

# Turkey Varsities Closure: Nigerian Students Moved to State Schools

*-Turkish Ambassador visits Minister, ES*



L-R: Honourable Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwuka; Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, Ambassador Hakan Cakil; Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan

All Nigerian students studying in the 15 private universities recently closed down in Turkey, as a result of the proprietors alleged role in the recent failed coup attempt in

the country have been transferred to government-owned Universities in the same States where they reside, the Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency, Ambassador Hakan

Cakil, has said.

He said during a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, last Tuesday that he was merely on an advocacy visit assuring that

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L-R: Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Dr. Yemi-Esan, Mal. Adamu and Ambassador Cokil at the meeting

his country had no intention of interfering in Nigeria's domestic affairs. "Rather the Government of Turkey is only seeking the cooperation of countries, including Nigeria on the need to sanction individuals that were linked to the failed coup in the country", who were alleged sponsors and owners of schools with Turkish origin.

The Ambassador said that the Turkish Government had already investigated some organisations and individuals and "found them to be culpable in sponsoring the failed coup". He acknowledged that Nigeria as a giant of Africa, was hosting 17 schools of Turkish origin whereas Ghana and Senegal had only two apiece. He, however, emphasised that the planned sanction would not in any way affect Nigerian students and others from different countries.

Responding, the Minister congratulated the Government of Turkey for successfully countering the coup. He assured

the ambassador that the Nigerian government would surely take action against any Turkish citizen in Nigeria proven beyond any doubt to have any link to the coup attempt. He informed the Ambassador that the universities and other schools set up by Turkish citizens were operating in accordance with the licence issued to them. He advised the ambassador to channel any evidence against any personnel of any of the schools through the proper diplomatic channel.

At the meeting, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, said that the Nigerian Turkish Nile University (NTNU) recently approached the Commission for a change of its name to Nile University of Nigeria and the distribution of the students in the country. This, he acknowledged, was a legal requests that was already receiving the attention of the Management as long as the 300 students it proposed to distribute do not exceed the carrying capacity or were not to be

admitted into new programmes not approved for the Institution.

Earlier on monday the Ambassador paid a similar visit to Professor Rasheed in his office. He said that the objective of his visit to NUC was to intimate the Executive Secretary on the events currently unfolding in his country, as they affected the Nigerian Students in Turkey.

The Ambassador informed Professor Rasheed that he was celebrating one year in office, since he assumed duty in Nigeria on 15 August, 2015 and said that he had been visiting government officials in Nigeria since the failed coup attempt in Turkey. The reason, he said, was to educate and solicit their supports and understanding with the Government of Turkey in order to maintain the existing good diplomatic ties.

Ambassador Cakil told the Executive Secretary that he was in the process of making a proposal





to the Turkish Government to wave all school fees for Nigerian undergraduates affected by the unfortunate incidence. He promised to submit a comprehensive list of the affected Nigerian students and the new universities where they were moved.

In his response, the NUC Scribe thanked the Ambassador for the visit and said that he had been following the events in Turkey as they unfolded particularly regarding the Nigerian students. He expressed appreciation to the Ambassador for the information and clarification on the matter and directed the NUC Director, Information and Public Relations (DIPR) to publicise the news for the benefit of those affected and their parents. He also expressed delight that the Ambassador had assured that no Nigerian student would be left unattended to.

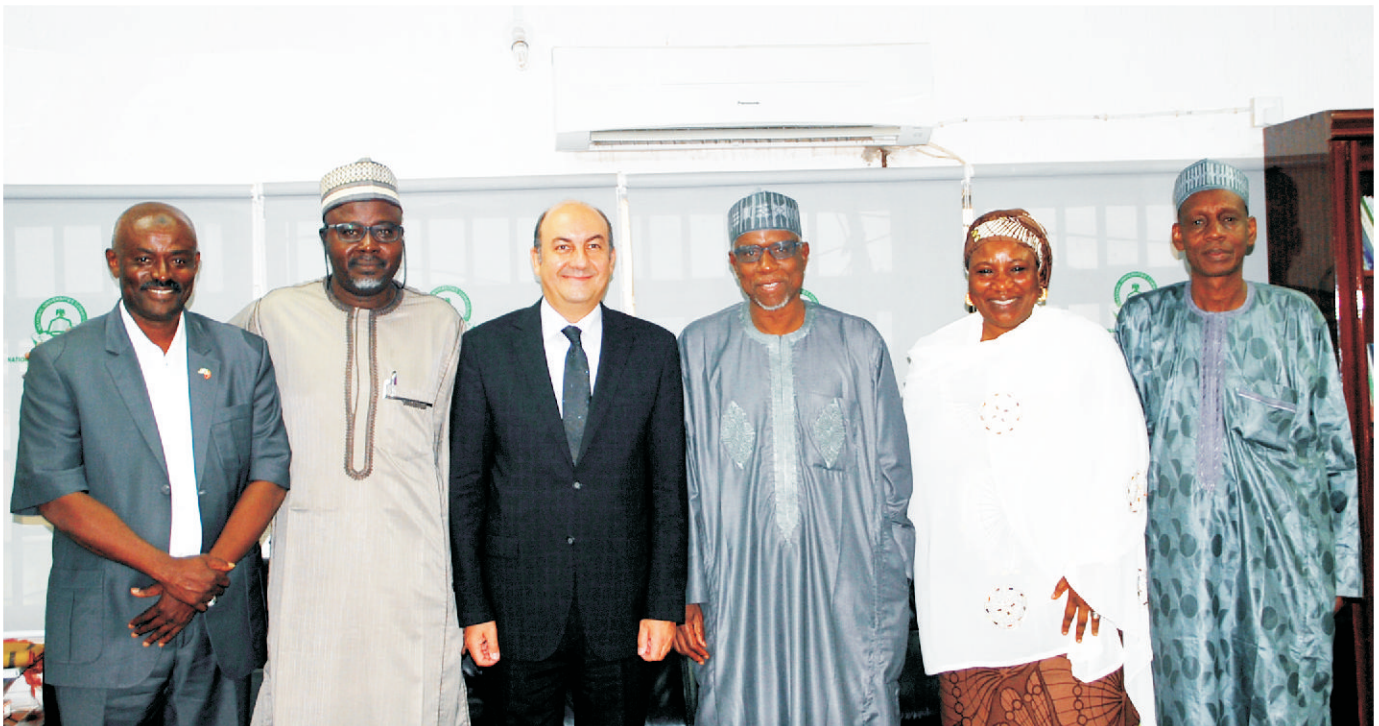


Ambassador Cakil and Prof. Rasheed reviewing a document presented by the Ambassador

In a vote of thanks, the Director, Information and Public Relations (DIPR), NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, thanked the Ambassador for the visit and hoped that it would signal the beginning of more fruitful relationship between the embassy and the NUC.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Sarki Coomassie.

In attendance were the NUC Directors of Academic Standard (DAS), Dr. Gidado B. Kumo and Students Support Services (DSSS), Dr. Rukayyat Gurin.



L-R: Sarki Coomassie; Director, Information and Public Relations, NUC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Ambassador Cakil, Prof. Rasheed; Director, Students Support Services, Dr. Rukayyat Gurin and Director, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo

# Budget: FG Develops Medium Term Sector Strategy for 2017-2019

As part of the on-going efforts toward actualising a Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB) by the Federal Government by 2017, the Ministry of Budget and National Planning on Monday, 15 August, 2016, held a Sensitisation Workshop on the preparation of the Medium-Term Sector Strategy (MTSS) 2017-2019 Economic Policy and the 2017 budget. The Workshop, which was for Planning and Budget Officers of 14 high-spending Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), would be in series.

Declaring open the Workshop, the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Senator Udoma Udo Udoma, said the objective was to sensitise Permanent Secretaries and Heads of MDAs on the process of developing the MTSS. It was also designed to provide clarity to the Chief Executives and other senior officials on the concept of the MTSS and its relevance in guiding the budget preparation process. Senator Udoma noted that the Workshop, a synergy between his Ministry and the Ministry of Finance, was coming at a time the nation's revenue was dwindling, occasioned by the declining price of crude oil at the international market.

According to the Minister, this volatility has led to difficulties of government agencies meeting up with their financial obligations, thus posing serious constraints to the nation's development process. He said the country had since



Senator Udoma Udo Udoma  
Honourable Minister of Budget and National Planning

2014 experienced weak balance of payments, declining foreign reserve, rising public debts and weak capital markets, among others, leading to declining Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The Minister said: “As an administration, we are committed to strengthening the linkage between our plans and budgets to ensure better implementation of our projects and programmes. We are also committed to fostering inclusive development and we are committed to turning the economy around. Sometimes, when a nation goes through difficulties, it helps to concentrate the mind, concentrate our energy. This is something we must take advantage of to restructure our economy.

Many countries that successfully transformed their economy have done so with a well-implemented budget, designed in accordance with their strategic plans. Indeed, failures to link policies, plans,

MTSS in budgets are perhaps the single most important factor contributing to poor planning and budgeting outcomes. Countries where the planning process is fragmented are not adequately aligned with the annual budgeting process, experience difficulty in implementing clear and complete national policies and this explains why Budget and National Planning were brought together under the same Ministry, to ensure that our budget is in accordance and supports our plans”.

“In Nigeria, we have not done too well in the past to ensure that our budget outcomes achieve planned targets. Most MDAs have also not developed their MTSS and adopted it as a basis for budget formulation for some years now and this informs the government's decision to re-introduce the MTSS, the first of which would cover Fiscal Year 2017 to 2019. This is expected to complement other strategies of





Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Special Adviser to the President on National Planning, Alh. Tijjani Abdullahi and the Director General, National Teachers Institute, Prof. Garba Azare

government in fast tracking the development process in the country. The MTSS would complement the implementation of ZBB system by ensuring that projects and programmes admitted into the annual budgets are in line with the mandate of MDAs and are clearly linked to government policy thrusts and strategic objectives of improving service delivery to the Nigerian people,” he added.

Senator Udoma listed the key steps in developing the MTSS to include: clearly articulate medium term goals and objectives against the background of the overall goals of Medium-term development plans 2017-2020 and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); identify appropriate policies to ensure that projects and programmes achieve their desired objectives; identify initiatives, projects and programmes that would contribute to the achievement of the stated sector goals as well as define the expected outcome of the identified initiatives in clear measurable and quantifiable terms, linking

expected outcomes to their goals, among others,. He observed that it was clear that the task of developing an MTSS was not a simple one and therefore required the MDAs to be prudent and committed to accomplish the task.

The Minister said, the Ministry received technical support from the Department for International Development (DFID) to develop the capacity of officers in the MDAs to understand the framework of the MTSS. Sector experts from the Ministry were

also expected to be deployed to support the large spending MDAs during the MTSS preparation process. He stated that its preparation would provide a complete picture of the sectors spending, with the hope to further eliminate waste in budgeting plans.

He reiterated that selected personnel of the MDAs in the critical sectors of the economy in batches towards preparing the 2017 budget. The large spending Ministries are: Ministries of



Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi and Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai





Transportation; Interior; Power, Works and Housing; Water Resources; Solid Minerals; Defence; Foreign Affairs; Environment; Health; Communications Technology; Agriculture and Rural Development; Education; Niger Delta Affairs as well as the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA).

While reminding the MDAs that their MTSS reports would serve as the basis for their 2017 budget proposal, the Minister said that it would also help to achieve the sector goals and National Development Plans (NDP) framework. He added that the support of the Permanent Secretaries was a critical success factor to the project and called on them to encourage and support their staff to participate effectively in the Workshop. He informed participants that after the sensitisation workshop, the next step was to constitute a Sector Planning Team (SPT) under the leadership of the selected Permanent Secretaries. This, he said, would be followed by a two-day training programme for the SPTs from 17 to 19 August, 2016, as well as a one week residential intensive MTSS Workshop for the first batch of MDAs. He added that the financial burdens of the Workshop would be borne by the respective MDAs.

Earlier, in her remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Fatima Nana Wede, who was represented by the Director, Macro, Dr. Tunde Lawal, noted that the Workshop was designed to prepare the MDAs to produce budgets that add value on their expenditure profiles for the

economy. She said that the idea of the MTSS was to link policies with strategies and provide policy shift on the management of the nation's economy. She submitted that the MTSS would lay a solid foundation for better planning and impactful 2017 budget and beyond. She also expressed confidence that the technical session would lead to a robust outcome and contributions from the MDAs that would enrich the 2017 budget and 2017-2020 Sector Plan.

In a paper presentation titled, *Introduction to the MTSS Sensitisation Session/ Overview of MTSS in a Zero-Based Budgeting Setting*, the Policy Adviser on Accountable, Responsive and Capable Governance of DFID, Dr. Gabriel Ojebile, explained that the importance of MTSS is that it enables effective implementation of the NDP priorities, outcomes and targets (as basis of budgeting). It also ensures that government expenditure reflect government priorities as articulated in the NDP (making budgeting meaningful)

and facilitates monitoring and evaluation as well as performance assessment of government expenditure.

Other presentations were on *International Best Practice to Strategy and Budgeting*, by DFID Representative, Mr. Barun Chatterjee; *MTSS in the Context of the 2017 Budget: Objective and Expected outcome*, by the Director-General, Budget Office, represented by Mr. Anslem Agwaye; *Linking Policies to Strategies: Policy Sheets*, by Professor Olumide Ayodele, among others.

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, was among the Chief Executives at the Workshop. Also in attendance were the Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi as well as Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai.



Participants at the workshop



# UniMaid Congratulates New Executive Secretary

## ...Prof. Rasheed Commends Varsity for 'Waging Peace'



Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, presenting copies of the *Monday Bulletin* to the Vice-Chancellor, UniMaid, Prof. Ibrahim Abubakar Njodi

A delegation led by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri (UniMaid), Professor Ibrahim Abubakar Njodi, on Wednesday, 17 August, 2016, visited the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, to congratulate him on his recent appointment.

Delivering a congratulatory message to the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Senate and Management of the Institution, the Vice-Chancellor said that his appointment signified greater future for the Nigerian University System (NUS) and indeed a recognition of his outstanding performance as Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), where he left indelible legacies. He appreciated the Commission for its numerous supports towards the sustenance of UniMaid, especially by waving over 70 million naira subscription fee on the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN), as

a way of encouraging the University during the peak of the Boko Haram insurgency.

He commended the Commission for strengthening Nigerian Universities through its regulatory activities leading to the repositioning of the Ivory Tower. He observed that, although, his appointment was coming at a critical time when the country was facing economic challenges, but that with his wealth of experience, he would surmount these challenges.

Responding, the Executive Secretary, who remarked that the visit was the biggest by a university delegation since he assumed office two weeks ago, appreciated the team for the show of friendship and solidarity. He commended the Vice-Chancellor for demonstrating good leadership and expressed his delight at his kind words and gesture. He recounted the long-standing relationship between the University and the Commission, noting that while the first

Executive Secretary of the Commission, Professor Jibril Aminu left NUC after his tenure to serve as Vice-Chancellor of UniMaid, he left BUK to serve as Executive Secretary of the Commission.

Professor Rasheed assured the University that the Commission would continue to support it in discharging its primary mandate of teaching, research and community service. He also noted that, if not for the unfortunate incident of Boko Haram insurgency, the University had the pride of being a leading Institution, in terms of size, reach, vitality, among the federal universities established in 1975.

The Executive Secretary commended the University's Management for not closing the Institution or down-sizing the workforce, in spite of the insurgency that led to the flight of some academic staff. He also noted that whereas some people were busy waging war in the state, the University continually waged peace. He, therefore, assured the team of the Commission's readiness to provide it with the necessary support to succeed.

In a vote of thanks, the Director, Academic Standards of the Commission, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo, reiterated the support of the Commission to the University and recalled events at the Institution's convocation in April this year, which was peacefully staged.

In the delegation were some principal officers of the university.



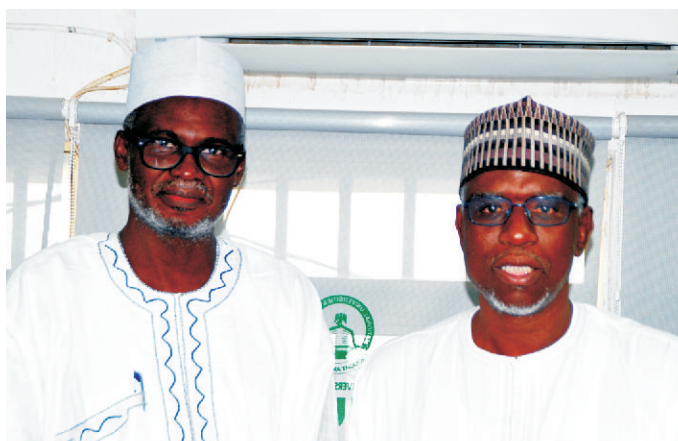


Prof. Rasheed addressing the UNIMAID delegation



Prof. Rasheed with the UNIMAID delegation and some members of NUC Management

## PHOTO NEWS



R-L: Prof. Rasheed with the former Vice-Chancellor, Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis



Prof. Rasheed with the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Edo University, Iyamho, Prof. E.O Aluyor





Prof. Rasheed receiving a congratulatory Card from the Vice-Chancellor, Ambrose Alli University (AAU), Ekpoma, Prof. Ignatius Onimawo



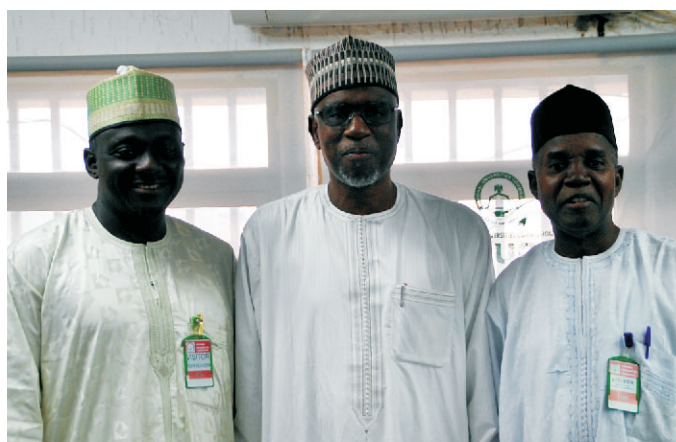
L-R: Registrar, AAU, Sir Chris Adamagbo; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Admin), Prof. Jude Agho; Profs. Rasheed and Onimawo; University Librarian, Dr. Mrs. Jane Aba and Senior Lecturer in the University, Mal. U. A. C. Aliu



Prof. Rasheed with the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof. Anthony A. Elujoba



L-R: Former Board member of NUC, Ambassador Muhammadu Jumba; Prof. Rasheed and immediate past Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), Prof. Muhammadu Modibbo



Former Bursar, Bayero University, Kano, Mal. Faruk Yanganau; Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Musa Tabari



L-R: Mr. Santa Moyinoluwa, Prof. Rasheed, Mr. Chiamaka Oluغازie and Mr. Muiy Oyadiro, when staff of Integrated Corporate Services paid a congratulatory visit to the Executive Secretary





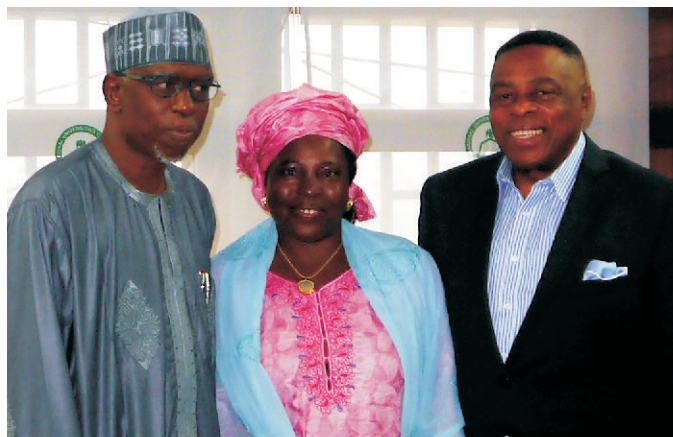
R-L: Managing Director, Marshall Star Security, Mrs. Emilia F. Csazzar, presenting a congratulatory card to Prof. Rasheed, while NUC Director, Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha, watches on



Prof. Rasheed with the Managing Director of Maradz Limited, Mr. Dalhatu Hamza



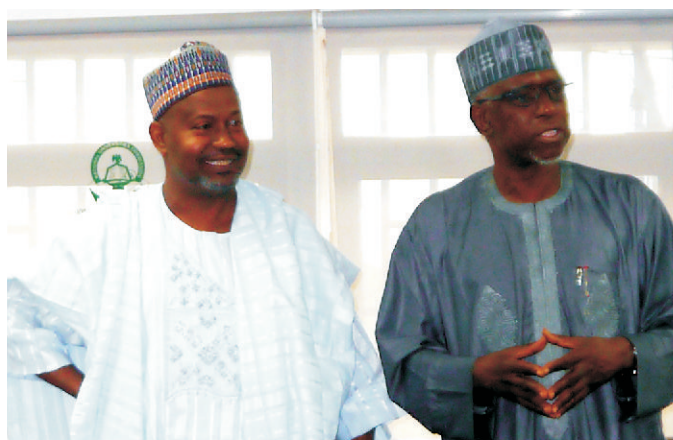
Prof. Rasheed, 4th left, and NUC Director, Finance and Accounts, 1st left, with staff from the Office of Auditor General of the Federation



L-R: Prof. Rasheed, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University, Lokoja, Prof. Angela Freeman and the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Nimi Briggs



Prof. Rasheed with the Vice-Chancellor, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB), University, Lapai, Prof. Maiturare

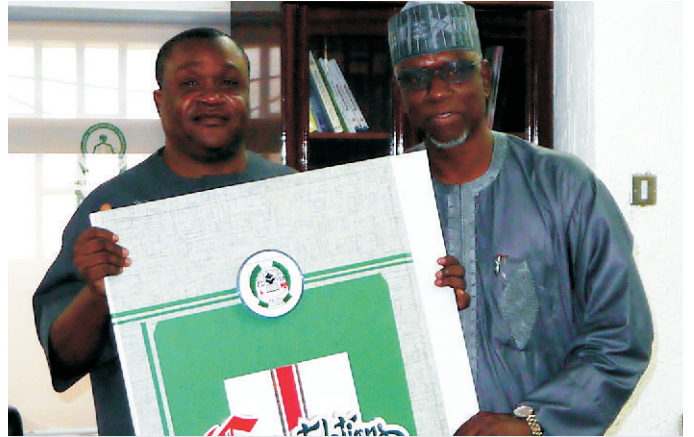


Prof. Rasheed, right, with the Vice-Chancellor, Jigawa State University, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu





Prof. Rasheed with the Registrar, Jigawa State University, Mal. Muhammad D. Nasir



Prof. Rasheed receiving a congratulatory card from the Vice-Chancellor, University of Abuja, Prof. Michael Adikwu



Some of the UniMaid delegation during their courtesy visit to the Commission



Prof. Rasheed with the Rector, Yaba College of Technology (YabaTech), Dr. Margarete Kudirat Ladipo



L-R: NUC Deputy Director, Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Aminu Abba; Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, Prof. Rasheed; Dr. Ladipo and NUC Director, Protocol and Special Duties, Chris Maiyaki





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia  
Agbo Abel & Co

### Introduction:

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

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

### Implementation Approach:

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

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

• Results Based Management  
• Easy Comparison  
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality  
• Consistency  
• Comparability

**IPSAS**

• Transparency  
• Accountability

### Expected Benefits:

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



## Implementation Committee

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

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

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

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



### ADVERTORIAL

### CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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





## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:okojie_julius@yahoo.com) and copy to [chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com](mailto: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 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*

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# 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 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      |

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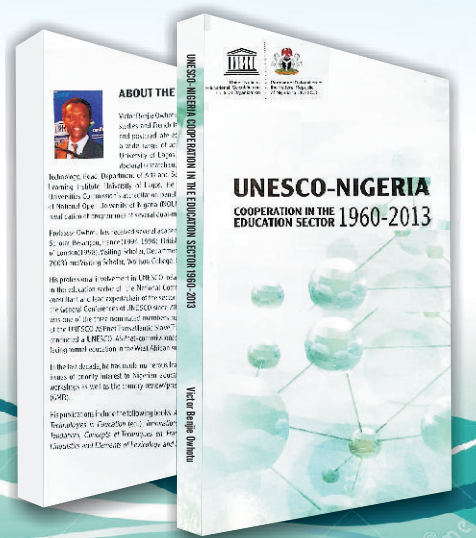
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| 44 | Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State             | 2011 |
|    | Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State          | 2011 |
| 45 | Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State            | 2012 |
| 46 | Evangel University, Akaeze,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

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

### Federal Universities :

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

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

### State Universities :

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

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

### Private Universities :

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

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

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through [webmaster@nuc.edu.ng](mailto: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](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)

Signed:  
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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

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR  
Executive Secretary, NUC  
Announcer





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

## List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot 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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## This Week's Birthdays



| NAME                      | DATE OF BIRTH | DEPT. |
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| MARYAM I.B. SALI          | 23 Aug.       | DIM   |
| ZAINAB ALIYU JIBRIL       | 24 Aug.       | DICT  |
| HAUWA ADUNNI IBRAHIM      | 25 Aug.       | DESO  |
| JOYCE OMENEBELE OTU       |               |       |
| OGWUOLIE                  | 25 Aug.       | DESO  |
| ALI MOHAMMED BABANGIDA    | 25 Aug.       | DIM   |
| SA'ADATU SULEMAN ODEKUNLE | 25 Aug.       | DMSS  |
| MOTUNRAYO FALILAY JOLAOSO | 25 Aug.       | DAS   |
| GABRIEL HADU LIGARI       | 26 Aug.       | DODE  |
| JOHN OHENE                | 26 Aug.       | DICT  |
| CHIDINMA VICTORIA         |               |       |
| OMORODION                 | 27 Aug.       | DMSS  |
| ABDULLAH ABDULLAHI ALIYU  | 27 Aug.       | DFA   |
| ANIENE EDEM JOHN          | 27 Aug.       | DPP   |
| MOHAMMED ADAMU            | 28 Aug.       | DAS   |

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

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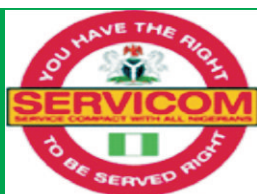
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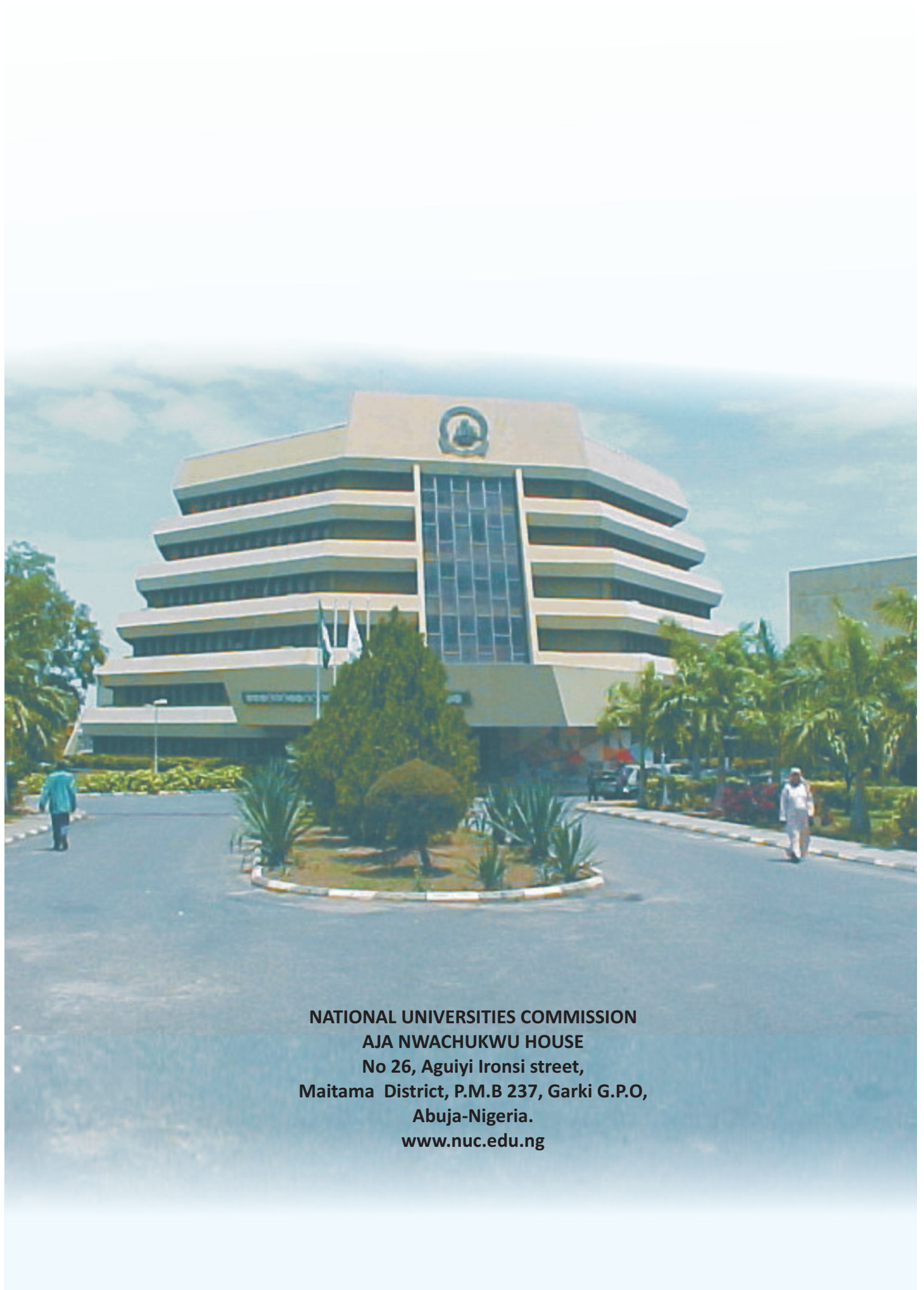
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