

Adamu Adamu Presents Draft 3-Year Education Strategic Plan

...Laments 10m Out of School Children

The honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, has reiterated the critical role education plays in the realisation of sustainable development in any society. He stated this on Monday, 29 August, 2016, in his Keynote address at the presentation of a draft document titled, 'Education For Change: A Ministerial Strategic Plan (2016-2019)' for stakeholders' input.

The Minister said that it was in recognition of the role of education that the present administration placed it among its key priorities to drive economic development. According to him "no nation can achieve economic prosperity without a sound and functional education system and knowing fully well that the security and stability of our economy depends on its ability to



Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, presenting the Education For Change: A Ministerial Strategic Plan (2016-2019)

provide functional education to its citizens and bearing in mind that the key to fighting unemployment and truancy lies in education and the acquisition of skills, we

undertook the development of this Ministerial Strategic Plan for the Federal Ministry of Education in order to reposition Nigeria's Education Sector to play a central

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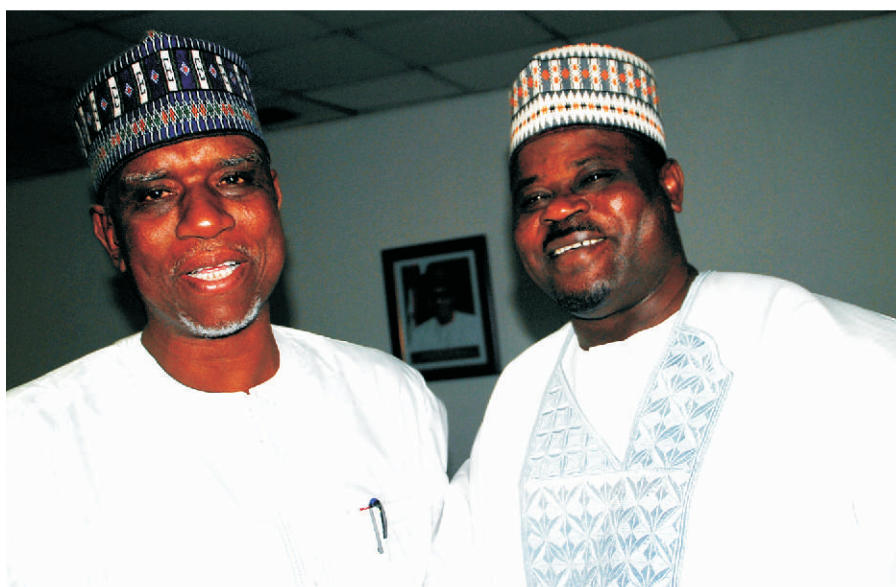
The Minister observed that while developed countries were building professionals who drive a knowledge-based economy, Nigeria was grappling with the challenges of out-of-school children and insurgency, particularly in the North East. He, therefore, advocated for a marshal plan that would urgently address education in emergency situations. He highlighted some of the challenges confronting the sector to include: shortage of infrastructure and facilities, lack of motivation and unqualified teachers.

Malam Adamu noted that these challenges had resulted in massive youth unemployment, adding that there was the need for government to prioritize TVET to impact the requisite skills on the youth to enable them contribute meaningfully to national development. He said that there was an urgent need to also expand access to tertiary education, improve quality, build

the relevant human capital for the overall benefit of the country. According to him “At the tertiary level, we must expand access as well as improve quality and align education performance to society’s needs and to national development goals. We must build human capacities for national development. The Nigerian Education Management Information System (NEMIS) needs to be strengthened to ensure availability of accurate, reliable and timely data for effective and

efficient education planning, as well as for management and policy making. With inadequate funding as a major challenge, we have a collective responsibility to address these grave challenges, salvage the system and return education to the part of excellence.”

The Minister said that the Strategic plan was developed, based on 10 pillars of core and measurable goals including, addressing the challenge of Out-of-School Children, Strengthening Basic and Secondary Education, Teacher Education, Capacity Building and Professional Development, Adult Literacy and Special Needs Education, Education Data and Planning, Curriculum and Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Quality Assurance and Access in Higher Education, Information and Communication Technology in Education and Library Services in Education. He said that the task of repositioning the sector was the responsibility of all stakeholders



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed and Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Hon. Aminu Fagge



Director-General, National Teachers Institute, Prof. Garba Azare; Executive Secretary, TETFund; Dr. Abdullahi Baffa and Hon. Sulaiman Fagge at the meeting

hence the need to see the document as the beginning of a process and not an end. He promised that at the end of the meeting, the final document would be presented to the National Council on Education for approval.

Earlier in an opening address, the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Anwukah said that the aim of the meeting was to receive stakeholders' perspective on the draft document with a view to enriching the content and to achieve Goal Four of the Sustainable Development Goals by ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The Minister of State said that the Strategic Plan became necessary, following the expiration of the last Education Road Map, which ended in 2015. He observed that in order to achieve the SDG, the education sector needed to be strengthened as a viable tool to achieving maximum result. His words: "Our dilapidated schools must be provided with befitting

infrastructure to become learner-friendly for all learners, including girls; vulnerable children and those with special needs, we must recruit new and retrain existing teachers, for quality education delivery; every child, girl or boy must not only enroll in school, but must complete the full circle of basic education; our tertiary institutions must be citadels of learning that foster innovation to meet the needs of the workforce, strengthen the research capacity and advance knowledge by increasing higher education opportunities for young people."

Professor Anwuka expressed optimism that, with the outcome of the meeting, the education sector would be repositioned to produce high, middle and low level man power with requisite skills to guarantee economic development. He maintained that 'Education for Change' must meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet the needs of their own time.

In a goodwill message, the Minister of Niger Delta, Pastor Usani Uguru charged the stakeholders to be broad minded and look beyond the present in examining the draft by making quality input that would outlive them. He said that any nation that despises the rudiments of education would not grow, adding that change was a phenomenon of motion. He charged them to accept whatever changes that may be effected in the document in the future as long as they are in the best interest of the system.

Chairman, House Committee on



Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan
Permanent Secretary, FME



L-R: NUC Directors of Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Saliu; Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

In a vote of thanks, the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Folashade Yemi Esan appreciated the Ministers and other stakeholders for contributing their quota to the development of education in the country.

Similarly the Minister of State for Niger Delta, Professor Claudius Daramola observed that the biggest challenge of the education sector was the infiltration of unqualified teachers into the sector. He therefore, called for stakeholders to ensure that only qualified teachers are allowed to teach at all levels of education.

At the event were Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed who chaired the panel on Higher Education; other heads of education parastatals, Vice-Chancellors, Rectors, Provosts, State Commissioners of Education as well as International partners.

Tertiary Education and TETFund, Honourable Aminu Suleiman Fagge congratulated the Ministry for the efforts at repositioning the sector and called on stakeholders to thoroughly examine the draft document and make necessary recommendations that would stand the test of time. He advised the stakeholders' to consider the two components of human capital and infrastructure as critical to ensuring a more productive

education sector.

According to him, "If we have a balance in these two areas, it would not only bring about parity, but would end the incessant strikes in the sector."

The Chief Education Officer UNICEF, Mr. Terry Duinnian called for an all inclusive education for both boys and girls as well as children in the North East.



Some Stakeholders at the event

FME, Heads of Federal Educational Institutions interact on Procurement Procedure



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Permanent Secretary, FME, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan and representative of the Acting Director-General, Bureau of Public Procurement, Dr. Hussaini Adamu

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan, last week held interactive meetings with Chairmen and Secretaries of Tenders Boards of Federal Educational Institutions on Wednesday and Thursday, to acquaint them with the right procurement procedure in the award of contracts as enshrined in the Federal Government's Procurement Act 2007.

Declaring open the meeting, held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja, with the theme, *'Building an Efficient Sectoral Procurement System,'* Dr. Yemi-Esan, noted that the exercise became imperative following complaints of lack of observance of laid down procedures in the procurement processes in virtually most of the educational institution. She stated that at the core of effective and efficient public procurement were

economy, efficiency, competition, value for money and transparency. She explained that this implied the provision of equal playing field for all strata of bidders, which, she stressed, was not the case, based on reports at the Ministry's disposal.

The Permanent Secretary explained that the fundamental principles were the preparation of good procurement plans supported by prior budgetary appropriation, open competitive bidding (except otherwise allowed), acquisition of certificate of "No Objection" where necessary and transparent evaluation. She reminded the gathering that the provisions of the Act spelt out that each procuring entity must establish a Procurement Planning Committee and Tenders Board. In line with this, she said, the Federal Government took steps by establishing the Procurement Cadre and later, the Procurement Departments in all Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Dr. Yemi-Esan expressed dismay that despite the system put in place by Government for effective procurement processes, a number of petitions were received from the public in respect of various agencies and Departments, under the FME. Some of the issues raised were the doubt as to whether the most qualified contractors were being selected at the best prices. Most of the other weaknesses that were observed, which were cross-cutting, included the issues of the defective formulation of specification, resulting in frequent change of specifications after invitation of bids, wrong advertisements, inefficient system of technical evaluation, arbitrary cancellation and revocation of contracts, leading to unnecessary litigations and the usage of non-professional and non-Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) certified



Prof. Rasheed, 2nd left, with some Directors of the Ministry

He noted that the e-system would enhance the job of the Efficiency and Transparency unit of the Federal Ministry of Finance, which is to reduce, effectively, the expenditure profile of the government by curbing areas of waste and ensuring greater value for money, in collaboration with other MDAs. He observed that what the FME was doing was the right thing and would help to deepen the knowledge and understanding of the Procurement Act.

The meeting later dissolved into a technical session headed by the Permanent Secretary. The deliberations centred on Procurement Planning Committee and Tenders Board; Memberships/ Roles of Members; Terms of Reference, Challenges and Recommendations.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, was at the opening ceremony. The event was attended by Directors of the FME as well as Principals and Bursars of the 103 Unity Schools, who are Chairmen and Secretaries of their Tenders Boards.

personnel. She said the present administration intended to change the ways things were done in the country, especially in the area of contract awards and execution. She therefore urged the participants to feel free to ask questions and seek clarifications on issues where necessary on what they must do and not do.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the FME Director of Procurement, Dr. Hussaini Adamu, told participants that the essence of the meeting was to ensure integrity of the overall procurement process in the education sector. According to him, this could be achieved by demonstrating the highest standards of ethical behaviour—honesty, integrity, probity, diligence, fairness, trust and consistency. He said that the expectation from the interaction was that it would enhance the capabilities of the procurement officers to achieve best practices in procurement in the education sector.

In a goodwill message, the Acting Director-General, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Ahmed Abdu, represented

by the Head of the Bureau on Agriculture, Engr. Isah Yusufu, expressed delight to be part of the important event which, he acknowledged, would help to make the agency's job of awareness creation lighter on the need for procurement officers to understand the mandates and core expectations of the Bureau in procurement activities. He noted that the FME was one of the six MDAs, benefitting from the Bureau's on-going electronic procurement system pilot-training, aimed at sensitising the stakeholders on the innumerable benefits of the adoption of the e-procurement system.



Cross section of Vice-Chancellors at the meeting

Ekiti State Varsity Congratulates New ES



DVC Development, Prof. I. O. Oluwaleye; VC, Prof. Samuel O. Bandele; Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed; Registrar, Barr. Arogundade and Director of Distance Learning Centre, Prof. J.B. Ayodele

A delegation, led by the Vice-Chancellor of the Ekiti State University (EKSU), Ado-Ekiti, Professor Samuel Bandele, on Thursday, 1 September, 2016, paid a congratulatory visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, on his recent appointment.

Congratulating the Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chancellor said that his appointment was well deserved haven served meritoriously as Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano with outstanding achievements. According to him “God gives position. If you have not done well in your previous appointments, no one will appoint you again.”

Professor Bandele commended the Commission for its role in ensuring the orderly development of Nigeria universities, adding that accreditation of programmes by NUC was the best thing that ever happened to Nigerian universities as it had put them on a sound footing.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the State had merged three of its universities for effective output, adding that some programmes were inherited as a result of the merger. He explained that the university had earlier intimated the Commission of its intention to mount a Bachelor of Test Administration programme. He said that the university had the requisite resources to commence the programme.

He said that the university had moved from being solely

dependent on the state government for subvention to generating its Internal Resources to augment government allocation. He said that the university was already building a 20,000 bed space hostel through the Build Operate and Transfer arrangement to ensure that all students reside in the campus.

He said that this arrangement would not only guarantee adequate security of lives and properties of the students but would also provide conducive environment for their studies. He pledged the commitment of the university to adhering to NUCs guideline.

Responding, the Executive Secretary appreciated the delegation for the visit and commended the institution for taking the bold step of merging the



three state institution. He said that the Commission was already considering addressing governors of states with more than one state university on the need to consider merging them for effective productivity. He explained that could have campuses but that a situation where a state establishes more than one university without adequate funding of either of them was embarrassing.

Professor Rasheed said that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) had already expressed worry over the frequent requests to channels its intervention from an existing state universities to a new one as the Fund was only mandated to fund one state university each. He said that the Commission would use the efforts of Ekiti State university in the merger as a model for other states with more one state university as such merger would consolidate and strengthen the existing institution.



Prof. Bande presenting a Roll-Up banner to Prof. Rasheed

On Computer Engineering programme, the Executive Secretary assured the group that the Commission would assist it in addressing the challenge, but advised the institution not to consider its proposal of introducing Test Measurement and Examination as a Course due to inadequate critical mass for the programme. He reiterated that the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards was only a guide and

that universities could surpass it.

At the event were the Deputy Vice-chancellor, (Development), Professor Oluwole I. O; Registrar, Barr. Arogundade and Director, Distance Learning, Professor Ayodele J.B. In the NUC team were the Deputy Executive Secretary, I, professor Chiedu Mafiana and some directors of the Commission.



Prof. Rasheed with some members of NUC Management and the Ekiti State University delegation

Ex-student Leaders of BUK Pay Courtesy Call on Prof. Rasheed



Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, 6th from left, with the BUK delegation

A cross section of former student leaders of Bayero University Kano paid a courtesy call on the Executive secretary in his office on Thursday 1st September, 2016. The group led by Comrade Yusuf Idris Amoke stated that their primary mission to the NUC was to congratulate the Executive Secretary on his new appointment and to express their confidence that his term of office as Executive Secretary would be successful. They reiterated that their confidence was borne of the conviction that his motivation and passion for the university system displayed during his term of office as Vice-Chancellor of the Bayero University Kano had not waned. Consequently they added, the successes would be replicated at the NUC and indeed all universities since his new role

placed him in a more influential position to impact the Nigerian University System. They prayed that his reputation as the 'Father of the Modern BUK' would only be added to during his term of office. The group further expressed their concerns concerning the poor ranking of Nigerian Universities in the world ranking of universities enjoining the Executive Secretary to make the improved ranking of Nigerian Universities a priority issue in the course of his work.

The Executive Secretary Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed expressed his delight at the goodwill and solidarity expressed by the ex-student leaders. Appreciating further their kind gesture, he expressed his delight that some of them had been able to secure jobs.

He empathised with those who were still unemployed or underemployed, urging them not to lose faith in themselves or their abilities. He went further to state that their concern about the proper working of things within the university system while they were leaders was still evident. Sharing with them some of his personal experiences as a young professional and academic, Prof. Rasheed reminded them that youth spent in the service of the nation and in the pursuit of progress was youth well spent.

He stressed the commitment of the National Universities Commission to the improvement of the entire Nigerian university System stressing that premium value was placed on students without whom universities would



not exist. He informed them that as Executive Secretary, he was acutely aware of the various challenges and obstacles to the attainment of the ideal university system in Nigeria.

He quickly added however that all Nigerian students who have gone through approved and accredited programmes in the Nigerian university system must be very proud of their degrees stating that the Nigerian University degree was a qualitative degree. This he added was evidenced by the excellent performance of Nigerian graduates in universities across the world.

The indices upon which the world ranking of universities were based, he said, were constantly changing. He further

stated that some of the key variables in these rankings were outside of our control. One of such variables was Internationalisation. He stated that whereby universities who had representation of more than 40 different countries in their staff and student numbers ranked highly, Nigeria would have great difficulty achieving such feat. Attracting international faculty members and students was such a herculean task due to such unique challenges of Nigeria as insecurity, weak economy resulting in weak exchange rates among other challenges.

While the Commission would concentrate on ensuring that Nigerian universities were locally relevant and contributed significantly to national

development, the scribe stated, the Commission would continue to make efforts to improve Nigerian Universities rankings through a specialized unit of the Commission, regardless of the daunting inherent challenges. He called on the group to continue to advocate for progress in the NUS and uphold the

Other members of the visiting team were Musa Umar Babangida, Olanrewaju Gbenga Temitope, ASP Abubakar D. Abubakar, Jibril IbrahimZ, Moh'd Habib Adamu, Sheikh Muhammad Nmatkwo, Lawal Ismail, Abdulrahman M. Bello, Zaharaddeen Abdullahi Jamusa, Abdullahi Awwal Maikano and Comrade Usman Isah Justice.



Prof. Rasheed in a Roundtable meeting with the BUK delegation

Mrs. Hindatu Abdullahi Retires



Justice Umar and Mrs. Hindatu Abdullahi

to him, earned her the title of Ayyana of Daura conferred on her by the Daura Emirate Council.

In her remarks, the Permanent Secretary, FME, Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan, said that the retiree was very diligent such that even in the face of pressure, she is always ready to take up the challenge. She added that the DTE had served the nation for 35 years, stressing that the time for the system to work for her was now and was visible with the level of solidarity and encomiums she had received from colleagues and friends.

In his own remarks, the Acting Director, Tertiary Education, Mr. E.O Fayemi, said it was difficult to measure the contributions of the retiree to the education sector and family. He described the event as a “bittersweet one”, remarking that it was hard to say goodbye to a consummate professional, friend, wise counsellor and a gentle lady of note. He noted that her retirement marked the beginning of new stage of life as there was a new world of business, leisure, voluntary opportunities, national as well as community services waiting for her.

Responding, the Retiree appreciated her husband and children for their patience and encouragement, the Honourable Ministers of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu; Professor Anthony Anwuka; Permanent Secretary, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan, Executive Secretary, NUC,

The Director, Tertiary Education (DTE) Mrs. Hindatu U. Abdullahi, on Thursday, 2 September, 2016, retired from service, after 35 years. A send-forth ceremony was held in her honour, by the staff of the Department of Tertiary, at the Ministry's Conference Room.

In his remarks, chairman of the occasion and Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, congratulated the retiree for a sublime carrier. He noted that the day was special and emotional as the retiree had left behind a number of legacies. He described her as a special human being that distinguished herself in her career, recalling that she was his classmate at the undergraduate level back in the early 1970s in Bayero University, Kano. He said

that after the National Youth Service, she joined the Tertiary Education Sector in the then Kaduna State College of Arts and Science from where she was appointed a Commissioner following the creation of Katsina State.

Professor Rasheed said that while some political appointees were busy seeking for contracts after the end of the administration, Mrs. Abdullahi returned to the classroom and was appointed a federal Electoral Commissioner and posted to Edo State. He stated that being the Director of Tertiary Education, he worked closely with her as a Vice Chancellor adding that she was very hardworking and always ready to provide solution to challenges. He said that despite her work schedule, she protected her family name and the traditional values. This, according



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed giving the Chairman's remarks

between 1988 and 2002, where she acted as Resident Electoral Commissioner in Edo State and the Federal Capital Territory.

The retiring Director moved to the Federal Ministry of Education as Assistant Director in 2002, in charge of General Secondary Education. In 2003, she served in the same capacity, under the Directorate of Universal Basic Education, coordinating interventions on Basic Education delivery in collaboration with the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC). She was appointed Deputy Director in 2003 and served under the Women and Basic Education Division until 2007. She was later posted to the Special Education Division and served in the same capacity between 2007 and 2010.

Mrs. Abdullahi was appointed Director in 2010 and subsequently doubled as Secretary in the Federal Scholarship Board from May

Vice-Chancellors, Provosts, Rectors, Principals as well as all staff of the department of Tertiary and the Ministry for their cooperation. and ministry.

According to her profile, Mrs. Abdullahi started her career as a Lecturer with the College of Advanced Studies, Zaria, and was there between 1981 and 1987, administering lectures/tutorials to Part 1 and 11 students. She thereafter left in 1988 to serve as the Principal of Government Girls Secondary School, Kankia, under the Katsina State Ministry of Education, where she left an indelible mark.. She was appointed Commissioner of Information, Youth, Sports and Education by the Katsina State Government and served between 1988 and 1989. During this period, the retiree initiated and was very active in the development of Government policies and programmes, including the development of the 1st Katsina State Television Station.

Hajia Abdullahi later returned to the State Ministry of Education, where she served as the Zonal Assistant Director of Education, Dustin-Ma, from 1990 to 1993, supervising and coordinating all activities in Secondary Schools in Six Local Government Areas. She was also Principal, Federal Government Girls College Bakori from 1993 to 1998. She had a brief stint at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)



Permanent Secretary, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan presenting gifts to Hajia Abdullahi



2010 to April 2013, and was responsible for prudent spending of Government Funds and

General administration of staff and award of scholarships. She crowned her career as the Director,

Tertiary Education, which she assumed in May 2013 and subsequently retired.



L-R: Dr.Mas'ud Kazaure, Justice Abdullahi, Haj. Abdullahi, Dr. Tukur and Prof. Rasheed



Some friends of Mrs. Hindatu



Other well-wishers at the event

Photo News



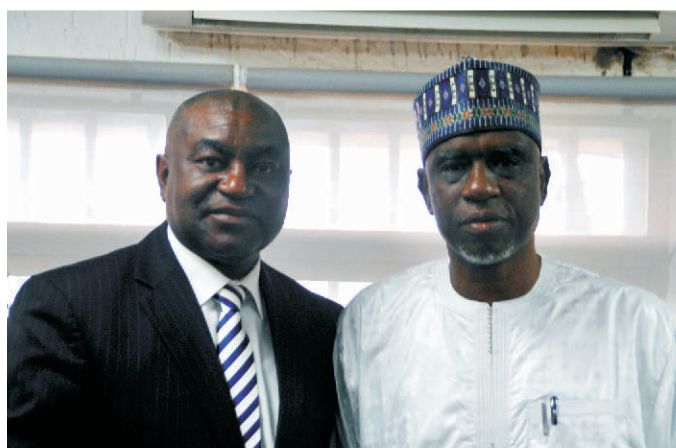
L-R: DES I, Prof. Mafiana; ES, Prof. Rasheed and DES II, Mal. Dan'Iya at the opening of NUC Management Retreat at Rockview Hotels, Abuja



NUC Management during the Retreat



L-R: NUC, Deputy Executive Secretary I, Mafiana; Prof. Ogbe and Executive Secretary, Prof. Rasheed



Chief Solo Akuma, SAN, with Prof. Rasheed, when he paid a congratulatory visit to the NUC



Former Chairman of Board, TETFund, Dr. Musa Babayo with Prof. Rasheed during his courtesy visit to the Commission



L-R: Chairman, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Chapter of ASUU Dr. Adebayo Oni; Pro-Chancellor, FUNAABDr. Adeseyeke Ogunwale; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Rasheed; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olusola Oyewole and Immediate past Chairman, ASUU, Dr. Festus Adeosun



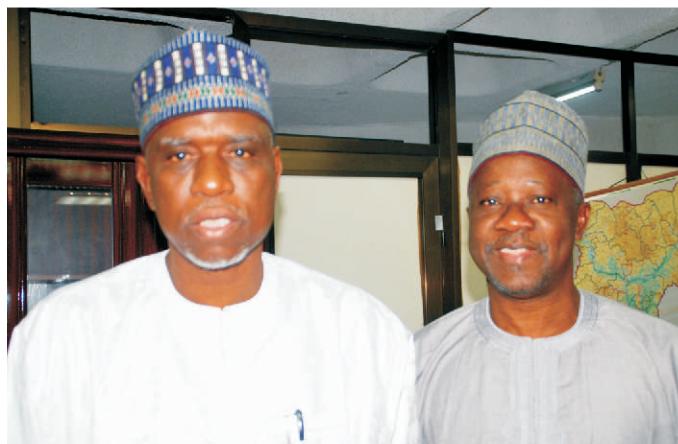
Visit by Abuja NBA: (L-R) Mr. Jude Ezieku, Mr. Okechukwu I, Mr. Ezenwa Anumnu, Prof. Rasheed and NUC Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai



L-R: Registrar, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Tahir Musa: Prof. Rasheed and Director/CEO, Prof. Muhammad Mu'azu Nguru during the delegation's visit to the Commission



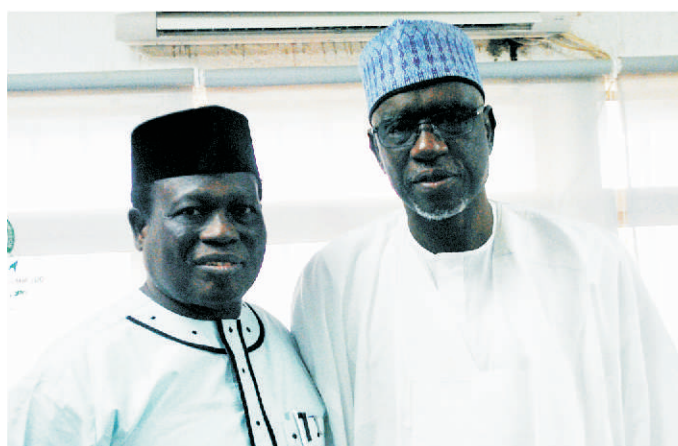
L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Sokoto State University (SSU), Prof. Nuhu Yakub; Prof Rasheed and Registrar, SSU, Amina Yusuf



Prof. Rasheed with the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali



Director-General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPPS), Prof. Bande and Prof. Rasheed



Vice-Chancellor, Adeleke University, Ede, Prof. Dayo Alao and Prof. Rasheed



Vice-Chancellor, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka,
Prof. Joseph Ehanekwu and Prof. Rasheed



Barr. Abdulkadir, Prof. Rasheed and Sheikh Shehu Uba



Prof. Rasheed with Vice-Chancellor Alabisi Onabanjo University,
Prof. Sabur Adejimi Adesanya



Prof. Rasheed and Vice-Chancellor, Crawford University,
Prof. Rotimi Ajayi



Participants at the meeting of the Permanent Secretary, FME with
Vice-Chancellors, Rectors, Provosts and Principals



Prof. Tony Ogiamien from American Heritage University, Canada
with Prof. Rasheed



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

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Introduction:

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

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

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

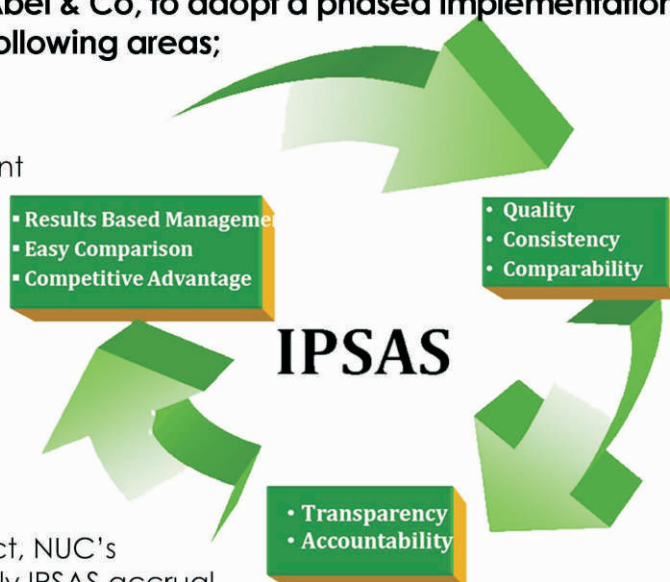
- Full Adoption of IPSAS Cash effective from 1st January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1st January 2016.

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

Implementation Approach:

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

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



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



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CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director Information and Public Relations

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Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

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



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

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

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

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

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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



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

C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
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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, 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, Alkaleri	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007

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FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Baze University, Abuja	2011

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

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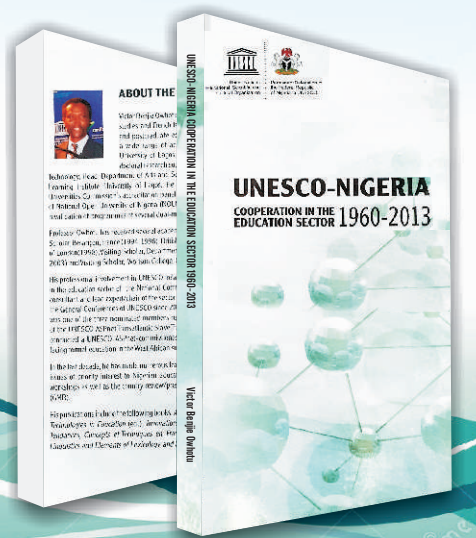
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44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012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

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

Federal Universities :

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

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

State Universities :

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

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

Private Universities :

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

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

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

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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Executive Secretary, NUC
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
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OFURE TRACY AGBONZEROH	6 Sept.	DIM
NOSAYABA NAOMI EHIGIE	6 Sept.	DAS
STELLA MICHAEL WILLIAMS	6 Sept.	DODE
SYLVIA NWAMAKA IORSHE	7 Sept.	DAS
SUNDAY ETIM EFE	7 Sept.	DMSS
IFEYINWA STELLA UGOCHUKWU	7 Sept.	DESO
SARAH JAMES GARBA	9 Sept.	DAS
MAMUDU HAMMAJIDU	9 Sept.	DAS
KIKELOMO LAURA LADIPO	10 Sept.	DQA
FATIMA SHELENG MANU	11 Sept.	DFA

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

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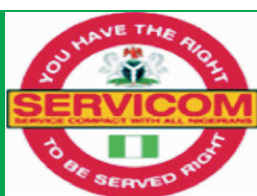
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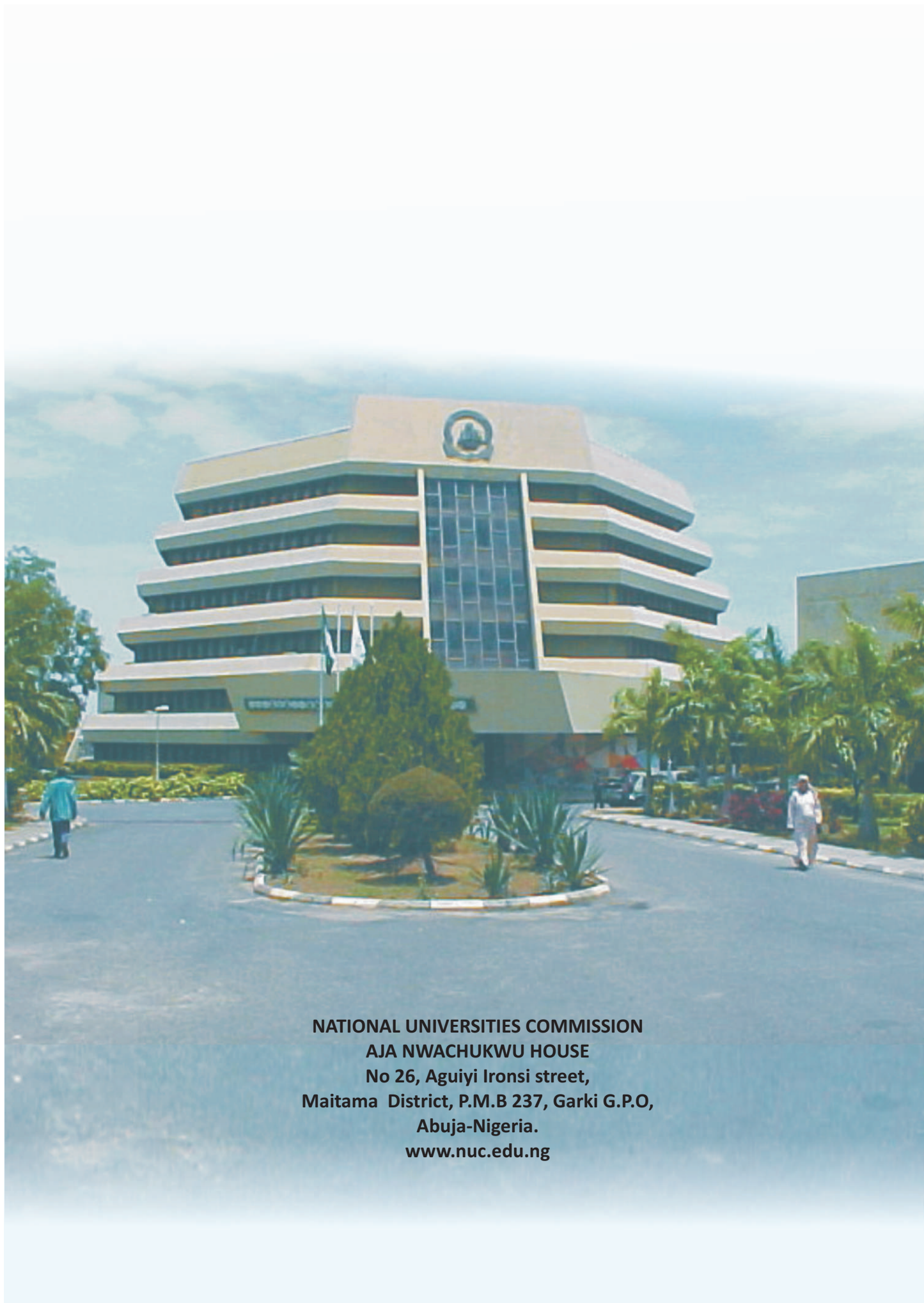
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