

Prof Rasheed Seeks Resuscitation of UNESCO Chairs in Varsities

-Private Open University Underway



L-R: Nigerian Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Mrs. Mariam Katagum; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Raheed; Vice-Chancellor, NOUN, Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu and DG, UNESCO, Mrs. Irina Bokova at the reception in her honour

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni, MFR*, has called for an urgent collaborative effort between the NUC and the United Nations Educational Scientific

and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to resuscitate the five UNESCO Professorial Chairs in Nigerian Universities, closed down in 2014, due to what was termed 'non performance'. Speaking at a reception, organised by the National Open University

of Nigeria (NOUN), in honour of the visiting Director-General (DG), UNESCO, Her Excellency, Mrs. Irina Bokova, on Thursday, 11 August, 2016, Professor Rasheed expressed hope that her visit would initiate the process of reviving the closed Chairs. He

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Prof. Abubakar Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

stated that the Nigerian Higher Education Sector was presently undergoing very positive changes and pledged that, with better understanding, awareness and with so many new opportunities, the UNESCO Chairs, when revived, would not be allowed to underperform again.

The five Chairs that were closed down, out of the seven established in the NUS since 1990 were: UNESCO Chair on the Use of Technologies in Adult and Non-Formal Education at University of Ibadan, UNESCO Chair in Open and Distance Education in Distance Learning at NOUN and the UNESCO Chair in Information Technology at Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola. Others were the UNESCO Chair in Earth Sciences and Geo-resources Engineering Management and the UNESCO-GEIFON Chair in Environmental Sciences, both at the University of Benin.

The only two Chairs, still being held by Nigeria are, the UNESCO Chair in Alternative Energy at the Kwara State University, Malete and the UNESCO Chair in Mathematics at the National Mathematical Centre.

Professor Rasheed said that since joining UNESCO in 1960, Nigeria had been working harmoniously and in mutually beneficial relationship in all major areas of the organisation, noting that UNESCO was a “laboratory of ideas within which it defines emerging problems and the attendant solutions”. He added that UNESCO also served as a clearing house on international best practices thereby acting as catalyst for stimulating international cooperation in Education by ensuring that innovations in Education reflected UNESCO goals and principles.

He told the DG and her team that Nigeria now had 143 Universities made up of 40 Federal, 43 States and 60 Private universities, and that very soon the country may licence a Private Open University. “Incidentally this morning I received a prospective proprietor for the proposed private Open University in my office before coming here.”

The NUC Scribe recalled the World Conference on Higher Education in 1998 where far reaching and revolutionary declarations were made and

assured the delegation that Nigeria was doing everything possible to realise the full extent of the declarations.

The Executive Secretary also assured that NUC would partner with MDAs to achieve the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) driven by UNESCO.

In her response, the DG, UNESCO thanked the Executive Secretary, NUC and the Vice Chancellor of NOUN, for their passion and commitment and their efforts to reach the underserved to ensure inclusive society. She praised NOUN for fully implementing UNESCO Goal No 4 on Inclusive, Quality Education and Lifelong learning Mrs. Bokova assured them that UNESCO would like to have more Chairs in Nigerian Universities and “expand the network”, saying that Higher Education held the key for UNESCO to realise its goals and objectives.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor of NOUN, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, said that the DG's visit was home coming, considering the nature of partnership, mutual understanding and respect that had long existed between NOUN and UNESCO. He informed the visitor that the University was the first single mode, ODL University in the whole of West African sub-region, adding that this record puts the Institution at the forefront of projecting the gospel of open and distance learning, not only to Nigerians, but also the rest of West Africa.

Professor Adamu observed that NOUN had been a silent, but steady response to this onerous challenge which providence had placed on it. “We have effectively



A cross section of delegates

surmounted the cynicism of the 80s that led to the total suspension of all our academics activities, to being regarded as the only mega University in Africa, following our resuscitation in 2002. Within a space of 14 years, our students' population has risen from less than 2,000 to about 270,000 active students", He said.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that, with the University's hallmark improvement, NOUN's target still remained to reach the unreached; to expand access to university education, and to plant the seeds of open and distance education in all the nooks and crannies of the country. He disclosed that NOUN, which offers unmatched flexibility to

students, had established Study Centres in 78 locations within Nigeria, noting that, despite the great challenge of dwindling resources that the university was facing presently, NOUN was continuously receiving torrential request from communities whose thirst for higher education had been greatly impeded by the limited access in conventional universities.

Professor Adamu listed the achievements of the University to include the establishment of Special Study Centres within the Nigerian Prisons, which, according to him, demonstrated its desire to provide a mode of education that transcends all barriers, in addition to the 100 per

cent fee waiver to all qualified prison inmates, who registered as students. He added that the University had also established Centres for skills acquisition to develop the skills of artisans, explaining that, under the scheme, students were trained on a number of trades like bead making, confectionery, bricklaying, driving, and phone repairs, among others.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the greater challenge NOUN faces is that the general public was not sure and not quite informed of the gains and validity of open and distance education. "To most of our citizens, ODL as a mode of instructional delivery remains a suspect. This places advocacy at the front burner of our needs. Consequently, we request UNESCO's assistance in projecting and spreading the gospel of ODL as a veritable tool for university education in the 21st century", he added.

The Nigerian Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Her Excellency, Mrs. Mariam Y. Katagun was in the entourage of the Director General. Others included Assistant DG, Africa, Mr. Firmin Matoko; Director



DG. UNESCO, Mrs. Bokova, 5th left, flanked by Profs. Rasheed and Adamu, with other delegates



UNESCO Regional Office, Abuja, Mr. Benoit Sossou; Director/Secretary-General, National Commission for UNESCO, Mrs. Magdalene Anene-Maidoh; Programme Specialist Education, UNESCO Regional Office, Abuja, Mr. Saidou Jallow; National

Programme Officer, UNIC- Oluseyi Soremekun; National Programme Officer, Education, Uchenna Udoh, Assistant to Regional Director, UNESCO, Abuja, Macaulay Olushola.; Deputy Director, Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, Mrs. Florence Oguah.

NOUN's Management members present included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Professor Victor Adedipe, Registrar, Mrs. Josephine Akinyemi, Bursar, Mr. Ernest Odeigah as well as Deans and Directors of the University.

NOUN Felicitates with ES, Presents Demands



L-R: Member of the NOUN Governing Council, Prof. Godwin Sogolo; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and Chairman and Pro-Chancellor of the University, Senator Ameh Ebute

A delegation from the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), led by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Senator Ameh Ebute, on Tuesday, 9 August, 2016, visited the Executive Secretary, NUC Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, to congratulate him on his appointment. The delegation also seized the opportunity to present some challenges facing the University for the Commission's urgent attention.

Delivering the congratulatory message on behalf of the team,

comprising members of the Council and other Principal Officers, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu remarked that the appointment of Professor Rasheed, who was on Sabbatical at the University, was of great significance to him as an individual and NOUN as an Institution. He expressed the belief that the Executive Secretary, with his wealth of experience, would contribute meaningfully to the task of nation building.

The congratulatory message, which was read out by the Vice Chancellor, stated in part: "for us at NOUN, his appointment is our

appointment, above all, a call to one of us to contribute, in a special way, to the task of nation building. We are extremely proud of this well-deserved appointment, and therefore consider this visit a homecoming. We are here, not only on a courtesy visit, but to celebrate our own.

"Significantly for NOUN, this appointment establishes continuity between it and NUC. NOUN as an ODL institution has been receiving a lot of support from the NUC concerning critical areas of its operation requiring attention. We have often pulled



L-R: Profs. Rasheed, Adamu and Deputy Executive Secretary I, NUC, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana

resources together to solve the teething problems associated with running the first ODL University in the whole of West African sub-region.”

Professor Uba Adamu seized the opportunity to present four lingering challenges that needed to be tackled, headlong, in order to put the Institution on the right path to delivering quality university education in the country. These include: NOUN and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme for its graduates, Council for Legal Education (CLE) and NOUN Law graduates, NOUN graduates and Advanced Degrees in other universities as well as NOUN's Nursing Sciences and practical experiences. According to him, it was ironic for a University that was nationalistic in its outlook and programmes to be excluded from participation in the NYSC scheme. He stated that the desire of its graduates is to participate, fully, in the scheme and contribute their quota to the development of the nation. He, therefore, solicited the intervention of the NUC for the NYSC to accept its students to take part in the scheme.

On the refusal of the CLE to admit NOUN's Law graduates into the Law School, the Vice-Chancellor observed that it was all about the perception of the mode of instruction of NOUN's programmes. This, he said, was wrongly interpreted as 'Correspondence' or 'Part-time', or both, thereby excluding its students from participation in the Law School Programme. He told the Executive Secretary that this perception was at variance with the prevalent global understanding of NOUN's mode of instruction. He said that the Open University

had repeatedly drawn the attention of stakeholders to the fact that it is an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and not a Part-time or Correspondence Institution.

NOUN, he further explained, is only one of the large network of institutions, all over the world, providing accessible, affordable and equitable education to millions of people, who, due to their peculiar circumstances, work and learn at the same time. He noted that the University had accepted NUC's recommendation to halt admission into the Programme, while efforts were being made to address the matter with the CLE. He, however, called on the Commission to prevail on the CLE to understand NOUN's peculiarities and accept its graduates for admission into the Law School.

Dwelling on NOUN graduates and further education in other universities, the Vice Chancellor expressed dismay that they were denied placements for postgraduate studies at Master's and Doctoral levels, when most of the Instructors of these students were drawn from to the same



L-R: Deputy Executive Secretary II, NUC, Mal Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and NUC Director, Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf



Nigerian University System (NUS). He argued that the students are offered postgraduate admissions in prestigious universities abroad where they excel and wondered the basis for the discrimination in their own country. He urged NUC to prevail on Nigerian universities to desist from such practices against its graduates.

On NOUN's Nursing Science students, Professor Uba Adamu explained that the challenge of ODL lies in clinical/practical courses requiring real-time skills acquisitions and competencies in specific learning domains. This, according to him, posed a challenge for Nursing that required extensive laboratory experiences. Recognising this fact, NOUN, he said, was striving hard to ensure that students acquire the practical experiences through regional laboratories and signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with existing Teaching Hospitals and Universities. He, therefore, sought NUC's support to facilitate

the use of University and hospital laboratories around its Centres, on MoU basis, for the training of its Science and other Clinical-based students.

Responding, the Executive Secretary noted that NOUN was fortunate to have a strong leadership and Governing Council headed by a Statesman and former Senate President, Senator Ebute. He remarked that the visit was the first by an entire management team of a University since his appointment and expressed gratitude to them for the solidarity. He stated that his last place of assignment was NOUN, which he joined in November, 2015, on Sabbatical. He was, therefore, conversant with the issues raised by the Institution.

On the NYSC scheme, Professor Rasheed argued that, while many of NOUN graduates may not qualify for the scheme, on account of age, "even if only one of them is below the age of 30", it would be fair that the person is not denied the opportunity to participate in the scheme. He promised that NUC

Management would discuss the matter with the NYSC and get back to the University. The Executive Secretary agreed that, in the current digital age, people should come to terms with the fact that ODL held the future of tertiary education. He observed that IT revolution had changed the world and Nigerians must embrace this revolution in tertiary education delivery.

The Executive Secretary expressed surprise at the discrimination against NOUN graduates by other universities across the country, saying they were eminently qualified to be admitted for post graduate studies, once they could fit in. He, therefore, promised to take the matter up with the Committee of Vice Chancellors. While admitting that NOUN's request for its Nursing students may be a harder nut to crack since many universities were already contending with the problem of accommodating their own students, Professor Rasheed promised to discuss the use of



Prof. Rasheed, 7th left, with the NOUN delegation



Universities Have No Business With Diplomas

-Prof. Rasheed

The axe of the National Universities Commission (NUC) is soon to descend on undergraduate Diplomas, being awarded by Universities. The Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, who gave the hint when he received the Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Dr. Masa'ud Adamu Kazaure, in his office, on Tuesday, 9 August, 2016; said only Polytechnics were statutorily mandated to run programmes leading to the Award of National Diplomas.

The Executive Secretary recalled that the Federal Government had, through a circular, issued as far back as the year 2000, prohibited the use of University undergraduate Diplomas for the purpose of either employment or promotion of staff in the Federal Civil Service. In his words, "we are going to formally put a stop to it. Sub-degree Diplomas are not the job of universities. Let us allow those that are statutorily allowed to run Diploma programmes, the polytechnics, to continue with them."

Professor Rasheed expressed the Commission's readiness to work closely with the NBTE, saying that they are two very important and complimentary agencies. Whereas each of the agencies had its *raison d'être*, he said, "when we work together, we achieve more." He thanked Dr. Kazaure for initiating the conversation on areas of collaboration, such as the contentious issue of the existing dichotomy between a Bachelor's Degree and a Higher National



Executive Secretary, NBTE, Dr. Mas'ud Kazaure presenting a publication to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

Diploma (HND), the award of degrees by polytechnics, in affiliation with universities as well as the National Qualifications Framework. He assured him that NUC would collaborate with the Board to strengthen vocational education in Nigeria and also set up a Committee to develop a blueprint for polytechnics to mount the B. Tech. programmes on their own, as the case is in other countries. The Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, a world renowned Institution, he said, was a good example of possibilities.

The NUC Scribe explained that the Commission would streamline some of the existing programmes in the NUS, to incorporate new trends, in line with global best practices, while ensuring universities' full adherence to its quality assurance mechanisms as well as their carrying capacities and admission quota, based on available facilities and manpower resources.

Earlier in his address, Dr. Kazaure said he was at the Commission to congratulate Professor Rasheed on his well-deserved appointment and to seek collaboration with NUC, in the areas stated above, to achieve the Board's Mandate, just as he did, when he was appointed Executive Secretary of NBTE in 2010.

Dr. Kazaure applauded the recent decision to remove the dichotomy between university degree and the Higher National Diploma (HND) saying the development would allow HND holders that have Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) to be at par with university graduates in the Civil Service.

The NBTE Executive Secretary also told the Executive Secretary that issues bordering on the review of all education laws were on the front burner during the recently held Roundtable Agenda for Legislative Education, with regulatory agencies, including the



NUC, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) as well as the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), among others, in attendance. He noted that the NBTE had been working assiduously on the National Vocational Qualifications Framework in the interest of those who did not have the opportunity to attend conventional schools, but had vocational qualifications and

could contribute their quota to revamping the nation's economy.

Dr. Kazaure presented two documents to Professor Rasheed. One was a compendium of all accredited programmes offered by the Polytechnics in Nigeria, as at January 2016, while the other is update on issues of dichotomy between university's B.Sc degrees and Polytechnic's HND.

In a vote of thanks, the Director,

Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnady, remarked that the Committee to be set up by the NUC would work tirelessly to achieve the set goals in the best interest of tertiary education in Nigeria. She thanked the two Executive Secretaries for their foresight and doggedness in addressing the identified issues affecting tertiary education in Nigeria.



Prof. Rasheed addressing the NBTE delegation



L-R: Mr. I.B. Bamamu, Prof. Rasheed, Dr. Kazaure, NUC Directors of Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Executive Secretary's Office, Mrs. Goddy-Nnadi and Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo



NTNU Congratulates New Executive SecretarySeeks Change of Name



Vice-Chancellor, Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Prof. Hussein Sert, presenting a congratulatory plaque to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

The Nigerian Turkish Nile University (NTNU), Abuja, on Tuesday 9 August 2016, paid a visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mn*, *MFR*, to congratulate him on his recent appointment and request for a change of the University's name.

In a congratulatory letter, leader of the delegation and Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Huseyin Sert said, 'on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Turkish Nile University, Abuja, we want to use this medium to congratulate you on your well-deserved appointment as the Executive Secretary of the Commission. Your amiable and admirable personality has distinguished you among many and we are confident that, with

you at the helm of affairs in NUC, Nigeria will soar to greater heights and achievements.'

Professor Sert informed the Executive Secretary that the request for the change of institution's name became necessary following the recent crisis in Turkey, adding that about 15 universities in Turkey had already been closed down, professors and Vice Chancellors, sacked, while students' faith hanged in the balance. He stated that NTNU was considering admitting the students to enable them complete their programmes, while the professors would be coming to Nigeria to seek employment opportunities. He briefed the Executive Secretary on the expansion of the seven-year old University, saying it commenced its Masters programmes two years ago and planned to begin its Ph.D

programmes soon.

Responding, the Executive Secretary thanked the team for the visit and commended it for running a good university in Nigeria. He advised the University to formalise its request for the commencement of Ph.D programmes to enable the Commission to pay a resource verification visit to its resources.

On the request to admit students of the affected institutions in Turkey, Professor Rasheed advised the University Management to carry the Commission along, all through the process, by briefing the Commission on the total number of students, programmes and level. He promised that where necessary, the Commission would give special considerations to increase its carrying capacity, in order to accommodate the



students, without violating NUC's rules. The Commission should also be informed if the University does not offer any of the courses that the returning students were pursuing back in

Turkey. He assured the group that the Commission would continue to do its best to ensure that Nigerian universities were globally competitive. In the NTNU delegation were, the

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steve Adesina; Director of Academic Planning, Dr. Saleh Abdullahi and Registrar, Mr. Ismail Asan.



R-L: Director, Information and Public Relations, NUC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; DAP of NTNU, Dr. Saleh Abdullah; Prof. Rasheed; VC of the University, Prof. Sert; DVC, Prof. Steve Adesina; Registrar, Mr. Ismail Asan and NUC Deputy Director, Information, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji

Private Varsities, Future of NUS - Prof. Rasheed

The future of university education in Nigeria rests, largely, on private universities, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, *MFR* has said. Speaking when he played host to the Vice-Chancellors of Caritas University, Amorji-Nike and Madonna University, Elele, in his office, on Tuesday, 9 August, 2016, the Executive Secretary observed that private investments in the tertiary education sub-sector had improved quality as well as encouraged the spirit of innovation amongst institutions in

the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Professor Rasheed informed the visitors who had come to congratulate him on his appointment as the NUC helmsman that, because he had been a Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), he was aware of the numerous challenges in the university system. He, however, assured the visitors that he would do his best to work with all Vice-Chancellors as partners in the NUS to take the system to greater heights. Professor Rasheed emphasised the need for

continuous synergy between Nigerian institutions and the Commission, observing that universities across the world served as the engine for driving national progress and economic development.

The Executive Secretary said that the NUC would continue to regulate universities in a way that would encourage greater collaboration in the system. He told the Vice-Chancellors that the Commission's regulatory activities were geared towards assuring quality across Nigerian universities in order ascertain that



the degrees obtained from any one Institution in Nigeria was comparable to that of any other university in the country or abroad. The Executive Secretary assured the visitors that all the activities of the NUC were conducted in the best interest of the nation.

Professor Rasheed promised to visit the universities across the country as soon as he settles in to his new office, in order to familiarise himself with the developments in the NUS. He expressed satisfaction that academics in the nation's private institutions participated in programme accreditation exercises carried out by the Commission. While thanking the visitors for the goodwill, he urged them to stay in touch and

keep him abreast of developments in their institutions.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Madonna University, Professor Chucks Ezedum, congratulated the NUC Scribe on his appointment as the eighth Executive Secretary of the Commission. He noted that Professor Rasheed's appointment was well deserved, referring to him as 'a round peg in a round hole.' Professor Ezedum pledged the total cooperation of his University in the quest to improve the standards of the NUS.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor of Caritas University, Professor B. E. Alumode, congratulated the Executive Secretary on his appointment and expressed hope that he would see to the transformation of the NUS. The

Vice-Chancellor noted that, with the wealth of experience in the Executive Secretary's kitty, Nigerian universities would continue to develop and compete favourably with their counterparts around the world. He pledged the unalloyed support of his University and prayed God to guide Professor Rasheed throughout his tenure.

In his vote of thanks, NUC's Director, Information and Public Relations, Malam Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellors for deeming it necessary to pay the Executive Secretary a congratulatory visit. He assured them that the Commission was committed to the overall development of the NUS.



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Caritas University, Prof. B.A. Ahumoche; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed and Vice-Chancellor, Madonna University, Prof. Chuks E. Ezedum



NUC Develops BMAS For Aeronautical And Astronautical Engineering

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has developed the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the teaching of Aeronautic and Astronautic Engineering in the Nigerian University System (NUS). Receiving the draft document on Thursday, 11 August, 2016, from the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Leo Daniel, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, *MFR*, commended the Committee for its hard work and the speed with which the document was developed.

The Executive Secretary was delighted to see the BMAS in the new area of Aeronautic and Astronautic Engineering and expressed hope for further collaboration with relevant stakeholders such as the NUC, Kwara State University, Malete, the Nigerian Airforce Institute of Technology (AFIT), Kaduna and the Federal Civil Aviation Authority (FCAA) to deliver the programme. He said that the BMAS would be presented to the NUC Management for ratification.



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed shaking hands with the Chairman of the Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering BMAS Committee, Prof. Leo Daniel, shortly after receiving the draft document. With them are Group Captain Daniel H. Ihiabe from the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), Kaduna; Prof. Suleiman Talabi, of the University of Lagos and NUC Deputy Director, Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Mal. Aminu Abba

The Committee expressed its gratitude to the Commission for the opportunity to contribute its quota towards the development of the NUS,

The BMAS, which would be used for the teaching of undergraduates, leading to the award of B. Eng. Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, is aimed at developing scholarship in specific areas that relate to airborne vehicles that stay within the earth's atmosphere, such as airplanes and helicopters as well as aircrafts that operate outside the atmosphere, such as rockets

and satellites. The document, when put to use, would ensure the production of graduates that are able to carry out defense productions and evaluation, design of aircraft and space vehicles for space exploration, among others.

Members of the Committee included, Professor Leo Daniel, Kwara State University, Malete, Chairman; Professor Sulaiman Talabi University of Lagos, Akoka and Group Captain, Daniel H. Ihiabe, AFIT, Kaduna, members.



L-R: Mal. Ibrahim Yakasai, Mal. Aminu Abba, Profs. Talabi, Daniel and Rasheed; Group Captain Ihiabe and Dr. Gidado Kumo



Prof. Okojie Back to UNAAB



L-R: DVC (Academics), FUNAAB, Prof. Oluymisi Eromosele; immediate past Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; Vice-Chancellor, FUNAAB, Prof. Olusola Oyewole; DVC (Development), Prof. Olalade Enikuomhin and Registrar, Mr. Mathew Ayoola at a special Senate session in honour of Prof. Okojie

On Wednesday, 3rd August, 2016, the erstwhile Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius Amioba Okojie, OON, returned to Abeokuta, otherwise known as 'The Rock City'. His destination was the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), which he left on 31st August, 2001, at the end of his tenure as Vice Chancellor. The 'home-coming', as he and the University called it, was as beautiful as it was emotional as many recounted the experiences of the better part of two decades ago.

Professor Julius Amioba Okojie, OON, added more feathers to his cap of 'Firsts' and 'Seconds', when he returned to the Federal University of Agriculture,

Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2016.

The date was significant in more ways than one. It was exactly 10 years before (3rd August, 2006) that Professor Okojie took over from Professor Peter Okebukola as Executive Secretary of the NUC. Having handed over to the Deputy Executive Secretary I, Professor Chiedu Felix Mafiana, two days earlier, on Monday, 1st August, 2016; Professor Okojie was received by the FUNAAB community, at an elaborate ceremony, going down in the history of the University as the date that a former Vice Chancellor returned there, for the first time.

As various speakers would later note in the course of the 'Welcome Reception', Professor Okojie, the first Vice Chancellor of the Bells

University, Ota, was the first Inaugural Lecturer, the first Chair of the Ceremonies Committee and the second Vice Chancellor of FUNAAB. On NUC's side, he was the first Visiting Professor at the Commission and the second to complete his two-term tenure of 10 years.

As he alighted from the vehicle, accompanied by his wife, Erelu Oluremi Okojie and four officers of the NUC, to be received by all Principal Officers at the University's main gate; Professor Okojie, remarked: "The Eagle has landed." He later explained that, like the Eagle, he had shed his old wings and his strength had been renewed, by the experience of the last 15 years, to further add value to the development of the Institution.

Speaking at a Special Senate



Prof. Okojie, commissioning the Annual DUFARMS Food Expo of the University

meeting, held in the former Executive Secretary's honour, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Senator (Sir) Dr. Adeseye Ogunlewe congratulated him on the successful completion of his tenure as Executive Secretary of NUC. He described Professor Okojie as a pride to FUNAAB and the country saying, "We need your wealth of experience to make this University Number One in ranking. On behalf of the Council, Deans and Directors, I welcome you back home and by the grace of God, it will be a pleasure for you and as you move on in your career, the Lord will bless you."

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olusola Bandele Oyewole expressed happiness that the former Executive Secretary represented the University well and did not let it down, describing him as a true ambassador of FUNAAB, who had recorded indelible achievements in the University and NUC. He said Professor Okojie is a humble man, who is generous to a fault, a man who says it as it is and holds

no grudges against anyone. The Senate then approved that a Foundation be established in his honour.

From the Special Senate meeting and the Special Congress of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), where a motion was moved to admit Okojie back into the fold; to the commissioning of the Directorate of University Farms (DUFARMS)'s Annual Food Expo, handing over of Professor Okojie's new office and reception at the Ceremonial Building, which included drama and dance

presentations; speaker after speaker had stories to tell. They acknowledged Professor Okojie's forthrightness, courage, integrity, humility, passion, kindness, philanthropy, forgiving nature and openness as well as commitment to staff and students' welfare. They also described him as a strong believer in the unity of the family, a mentor, generous giver and peace-broker, who had a peaceful tenure as Vice-Chancellor, which was instrumental to the overall success of the University.

Both the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Local Chapter of ASUU, Dr. Adebayo Oni, recalled that Okojie not only facilitated the movement of the University from its temporary site at Isale-Igbein, in the city centre, to the main campus, but also took FUNAAB to the enviable position of the then Best University in Nigeria, created a beautiful environment at the main campus, through the planting of palm-trees, spearheaded the planting of a 250-hectare cashew plantation and maintained high academic standards as well as initiated the



NUC Directors of Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Adesina and Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Biodun Salu



first Open Thesis Defence in the University.

Professor Okojie commissioned this year's annual Food Expo of the Directorate of University Farm (DUFARMS), where the University's products were on display for sale. He commended the University and Director of DUFARMS, Mr. Michael Jaiyeola, for carrying on FUNAAB's mandate of contributing to the eradication of hunger, stressing that Universities of Agriculture had become even more relevant to the economic growth of the country, with the dwindling price of crude oil. The products on display included, live turkeys, different breeds of chickens, fish, cassava flour (fufu and garri), honey, pineapples, palm fruits, palm oil, palm wine and bread. Others were pumpkin leaves, among other vegetables, cashew nuts, brooms, bananas, plantain, egg plant, cucumber, sugar cane and yams.

The former Vice Chancellor also visited the University's Zoological Park and Garden, where he advised the Director, Dr. Moses Oyatogun, to consider approaching corporate



Some of the University's products on sale at the Expo

organisations to adopt the animals.

At the International Scholars' and Resource Centre (IS&RC), where Professor Okojie's new office is located, he was received by his former student, now Dean of the College of Environmental Resources Management (COLERM), Professor Clement Adeofun; his Deputy, Dr. Abdul Shotuyo; Head of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Professor Femi Adekunle (another former student) and other Heads of Departments in the College.

Professor Oyewole also presented him a copy of the University Calendar (2015-2018). Professor Okojie thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the befitting office and pledged to do all he could to make the system grow.

In his responses at the various activities marking the reception, Professor Okojie said that he was glad to be back and humbled by all that had been said about him. Everywhere he went, he said, he remained himself and would always be himself, applying the principles of the fear of God and love for his neighbour. He said his prayer had always been for him to end his career without any stumbling block and God answered that prayer, even as he had the privilege of serving four Nigerian Presidents and many Ministers of Education as Executive Secretary of the NUC. He thanked the Governing Council for the warm reception accorded him saying, he only came to add his wisdom to what was already on ground to develop the University and would not



Other Farm Produce



interfere in its activities.

thanked the University Management and Professor Okojie for the visit, saying the latter's success could be attributed to his simplicity and truthfulness. He recalled how, during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor, Professor Okojie promised not to leave any project abandoned and he achieved it. He prayed that he would not regret his decision to come back to FUNAAB, that his children would always make him proud and that his future successes would exceed the past.

NUC staff on the former Executive Secretary's entourage were the Director, Quality Assurance, Dr. Biodun Saliu; his Open and Distance Education counterpart, Dr. Olamide Adesina; Deputy Director, Information, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji and Principal Protocol Officer, Mr. Akinlabi Akinola.



L-R: (Front row) Erelu Oluremi Okojie, Prof. Okojie, Oba Adedotun Gbadebo, Prof. Oyewole with their entourage during their visit to the palace of the Alake in Abeokuta



Executive Secretary's First Week in Pictures

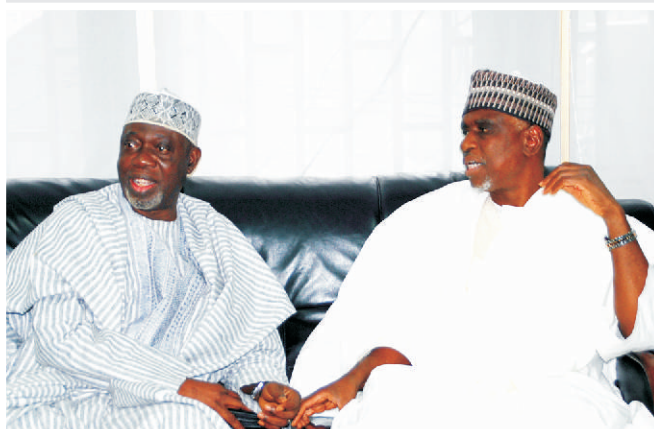
Messages of congratulation and goodwill continued to pour in for the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed as he spent his first full week in office. Vice Chancellors from different parts of the country came to identify with one of their own, so did colleagues from far and near, his former lecturer, former and serving Executive Secretaries, former Directors of NUC, Visiting Professors at the Commission, even the Sports Club of the Commission would not be left out. Monday Bulletin captured some of them...



The ES with Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Hajia Hindatu Abdullahi



ES, Prof. Rasheed, former Director, NUC, Hajia Uwani Yahaya and former Executive Secretary NUC, Prof. Munzali Jibril



Former VC UNILORIN, Profs. Oba Abdulraheem and Rasheed



Prof. Rasheed with former VC, UDUS, Prof. Shehu Riskuwa



Prof. Rasheed with Prof. Sadiya Sani Daura



Prof. Rasheed with Vice-Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Prof. Emmanuel Kucha



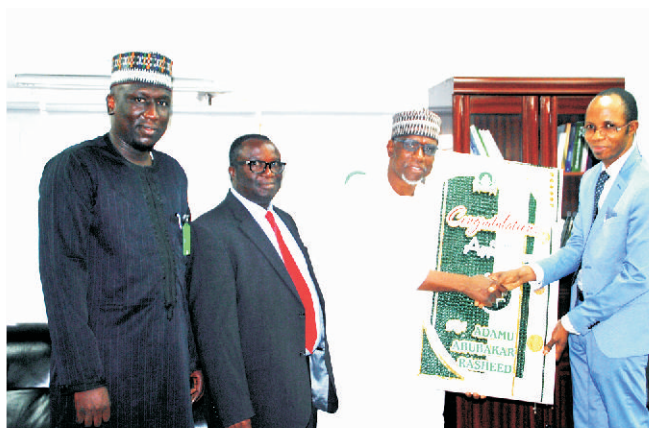
Prof. Rasheed with former. Vice-Chancellor, UNIJOS, Prof. Hayward B. Mafuyai



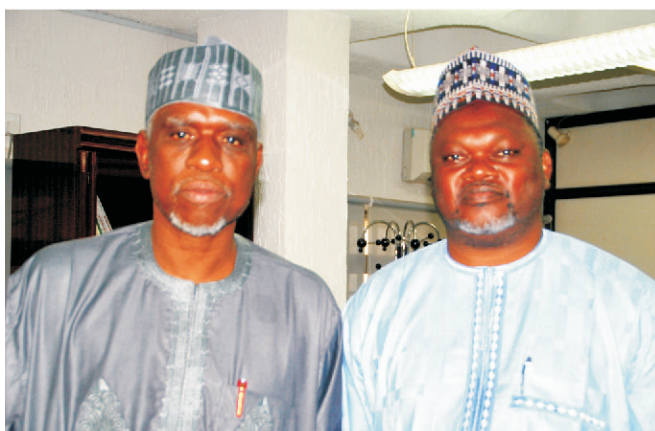
L-R: Chief Consulting Psychologist, Federal University Lokoja, Chief B T. Y. Aina, Registrar, Habiba A. Adeiza, ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed and Deputy Registrar of the University, Prince Victor A. Obadebe



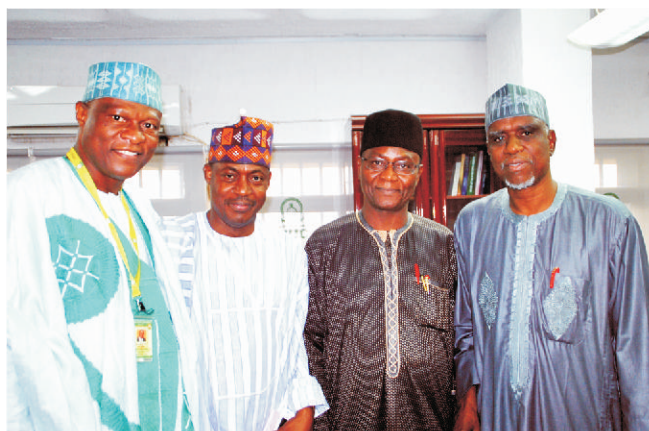
L-R: SA to the Vice-Chancellor on Linkages and Advancement, Chris Uwadoka; Vice Chancellor, FUNAI, Prof. Chinedum Nwajiuba; ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed and Director Academic Planning of the University, Prof. Kelvin Nwaogu



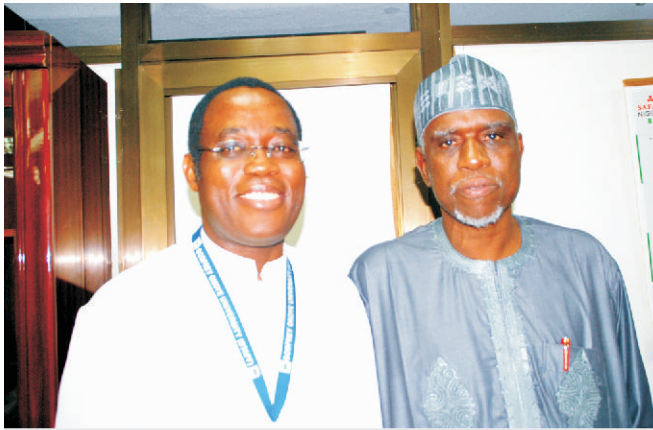
Engr. Marvelous Mike, MD of Marvelous Mike Printing Press presenting a congratulatory card to Prof. Rasheed. With them are Umar Seku Gajo and Akerejolu S. Ishola of the Company



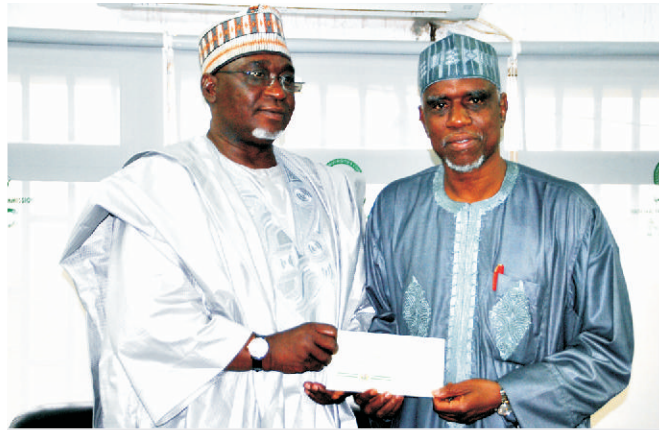
Prof. Rasheed with his former colleague at the University of Dundee, Scotland, Dr. Y.Y. Deen



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Kwara State University, Malet, Prof. Abdulrasheed Na'allah, NUC, DPSD, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Vice-Chancellor Plateau State University, Boko, Prof. Doknan D. Sheni and ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed



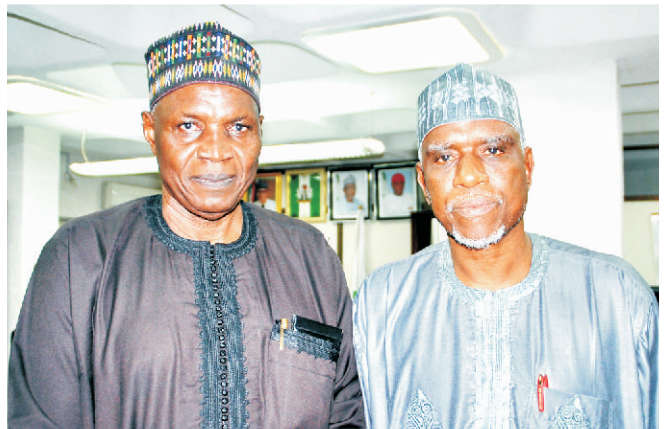
DAP, Godfrey Okoye University, Rev. Fr. Dr. Ikechukwu Ani, with Prof. Rasheed



PS, Jigawa State Research, Evaluation and Political Affairs Directorate, Alhaji Yusuf Muaddas



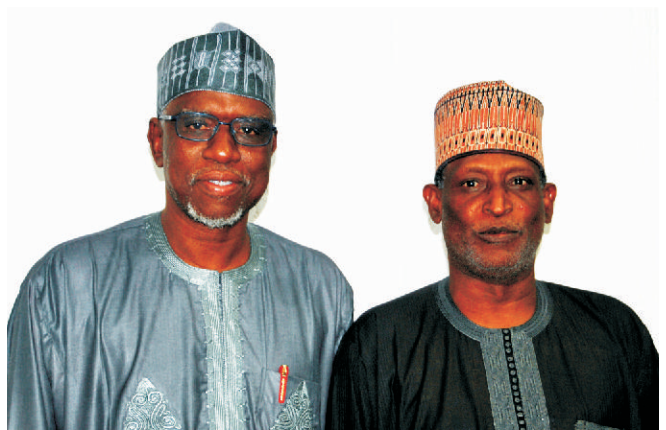
Prof. Rasheed with his uncle, Alhaji Salisu Inusa



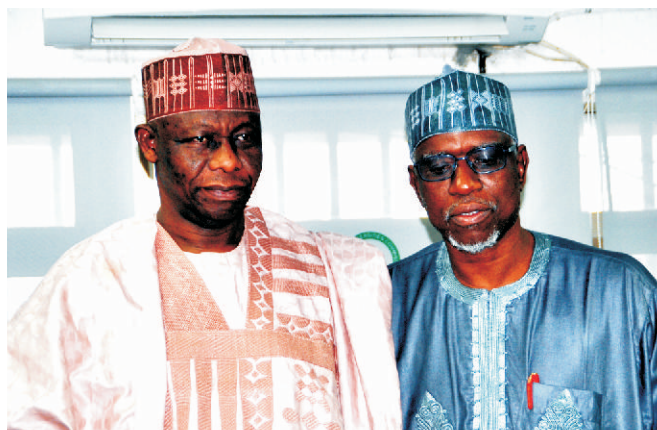
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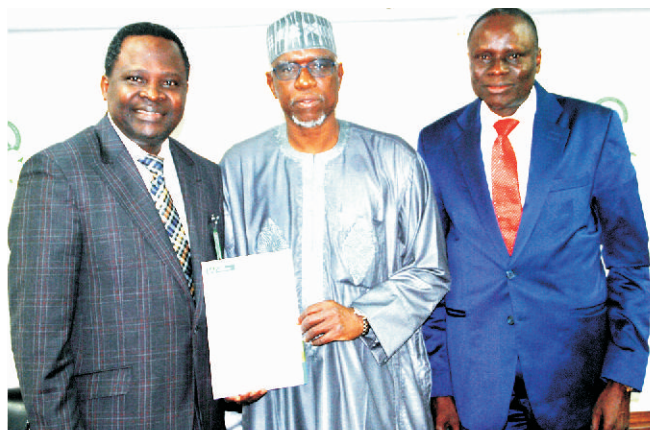
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Profs. Rasheed with Vice-Chancellor, Gombe State University, Ibrahim Musa Garba



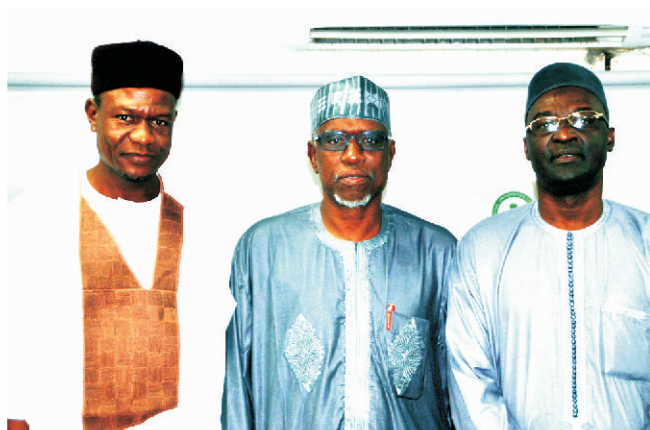
Prof. Abubakar Rasheed with Vice-Chancellor, Kogi State University, Prof. M. S. Abdulkadir



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Lagos, Prof. Ayandiji D. Aina, Prof. Rasheed and Mr. J. K. Faniyi



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Federal University, Lafia, Prof. Muhammad Sanusi Liman, Prof. Rasheed and Registrar of the University, Dr. Jibrin



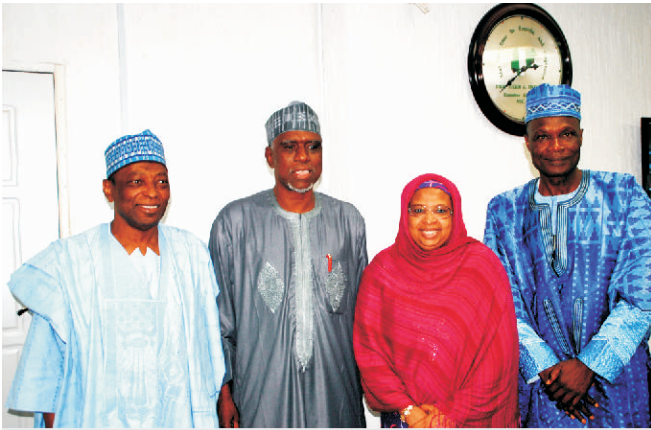
L-R: Vice-Chancellor, ATBU, Bauchi, Prof. Saminu Ibrahim, Prof. Rasheed and Registrar, Mr. Amadu Hassan



L-R: Profs. Mobolaji Aluko, Rasheed and Manny Aniebonam



L-R: Stanley Okolo, Eno Grace Nta, Angela Okatahi, Rasheed, Doris Onwukaeme, Adefunke Adekunle and Mairo Inuwa, when NUC's Visiting Professors paid the ES a congratulatory visits



L-R: Registrar, Federal University, Dutse (FUD), Mr. Yusufu Adamu, Prof. Rasheed, Vice-Chancellor, FUD, Prof. Fatima B. Muktar and Pastor Folorunsho



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, UNILORIN, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali; Registrar JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; Chairman, Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund Senator Jibrin Barau and ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed



Prof. Rasheed, (right), receiving a Letter of Congratulation from DAP, Ebonyi State University, Dr. Elechi Ogba



Prof. Rasheed, (right), with Prof. Mohammed Faruk, former Vice Chancellor Federal University Kashere, Gombe State



NUC Sports Club Executives presenting a roll-up banner to Prof. Rasheed



NUC Sport Club officials with Prof. Rasheed



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia
Agbo Abel & Co

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
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Member/Secretary

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



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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



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



PRESS RELEASE

Medicine, Dentistry Programmes to Run for Seven, Not 11 Years

The new Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) for Medicine and Dentistry, which has since been made public by the National Universities Commission (NUC), provides for a seven-year training, leading to the award of MBBS/MDS and not the 11 years being erroneously circulated in the mass media.

Although the so called '11-year Medical Programme' stories have been credited to the Commission's Executive Secretary, Professor Julius A. Okojie's keynote address titled, 'Development of Medical Education in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges', which was delivered at the Matriculation and Inauguration of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, on Saturday, March 12, 2016, nowhere in that lecture was 11 years mentioned or implied.

Prof. Okojie, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary I, Professor Chiedu Mafiana, had explained that the new curriculum provides for a seamless seven-year programme. With the new curriculum, a Medical student would be expected to graduate in Basic Medical Sciences, with options in Anatomy, Medical Biochemistry and Physiology in the first four years, before proceeding for the clinical training that would run for three years.

Prof. Okojie had further explained that the reviewed BMAS went through a long process, which included wide consultations with the academia, professional associations and regulatory body, following the conduct of a Market Needs Assessment. According to him, the consensus was that medical training should be post-graduate. The main goal is to ensure that the crop of graduates emerging from the programme are psychologically matured to practice, with a high level of competency.

The new BMAS for medical education still retains the fundamental learning objectives of the six-year programme: the national development goals for health, while retaining the international outlook to guarantee global competitiveness. While noting that the extant six-year programme shall continue to subsist for a period to be determined, Prof. Okojie observed that attempts had been made over the years to run Medical programme using course credit system and that the hallmark of the new document is that it clearly apportions credit weightings to all the courses and activities.

“In line with global practice and to ensure that knowledge and skills are effectively imparted”, Okojie said, “modern course delivery systems have been prescribed. Among core teaching facilities and modes of learning recommended are:

Clinical Skills Laboratory.

The use of the facility would represent a shift in the current mode of medical training to problem-based solving approach and the application of modern techniques which involves use of Mannikins and simulation materials. Clinical Skills Laboratory provides a learning platform in clinical, and information technology skills to certain level of competence before direct exposure to patients, which afford the learner and teacher advanced knowledge in a seemingly practical environment. The facility can also serve as a multi professional/inter professional interactive forum for communication skills development. The simulated patients also provide the learner a safe art of clerkship before direct contact with the real patient thus providing





a learning method that efficiently fills the gap between theoretical knowledge and clinical practice.

Classroom Equipment

Adoption of modern delivery method using ICT has become inevitable. Classrooms should be equipped with smart boards, document scanners and biometric scanners for lecture attendance.

E-learning materials and Research Information Platforms

E-learning materials accelerate understanding of courses taught and have become a veritable tool for learning. Research, generally, are meant to address social issues as well as deepening the knowledge and advancement in the field of studies. Information on the developments and applications in the field of study should be readily available.”

On the above, Prof. Okojie said, “The availability of Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) has made access to teaching (such as Telemedicine) and research information readily accessible, and all Nigerian universities should key into it.”

Since the first erroneous publication of '11 years for Medical Programmes', NUC has sought to correct this misconception by widely circulating the Keynote Address and a Press Release on the matter. The Executive Secretary also took time to correct the misconception by speaking, extensively, on the matter at the recent recognition ceremony of the Edo University, Iyamho, held at the NUC Secretariat, Abuja.

**Signed:
Management**



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, Ogbomosho.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES' CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY LEADERS IN ACCRA, GHANA FROM 27TH- 29TH JULY, 2016 IN COLLABORATION WITH VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GHANA

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter from the Deputy Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) on the Conference of University Leaders holding in Accra, Ghana from 27th - 29th July, 2016. The International Conference, which is being organised by the ACU in collaboration with Vice Chancellor's Ghana aimed at promoting collaborative opportunities in the region in which, member Universities are expected to demonstrate particular opportunities and achievements.

A keynote address will be delivered by the former U.N Secretary-General, His Excellency, Mr Kofi Annan. For details on the Conference, visit www.acu.uk/events/ghana-2016





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, okojie_julius@yahoo.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
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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.

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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	13	CETE P City University, Lagos	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007

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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	Nigerian Turkish Nile, University, 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 Hausas	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

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

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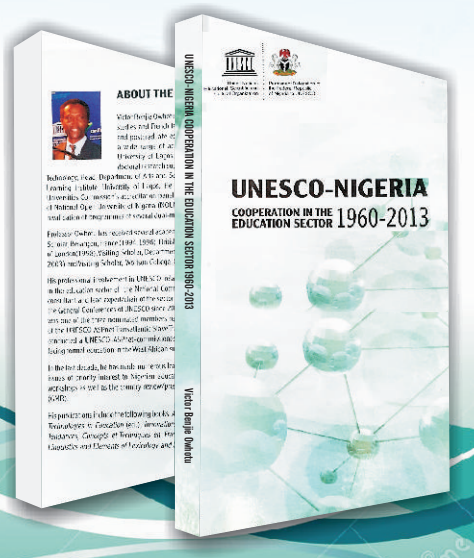
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43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
48	Gregory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



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

Signed:
MANAGEMENT

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

Prof. Julius A. Okojie, oon,
Executive Secretary, NUC
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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 Udosu 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 Univversity, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Bussiness School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger Delta
- 57) West African Union University in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nig., 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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ANNOUNCER





This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
SAMUEL ADEWUMI ALADEJARE	15 Aug.	DFA
ESTHER MARKMBOH	15 Aug.	DESO
ALIYU DANSABO	15 Aug.	DODE
CHINELO LILIAN UTTAH	16 Aug.	DIM
USMAN JADE AHMED	18 Aug.	DFA
AMAKA CONSTANCE		
UGWUNNE-IGOCHE	18 Aug.	DIM
BABAYO AUDU SULEIMAN	18 Aug.	DIM
CHIBUZOR GIDEON ODEGA	18 Aug.	DIM
CYNTHIA CHINEDU OGBU	18 Aug.	DESO
BOLATITO TEMILOLA TEHINSE	19 Aug.	DAS
AHMED ABU INGAWA	20 Aug.	DAS
EDET UDOH ETIM	20 Aug.	DMSS
ABDULLAHI SHAGBO	20 Aug.	DFA
SYMPATHY NDATUWON		
NGALATO	20 Aug.	DIM
JALILA ALHASSAN	20 Aug.	DICT
FLORENCE ASHEMADAHUN	21 Aug.	DRI
TUNBOSUN OLADIMEJI	21 Aug.	LO

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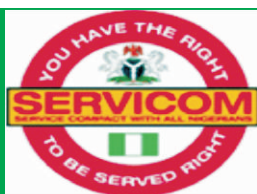
A Television Documentary Programme

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
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(b) **African Independent Television (AIT)** on
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