

FUT Minna Graduates 3,459 @ 25th Convocation, Installs New Chancellor

The Federal University of Technology, Minna, (FUT, Minna) has graduated a total of 3,459 students at its 25th Convocation ceremony, held on Saturday 27 February, 2016. The breakdown showed that 2,741 graduated in the first degree categories, out of which 32 earned First Class, 707 got Second Class Upper Division, 1,290 made Second Class Lower Division, 638 received Third Class and 74 passed. In the Postgraduate category, 220 received postgraduate Diplomas, 464 bagged Masters degrees and 34 were conferred with PhDs. The ceremony, which was for the 2014/2015 academic session, also witnessed the installation of the new and 3rd Chancellor of the Institution, His Royal Majesty, Eze Eberechi N. Dick, JP, Eze Udo I of Mgboko Ngwa Amaise Autonomous Community and Chairman, Abia State/South East Traditional Rulers Council.



Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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L-R: Mr. Sandy G. Chega, Director, Technology and Science Education Department, FME, congratulating the new chancellor, HRM, Eze Eberchi N. Dick (JP) and the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Rufa'i Ahmed Alkali

represented by the Director, Technology and Science Education Department, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. Sandy Gandy Chega, charged university authorities on value re-orientation, as a way of repositioning the institutions for optimal productivity in the socio-economic sector of the nation. According to him, "Certainly we need value re-orientation as far as the pursuit of higher education is concerned. Our teeming youth who seek higher education should do so

for the functional purpose of contributing to the personal and societal economic development. Indeed our education would be meaningless if it does not advance the cause of humanity. That is why we want to build a Nigeria where citizens with competencies would be proud of themselves and their country and can attain heights because of what they know and not because of who they know or whose children they are, he said".

The President maintained that merit must be encouraged in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS), in order to ensure that the nation's universities were globally competitive. He said: "Students should get the grade they deserve when they earn it, and they should not get the grades they do not deserve when they have not earned it. Similarly, students should not expect the high grades when they have failed to put in the needed efforts." The President revealed that the Federal



A cross section of principal officers of the University



L-R: Niger State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello, Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu and former Deputy Governor of Abia State, Dr. Chris Akomas

Government was planning to recruit a total of 500,000 graduates and NCE holders to address the challenge in the shortfall of lecturers.

President Buhari disclosed that the present Administration was placing premium on Agriculture as an alternative to oil and a viable means of revenue generation. In his words, "This administration is placing premium on Agriculture. As such, our faculties of Agriculture must no longer be dumping grounds for those who failed to gain admission into the so-called more lucrative programmes. Our decision to invest in infrastructure to support reforms in Agriculture and solid minerals sector for the revamping of the economy, offers an opportunity to specialised universities like FUT, Minna, to strengthen the relevant programmes and faculties for the overall national development".

The Visitor charged the University to ensure that its training was more practical than theoretical, especially in the entrepreneurship programmes, in order to produce graduates that would not be job seekers but job creators. He reiterated the Federal Government's commitment to the repositioning of the education sector, through

increased funding for the overall benefit of the country.

In a goodwill message, the Governor of Niger State, His Excellency, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello, congratulated the graduands and charged them to use the knowledge they had acquired to address the socio-economic challenges of the country. He expressed the readiness of the Niger State Government to collaborate with the University in harnessing the vast Agricultural and solid mineral potentials of the state.

Similarly, the newly installed Chancellor who thanked the Federal Government for his appointment, pledged to deploy his wealth of experience and consolidate on the achievements of his predecessor, so as to move the university forward. He promised to ensure a harmonious co-existence between the university and the host community for effective teaching and learning. While congratulating the Governing Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of the institution for the successful convocation, he charged the graduands to be good ambassadors of their alma mater.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Professor Rufa'I Ahmed Alkali charged the graduands to consider their graduation as work in progress and a stepping stone for greater responsibility to the country, as the nation was in dire need of development. He charged the students of the Institution to eschew all forms of social vices and focus on their studies in order to justify the investment of their parents and guardians. He thanked the Governor of Niger State for the peaceful co-existence between the University and the host community and



Some Royal fathers at the Convocation



A cross section of graduands

encouraged that such relationship be sustained.

The Pro-Chancellor, who congratulated the President and the Niger State Governor on the success of the last general elections as well as the Chancellor and other traditional rulers for their roles in maintaining peace and harmony in the Institution, expressed satisfaction at the level of development at FUT, Minna, noting that the University was delivering on its mandate. He, therefore, charged the Management to sustain the tempo in order to justify Government's investment.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Musbau Adewumi Akanji stated that the University had progressed steadily in its academic programmes and infrastructural development, adding that some of its academic staff had won prizes and awards. He disclosed that the University had collaborated with some foreign institutions to advance its research activities.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Federal Government and its Agencies: The National Universities Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) for their support to the University.

The Convocation was attended by the Executive Secretary of NUC,

represented by the Director, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo, some members of the National and State Assembly, Members of the Federal and State Executive Councils, Vice Chancellors of sister universities, Royal fathers, parents, staff and students of the University.



Academic Procession

Contribute to your Alma-mater ...Prof. Okojie Charges Alumni



L-R: Gen. Yakubu Gowon and Prof. Julius A. Okojie

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, has urged members of the Federal Government College Warri, Old Student Association (FEGOCOWOSA) to contribute to the growth of their alma mater in the areas of scholarship, infrastructure, equipment, laboratory development and research funding. Professor Okojie made the call on Monday, 22 February, 2016, during his lecture at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the FGC, Warri, held at the Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotels & Towers, Abuja.

The Executive Secretary noted that the need to promote unity in the country led to the increase in the number of Unity Schools in Nigeria, which “now stands at 104, comprising 36 for girls, 34 for boys and 34 co-educational”. He recalled that after the Civil War, there were a lot of challenges, which included ineffective inspectorate activities, insufficient interest of alumni and inadequate infrastructure, that contributed to the difficulties faced

in the educational sector. He, however, observed that the educational sector had recorded numerous successes, which included cohesion through inter-tribal/ethnic marriages, distinguished academic experts, and effective players in the political class.

Professor Okojie, therefore, called on the Alumni members to renew their commitment to their Alma Mater by changing the face of the

school rather than sending their children abroad. He admonished them to make donations that would benefit the school that laid the solid foundation for their successes, adding that it was necessary to maintain academic prestige and help inculcate values in the younger ones. He stated that the NUC, as a partner in progress, would carry out its duties of helping to improve access and quality in the nation's universities and also work to ensure that secondary school



Some students of FGC, Warri



Gen. Gowon and Prof. Okojie with other dignitaries cutting the anniversary cake

to foster a truly united nation.

Gen. Gowon pointed out that the Secondary Schools, with their high standards, were created so that parents would have no need for sending their children abroad to study, a trait, which, he said, had eaten deep into the fabrics of the Nigerian educational system, thereby making it less attractive to the people. He advised that there was the need to return to the good old days, saying that was the only way to provide solution to the nation's current predicament.

The National President of FEGOCOWOSA, Chief Emmanuel Chyna Iwuanyanwu, in his remarks, called on the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the education sector. He said that the war against insurgency would amount to nothing, if education was not taken seriously. He also canvassed for the return of admission policy of Unity Schools to what it used to be, calling training and retraining of teachers in the schools. He further, charged the Government to pass a law restricting Nigerians from sending their children and wards abroad for studies and advocated that Nigerians must take the responsibility of searching for solutions to all Nigerian problems.

students who gained admission into the universities were well-equipped to face their studies, by creating robust curriculum in education for improved teacher quality.

The Executive Secretary observed that if not for the great vision of the nation's founding fathers, FEGOCOWOSA would not have gathered together to celebrate the Golden Jubilee and the giant strides recorded so far. He saluted the vision of the late Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, and General Yakubu Gowon for all their efforts at creating a united Nigeria.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the occasion, General Yakubu Gowon, stated that his Government embraced the Universal Basic Education (UBE) scheme, in 1974, to ensure qualitative education, which would help to discourage parents from sending their wards abroad to study. He said that the idea behind the creation of the Unity Schools was to ensure national integration and to foster unity, which the country was in dire need of after the Civil War. He stressed that if the present crop of Unity Schools could replicate the show of love and peace that was seen at the inception, it would help



Gen. Gowon and Prof. Okojie with other dignitaries in a group photograph

Stop Illegal Programme in Nigeria

- Prof. Okojie tells Ghanaian University



Prof. Okojie and some members of NUC Management with members of Ghana university

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, has advised the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana, to take appropriate measures to restore the image of the Institution by staying lean and to avoid running unapproved programmes, especially in Nigeria, so as to earn the reputation of stakeholders in the education system of Nigeria and Ghana. He made the remarks on Tuesday, 23 February, 2016, when the Management of the Commission received a four-man delegation from the University, led by the Registrar, Mr. C.Y Akwaa-Mensah. The delegation came to solicit the removal of the Institution's name from the list of those operating illegal outfits, in collaboration with Hallmark, an unauthorised education providers in Nigeria, as contained in NUC's official publications and website.

Professor Okojie recalled that the NUC had earlier received a similar delegation, led by the former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Education, which tried to clear the air on the affiliation programme with the Hallmark. That presenta-

tion, he said, was not satisfactory. He asked the University to clearly indicate the remedial actions it had already taken in terms of its relationship with Hallmark or any other organisation in Nigeria, to enable the Commission understand the current status.

The Executive Secretary stated clearly that unapproved programmes remained unapproved programmes and that the University, based on its explanations, attempted to build illegality on illegality. He said that it was very difficult for the Commission to establish the status of the students that were admitted in Nigeria, whom the University claimed were later screened and re-absolved into the Ghana campus at the 200 levels, after meeting the requirements for their various programmes.

The NUC Scribe, who observed that the University, from its tone, had shown genuine desire to remedy the situation, insisted, however, that the authorities must provide evidence of the mode of admission of students fresh into its campus in Ghana, to ascertain that they were in line with established

processes and procedures. He added that the precarious situation was also a lesson for the University, saying that a university which was meant to be a quality assurance agency should not, in any way, deviate from quality. He called on the Institution to consult at all times and seek clarifications, if it was in doubt, on the mode of affiliation with Nigerian institutions from the NUC, especially in relation to Cross Border Education (CBE).

Following an interaction with some members of the NUC Management, the University was advised to, among other things, provide detailed reports on measures taken to regularise the admission of those classified as its genuine students; the number of students involved, year admitted and how the university wished to address the plight of affected students; be wary of claims by some unscrupulous individuals or organisations that parade themselves as education providers in Nigeria. Others, he stressed, were for the Institution to provide details as to whether there was still a subsisting Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and its nature with Hallmark or any other organisation

in Nigeria.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana, Mr. Akwaa-Mensah, observed that in 2011, the University had abrogated its relationship with Hallmark and that it had no intention of re-establishing same, following its discovery that it was an illegal outfit. He also said that the University was open to advice from the NUC on how best it should redress the situation. He appealed to the Executive Secretary to assist the Institution with the relevant experts to enable it meet the requirements.



Mr. C.Y Akwaa-Mensah Professor George Kankam

The visiting delegation later discussed the details with some relevant Departments on the issues that the University needed to articulate for further exploration.

In the delegation were the University's Finance Officer, Dr. Theophilus Senyo Aerkarlie;

Deputy Registrar, Wilhelmiro Tete-Menash and Principal, Professor George Kankam.

UNIMAID Delegation Pays Advocacy Visit to NUC

A delegation led by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID), Professor Ibrahim Ngodi, on Friday, 26 February, 2016, paid an advocacy visit to the Management of the National Universities Commission (NUC), to brief it on the University's preparations for its forthcoming 40th Anniversary and 22nd Combined Convocation Ceremony. The delegation also came to solicit the Commission's support towards same. In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor expressed delight at the warm reception accorded the team and for the leadership qualities of the Executive Secretary, Professor Juhus A Okojie, OON, whom, he described, as a humble and open-minded administrator that had lifted the Nigerian University System



Profs. Ibrahim Njodi and Julius Okojie

(NUS), to an enviable height, since assuming office in 2006.

Professor Ngodi informed the NUC Management that the event, which would commence on the 8th of April

and climax with the Convocation on Saturday, the 16th of April, 2016, would witness the installation of the Alafin of Oyo, as its new Chancellor. He told the Executive Secretary, that Mr. President had indicated interest in participating in the

programme and had promised to visit the University between March 28th and 29th as a way of dousing the tension in the region, prior to the main event. He noted that despite the security challenges, occasioned by the Boko Haram insurgency, the University was rolling out its drum to celebrate the milestones recorded after 40 years of its existence and other achievements made in teaching, research and community service, evidenced in the number of graduates that it had produced who were doing well in various walks of life.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the University was the first in the North East, established in 1975, and that since then it had contributed to knowledge globally while serving its immediate community. The University, he added, had a cosmopolitan structure, enabling it to admit students from all states of the federation. He buttressed this point by stating that about 120 of its graduates were from Imo State and

that they were working in a particular Local Government Council. He further said that the Institution currently had the pride of producing three Executive Governors namely, Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu of Abia State, Mall. Kashim Shettima of Borno State and Barr. Abubakar Sanni-Bello Lolo of Niger State. He said that the University's other Alumni included the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai, Chief A.K Gazama, Sir Ricky Tarfa and Professor Maxwell Gidado, all legal luminaries as well as many Professors, some of whom are serving as Vice-Chancellors today. He singled out one of its younger generations of alumnae, Mrs. Biatus Haruna, had been very successful with her law firm and practice, with a prestigious career in the United States of America.

Professor Ngodi observed that the University had not closed its doors to students, even for one year, due to the insurgency being experienced since 2010. However it had not

been able to conduct any convocation ceremony since then due to the security situation in the region, especially as Maiduguri was perceived as being the major epicentre of the crisis. He used the Forum to thank the NUC for its efforts at restoring the accreditation of some of the University's programmes that were earlier suspended due to its inability to visit them. He also commended the Commission on its sterling role in bringing peace and order to UNIMAID through the excellent advice it gave to the Minister of Education, concerning the crisis over the position of the Vice-Chancellor. He told the Executive Secretary that the University had put the issues behind it and that the Vice-chancellor was enjoying the goodwill and support of staff and students, including those who contested with him.

In his response, Professor Okojie expressed delight at the resilience of the Vice-Chancellor in managing



Prof. Okojie and some members of NUC Management with members of UNIMAID delegation



L-R: Prof. Ibrahim Njodi presenting a plaque to Prof. Julius Okojie

the affairs of the Institution, despite the daunting challenges it had experienced in recent times. He said that it was worthwhile to hear that the University had bounced back on its feet, after the dark days caused by the insurgency. He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for staying put despite the security threats. He acknowledged the need to address the backlog of programmes that had not been attended to: those that were due for accreditation and those for which the University was unable to admit students since then. He encouraged the University not to lose courage but to strive harder, noting that if more African Centres of Excellence (ACEs) should come to the North, the University had the

potential of emerging as one, given its research capabilities.

The Executive Secretary stressed that he was elated on the quick recovery of UNIMAID, saving that it was due to the leadership qualities of the Vice-Chancellor. He promised that the NUC would help the University address some of its challenges such as paying for its Nigerian Education Network (NgREN) subscription, after clearing from the Minister. He pledged that the Commission would be well represented at the Convocation ceremony and wished the University well in its preparations.

In their collective remarks, members of the NUC Management saluted the courage of the VC and his Management team for carrying on despite the challenging situations. They congratulated the University for the successes that it had recorded, saying that they were worthy of celebration. They commended the wisdom deployed by the University in steering the Institution out of the insurgency malaise. The NUC Management also expressed the view that the University needed to ensure that it became more visible to the outer world by using the occasion to involve the media in spreading the good news of UNIMAID and to also consolidate on its advocacy.

In the Vice-Chancellor's team were the members of the Contact and Mobilisation Committee, including, the Chairman, Professor Dilli Dogo; the University Bursar, Mr. Bitrus H. Usmana; a member of the Committee, Barr. Afiniki Hananiya; Works Department Officer, Architect Aliyu Abbas; Director, Biotechnology Centre, Professor Mrs. Mada Tarfa; Director, UNIMAID Consult, Dr. Adamu Dzivama; Coordinator Aluini Affairs and Head of Department, Public Administration, Dr. Shehu M. Liberty and Abuja Liaison Officer, Mrs. Ella T. Carew.



Prof. Okojie and some members of NUC Management with members of UNIMAID delegation

NUC Honours Bichi, Olaniyan



Prof. Julius A. Okojie (middle) being flanked by Prof. Lawal A. Bichi (right) and Mr. Felix Olaniyan (left)

The Department of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM) of the National Universities Commission (NUC), on Tuesday, 23 February, 2016, honoured two of its former Directors, Professor Lawal Alhassan Bichi and Mr. Felix Olaniyan, for putting in their best in the service of the Department and for contributing substantially to the course of the NUC, throughout their service years. Professor Bichi, who was a substantive Director, disengaged from the services of the NUC and returned to the Bayero University, Kano (BUK), to continue his lecturing career, after eight years as Director, in line with the provisions of the Civil service, while Mr. Olaniyan, served as Acting Director of the Department and retired from the services of the Commission on 24 December, 2015, after 29 years of meritorious service and having reached the mandatory age of 60 years. Speaking at the send-forth party, organised in their honour, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OON*,

said that both celebrants gave their best to the Commission in the course of their service years.

Professor Okojie, who observed that both retiring staff had good stories attached to their distinguished careers, said that they had each spent a greater part of their days in the Commission, going by the calculation of the number of hours they gave to NUC daily. He stressed that they must see themselves as members of the NUC family, even in retirement. On their strength at the individual basis, the Executive Secretary described Professor Bichi as an officer who represented the Commission in many assignments, including service as Acting Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE), Delta State, where he distinguished himself, as an Ambassador of the NUC. The Executive Secretary also described Mr. Olaniyan as a man of candour and humility who should be emulated, especially for

positioning his children of the path of moral and academic greatness, having produced a medical doctor, lawyer and chartered accountant, observing that the retired Acting Director's punctuality and reliability in his entire years of service would remain indelible. He, therefore, charged both out-going officers to remain good Ambassadors of the Commission, as they continued to pursue other endeavours in life.

The NUC Scribe further said that it was good for the retiring staff to have worked hard and at the end to be returning home to meet their families whom they had denied certain pleasures due to the pressure of office. He congratulated them for retiring without blemish and expressed the hope that the good things they learnt in the Commission would continue to inspire them in their future endeavours.

In her welcome remarks, the Director of DIM, Mrs. E.O



L-R: Mr. Olaniyan and Prof. Bichi

Usendiah, thanked her colleagues in the NUC Management for honouring the Department with their presence. She also expressed appreciation to other invited guests for being part of the event. She applauded the celebrants for their efforts which had contributed substantially to the enhancement of DIM and for having an outstanding career which was worthy of emulation. Mr. Usendiah wished them well in their retirement.

Giving a citation on Professor Bichi, the Deputy Director, Federal Universities Division (FUD), Mrs. M. B.Sali, highlighted that the erudite Professor of Pharmacology and outstanding educationist, was born on 25 July, 1955, in Bichi, Kano State. His life was one of outstanding public service, with strong character of integrity and focus, a symbol of the single-minded pursuit of excellence in his chosen field of Pharmacology and an exceptional educational administrator.

Professor Bichi obtained a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) Degree in Pharmacology at Kings (Chelsea) College, University of London in 1977 and capped it with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical

Biochemical Pharmacology at the Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, University of London, in 1981. He obtained his PhD at the age of 25 and was the first pure Pharmacology Professor from Northern Nigeria.

The Professor started his lecturing career at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria and subsequently moved to BUK. He was Director of Planning at the BUK and was instrumental to the establishment of the College of Medicine at the same University.

Professor Bichi joined the services of the NUC in 2007 as the Director of Academic Planning. Due to his exceptional leadership qualities, Professor Bichi was deployed to FUPRE as the Acting Vice-Chancellor in 2011, where he demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in transforming the University to a landmark legacy that would not be easily forgotten by all. Upon his return from FUPRE in 2014, he became DIM, a position he held until retirement from the services of the Commission.

“A man with special knack for research and development, Profes-

sor Bichi has several publications, many of which represented the constant and consistent effort to breaking new grounds in the study and practice of medicine, especially in areas of traditional medicine. His articles in learned and professional journals constitute an invaluable body of knowledge in the study of Pharmacology and Traditional Medicine”.

In the course of his service to the Commission, Professor Bichi became a member of two critical Committees of the NUC; the Management Committee and NUC/Federal Inland Revenue Service Committee on Professorial Chairs on Taxation. He was also a member of the Inter-Agency Planning Committee on ETF 2009 Special Interventions and member, NAFDAC National Drug Safety Advisory Committee. He also served in several Presidential and Ministerial Committees.

For his zeal to advance the traditional medical profession, Professor Bichi became the pioneer National President of the National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners. His administra-

tive ingenuity was apparently evident as a member of the Governing Council, Human Capacity Development Committee and Director, NIAM Foundation of the Nigeria Institute of Management.

Professor Bichi is a recipient of different awards, including: Rotaract Meritorious Service Award, in recognition of his selfless and dedicated service to Rotary and Humanity; Kwame Nkrumah African Leadership Award as Distinguished African Education and Societal Development Ambassador as well as the Delta Personality Awards 2013 for outstanding achievements and contributions to Delta State, among others.

The Citation on Mr. Olaniyan read by Deputy Director, Programmes Division, Mrs. Lydia Imorua, stated that he was born on 24 December, 1955. He attended Slavation Army Primary School, Ebute-Metta, Lagos, from where he proceeded to Federal School of Science, Ondo Boys High School and obtained the West African School Certificate. His quest for education took him to the University of Lagos, where he

obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology (1982) and a Masters Degree in Education Planning and Administration, from the same university in 1991. Thereafter, he worked briefly as Inspector of Education with the Ministry of Education, Lagos State and was in charge of Administration coordinating promotion for all secondary schools in Lagos Island.

Mr. Olaniyan began his career in the Commission on the 11th of August, 1987, as an Academic Standards Officer II, and worked in the Academic Planning Division of the Department of Academic Standards (DAS). He was one of the Officers that were instrumental to the design of the Minimum Academic Standards (MAS), now revised Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) Document, used first, in 1991, for the Accreditation of programmes in Nigerian universities. He had also served in some other Departments, including those of Quality Assurance (DQA), where he served in the Private Universities Division.

Following, the restructuring of the

NUC, in 2006, Mr. Olaniyan was redeployed to the Department of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM) and was later posted back to DAS, in 2007, as Chief Academic Standards Officer and Head of the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Division. He rose through the ranks and was appointed Deputy Director, Undergraduate Programme Planning Division, in DAS and was redeployed to DQA, in 2014, as Deputy Director, in charge of Affiliate Accreditation Division. In February 2015, he was redeployed back to DIM as Deputy Director, Private Universities Division.

Mr. Olaniyan also served the Commission in different capacities and chaired several Committees, including the Science Development Committee. He also represented the Commission in the Governing Councils of different Universities.

Following the disengagement of Professor Bichi from the services of the Commission, Mr. Olaniyan was appointed the Acting Director, DIM, in June, 2015, a position, he held until his retirement.



Prof. Okojie with the former Directors of DIM with some members of NUC Management

Olukoju Appointed Ag. Director, Physical Planning and Development

The Management of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the appointment of Mr. Jide Olukoju, as the Acting Director, Physical Planning and Development (DPP&D). Until his elevation, Mr. Olukoju was the Deputy Director, Campus Planning, in the same Department. The appointment followed the recent retirement of the former Acting Director of the Department, Mr. Ayo Bankole from the services of the Commission.



Mr. Jide Olukoju
Acting DPP&D

Contract Documents for the Abandoned National Library Sites at Bauchi, Yola, Akure, Owerri, and Enugu in 1991; tendered Evaluation report for the Administration Block of National Mathematics Centre, Abuja in 1994; was a member of National Technical Committee for the preparation of Contract Document for the UBE projects in 2011; Honourary Consultant for the Development of the Head Office of the Teachers Registration Council, Abuja (2001).

Born in Ajowa-Okoko, Akoko North-West, Ondo State, Mr. Olukoju attended Victory College, Ikare-Akoko (1978). He obtained his Ordinary and Higher National Diploma from the Yaba College of Technology, Yaba, Lagos State (1983).

He became an Associate Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors, London (AIAS-London, 1985), Nigeria Institute of Quantity Surveyors (MNIQS, 1989), Registered Quantity Surveyors (RQS, 1990), Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators (MICIARB, 1997) and Member of Nigeria Institute of Management (MNIM, 2005).

Prior to his employment in the NUC as Quantity Surveyor 1, in 1991, Mr. Olukoju started his professional career as Quantity Surveyor, Training Officer, at Ben-Vic Associates Lagos, (1985-1987), from where he

proceeded to the Department of Project Execution, Nigeria Post Office (NIPOST), Kano (1987-1990). He initially gained experience as a Surveyor while on Industrial Attachment at the Properties Division, Nigeria Airways Limited, Ikeja, Lagos, in 1983.

Mr. Olukoju has attended many conferences that have helped enhance his skills and prepared him for the task at hand, among which are: Project Management Course (Prince II) London, Management Leadership Training in the Nigeria Universities System, organised by Association of African Universities (AAU) at Uganda (2015), and Professional Annual Conferences organised by Nigeria Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS).

The newly appointed Ag. Director has worked in various Ad-Hoc capacities and carried out different activities such as the preparation of

Mr Olukoju was also the Secretary, Presidential Visitation panel to the Federal Polytechnic, Kaura Namoda, Zamfara state (1999-2003); Honourary Cost Consultant in the preparation of the Master Plan for the proposed University of Business and Information Technology, Agbor, Delta State; member, Inter Ministerial Planning and Implementation Committee of Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE), Delta state; and NUC Representative in Council, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State.

He has held many key positions in the Commission and worked in different capacities to prepare himself for the task. He is happily married.

Monday Bulletin wishes Mr. Olukoju a successful tenure.

RE: WORKSHOP ON THE IMPERATIVES OF ADVANCING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from Al-Qalam University, Katsina in respect of A Three-Day workshop on the theme: “**IMPERATIVES OF ADVANCING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA**”.

The objective of the workshop is to build capacity among senior academics in the areas of general and specific guidelines, rules and regulations governing postgraduate studies in line with the National Universities Commission (NUC)'s

Benchmark for Minimum Academic Standards. Other objectives include:

- Specific resource requirements for teaching, supervision and research;
- Ways of achieving high academic standards in University postgraduate programmes,
- Areas of linkages, collaborations and source soft funding; and
- ways of internalization of knowledge

The workshop will feature the following topics: Postgraduate as a citadel of knowledge (Prof. Shehu Rano Aliyu); Resources for Postgraduate Training in Nigerian Universities (Mal. Aminu Abba, NUC); Quality Assurance of Postgraduate Programmes, (Dr. N. B. Saliu, Director Quality Assurance, NUC) among others.

Those to attend are: **Professors, Deans of Faculties and Colleges, Heads of Academic Departments, Postgraduate Coordinators, Members of Boards SPS, and others from Departments and tertiary education.**

Date: 19th – 21st April, 2016 (arrival date 19th April, 2016)

Venue: Al-Qalam University, Katsina

Registration Fee: Fifty Thousand Naira Only (N50,000.00) per participant

Participants shall be provided with workshop materials: Labeled Workshop Bag, Writing Pad, Pen, Tag and Certificate including Tea/Coffee break and lunch.

Note: First day of the workshop shall be the opening ceremony with a paper to be presented by the Guest Speaker, Prof. Julius Okojie, OON, Executive secretary, NUC.

PUBLICATION OF 2016/2017 PTDF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (OVERSEAS & LOCAL)

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a call notice from the Petroleum Technology Development of Technology (PTDF) inviting suitably qualified candidates for Overseas and in-country i.e Local MSc and PhD Scholarships. The Award will be granted for studies in the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Australia, USA and France (Grenoble INP) as well as PTDF upgraded Universities in Nigeria.

Application Forms can be accessed online at www.ptdf.cinfore.com using an ATM (Interswitch, Master Card & Visa card) or through purchase of a scratch card from designated main branches of First Bank of Nigeria PLC in all the 36 States and FCT, upon payment of a **NON-REFUNDABLE** sum of N1,000(One Thousand Naira Only).

The criteria for prospective applicants include a minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) in Oil and Gas related field OR a 2.2 with oil and gas industry experience, NYSC Certificate, be computer literate, possess O/level with credit in English Language; at least C6 in WAEC/SSCE OR C4 and above in NECO and not be above 30 years of age. Those for Overseas (OSS) must be in possession of the following, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (USA), Graduate Record Examination, GRE (USA); GMAT for Management related courses (USA) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) UK.

For PhD (OSS & LSS)

- Applicants must be in academics in Nigerian Institutions, teaching oil and gas related discipline
- Applicants must possess minimum of 2.2 in their first degree and a good second degree certificate;
- Applicants must submit a research proposal relevant to the oil and gas industry (of not more than 5 pages) to include: Topic, introduction, objective, methodology and mode of data collection.
- Applicants must include a valid admission letter, must be over 40 years of age; and must include their Masters Degree project.

For the Split-side PhD programme, please click on this link [split PhD](#).

N.B: Applicants are advised to note that only those who met the requirements shall be shortlisted and invited for a Computer Based Aptitude Test, in the case of MSc applicants, while oral interview will be conducted for PhD applicants (full time and Split-site) on dates to be announced later. Following the aptitude tests and interview, successful candidates will be selected and awarded the PTDF Scholarship.

Applicants are also to scan copies of the following documents and attach to their online application forms:

1. First Degree Certificate or Statement of Result
2. NYSC Discharge Certificate
3. WAEC/GCE/SSCE/NECO Results or provide PIN numbers on the application forms to enable PTDF view the results on the relevant website.
4. Recent Passport Photograph
5. Local Government Identification Letter
6. Master's Degree Certificate (PhD Applicants only)
7. Admission Letter (PhD Applicants)

Meanwhile, the Possession of a valid University Admission letter is compulsory for LSS, MSC & PHD applicants.



**DANGOTE FOUNDATION ENDOWS 17 PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS IN
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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITIONS OF PROFESSORS AND READERS

Following intervention of the Chancellor of the Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, GCON, President Dangote Group, to sponsor 17 Professorial Chairs in the University, applications from within and outside the country are invited from suitably qualified candidates for positions of Readers and Professors in the following areas of specialisations:-

1. Mathematics
2. Computer Science
3. Statistics
4. Civil Engineering
5. Electrical Engineering
6. Mechanical Engineering
7. Architecture
8. Geology
9. Urban and Regional Planning
10. Biology
11. Chemistry
12. Physics
13. Microbiology
14. Biochemistry
15. Educational Psychology
16. Educational Planning and Administration
17. Philosophy of Education

1. QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE:

PROFESSORS (CONUASS 7)

A candidate must have a minimum of Sixty (60) points from publication and must be a PhD holder from a recognized Institution. He must have done supervision of Postgraduate students and have at least a minimum of thirteen (13) years cognate teaching experience at the University level.

In addition, he must have:

- Disseminated knowledge through professional and academic activities.
- Provided Academic leadership and the ability to attract and inspire others.
- Demonstrated Administrative ability and

administrative experience.

Impeccable integrity.

Favorable External Assessment.

Evidence of supervision of Post graduate students.

Must show verifiable evidence of community service

READERS (CONUASS 6)

A candidate must be a PhD holder from a recognized Institution. In addition, he must have a minimum of Forty (40) points from publication, eight (8) years cognate teaching experience at the University level and may be subjected to external assessment if not already a Reader.

In addition he must have:

Disseminated knowledge through professional and



- academic activities.
- Administrative ability and administrative experience.
- General academic leadership and the ability to guide others.
- Impeccable integrity and favourable External Assessment.
- Must show verifiable evidence of community service.

**The Registrar,
Kano University of Science and Technology,
Wudil,**

Applications not received within four (4) weeks of this publication will not be considered.

Professors and Readers all over the world are encouraged to apply. Applications for contract and leave of absence may be considered.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Candidates should submit 12 copies each of applications, Curriculum Vitae, Credentials and other supporting documents that can assist the University in the Comprehensive assessment of their Publications, Exposure, Experience and capabilities. Applications should be addressed to:

Applicants should request their three Referees to forward CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS on them.

Only applications of shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged, please.

Signed:

Alhaji Usman Yakubu, FIPMA
REGISTRAR

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:

- University of Uyo;
- National Open University of Nigeria;
- Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto; and
- 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
www.nuc.edu.ng

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
 - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
 - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.
 - c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
 - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
 - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:
 - a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
 - b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
 - c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations



3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. (www.nuc.edu.ng) Major components include the following:
 - (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
 - i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
 - ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
 - iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
 - iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
 - (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
 - (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, okojie_julius@yahoo.com and copy to chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com

MANAGEMENT

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from the Nigerian Permanent Delegation in the Republic of Sudan to UNESCO, through the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), announcing an International Conference on Scientific Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development in Africa, organised by the Graduate College and Scientific Research and Cultural Relations Directorate of the University of Khartoum, Khartoum Sudan. The International Workshop is scheduled to be held on 20th – 23rd February, 2016, at the premises of the Central Compass, University of Khartoum.

Interested scientists and researchers in and outside Sudan are kindly requested to submit abstract of their papers of 250 words (maximum) electronically through the official website of the conference or to the Secretariat of the conference through the e-mail: gradreg@uofk.edu or confsecrariat@uofk.edu. The deadline for the abstract is 31st August, 2015, while the full papers should be submitted on or before 30 November, 2015. Also the deadline for registration for training courses and workshops as well as electronic registration is 20 December, 2015.

N.B The participants are to read the details about the conference and to also do their registration which is open through the website of the conference www.sgcac.uofk.edu.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNESCO INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE 2016 - 2019

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, for nominations to the membership of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC), for a period of four years, from 2016 - 2019. Member States are invited to propose to the UNESCO Director-General, the names of suitable personalities for consideration for the renewal of one half of the membership, whose terms of office will expire by the end of 2015. Nominated candidates should include eminent personalities who are specialists in the Life Sciences, Social and Human Sciences including Law, Human Rights, Philosophy, Education and Communication, with the required competence and efficiency to perform the IBC's duties.

In line with UNESCO's commitment to promoting equity and fairness, the selection process will take into consideration cultural diversity and geographical representation for appropriate rotation and the need to ensure gender balance in the composition of the IBC.

Details of nominees should be forwarded with their Curriculum Vitae in soft copies via email to mamaidoh@yahoo.com on or before 16 October, 2015, to allow for processing and subsequent submission to the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris before the deadline of 14 December, 2015.



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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. Modibbo 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, Umuaya, 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, Ogbomosho	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, Boko	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, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nigerian Turkish Nile, University, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausas	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
						41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
						42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
						43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
						44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
						45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
						46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						48	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						49	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						51	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						52	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						53	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						54	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						55	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						56	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owghode, Delta State	2015
						57	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						58	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						59	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						60	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						61	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

Book Title: Nigeria Yesterday Today

Author: Godwin Sogolo

Publisher: Safari Books Ltd

Place of Publication: Ibadan

Year of Publication: 2012

A book is a device to ignite the imagination

– Alan Bennett.



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 :

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| 1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta |
| 2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi |
| 3. Bayero University, Kano | 16. University of Benin, Benin City |
| 4. Federal University of Technology, Akure | 17. University of Calabar, Calabar |
| 5. Federal University of Technology, Minna | 18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan |
| 6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri | 19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin |
| 7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 20. University of Jos, Jos |
| 8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola | 21. University of Lagos, Akoka |
| 9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos. | 22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri |
| 10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka |
| 11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt |
| 12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | 25. University of Uyo, Uyo |
| 13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada | 26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto |

State Universities :

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| 1. Abia State University, Uturu | 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba |
| 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi | 14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso |
| 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko | 15. Lagos State University, Ojo. |
| 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi |
| 5. Anambra State University, Uli | 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island |
| 6. Benue State University, Makurdi | 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye |
| 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt |
| 8. Delta State University, Abraka | 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina |
| 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 21. Gombe State University, Gombe |
| 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti | 22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai |
| 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu | 23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil |
| 12. Imo State University, Owerri | 24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero |

Private Universities :

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| 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja | 11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State |
| 2. American University of Nigeria, Yola | 12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja |
| 3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo | 13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State |
| 4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City | 14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only) |
| 5. Bowen University, Iwo | 15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only) |
| 6. Covenant University, Ota | 16. Madonna University Okija (MSc. only) |
| 7. Igbinedion University, Okada | 17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only) |
| 8. Pan-African University, Lekki | |
| 9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State | |
| 10. Caleb University, Lagos | |

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

Signed:
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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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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 Diary

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	TIME	VENUE

This Week's Birthdays

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT
Oyinkolawa Adesola Ariyo	1 March	DMSS
Lawrence Ndubuisi Ogugua	2 March	DQA
Olufemi Yeye	2 March	DFA
Samuel Daniel Agbo	2 March	DESO
Achepa Ebu Eigege	2 March	DMSS
Esther Imuentinyan Mmeka	3 March	DQA
Maimunat Olayinka Lamidi	3 March	DESO
Mercy Ejengoma Nwoke	3 March	DRI
Folorunso Oladosu Ariyo	3 March	DQA
Grace Ikpemi Chukwuma-Uruakpa	3 March	DQA
Ayomide Dorcas Ajayi	3 March	DAS
Nazeef Hadith Bala	3 March	DSSS
Alex Onoriode Ewurufe	5 March	DICT
Beatrice Tola Oludare	5 March	DIM
Shehu Shafi'I	5 March	DMSS
Habibat Yunusa	5 March	DMSS
Olutomi Ajibola Balogun	6 March	DMSS

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

"VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" A Television Documentary Programme

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

The programme is aired every week on:

- (a) **Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)** on Mondays 1.30-2.00pm
- (b) **African Independent Television (AIT)** on Tuesdays 4:30 - 5.00 pm

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