of Benin
5. University of Abuja
6. University of Uyo
7. University of Jos
8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka





10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
1. Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Ekiti State
2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State
15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed

Management



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	15	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	17	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			



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33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
						44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
							Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
						45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
						56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
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- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

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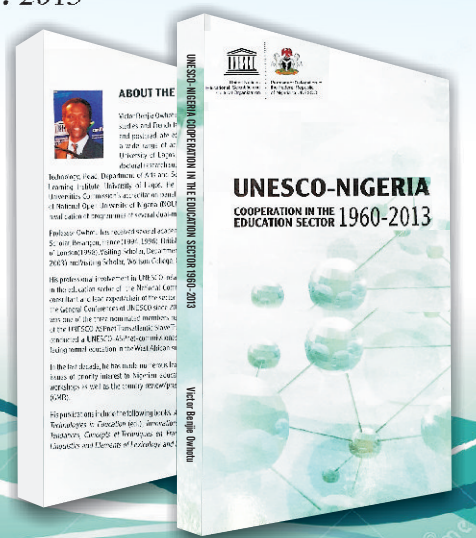
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44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
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List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi
2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
3. Bayero University, Kano
4. Federal University of Technology, Akure
5. Federal University of Technology, Minna
6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike
8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola
9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.
10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna
11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada

14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi
16. University of Benin, Benin City
17. University of Calabar, Calabar
18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan
19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin
20. University of Jos, Jos
21. University of Lagos, Akoka
22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri
23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka
24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
25. University of Uyo, Uyo
26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto

State Universities :

1. Abia State University, Uturu
2. Adamawa State University, Mubi
3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko
4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma
5. Anambra State University, Uli
6. Benue State University, Makurdi
7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar
8. Delta State University, Abraka
9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti
11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu
12. Imo State University, Owerri

13. Kogi State University, Anyigba
14. Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho
15. Lagos State University, Ojo.
16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi
17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island
18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina
21. Gombe State University, Gombe
22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai
23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero

Private Universities :

1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja
2. American University of Nigeria, Yola
3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo
4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
5. Bowen University, Iwo
6. Covenant University, Ota
7. Igbinedion University, Okada
8. Pan-African University, Lekki
9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State

10. Caleb University, Lagos
11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State
12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja
13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only)
15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only)
16. Madonna University Okija (MSc. only)
17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

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Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in

relevant NUC departments

6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU
7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer



**NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION****PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT****List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC**

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The "Universities" are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegebe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

** This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
SHEHU RUFAT AHMED	10 Oct.	DSSS
UCHEOMA CAROLINE NWACHUKWU	10 Oct.	DSSS
TERYILA FABIAN ATSENGA	10 Oct.	DAF
KANU OGRI OKOLI	10 Oct.	DMSS
IKECHI SAMUEL ONYEMATA	11 Oct.	DICT
OLUTIMI ANTHONY AWOGBILE	12 Oct.	DODE
AGNES CHINYERE OGBUAGU	12 Oct.	DMSS
ONYINYE VIVIAN AKAUBA	12 Oct.	DICT
OPUNINGI IGONI KINGS	13 Oct.	DESO
MARY CHARITY OJEH	13 Oct.	DIM
OLUWABUKUNMI ADEOLA ADENIYI	13 Oct.	DMSS
DAMILOLA DEBORAH DANIEL	13 Oct.	DPSD
PATRICK OHANU CHINASANJOKU	14 Oct.	DAS
RACHAEL EGBERANMWEN OSAGIE	14 Oct.	DIM
AMUDA ADEOYE AFOLABI	15 Oct.	DAS
USMAN SHEHU ABDULLAHI	15 Oct.	DESO
DOMINIC ODIU ODION	15 Oct.	DMSS
BLESSING NJIDEKA AKABA	16 Oct.	DSSS
BILKISU UMAR OZIGIS	16 Oct.	DPP
VERONICA SYLVANUS UMEH	16 Oct.	DAS

Wishing You Many happy returns! Best Wishes for the week.

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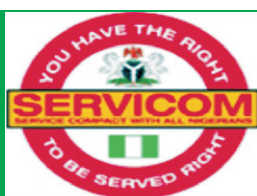
A Television Documentary Programme

This is a National Universities Commission (NUC) -sponsored television documentary programme for Nigerian Universities to celebrate outstanding researchers, showcase their findings and promote their linkage with the industry.

The programme is aired every week on:

(a) Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) on
Mondays 1.30-2.00pm

(b) African Independent Television (AIT) on
Tuesdays 4:30 - 5.00 pm



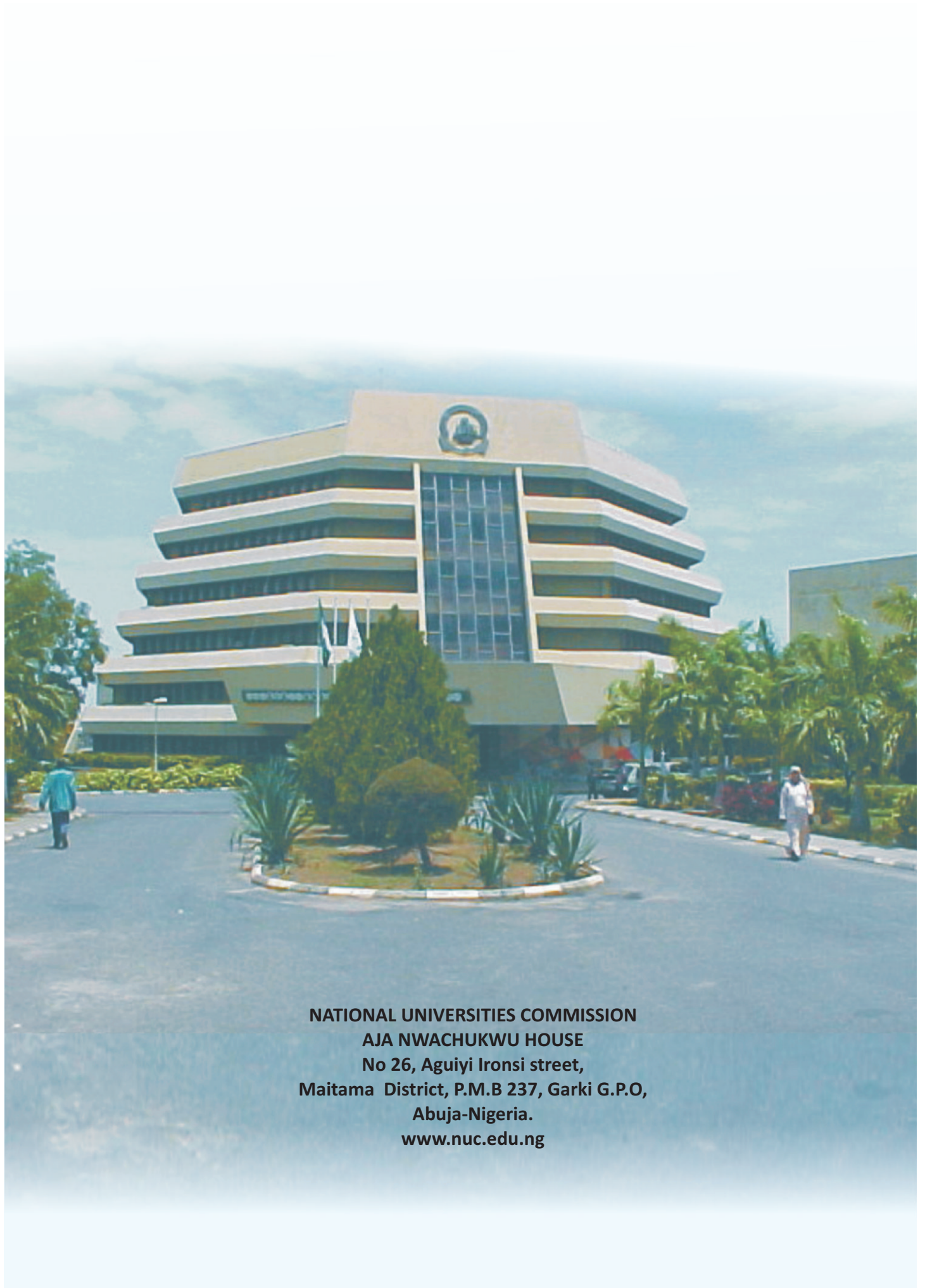
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