

ES Parleys Committee of Vice Chancellors

Discloses new regime for Accreditation, Resource Verification

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), led by the Secretary General, Professor Michael Faborode, on Friday, 16 September 2016, paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR to congratulate him on his appointment as the Executive Secretary of the Commission and to also discuss some of the challenges of the Nigerian University System.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee, Professor Faborode expressed confidence that Professor Rasheed understood the challenges of the NUS, what with his years of experience and involvement in the administration of the university system.

Some the challenges he highlighted included, multiple accreditation of programmes,



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed addressing the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), while the Secretary General, Prof. Michael Faborode looks on

sustainability of the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN), affordable hostel accommodation for students, issuance of disengagement letters to former Vice-Chancellors that were relieved of their

appointments, sustenance of the 10 Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) in Nigeria after the expiration of the World Bank support, use of TETFund intervention for research and Information and Communication

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Prof. Rasheed, right, at the meeting with members of the AVCNU

ensuring that letters of disengagement were issued to former Vice-Chancellors, who were relieved of their appointments recently in order to give them a safe exit and enable them return to their various institutions. He also observed that although access was still a challenge in the NUS, the establishment of more universities, whether public or private, without adequate infrastructure, was counter-productive. He therefore advised NUC to ensure that, proprietors, whether government or private, provide adequate facilities before recognising or approving any new university.

The Secretary General also appealed to the Commission to make a case for the inclusion of private universities in the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) as they are all partners in the development of the country through the training of its critical man power. He also informed the Executive Secretary that Vice-Chancellors had been seeking various ways of providing decent and affordable accommodation

Technology (ICT) projects; extension of TETFund intervention to private universities, establishment of more universities (public and private) without adequate funding, Post-UTME, implementation of the Federal Government/Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) Agreement, University autonomy and policy decisions as well as the conveyance of establishment circulars to universities.

Professor Faborode, who apologised on behalf of the Chairman of the Association, Professor Adebisi Daramola, for being unavoidably absent, decried the situation where many professional bodies visit the universities to accredit their programme. According to him, it is so bad that many universities receive one accreditation team or the other, almost on a monthly basis. These not only disrupt academic activities, but also put more financial burden on the universities.

its quick intervention in the Post-UTME controversy, saying a measure should be put in place to prevent future occurrence. He expressed the Committee's concern on the sustenance of the ACEs after the expiration of the World Bank support. He therefore appealed to the Commission to explore alternative ways of sustaining the project and developing it for the overall benefit of the NUS and the country.

Professor Faborode also appealed to the Commission to intervene in



Prof. Michael Faborode, speaking on behalf of the Chairman, AVCNU, Prof. Adebisi Daramola

The Secretary General commended the Commission for



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Abakaliki, representing State Universities

for students, through Public Private Partnership (PPP). He then appealed for the implementation of the FGN/ASUU 2009 agreement, to prevent another disruption of the academic calendar of the universities, while intimating the Commission on its plan to hold a Higher Education Summit.

Responding, the Executive Secretary commended the Association for its passion for the well being of the NUS and assured it of government's willingness to address all the issues raised. He stated that the Commission would not agonise helplessly on the challenges facing the NUS, but would rather confront them, head long, and find lasting solutions to them. These challenges, he said, had been on the front burner of NUC Management's meetings, since his assumption of office. He disclosed that some of decisions already taken to strengthen Quality Assurance in the NUS, were that, hence forth, the Commission would pay accreditation visits to universities only twice a year: in November and May; while Resource

Verification visits would be done in February and August. The Commission is also reintroducing the University System Annual Review Meeting (USARM), in a different away as well as the Annual International Conference on Higher Education.

The Executive Secretary further disclosed that the Commission would soon meet with all Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities in three batches, beginning with federal, then state and private Institutions; to convey some of its new policies and decisions, discuss their peculiarities and deliberate on ways of moving the system forward. He expressed regret that there were no reliable data on the number of students and staff, among others in the NUS. He therefore sought the cooperation of the Vice-Chancellors in collating these statistics, in order to ensure the availability of reliable information that would enhance planning and to prevent the making of assumptions on data in the NUS.

On the ranking on Universities, the Executive Secretary explained that, while not making any excuse for the NUS, it always fell short in some of the parameters used in global ranking, such as international scholars and faculty, staff/student ratio, among others. He maintained that Nigerian graduates were globally competitive, as any student who made a good Second Class Lower Division (2.2) could comfortably obtain a Masters degree in the best university anywhere in the world.

On the establishment of more universities without adequate facilities, Professor Rasheed said

the Commission had informed proprietors, especially, some state governors who had established more than one state university without adequate funding and critical mass of manpower, that the Commission would no longer approve programmes for such universities as the practice posed great danger to the NUS. He noted that many old universities were grappling with the flight of many of their staff to new universities after being trained by the former. He observed that some of these lecturers were offered higher levels by their new employers, without recourse to extant university rules. He also observed that the cost of training Ph.D students abroad was becoming very exorbitant. He therefore promised to present the matter to TETFund to consider allowing Nigerian universities to train their staff.

On the issue of multiple accreditation by professional bodies, Professor Rasheed maintained that the Commission was the only agency empowered by law to approve programmes and accredit programmes. He



Prof. Z. Debo Adeyewa
Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University,
Ede, representing Private Universities



stressed that, while NUC would continue to seek the input of professional bodies in the development of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS), as long as such inputs do not dilute or overload the documents, this would not make the document the property of the professional bodies. They should therefore limit their activities to the professional certification of the students after their graduation from the universities.

The Executive Secretary assured the group that government would support the ACE project, even after the expiration of the World Bank support, but advised all the benefiting Centres to collaborate in publishing a book to document their findings, activities, challenges and benefit for posterity. He said such project would underscore the commitment of the centres and draw the attention of the World Bank for more support. He disclosed that discussions were on-going on how to address the challenges facing the NgREN as

the running cost was too expensive.

Professor Rasheed said that government had earlier agreed to issue letters of disengagement to the former Vice Chancellors of some of the new Federal Universities institution for safe exit and promised to remind the honourable Minister of Education. He reiterated that the Commission would continue to host the Implementation Monitoring Committee meeting of the Federal Government and ASUU as well as provide useful advise to prevent any industrial disharmony.

On the issuance of circulars, the Executive Secretary maintained that the Commission would continue to convey government circulars to universities for notification adding that the peculiarity of the university system did not exonerate it from being informed of government policies and decisions.

Commenting on some of the issues discussed, Vice Chancellors unanimously expressed

satisfaction with the Commission's approach at addressing the challenges and repositioning the system. They however expressed concern over the over-bearing attitude of staff unions and their members, who declare trade disputes, without fully exploring the option of dialogue.

At the meeting were Vice Chancellors of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Ibrahim Garba; Abubakar Tafawa Belewa University, Bauchi, Professor S.A. Ibrahim; Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Professor A.A. Zuru; University of Nigeria Nsukka, Professor Boniface Ozumba; Ebonyi State University, Abakiliki, Professor F. I. Idike and Redeemer's University, Professor Debo Adeyewa. Others were Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor A. A. Abbas and his Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) counterpart, Professor Tolulope Akinbogun.



Members of the NUC Management at the meeting with the AVCNU



ES Makes Case for French Teachers in NUS



Director of Cooperation and Cultural Affairs in the France Embassy, Mr. Arnaud Dornon with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini, MFR*, has harped on the need for the French Government to strengthen the portfolio of Nigerians teaching French Language courses in the Nigerian University System (NUS). Speaking on Tuesday, 6 September, 2016, when he played host to a French Embassy delegation, led by the Director of Cooperation and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Arnaud Dornon in his office, the Executive Secretary observed that by so doing, France would be contributing to the development of the intellect of Nigerian teachers towards effective delivery of the lectures.

Professor Rasheed, who thanked the team for its best wishes on his appointment as the NUC helmsman, commended France for the good works it had done in the spread of French education in the country, in particular, and the development of education in general. He commended the

experiment of introducing French into higher education in Nigeria, which, he said, had helped to strengthen the relationship between the two countries. He also expressed delight at the pilot programme that the Embassy developed to train students in Kano State and called for its replication in other states of the federation.

The Executive Secretary said that the Commission would welcome partnerships and collaborations that could improve the quality of programmes in the NUS. He appreciated the Embassy for its proposal to train campus students and staff in several areas besides French Education, such as Bio-Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, noting that France was well-known for its exploits in Technology and Mathematics. Professor Rasheed emphasised the need for the continuous synergy between Nigerian institutions and their foreign counterparts, 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 intervene in meaningful collaborations by encouraging the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to assist the universities to benefit from the proposed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). This, he said, would include negotiating for concessions by way of discounts in the amount the universities would spend on the training programmes. He advocated for the Embassy to inculcate in the proposal both a Split programme system and the option of a complete programme in France for universities that could afford it. He further told the delegation that NUC would select some Vice-Chancellors willing to send their personnel to France.

Professor Rasheed commended the team for initiating an Agro-science project in the West and Central Africa at the bachelor's degree level. He remarked that Nigerian universities must be meant to take ownership of MoU in order to respect and implement same. He stressed that no longer would NUC allow universities to sign MoU they had no intentions to implement. The Executive Secretary assured the visitors that all the activities of the NUC were conducted in the best interest of the nation and would therefore discuss the issues raised at the Management level.

Earlier, in his speech, the Director of Cooperation and Cultural Affairs had congratulated the NUC Scribe on his appointment as the eighth Executive Secretary of the Commission, describing it as well deserved. He similarly expressed delight at the good



Executive Secretary some members of the NUC Management at the meeting with the French delegation

works NUC had been doing to deepen relationship between France and Nigeria in higher education delivery. He recalled that an NUC delegate had led two other Vice-Chancellors to visit the French City of Conte, to promote Nigerian universities, especially on their expectancy and wishes for teaching and research collaborations. He revealed that another similar exercise had been scheduled to hold on 9th November, 2016, in France and used the forum to extend invitation to the NUC and the Nigerian universities to attend.

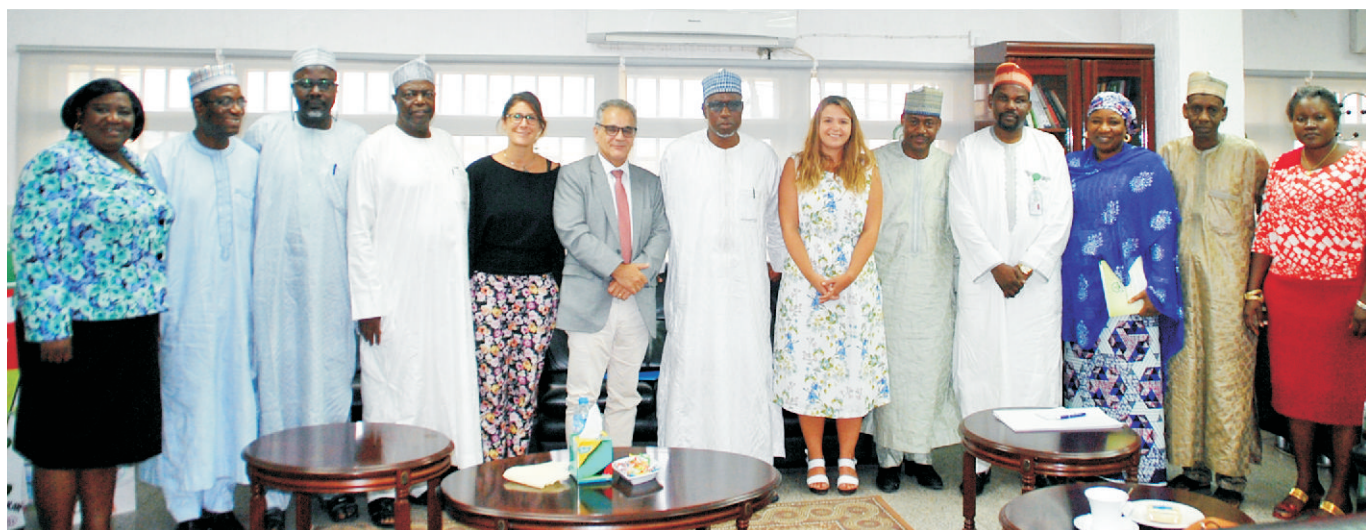
Mr. Dornon stated that French Language had been growing in the NUS which the Embassy intends to continue to nurture and strengthen. He said that the

Embassy had also proposed other areas of collaborations such as in Oil, Petroleum, Engineering, Agro-Sciences and Technology, among a host of others. He disclosed that there are over 1, 400 persons in the country who are keen followers of French Language in the Nigerian Campuses. He also said that a National Network for Research and Teaching in West and Central Africa Project was kick-started in 2015, and had been hosted by Cameroun and Ghana. Nigeria, according to him, is scheduled to host the next edition, which would take place in Abuja. NUC, he said, is the Embassy's official partner on the Workshop.

Mr. Dornon intimated the Executive Secretary that the

Embassy had instituted a Special Scholarship programme with the Kano State Government and intended to make it a model for other states to follow suit. The programme in Kano was also on-going with the Petroleum Training and Development Fund (PTDF). He expressed the desire to pursue the same project with the NUC. He said that the Embassy was willing to sign agreement with the Commission in the nearest future to ensure that Nigerian students have exchange programme with their French counterparts.

Similarly, the Director explained that France was growing a strong Agricultural Research programmes for its own agro-economy. In other to draw comparisons with Nigeria, he mentioned that the Embassy needed information on the levels of expectancy of the NUS on bio-sciences. The level of information, he said, includes what is on-going in Nigeria and what France can do to promote research in the agricultural-related field. He called on the NUC being the focal point of universities to provide it with information on teaching and training needs on each



Prof. Rasheed, middle, with Mr. Dornon, on his right, and some members of the NUC Management and the French Embassy delegation



professional area, based on the questionnaire the Embassy had designed.

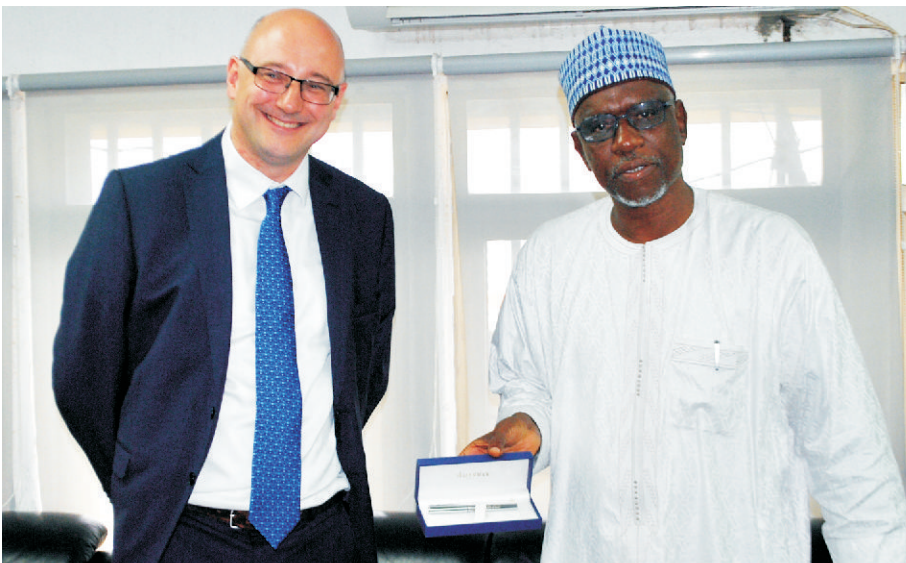
In his remarks, the Director and CEO, Nigerian French Language Village (NFLV), who was on the entourage, Professor Raufu Adebisi acknowledged that the number of Nigerians studying French had been growing. He, however, expressed the view that the level of assistance of the

Embassy had waned and was now tilting towards the Sciences only. He said that there exist today a healthier relationship between the NFLV and the Embassy since he assumed office, as evidenced in their collaboration on a French Language project.

On the entourage were the Programme Officer, Saranne Comel; Education Attachee, Fanny Doreysseix and Liaison Officer,

NFLV, Sessi Fagbeji-Agemo. Members of the NUC Management at the meeting were the Directors of Protocol and Special Duties (DPSD), Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Olamide Adesina; Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo; Student Support Services, Dr. Rukaayat Gurin; Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Yakasai and Lagos Liaison Office, Mal. Hamza Abdullahi.

NUC to Partner University of Sussex on Capacity Building



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed University of Sussex, UK with Professor of History, Richard Follett

The National Universities Commission (NUC) will partner with the University of Sussex, United Kingdom in capacity building which will include training of faculties and students in the Nigerian University System (NUS) on the Pedagogy of Education.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, gave the hint when a two-man delegation from the UK institution, led by Professor of History, Richard Follett, visited the Commission to open discussions on these areas of

mutual collaboration, on Tuesday, 6 September, 2016. He observed that the delegation that they took the right steps as NUC's statutory functions include serving as a link between Nigerian universities and their counterparts around the world. He said that the Commission would intimate the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) on the collaboration for them to buy in, take ownership of and make a success of it.

Professor Rasheed said that the idea of a Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Programme by the UK institution would deepen the quality of the faculty in the system, assuring the

team that the NUC was committed to ensuring its success. He advised the delegation to ensure that the TTT programme is structured in such a way that the concepts and modules would enhance the capacities of the faculties in their professional areas and their skills in education delivery. He noted that Nigerian universities had built a strong research culture, especially among the older academics, which needed to be consolidated upon to grow and mentor younger officers. He reiterated the need to ensure that the programme is well-packaged and that Nigerian universities take ownership of the designated course contents.

The Executive Secretary, who advised the Institution to make the programmes attractive and build it in a way that PhD students could be encouraged to take the courses in the Pedagogy of Education and be certified, assured that NUC would encourage universities that could afford the training programmes to sponsor their academics to attend in Sussex, while those trained would replicate themselves in



their various universities. He called on the University of Sussex to ensure that the areas of explorations cover and centre on the modules, course contents and course implications.

Other members of NUC management at the meeting welcomed the project and acknowledged the fact that, if well harnessed, it would leverage on the efforts of the NUC towards enhancing capacity building of the Commission's and those of the Nigerian University System at large.

Earlier, in his remarks, Professor Follett recalled that the University had already opened up discussions on the need to tackle the real developmental needs of

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nigeria during the tenure of the immediate past Executive Secretary and came to follow up on the issues raised. He explained that the programme was designed as a TTT programme that would offer a range of opportunities for higher education students, doctoral candidates, staff and institutions from around the world. He stated that the partnership was also aimed at harnessing the potentials and development between UK University and their Nigerian counterparts.

Professor Follett said the essence of the programme was to teach the faculties in the NUS on developments in terms of teaching and research in today's world so that they could be abreast of

international best practices. He said the Institution was targeting Senior Lecturers as middle level staff, who would in turn train other levels of faculty.

Professor Follett was accompanied by the University's Senior International Officer, Mr. Tosin Adebisi.

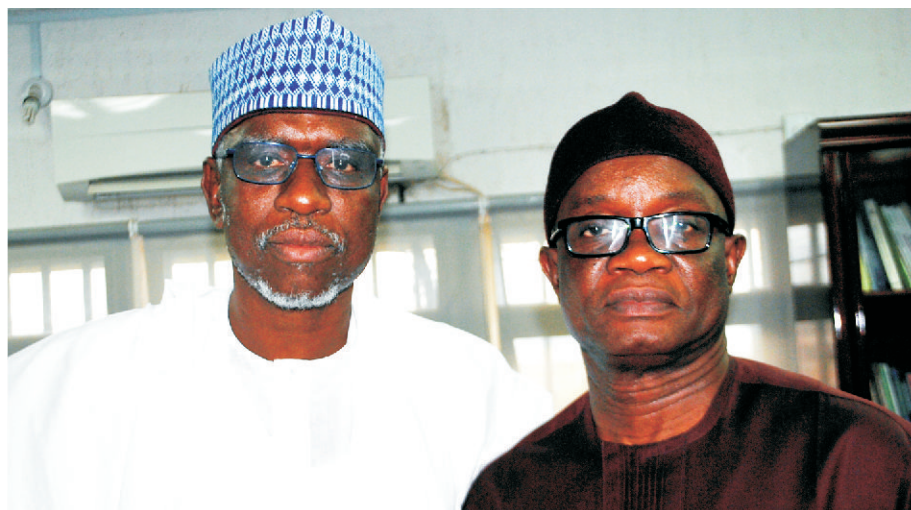
At the meeting were Directors of Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo; Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Saliu; Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakassai; Lagos Office, Mal. Hamza Abdullahi.



L-R: NUC Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Senior International Officer, University of Sussex, Mr. Tosin Adebisi; Registrar/CEO, National Teachers Institute, Prof. Garba Azare; Profs. Follett and Rasheed; NUC Directors of: Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Lagos Liaison Office, Mal. Hamza Abdullahi and Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo



iPMA Visits Executive Secretary



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed with the former Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Leader of IPMA delegation, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiala

Kingdom (UK-NARIC). It, therefore proposed to organise the seminar, targetted at Vice Chancellors and Registrars, in partnership with the NUC, while seeking other areas of collaboration with the Commission.

Responding, Professor Rasheed thanked the team for the visit and commended the Association for initiating the training. He explained that NUC would not partner with any professional association to organise the kind of training that iPMA was proposing. It would, however, encourage University Managers and also sponsor its staff to attend. He and other members of the NUC Management offered useful tips and advise on various aspects of seminar, which the organisers promised to incorporate into their planning.

Others in the iPMA team were the Director, Legal, Barr Daniel Elekwaci; Senior Project Management Consultant, Mr. Ayodele Edwards; Public Relations Officer, Mr. I.O. Ajala.

The International Professional Managers Association-UK (iPMA-UK), led by its Adviser on Government Relations and former Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiala, paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR, on Thursday, 15 September, 2016; to intimate him of its plan to organise a two-day seminar, for managers of the tertiary education sub-sector, on

'Strategic Issues in Change Management, Organizational Transformation and Crisis Management in Tertiary Institutions'.

Dr. Nwaobiala congratulated the Executive Secretary on his appointment and for the role he had played, and continued to play, in advancing tertiary education in Nigeria. He informed the Executive Secretary, iPMA is a renowned global examining body, registered with the National Academic Recognition Centre of the United



L-R: Senior Project Management Consultant, iPMA, Ayodele Edwards; Dr. Nwaobiala, Prof. Rasheed, Director, Legal Services, iPMA, Barr Daniel Elekwachi and Public Relations Officer, iPMA-Nigeria Forum, Mr. I.O. Ajala



NUC Creche Graduates 20, Receives New Entrants at 3rd Ceremony

The National Universities Commission's (NUCs) Creche, on Tuesday, 6 September, 2016, marked the third graduation ceremony of children between ages two and three. The Creche has, so far, graduated a total of 81 babies, since it took off on 4 December, 2014.

The Creche Manager, Mrs. Dorothy Obiaga used the occasion to express gratitude to the NUC Management for its consistent support to the Creche, especially in the prompt payment of their salaries and provision of tools for the upkeep of the crèche and the children. She observed that since December 2015, the Creche had literally stopped soliciting for funds from the Management. She, however, expressed appreciation to parents of the kids for their cooperation and support even without them asking which had helped to make their job easier.

In a post-event chat with the *Monday Bulletin* team, Mrs. Obiaga said that the ceremony, which had become an annual event, marked the transition of the infants into Pre-School age and is also used to welcome their new entrants to the creche.

Reacting on the celebration of the 'most special kid', Mrs. Obiaga stated that it was incorporated as a way of encouraging parents to take special interests in developing the innate and

cognitive skills and abilities of their children from infancy. It was also targeted at identifying untoward behaviours in children with the

hope that their parents nipped at the bud very early.

The programme was fun-filled for



Graduating Children of the NUC Creche, celebrating with some of their mothers



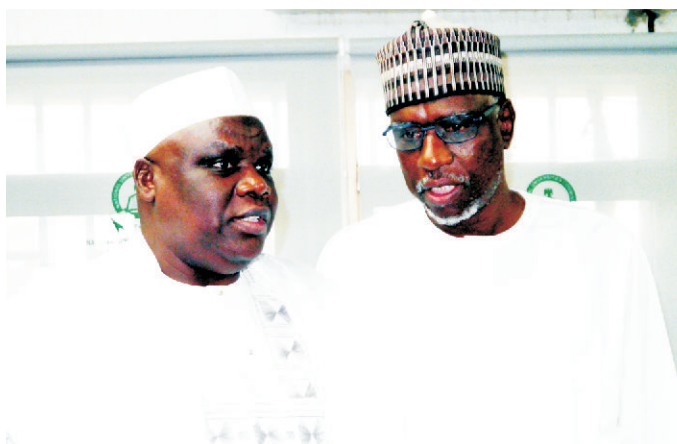
The graduands with the Creche Attendants



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R-L: Prof. Rasheed, Col. Mohammed Abdulkadir and Director Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris Maiyaki



Prof. Rasheed with the President, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Pharmacist Ahmed Yakasai



Prof. Rasheed and Retired Prof. Ebenezer Adebowale



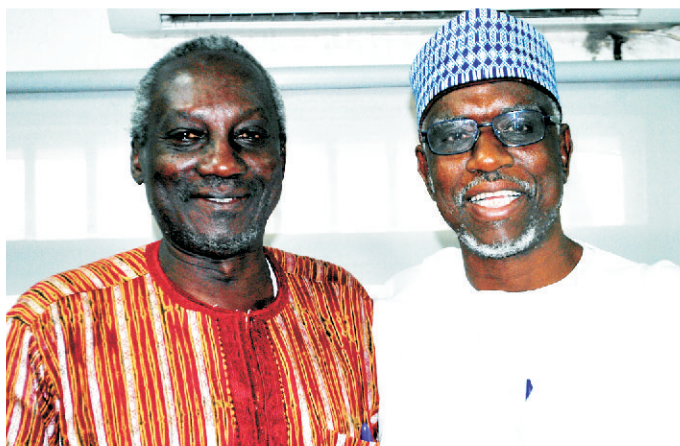
NUC Director, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo, Prof. Rasheed, Pharmacist Yakasai and Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai



Prof. Rasheed and Vice-Chancellor, JABU, Prof. Sola Fajana



Prof. Rasheed and Vice-Chancellor, Northwest University, Prof. Mustapha Ahmad Isa



Prof. Rasheed with retired Prof. Okello Oculi from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria



Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Rules and Business, and Pro-Chancellor, Achiever's University, Owo, Hon. Bode Ayorinde and Prof. Rasheed



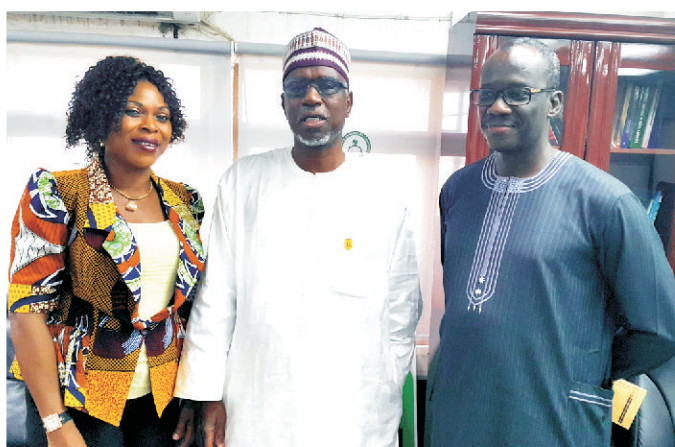
Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Prof. Z. Debo Adeyewa



NUC Christian Community presenting a Congratulatory Card to Prof. Rasheed



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Ondo State University of Science and Technology (OSUSTECH), Okitipupa, Prof. A.E. Adegbite; Prof. Rasheed; Director of Academic Planning, Prof. O. M. Folarin and Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. M. F. Salami



Prof. Rasheed flanked by Chief Press Secretary to the INEC Chairman, Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi and INEC Assistant Director, Voter Education and Publicity, Ms. Chinwe Ogbuka



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
Member
Member
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Member
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 the general public may contact the Commission for further clarification on the Programme under reference.

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

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, Ogbomosho.
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	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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FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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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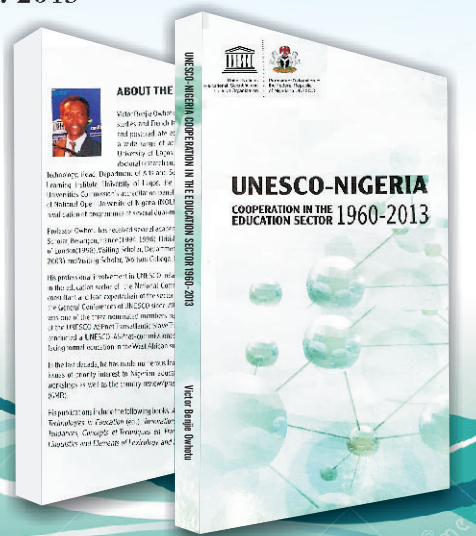
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59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015



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

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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
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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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EMMANUEL KELECHUKWU ONUOHA	19 Sept.	DICT
KAYODE EBENEZER ALONGE	19 Sept.	DPP
JOSHUA ALEWO ATAH	20 Sept.	DICT
OBINNA CHARLES OKWELUME	20 Sept.	DIPR
NASIRU IBRAHIM LIMAN	20 Sept.	DAS
ABUBAKAR SULEIMARI MOHAMMED	20 Sept.	DICT
STELLA ENE AGBAJI	20 Sept.	DSSS
UCHENNA NGOZI OKPARA	21 Sept.	DODE
DORIS NDIDI NWEKE	23 Sept.	DAS
ADAMU ABDULKADIR SULEIMAN	23 Sept.	DICT
VIRGINIA N OKORIE	24 Sept.	DESO
MAUREEN ABBEY	25 Sept.	DESO
EMIKE H OSINERE	25 Sept.	DESO

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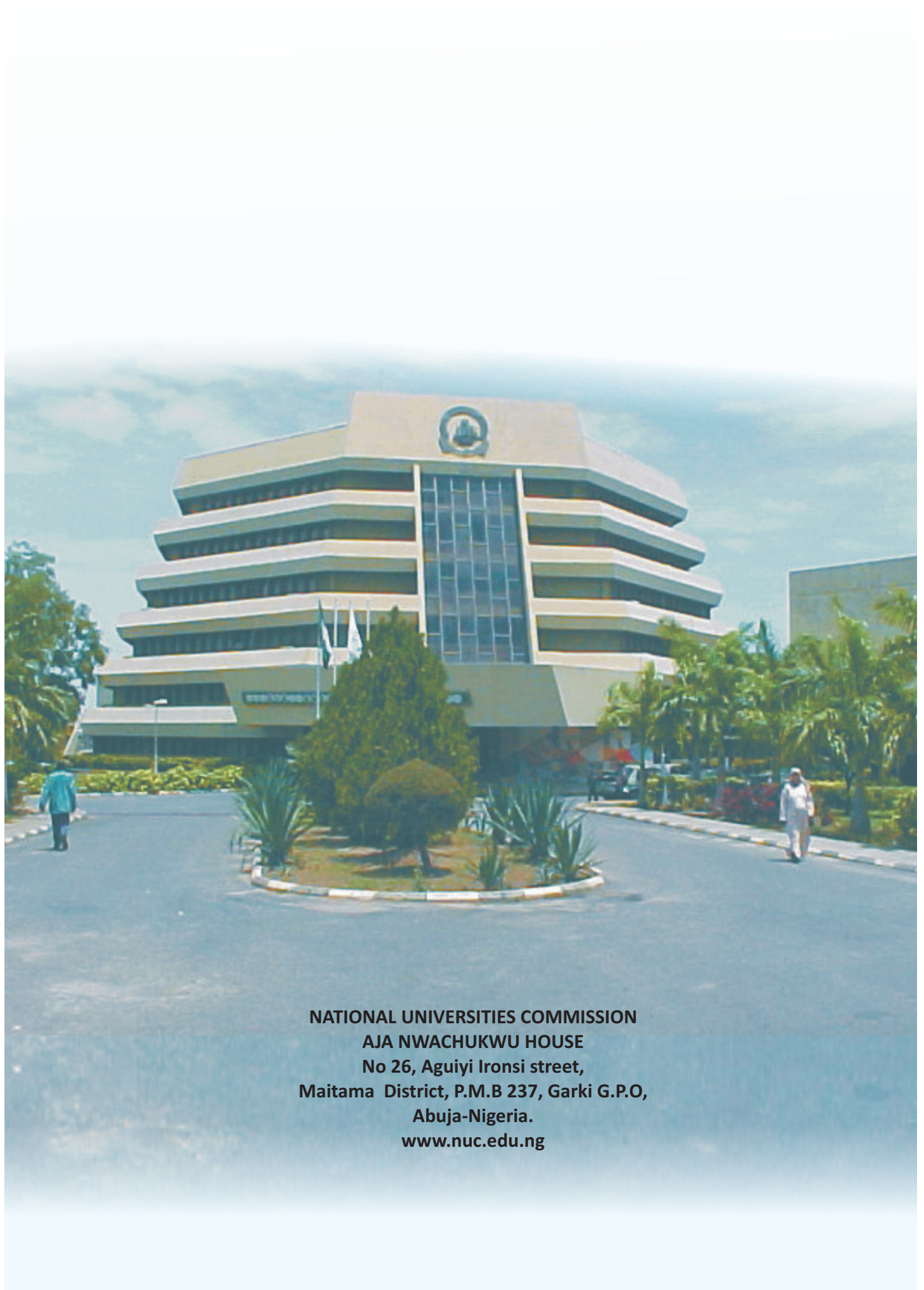
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