

Unimaid @ 40; Intensify Research to Halt Shrinking Lake Chad

– President Buhari at Convocation.

The Visitor to the University of Maiduguri (Unimaid) and President Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR has charged the University which held its 22nd combined convocation and 40th Anniversary celebrations last Saturday April 16th, 2016 to intensify research into positive ways of dealing with the consequences of shrinking of the Lake Chad Basin and its associated aquifers.

In the Visitor's address at the convocation ceremony, read by his representative, the Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, the President said that, although, part of the Lake Chad Basin was strategically located in Borno State, its current state of decline was of utmost concern to member Countries of the Lake Chad Basin



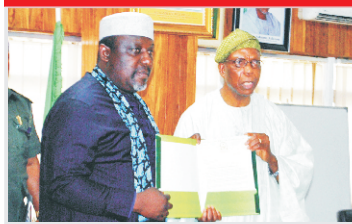
Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Commission (LCBC), which comprised Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Algeria. Other member Countries are Liberia, Congo, Sudan and the

Central African Republic.

According to Mr. President, Statistics and satellite imaging had shown that the lake had receded to

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Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Okojie delivering the President's address

less than 20 percent of its original size. "Since 1963, the surface area of lake Chad has decreased from approximately 25,000 square kilometers to 1,500 square kilometers". He identified desertification, wrong irrigation, damming practices and climate change as mostly blamed for the problem, adding that many people were dependent on the disappearing waters and forest resources and that the age-old fishing tradition of the surrounding regions had all but disappeared, thus food supply, livelihoods and indeed the security of Millions of people are threatened.

The Visitor said research had shown that clear correlations between poor nutrition, poverty, ill-health, and insecurity of lives and property were due in part to high competition for scarce resources and that Nigeria could not afford more unrest especially in the face of insurgency and other threats to lives and economy. He further tasked the University to show great interest through relevant research in the Nigeria's search for oil in the Chad Basin, maintaining that "regardless of the

declines in oil revenues, we must sustain the efforts in prospecting for oil especially in the Chad Basin.

The President advised the University to take advantages of its geographical location in the heartland of the Kanem Borno empire which existed in modern Nigeria and Chad and at its peak encompassed an area covering Chad, Southern Libya, Eastern Niger and Northern Cameroon, by building cooperation with Nigeria's

neighbours and advancing in practical terms true brotherhood and sisterhood. "the primary beneficiary of the vision of cooperation with these Countries would be Maiduguri, hence the need for the University of Maiduguri to make itself highly relevant and central to its immediate environment".

He gave some of the key areas where these collaborations were most

required to include National security and diversification of the economy and maintained that these were his administration's top priority following the activities of insurgents and steep declines in crude oil revenues.

President Buhari particularly commended the resilience of the Borno State Government and all States of the North East geographical zone and their people as well as the Universities, particularly the University of Maiduguri in coping with daily life and continuing academic activities in the face of very serious security threats. "My administration



Oba (Dr.) Lamidi O. Adeyemi
Chancellor/Alafin of Oyo



Lawan Bukar Marguba
Pro-Chancellor, UniMaid

appreciates and commends the Council, Management, Staff and Students of the University of Maiduguri for sustaining the momentum during a very trying period.

He noted the efforts of the State governments and the Universities, especially the University of Maiduguri in the zone towards the rehabilitation of those displaced by the insurgency and said that the Federal Government would encourage the University to lead in research to unravel the genesis of the insurgency and advance

practical solutions to the problem and "develop academic programmes around these challenges"

Speaking on the innovations in the Nigerian University System (NUS), President Buhari said that the Federal Government had over the years tried severally to leverage technology to assist teaching, learning and research activities in Universities, adding that the efforts were now being enhanced through the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN), domiciled at

the National Universities Commission Secretariat, which currently provides some Universities with the capacity for virtual literature, collaboration and exchange of information with their counterparts in Nigeria and all over the world. He said that the NgREN also provided dedicated leased lines between these institutions, internet bandwidth, IP telephony platform, video conferencing, service, repositories set-up, BGP peering, E-journals and e-books, network security services and many other additional service, like domain name services and hosting of websites. "consequently the NUC has recommended that these facilities be provided in the University of Maiduguri ATBU, Bauchi provided in the first - distance".

Congratulating the University on its 40th anniversary, President Buhari noted that the University had been blessed with many intellectual giants and paid tributes to some of the pioneer Staff of the University including, Umaru Shehu, distinguished Professor of Medicine and one time Vice



L-R: Prof. Okojie; Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Marguba and Vice-Chancellor, UniMaid, Prof. Ibrahim A. Njodi



L-R: The Deputy Governors of Adamawa, Engr. Martin Babakar; Kano, Prof. Abubakar Hafiz and Borno States, Alh. Usman Durkwa, Yobe Abubakar Ali, Prof. Njodi, Prof. Okojie, Oba Adeyemi, Governors Kashim Shettima of Borno and Sani Bello of Niger State and the Pro-Chancellor Mr. Marguba

Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Jibril Aminu, distinguished Professor of cardiology, Diplomat and former Minister of Petroleum and former Executive Secretary of NUC, who also served as VC, UniMaid, in its early days.

Earlier on Friday, the President formally installed the new Chancellor of the University, His Imperial Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Lamidi Olayiwola Adeyemi 111, JP, CFR, LLD, the Alafin of Oyo as the 5th Chancellor of the University of Maiduguri and said that coming from a dynasty of visionary leaders of the ancient Oyo empire, it was his conviction that his experience and that of his forefathers would served him well in ensuring that the University of Maiduguri attained enviable heights. The Visitor later commissioned a new hostel block built from the University's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). He also congratulated the Honorary Degree recipients.

The Vice Chancellor, in his address, explained that as a result of the remarkable improvement in

the security situation in the state that the University was holding its 22nd Combined Convocation. He said: "It is gratifying to note that the University will be graduating five sets of students for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 academic sessions, from 12 Colleges and Faculties; Distance Learning Centre (DLC) and 23 Affiliate Colleges. The summary showed that 3,623 students graduated from the School of Postgraduate Studies,

out of which 192 received Doctorate Degree; 1,498 Master's and 2,133 Postgraduate Diplomas. In the undergraduate category, a total of 37,259 students received various degrees. Out of this number, 32,869 were regular students, 841 from Affiliate Colleges and 3,549 from its Distance Learning Programme. Also, 172 graduands obtained First Class Degrees. 362 received certificates while 6,926 received Diplomas from the Consultancy Services of the University. He revealed that a total of 101,541



L-R: Prof. Okojie, Oba (Dr.) Adeyemi and the Emir of Kano, Alh. Sanusi Lamido, II



The Chief of Army Staff Major Gen. Tukur Buratai with Prof. Okojie

graduates had passed through the University since its establishment 40 years ago.

Professor Ibrahim A. Njodi said that Honorary Degrees were conferred on three eminent persons namely late General Murtala Mohammed, former Head of State, Federal Republic of Nigeria, who was conferred with a posthumous Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa), Professor Russell G. Schuh, a renowned Linguist from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) and Mai Martaba Muhammadu Sanusi, II, Emir of Kano, Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa). He said that the decision of the University Senate to confer the eminent personalities the honorary degrees was in recognition of their intellectual excellence, leadership qualities, exemplary character, and enduring contribution to national and international development and acclaimed commitment to improving quality of life in the society.

The Vice Chancellor also said that within the period under review, the

University established new centers, linkages and outreach initiatives, in addition to the establishment of a Campus Radio and the organisation of an International Conference on the Boko Haram insurgency. He thanked the Executive Secretary of NUC for the Commission's waiver of N40 Million (Forty Million Naira) annual subscription fees of the University to the NgREN platform.

The host Governor, His Excellency, Kashim Shetima, congratulated the Management, staff and students for standing firm despite all odds and for refusing to be intimidated throughout the years of Insurgency. He thanked the University for the opportunities offered him to become an Agric-economist, a Banker, a Politician, a Governor and also for giving him a wife. He said that the Convocation was a sign that Borno was not all about Boko Haram and Insurgency. He felicitated with the University, extending the support of the people and Government of the State and pledged to construct a

network of roads in the Campus worth about N250 Million.

Niger State Governor, Barr. Abubakar Sani Bello, himself an Alumnus, said that education particularly at tertiary level was pivotal to the economic development of any country. He said that the Convocation was a mark of the University's contribution to national development and urged the students to bring to bear the problem-solving skills they acquired in their various fields of endeavors.

The Chancellor, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Dr. Lamidi O. Adeyemi, III, the Alafin of Oyo, explained that since inception, UniMaid had built a reputation for itself as one of the most peaceful University in the country. He noted that despite the insurgency in the North East, the University had remained opened and working towards meeting the objectives for which it was set up. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his Management for rising to the challenges confronting the University and for taking bold initiatives, even in the face of limited resources to sustain its operations, thereby ensuring quality and standards. He charged the graduands be worthy Ambassadors of the University.

Responding on behalf of the honorary degree recipients, the Emir of Kano, Sanusi Lamido, II, commended the people of Borno for refusing to be defeated by the Boko Haram. He said that their tenacity and courage had earned them respect of the World, for conducting the business of teaching and learning even within the period of insurgency.

At the Convocation were Deputy Governors of Adamawa, Yobe, Kano and Borno States, past and serving Ministers including the Honourable Minister of State for Works, Land and Housing, Mustafa B. Shahori; Members of the National Assembly, including the

Speaker, House of Representatives Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara and Hon. Usman Fagge. Others were wife of the Executive Governor of Borno State, Nana Shetima, members of the Borno State Executive Councils, top

politicians, and members of the academia, friends of the university, parents and guardians of the graduands.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, was accompanied by the Director,



A cross Section of First Degree Graduands



Some PG Graduands

Professor Munzali Lists Remedies for Corruption, Bad Governance and Insurgency



Profs. Munzali Jibril and Julius Okojie

The former Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Munzali Jibril, OFR, has listed remedies for Corruption, Bad Governance and Insurgency to include the removal of immunity clause from the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria through an amendment of Section 308 and Conversion of the Sagay Advisory Committee Against Corruption into a powerful Anti-Corruption Commission through an executive bill.

Delivering the 22nd Combined Convocation Lecture of the University of Maiduguri, held on Friday 15 April, 2016 with a theme Nigeria: Corruption, Bad Governance and Insecurity", Professor Munzali said that the functions of such Commission should include coordinating the fight against corruption, as well as the establishment of a strong and

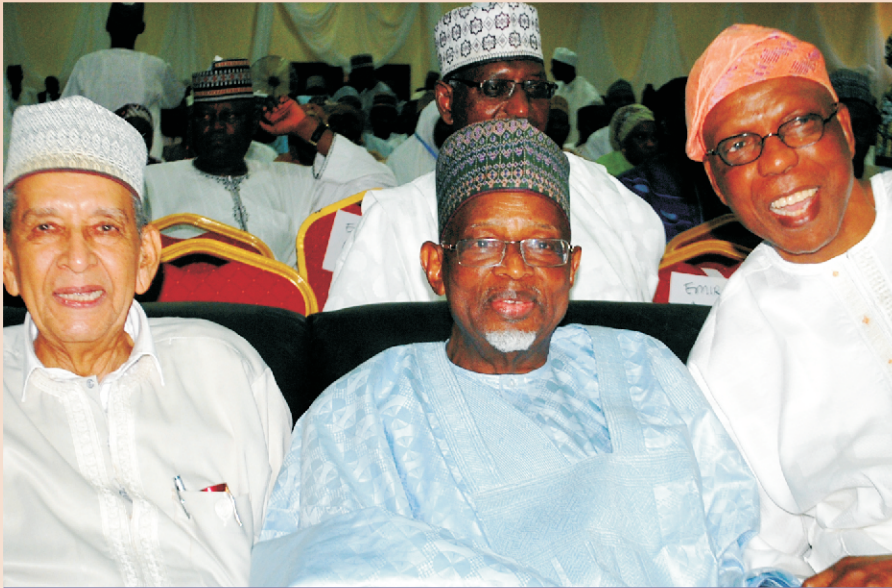
effective system for the detection, exposure and punishment of corruption.

The former NUC Scribe stated that the required leadership to confront and fight corruption which was lacking before had now been brought forth at the centre by the last elections. He explained that, for the Government to achieve this, there must be support from all and sundry, to bring about the desired change in attitudes, processes and procedures and to build institutions that are strong enough to withstand attempts that may be made by future dictators who might want to return the nation to the status quo ante.

Professor Munzali observed that, on the political front, the Nigerian people had taken an important step towards ensuring that henceforth elections are free, fair, credible and acceptable, adding that there

was need for improvement on the achievements recorded by Professor Attahiru Jega-led INEC. He noted that one of the fall outs of that election ought to be the restoration of internal democracy within political parties and the elimination of god-fatherism and the misuse of incumbency to cling to power.

On the nation's economy, Professor Munzali advised that there was need for the Federal Government to either ban imports of goods which the country could produce or tax them so highly that it won't make economic sense for any consumer who earns his money legitimately to buy them, adding that the Government should take all measures to protect its local textile and other industries against cheap Chinese and other imports and smuggled goods. "We must also diversify our economy away from dependence on a single



Profs. Umaru Shehu, Jibril Aminu and Julius Okojie

commodity, oil. We should develop our human capital, the solid minerals sector and the manufacturing and services sectors. We must build and rebuild infrastructure such as roads, railway lines, power plants as no development can take place without an efficient infrastructure," he added.

The Convocation lecturer called on the Governments at all levels to restore accountability in the polity,

smoke out impunity and banish it from the land, stressing that the role of the Civil Service as the custodian of government property and the protector of public funds and other resources against vampire political office holders must also be restored. He added that the Government should maintain a balanced ratio of 60:40 within the recurrent budget between personnel emoluments and overhead so as to ensure that employees do have the tools and

materials that would aid them discharge their duties in order to justify their pay.

Professor Munzali further advised that the legislators should revert to part-time status and that this should be reflected in their remuneration packages. He stated that the national budget should be restructured so that 75% of it is spent on capital expenditure while only 25% is spent on recurrent expenditure, saying that this was, however, possible as the immediate past Governor of Kano State, Engr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso was able to achieve the same feat in 2013 and 2014 and without having a deficit or borrowing a kobo to finance the budget.

The former NUC Scribe also called for the removal of the police, EFCC, ICPC and the Public Prosecutor's Office from the control of the executive branch and conferring on them operational autonomy with accountability to a re-invigorated National Assembly. He said that



Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Abubakar Hafiz, Mal. Ibrahim Yakasai, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Dr. Rukayat Gurin

Government should ensure that corruption became a risky and unprofitable business by making the probability of detention and punishment high. He called for aggressive and well-coordinated poverty reduction, employment creation and wealth –creation policies which would create more national wealth through higher productivity and re-distribute it so that the inequality gulf could be considerably narrowed.

The Convocation lecturer called for repatriation of Nigerian looted funds from foreign countries (estimated to be in the region of \$100 billion) which should be used to improve infrastructure nationally and also create

employment for the citizenry. He added that the repatriation of the funds should be preceded by a thorough but discreet investigation into what each government official had in his or her foreign account, how they acquired it, among other things, after which they would be confronted with the evidence and be given the choice to surrender the money quietly, in return for protection from public exposure, or risk a full-scale prosecution in the courts.

He called for enforcement of sanctions against those found guilty of corruption, which should include the seizure of their loot and appropriate additional

punishment, such as imprisonment.

Professor Munzali also called for further deregulation, reform and transparent privatisation of key sectors of the economy in order to reduce opportunities for public sector corruption. He said that "President Buhari has his job cut out for him in the next three years, and that is, to carry out far-reaching reforms such as those outlined above, to put Nigeria back on track towards rapid socio-economic and infrastructural development. Even if this is all he achieves in four years that would earn him a place of pride among builders of modern Nigeria".



A cross section of guests at the Convocation Lecture



Other guests

Eastern Palm Varsity Receives Certificate of Recognition



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie, presenting the Letter of Recognition of the Eastern Palm University, Ogboko, to the Imo State Governor, Owelle Rochas Okorocha,

The Eastern Palm University, Ogboko, Imo State, has been issued a certificate of recognition by the National Universities Commission (NUC), as the 42nd State University and 143rd University in Nigeria. Presenting the Certificate to the Governor of Imo State, His Excellency, Chief Rochas Okorocha, on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius A Okojie, *OON*, called for a Marshall Plan for the Nigeria Education System in search of a holistic solution to the challenges of the education sector as it was an important sector upon which the development of the country depended.

The Executive Secretary argued that Nigerian graduates and the Nigerian academics were globally competitive, as demonstrated by the scholars of the Presidential Special Scholarship for Innovation and Development (PRESSID) and the 10 Nigerian Universities that emerged as Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) out of the 22 African Centres, from the West and Central African regions. He maintained that Nigerian graduates were employable, that they had prospects and that job experience was acquired over time.

He said that quality education did not come cheap as people had to pay to acquire it. In his words “If

you want good education, you pay for it; if the Government says it is providing free education, it must make money available to universities.” He submitted that it was unpatriotic for Nigerians to berate graduates from the system as unemployable.

Professor Okojie advised the new university to run programmes that are relevant to its immediate environment as universities had the responsibility of meeting local and national needs. He enjoined the University to start small and to stick to the take-off Faculties so as to enable it grow gradually, noting that the first 10 years of any university could be very precarious. He admonished the



Prof. Okojie making his remarks

Governor to ensure that the University's Principal Officers are men and women of integrity who would nurture the University and to also follow due process in their appointment. He advised him to pay regular visits to the Institution to monitor its progress. The NUC Scribe observed that in developed countries, major facilities were donated by industries to universities to aid research. He gave the example of Toyota, which provided 200 vehicles to a community college in Arizona, USA for practicals. He, therefore, advocated the creation of an enabling environment in the country for industries to thrive as that would promote synergy between academic institutions and the industrial sector.

Responding to Governor Okorocha's observation that Nigeria had no Ivy League institution, the Executive Secretary said that the Ivy League universities in the United States of America, evolved overtime and had stuck to their traditions. He explained that the parameters used in ranking universities in the world favoured institutions in the

developed countries as they had matured over time, with some founded more than 500 years ago. He explained that before a second university was approved for any State with an existing one, such a State must show evidence of adequate funding of the existing one. This has become a precondition for obtaining approval from NUC.

He observed that access to education was still a challenge and that State universities were the most challenged due to quick political succession and undue

interference from the Governors. He warned that as a penalty, the Commission would not visit any university without a proper governance structure.

Receiving the Letter of Recognition, Governor Okorocha said that the Imo State House of Assembly had also given a legal backing to the University. He disclosed that the plan to establish the University started about 12 years ago, first as Rochas Foundation University, but then later as Eastern Palm University, in order to meet the educational needs of the State. He revealed that the State recorded the highest number of applications in the 2016 Universities Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), underscoring the need for more universities in the State. He called for the classification of universities in the country, saying that universities should be known for specific areas of specialisation.

Governor Rochas commended the efforts of the Executive Secretary and the NUC at repositioning the Nigerian University System



Governor Okorocha, addressing the Press after receiving the Letter of Recognition of the new University



L-R: Member, Federal House of Representatives from Ogboko Constituency, Hon. Chike Okafor; Prof. Okojie, Gov. Okorocha and Hon. Austine Chukwuma

(NUS). He described Professor Okojie's welcome address as "thought-provoking" and submitted that it would be necessary for the Executive Secretary to address a meeting of the Nigerian Governors' Forum in order to share his thoughts on how best to run the system. He called for the establishment of more specialised universities that would address the basic needs of

the people.

The Governor expressed displeasure that whereas Nigerian public universities demanded autonomy they continued to rely on Government for funding. He noted that Government alone could not bear the cost of education, considering the economic down-turn. He, therefore, called on the universities to be more innovative

in generating funds to run their affairs. He added that the new University planned to be among the best in Nigeria.

In the Governor's team were the Vice-Chancellor of the new University, Professor Chima Iwuchukwu, some members of the Federal House of Representatives, including Hon. Chike Okafor and Hon. Austin Chukwuma. Others were Barr. Teddy Akwari, Hon.



L-R: Rochas Okorocha Jnr., Barr. Teddy Akwari; Hon. Mrs. Nma Nzeribe, Dr. Godfrey Bawa Shitte, Hon. Okafor, Hon. Chukwuma and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chima Iwuchukwu

Minister Directs Varsities to Connect to NgREN

... Commends NUC for Leadership in Resource Sharing



Honourable Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwukah, presenting the Minister's Address

NgREN. The Workshop, facilitated by the NgREN, is aimed at sensitising Nigerian universities on access and usage of e-Book Academic Collection.

The Minister, represented by the Honourable Minister of State, Professor Anthony Anwukah, expressed delight that the NUC was leading the way in supporting the Nigerian University System (NUS) towards becoming a world-class system, not only in facilities and teachers, but also in information resources. He stressed that, with the revealing experience of what the NgREN could do when he visited the Commission on 1 March, 2016, there was no reason for universities to independently pay for services like bandwidth or electronic journals subscriptions when those services are available

The Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, has directed tertiary institutions in Nigeria, especially the federal universities, to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) and connect to the platform.

higher costs when a cheaper alternative was available, through consortium and economies of large scale, provided by the

Declaring open a One-Day Workshop on EBSCOHOST Electronic Content, organised by the National Universities Commission (NUC), in collaboration with EBSCO, South Africa, held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC, Abuja, on Tuesday, 12 April, 2016, the Minister stated that the Federal Government would no longer condone a situation whereby institutions collect money and individually incur



Senator Binta Masi Garba
Chairman, Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund



Prof. Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC,

on the platform. He, therefore, charged the Commission to commence the process of identification of other sources of information and facilitate availability to the NUS.

In striving to achieve this, the HME said that the Federal Government was aware of the challenges of funding and other resources, advising the NUC to work closely with key agencies such as the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to ensure the sustenance of an excellent information base for Nigerian tertiary institutions. He added that the NUC should explore partnerships with other agencies, promising that, where necessary, the Ministry would readily support it in the implementation of such partnerships. He expressed satisfaction that another value was being added to the NgREN, with the provision of electronic books and journals, using EBSCOhost, which would offer additional access to researchers.

While urging the nation's universities to continue to take advantage of facilities at their

disposal and to make appropriate use of such to enhance quality, Malam Adamu called on them to imbibe the principles of fiscal responsibility and value for money, by keying into the success stories recorded with the NgREN. He identified the NUS as a critical component in the Buhari-administration's determination to leave a legacy of highly skilled manpower that could support social and economic development of the nation.

In his welcome remarks, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, observed that three resource persons from EBSCO were invited to train the participants,

but that they could not physically make it due to the challenges of visa procurement. He, however, expressed delight that the NgREN platform was able to tackle the same issue by allowing the speakers to interact with the participants, through video-conferencing. He noted that the present stage of the NgREN provided opportunities for end-users to have access to e-Books, e-Journals, video and tele-conferencing, stressing that universities needed to subscribe to the network to enable them enjoy cheap bandwidths as the present situation whereby they subscribed individually to private providers was unduly expensive.

Professor Okojie recalled that between 2001 and 2005, Nigerian universities with the support of the Open Society Initiative had access to EBSCO resources, which expired and got revived at a point, with support from TETFund and lasted until 2009/2010, when there was no further subscription. He expressed the hope that with EBSCO giving a trial access to the NUC, which was currently available on the NgREN, the good days had returned to the NUS, especially with the agreement with EBSCO to allow the universities have a six-month free



Prof. Anwukah (7th left), Sen. Masi, Prof. Okojie (5th left) with some NUC Directors and Vice Chancellors of participating Universities



Vice President, EBSCOhost, Colleen Mills, speaking to participants via the NgREN platform

Education as well as the Executive Secretary and his Management team for their support, stressing that NgREN was expected to provide a platform for an excellent collaboration that would enhance the use of world-class resources for teaching and learning in the NUS.

In an online presentation, on “eBooks-What EBSCO has to offer and Considerations for Universities”, the Vice-President, Colleen Mills, said that EBSCO had its presence in Nigeria since the year 2000, but that due to changes in the environment, Nigerian universities had not been able to maintain their subscriptions to the platform. She noted that the stakeholders would receive information on the web content available in EBSCOhost, the way it worked as well as the new technology at the site.

The EBSCO Vice-President stated that the platform could provide access to eBooks and Journals, including animated pictures that stimulated research and were hugely available to anyone, anywhere. “It also makes

trial to full texts of e-Books and e-Journals.

The Executive Secretary stated that the NgREN was a key driver in the transformation of information and its availability in the universities, adding that with the central role of libraries in education and innovation, it offered opportunities for them to be in a better position to generate, organise and disseminate relevant information to their communities. He listed the objectives of the Workshop, among others, as including: the sensitisation and training of participants on the use of the EBSCO eBook Academic Collection and alert the universities on the advantages and features of the platform, include the new EBSCO discovery service. He said that one of the advantages of EBSCO eBook and e-Journals was the fact that the resources were current and cheap to reprint through the platform.

In a goodwill message, the Chairman, Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Sen. Binta Masi Garba, remarked that the NgREN, with its

potentials, would serve as a middleman between EBSCO resources and the universities. She enjoined the institutions to make adequate use of the resources for research purposes. While expressing satisfaction that the e-learning resources were being upgraded in her time as Chairman of the Committee, Senator Garba said that her desire was to see that capital flight currently experienced in the country was reversed, with the repositioning of education.

In a vote of thanks, the NUC Project Coordinator, Dr. Joshua



Special Assistant to HMSE, Prof. Godswill Obioma; Profs. Okojie and Anwukah, NUC Project Coordinator, Dr. Joshua Atah; Vice Chancellor, IBB University, Lapai, Prof. Maiturare and Acting Vice Chancellor Adamawa State University, Mubi, Dr. Moses Dzarwa (front row) and other participants at the workshop

to its clients and negotiates with individual universities on specific needs.”

Other online presentations at the

Workshop included: 'EBSCOhost Databases-Options for Nigerian Universities', 'Plum Analytics and how Alternative Metrics can assist Universities', 'Print books

and online books-Solutions EBSCO can provide through YBP', 'IEEE and other Publishers as well as practical Session on How to Find Books' and 'Articles



Prof. Okojie presenting the NgREN Commemorative plaque to Prof. Anwukah (right)

on EBSCOhost'.

Participants at the workshop were drawn from federal, state and private universities, with some Vice-Chancellors present, including those of Ibrahim

Badamasi Babangida (IBB) University, Lapai, Niger State, Professor Nasir Maiturari and Acting Vice-Chancellor, Adamawa State University, Mubi, Dr. Moses Zaruwa.

Also at the Workshop were members of the NUC Management and other staff of the Commission.



Participants in a Group Photograph with HMSE; Prof. Anwukah (5th right), Senator Masi (6th right) and Prof. Okojie, (7th right)

CIPMN Seeks Review of Human Resource Progs.



ES NUC, Prof. Okojie and CIPMN Acting Registrar/CEO, Mr. Charles Ugwu

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPMN), on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, solicited for a review of Human Resource programme for students of universities in the country to enable them undertake the academic and professional training courses simultaneously and earn dual certification upon graduation. The institute also requested for partnership in the areas of accreditation of the programmes and regulation of Human Resource practice for university academics willing to engage in professional practice. The Acting Registrar and CEO and Director, Professional Development of CIPMN, Dr. Charles Ugwu, made these statements when he led a delegation on a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OOB*, in his office.

Dr. Ugwu said that CIPMN would be 50 years, by March, 2017, and was established by Act 58 of 2001,

with the mandate to define standards and regulate practice. The body, he said, had been able to increase the number of its professionals to over 2,000 and was now issuing licences to Human Resource Practitioners which ensured the holders' currency in Human Resource practice and principles. He noted that one of the Institute's strategic objectives was Advocacy, in the form of institutional collaboration, having felt the impulse of the needs of the industry, as it was seeking with the NUC, through curriculum integration of both CIPMN and the academic programmes of universities.

The Director noted that this partnership had already been opened up with Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which guaranteed dual certification (academic and professional certification), with the

professional certification helping to bridge the gap "between town and gown." He said that the Professional graduates were not only academically sound, but also readily employable and with competitive advantages over others.

Dr. Ugwu disclosed that CIPMN was also relating with the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), to beef up the curriculum contents of the nation's polytechnics. He stressed that its incorporation would add value to the curricula of the universities, polytechnics and colleges of education, adding that the course would address all the fields and strata of activities associated with Human Resource practice.

Welcoming the delegation, Professor Okojie briefed them on the roles, functions and responsibilities of the NUC that bothered on the orderly development of university education and quality assurance in



L-R: Council Chairman, Abuja Branch, CIPMN, Barr. Aminu Ogaji; Prof. Okojie, Director Membership Development, Mrs. Toyin Ojudun; Mr. Ugwu and NUC Deputy Director, Training and Development Mr. S. B Essien

the Nigerian University System (NUS). He explained that Act 2004, of NUC, empowered it to establish private universities and to prescribe Minimum Academic Standards for programmes to guarantee access and standards in the system.

The Executive Secretary told the delegation that NUC was open to collaboration with professional bodies such as CIPMN, which would help it achieve its mandate. He stated that the challenge with professional bodies was their proliferations and the fact that some of them had mandates that usually overlapped with those of the Commission. He acknowledged that the terms of reference for collaboration with CIPMN were well-defined, streamlined and well-intentioned and could enrich the regulatory activities of NUC. He said that this was unlike some other bodies whose activities were overbearing, and which had quality assurance challenges within their own membership. Professor Okojie informed the professional body that the Commission was working towards ensuring that universities

took ownership of the accreditation process by engaging in self-quality assurance evaluation, such that the NUC would only perform monitoring oversight. This was the crux of his paper on the restructuring of accreditation exercises in the NUS at the Convocation Lecture of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

Concerning the mission of CIPMN, Professor Okojie said that the NUC was willing to partner with the institute since the whole idea was to enhance the training of quality graduates in

the universities. In its contribution, the NUC Management collectively agreed that the model of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria and the Council of Legal Education provided a good basis for a working relationship with the CIPMN. The model guarantees that students take some of the professional courses simultaneously, as in the proposal of the CIPMN, with their academic courses and would write few other professional courses on graduation, so as to qualify to practice.

At the end of the interaction, the NUC Directors of Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Saliu, were nominated by the Management to further explore the terms of the collaboration with CIPMN.

Also in the delegation were CIPMN's Director, Membership Development, Mrs. Toyin Ojudun; Council Chairman, Abuja Branch, Barr. Aminu Ogaji, and the NUC Deputy Director, Discipline, who is a member, Mr. S.B Essien.



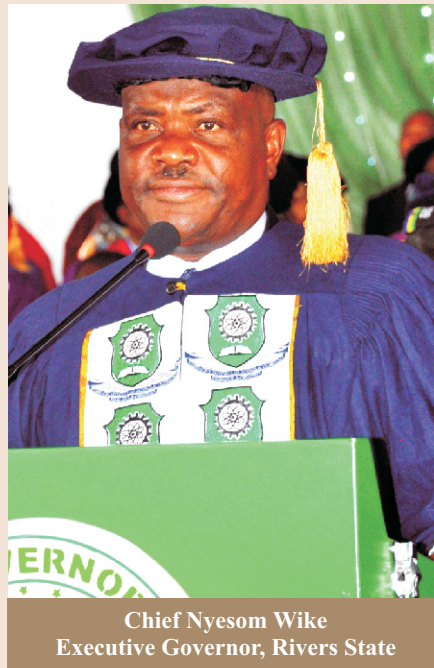
Prof. Okojie with some NUC Directors and the delegation

NUC Pledges Support for State Varsities

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OON*, has reiterated the Commission's preparedness to support State Governors in their quest to achieve qualitative tertiary education in their States. He gave the assurance at the 28th Convocation Ceremony of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology RSUST, Nkpolu, Rivers State. Professor Okojie said that the Commission would continue to support State Governments in their efforts to raise the bar in qualitative university education.

The Executive Secretary, who was represented by the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo and Visiting Professor to NUC, Akaneren Essien, called on State Governments to increase the funding of their Universities in the areas of Research and Development as these would not only improve the socio-economic fortunes of the states, but also ensure the overall development of the country. He also advised public universities in the country to maximise the opportunities provided by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)'s research intervention funds to carry out ground-breaking research.

Professor Okojie charged the State Universities to serve as a think-tank for Government by evolving workable strategies for economic diversification,



especially in the area of Agriculture, as an alternative to Oil. He said that the Commission would continue to play its statutory role of regulating Nigerian universities for the overall development of the country and commended the University for living up to expectation as the first University of Science and Technology in Nigeria.

In his address, the Visitor to the University and Governor of Rivers State, Chief Nyesom Wike, congratulated the University's Governing Council, Management, staff and students for their great achievements. He assured the graduands that, despite the economic challenges in the country, his administration would continue to create ample opportunities for them to be gainfully employed.

The Governor said that the development of the University was on his administration's priority list and promised to continue to support the University to achieve its mandate for the overall development of the State. In his words, "I want to assure you that we shall not fail in our commitment to support the University to maintain and grow its facilities, attract and retain quality staff and facilities, and provide a world-class educational experience for our students. We are paying and will continue to pay salaries regularly, in spite of the financial challenges the State is facing; we have approved the reconstruction of the Faculties of Management Sciences and Environmental Sciences buildings, which were abandoned. I am quite familiar with your challenges." He challenged RSUST to put the necessary facilities in place to ensure that its programmes earned full accreditation.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Hon. Justice Iche N, Ndu (Rtd.) expressed gratitude to Governor Wike for his support to the University since the inauguration of the Council on Wednesday 11th November, 2015, which had distinguished him as an 'Education Friendly Governor.' He stressed that the Institution had made tremendous achievements in the short period of his administration due to the timely release of funds that

enabled it prepare adequately for the accreditation of 17 of its programmes by the NUC. He assured the State Government that appropriate steps would be taken to remedy the staffing deficiencies identified by the Commission in five of the Institution's programmes.

The Pro-Chancellor commended the distinguished Lecturer and renowned scholar, Professor Willie Okowa, for accepting to deliver the Convocation Lecture and for his enviable achievements and impact in the development of Science and Technology in Nigeria. He noted that despite the University's remarkable achievements in the time past, there was the need to review the provisions of its Statutes and Laws

No.7 of 1980, to enable it pursue the new vision of the University. Professor Okowa congratulated the graduands on their well-deserved successes saying that they had worked hard and tirelessly in the past few years to win the coveted academic trophies, during which, he said, RSUST had given them the capacity to be creative and innovative for the glory of, not only the State, but the nation as a whole.

Giving a breakdown of graduands, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Blessing Chimezie Didia, revealed that a total of 5,067 graduated in various degrees, out of which four made First Class Honours. She commended the State Governor for reinstating all the disengaged

staff of the Institution and for approving over N700 million (Seven Hundred Million Naira) to clear the accumulated remunerations for three years. She observed that the intervention of the Governor, upon assumption of office, laid to rest the protracted industrial crisis that had engulfed the Institution.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor said that University was making good progress with the establishment of the College of Medical Sciences, which would soon be completed; resumption of work at the Faculties of Management Science and Environmental Science and the completion of the Faculty of Law building. While congratulating the graduands, she advised them to be good ambassadors of the University.



L-R: Representative of the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Akaneren Essien; Hon. Commissioner of Education, Rivers State, Prof. Kainye Ebeku and Vice-Chancellor, RSUST, Prof. Blessing Chimezie Didia

Photo Gallery



Prof. Okojie with Gov. Okorocha, during the visit to NgREN



Gov. Okorocha, receiving the NgREN Plaque from Prof. Okojie



Gov. Okorocha, with Prof. Okojie, listening to the briefing on the NgREN by the NUC, DD, ICT Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah



Gov. Okorocha, with Prof. Okojie, in a group photograph with some NUC Directors and his entourage



Prof. Okojie, Anwukah and Sen. Masi, in a relaxed mood during the NUC/EBSCOhost Workshop



Some other participants at the NUC/EBSCOhost Workshop

Photo Gallery



Prof. Okojie addressing the Babcock University delegation during their visit to the commission



Prof. Okojie in group photograph with the Babcock University delegation and some members of the NUC Management



Director, Protocol and Special Duties (DPSD), Mr. Chris Maiyaki, with Heads of Divisions and Units of the Department, addressing the staff at a meeting.



The Staff of DPSD, during the meeting with the Director



Prof. Okojie with the Director, Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha appreciating the gift from the leader of the out-going Batch A Corp members, Mr. Emmanuel Akinola



Prof. Okojie with the out-going Batch A Corp Members, who paid him a 'Thank You' visit

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



PRESS RELEASE

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

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

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

Prof. Okojie, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary 1, Professor Chiedu Mafiana, had explained that the new curriculum provides for a seamless seven-year programme. With the new curriculum, a Medical student would be expected to graduate in Basic Medical Sciences, with options in Anatomy, Medical Biochemistry and Physiology in the first four years, before proceeding for the clinical training that would run for three years.

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

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

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

Clinical Skills Laboratory.

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

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

Classroom Equipment

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

E-learning materials and Research Information Platforms

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

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

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

**Signed:
Management**



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACCUSES NUC OF TAKING BRIBES

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to the publication in the Punch Newspaper of Tuesday, 1 March, 2016 titled "Academy of Science accuses NUC of taking bribes".

The Commission decided to address this issue via this medium because the publication is already in the public domain which makes it imperative to clear the air on some of the issues raised, by no less a person than a professor who is the President of the Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) and a one-time Vice-Chancellor, who had hosted several Accreditation Panels and ought to know better.

It is important to state that Professor Oyewale Tomori, while delivering the Convocation lecture at the University of Abuja attempted to bring to disrepute the National Universities Commission and its accreditation system. It is pertinent to state that a good number of the accreditation assessors of programmes in the Science discipline in Nigerian Universities on which, he is casting aspersions, are members or potential members of the Academy.

For the avoidance of doubt, the NUC has a track record of Quality Assurance that stands out nationally and internationally. The Commission, from time to time, has been commended by different bodies on its accreditation procedure and overall Quality Assurance function. The NUC accreditation system has been understudied and replicated by other similar Quality Assurance agencies on the continent; and the Commission has also been invited at different times to facilitate the establishment of Quality Assurance agencies in countries without one. Currently, the Commission chairs the African Quality Assurance Network.

The Commission takes exception to the accusation of the NAS President that NUC officials collect brown envelopes during accreditation exercises. Even though the NAS President was quoted in the publication as having said that NUC alludes to the fact that those who give and take the envelopes are Professors, and that the NUC forgets that the results bear "NUC's accreditation", the fact still remains that accreditation is a peer-review exercise amongst academics all over the world. The Professor should therefore be bold enough to address the issue, if any, with his professional colleagues rather than point accusing fingers at the Commission.

In order to ensure the integrity of NUC accreditation exercise, there exists a widely publicised Code of Conduct guiding the conduct of Accreditation Exercise among the Panel members which expressly directs Universities not to have any financial dealing with assessors as their DTA, return transportation and honorarium for job done are taken care of by NUC. All panel members are also required to declare the existence of conflict of interest before being assigned the task. It is not clear to us whether Prof Tomori was involved in giving or taking the "brown envelop" as a Professor and a former Vice-Chancellor which he had never brought to the attention of the Commission.

On the issue of curriculum, it is pertinent to note that the Commission consistently engages in the review of its BMAS to meet National Developmental Objectives and International Best Practices. If Professor Tomori is current on issues of curriculum, he ought to know that the most recent review was in the year 2015 which was based on Labour Market Expectation of Nigerian Graduates and is on the NUC website.

It is curious that the Professor accused NUC of doing government's bidding. It is on record that whereas NUC is a statutory agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria, there has never been any form of interference from any quarter with regard to the outcome of the Commission's accreditation exercise from 1990 to date.

As the president of NAS, Prof. Tomori is in a position to constructively engage with the Commission towards the overall improvement of university education especially in the Sciences.

The National Universities Commission will continue to promote quality delivery of university education in Nigeria. This is our mandate, and the Commission remains willing to collaborate with well-meaning Nigerians and others to achieve it.

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director, Information and Public Relations





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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 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
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7. Admission Letter (PhD Applicants)

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14. Biochemistry
15. Educational Psychology
16. Educational Planning and Administration
17. Philosophy of Education

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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.

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:

**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.

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:

- 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
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

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

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

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List of Approved Open Universities 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

Seven 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, Ogbomoshosho.

RE: UNESCO PRIZE FOR GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S EDUCATION

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received, through the Federal Ministry of Education, a UNESCO circular on the UNESCO PRIZE FOR GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S EDUCATION 2016 NOMINATION FORM.

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education rewards outstanding efforts of individuals, institutions other entities or non-governmental organisations engaged in activities in girls' and women's education. The Prize was established by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 197th session, and launched in 2016 with support by the People's Republic of China.

Nomination shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by non-governmental organizations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO but a self-nomination cannot be considered. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, inter alia:

- a. Description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- b. Summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted or under consideration;
- c. Definition of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

Interested applicants should download the application form from UNESCO's girls and women education website (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/women-and-girls-education>) and complete the form either in English or French.

Furthermore, the completed applications should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 20 April, 2016 with soft copies via email to mamaidoh@yahoo.com, or gender.ed@unesco.org for processing and transmission to UNESCO Paris:

Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender equality
Division for Inclusion, Peace and Sustainable Development
Education Sector
UNESCO
7, Place de Fontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP, France
Tel: +33 (0)145681173



RE: CALL FOR 2016 NOMINATIONS FOR THE UNESCO-JAPAN PRIZE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received, through the Federal Ministry of Education, a UNESCO circular on the UNESCO-JAPAN PRIZE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, (ESD).

The framework and aim of the Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD, the UNESCO-JAPAN Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is to honor individuals, institutions, organisation or other entities for outstanding projects or programmes in the field of ESD. The Prize was established by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 195th session, and officially announced at the UNESCO World Conference on ESD (10-12 November, 2014, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan). It consists of three annual awards of US \$50,000 for each recipient, and was awarded for the first time in November 2015.

Nomination can be made by Governments of UNESCO Member States via their Permanent Delegation to UNESCO and Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) in official partnership with UNESCO. Nomination must focus on a specific ESD project or programme of the nominee. Each Permanent Delegation or NGO can make up to three nominations from any edition of the Prize. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Selection Criteria

The three Prize winners will be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of recommendations made by the independent International Jury of the UNESCO-Japan Prize, consisting of five experts from all geographical regions. The project/programme of the nominee will be assessed by the Jury on the basis of the following criteria:

- a. Transformation: The Project/programme practices ESD as transformative education in support of sustainable development, leading to individual and social change.
- b. Integration: The project/programme addresses the three dimensions of sustainable development (society, economy, environment) in an integrated way.

Interested stakeholders are advised to forward their nominations, to the undersigned by email to: mamaidoh@yahoo.com on or before 15th April 2016, for processing and transmission to UNESCO.

More information can be found at: <https://en.unesco.org/prizes/nomination>.

RE: CALL FOR 2016 NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF ISESCO PRIZES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received, through the Federal Ministry of Education, a UNESCO circular, requesting for nominations for the 2016 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) prizes in Science and Technology.

These ISESCO prizes are awarded for works of outstanding socioeconomic significance in the fields of biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics and technology, undertaken by scientists and researchers in the member states who have made remarkable contributions in their research fields. Each ISESCO prize consists of an award of US\$5,000 and a certificate on which major contributions of the prize winner are mentioned.

Nominations are invited from Science Academies, National Research Councils, Universities and Science and

Technological Institutions in ISESCO Member-state. Each Member-state can nominate a minimum of two candidates in each field. The nomination should be accompanied by:

- Brief biography including major scientific/technical accomplishments
- Copies of 5 recent significant publications
- Complete list of publications
- Curriculum vitae
- Submission of one paper (in nominee's field of work) for publication in ISESCO Journal of Science and Technology, this paper should represent an original work, and has never been published.

Interested candidates should download the application form from the ISESCO website <http://www.icpsr.org.ma/?page=SciencePrizes> and complete the form.

Furthermore, the completed applications should be forwarded to the undersigned with soft copies via e-mail to mamaidoh@yahoo.com on or before 20th April, 2016 for processing and onward transmission to ISESCO Rabat:

ISECO Center for Promotion of Scientific Research (ICPSR)
Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO)
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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, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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



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

C. Private Universities

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

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed
Management



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, 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, Aliero	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007



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

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

Book Title: Nigeria Yesterday Today

Author: Godwin Sogolo

Publisher: Safari Books Ltd

Place of Publication: Ibadan

Year of Publication: 2012

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– Alan Bennett.

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., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
57	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
58	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
59	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
60	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
61	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015

List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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

Federal Universities :

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

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

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MANAGEMENT

Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in

relevant NUC departments

6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU
7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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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 University, 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

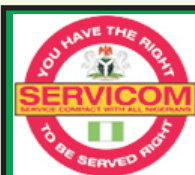
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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT
CHINYERE DYPNA EKECHUKWU	18 April	DSSS
CHRISTOPHER ONINYE IYEOBOR	18 April	DPP
KAYODE SUNDAY ODEDINA	19 April	DODE
FRIDAY EKECHUKWU OKERE	19 April	DPP
OLUWATOYIN MISITURAT		
OLUMODEJI	19 April	DPP
SOLOMON YOHANNA	20 April	DESO
PATRICK LAWRENCE EWAH	20 April	DODE
ESTHER UZOAMAKA		
OGBONNAYA-ORJI	21 April	DMSS
SHERIF-DEEN KUNLE ADEDEJI	21 April	DMSS
JUBRIL ABU MOMOH	21 April	DESO
RAMATU ACHIMUGU	21 April	DQA
CONSTANCE NKEMJIKA		
GODDY-NNADI	22 April	DESO
OGEEUPHRASIA OKAFOR	22 April	DQA
SA'ID ADAMU SA'ID	22 April	DFA
USMAN KAITAFI AHMED	22 April	DMSS
BELLO KUMO GIDADO	23 April	DAS
PAMELA AZUKA AZUBUIKE	24 April	DMSS
PETER SEGUN LEO	24 April	DICT

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