

UDUS at 40: Honour Memory of Usumanu Danfodiyo, Show Excellence -President Buhari at Convocation



L-R The Representative of the President and Executive Secretary NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; Governors of Kebbi State, Abubakar Bagudu; Zamfara State, Abdulazeez Yari; Katsina State, Aminu Bello Masari; Sokoto State, Aminu Tambuwal; Vice-Chancellor of UDUS, Prof. A.A Zuru and the Pro-Chancellor, HRM. G.O. Egabor.

The President, General Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has admonished the authorities of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto which celebrated its 40th anniversary at the combined 32nd, 33rd and 34th convocation ceremony, Saturday March 19,

2016, to honour the memory of the founder of the Sokoto caliphate, Shehu Usman Danfodiyo, by showing excellence in all its activities and playing a leadership role amongst peers.

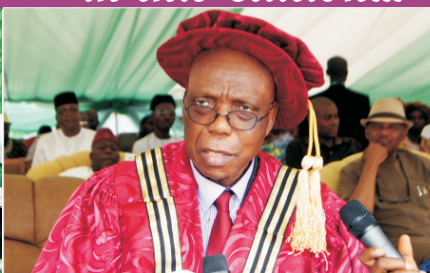
In the visitor's address, read on his behalf by the Executive Secretary,

National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, the president congratulated the University on its 40th anniversary and said "this University, formerly University of Sokoto was renamed after a great leader, a

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Prof. Okojie, delivering the President's Address

visionary man of letters and a pioneer per excellence in his own right, Shehu Usman Danfodiyo" He added that Danfodiyo encouraged literacy and scholarship for women and for men and that "several of his daughters emerged as scholars and writers"

According to the president, the writings and sayings of Shehu Usman Danfodiyo have continued to be much quoted today and gave some of his famous quotes as "Conscience is an open wound, only truth can heal it", "A nation can endure with unbelief but cannot survive with injustice" and "The swiftest way of downfall of a nation is to bring close those that should be kept away and to give preference over one tribe amongst others"; adding that these would continue to be relevant to our attitude to life and national discourse"

The visitor further said that "here in the City of the Caliphate, founded by Shehu Usman Danfodiyo, premium is placed on peace and harmony, and I

consequently enjoin this university to continue to champion the cause of peace especially through the curriculum for Peace and Conflict Resolution, one of the key General Studies courses. This course has been elevated to a programme status in some Universities."

Earlier, the visitor formally installed the new chancellor of the University, His Royal majest, Alaiye Luwa Oba Rilwanu Babatunde Osulale Arema Akolu I, CFR, D.Sc (Honoris Causa) Oba of Lagos, noting that very recently,

across the entire Federal University System, renowned Royal fathers, with vast leadership experiences and other sterling qualities have been bestowed this very hallowed and coveted title of Chancellor. "As you know, Chancellors rarely serve in universities in their own Geo-political zones and this is indeed by design. They are the most senior officers in the University system."

President Muhammadu Buhari said he believed that chancellors could play a more concerted role in university development, by putting their best skills and abilities at the disposal of the universities, through an organized Committee of Chancellors of Federal Universities. He said such a forum would provide a very useful and unique platform for more meaningful interaction and directed the Federal Ministry of Education, and National Universities Commission, to provide the necessary logistic support for the formation and operation of the "Committee of Chancellors of all Federal



The Chancellor and Oba of Lagos, HRM. Rilwanu Akiolu, CFR, Delivering his First Convocation Address



HRM. Egabor reading his Speech

Universities (CCFU)” and by extension the “Committee of Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CCNU)”.

The Visitor maintained that universities must continue to define their unique roles in relation to the circumstances that birthed them and that in the case of UDUS, the unique needs and natural endowments of its immediate environment. “UDUS must begin to compliment the efforts of the local community and the state government especially in relation to the Shelterbelts and other environmental issues”.

The president said that his administration would continue to encourage the new partnership Federal-State-Community cooperation for effective service delivery, adding however, Government was not unaware of the friction existing between the universities and the host communities in the areas of land encroachment, compensation and water supply and advised the Chancellors to use their Committee as a platform to

address these university/communities related issues.

He said comprehensive report on the 2010 flood disaster which washed-off the embankment and caused the collapse of the only bridge connecting UDUS campus to the main town and caused untold hardship, was required for the Ministry of Education's further necessary action.

President Muhammadu Buhari also said that as the nation grappled with low generation and poor distribution of electricity,

Government was happy to note that some universities have made significant progress in research into renewable and alternative sources of energy and specifically mentioned that government was aware that Usman Danfodiyo University Sokoto was already a Central of Excellence in renewable energy, producing solar panels in partnership with the State government and is in the process of concluding a collaboration with a Germany company to expand this project. On the issue of water supply for domestic and industrial uses, he said that government would direct the relevant Ministries and Agencies to tackle the problem headlong.

The Chancellor of the University, His Royal Majesty (Dr) Oba Rilwanu Akiolu, CFR, the Oba of Lagos in his address expressed gratitude to the Federal government for calling upon him to serve in that capacity, while assuring the government that with Allah's guidance and support he will acquit himself well in the trust reposed in him. He acknowledged the support the university has been receiving from some of the



Prof. Zuru delivering his convocation address



Prof. Okojie and Gov. Tambuwal, unveiling the 40th Anniversary Book of the University

catchment area state governments, notably Sokoto, Kebbi, Zankara, Kano and Katsina and called upon other States and organisations, public and private to partake in the this cooperative venture for the sake of the educational, manpower and overall economic and social development of the nation.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the University, NRM Dr. George Oshapi Egabor, JP, OON in an address stated that the Council has strongly been pursuing the ways and means of increasing the generation of internally generated revenue without inflicting any hardship on the students and staff. Some of the way included the following;

Request to the State Governments, especially those from the catchment areas of provide Grants to the University and scholarship to their students. Appeal to wealthy individuals and organizations to give financial assistance through donations. Exploring opportunities for financial as well as material

support and scholarship particularly from friendly donor countries overseas and exploring investment opportunities to diversify funding sources of the university through commercialization of research funding and properties.

He expressed his appreciation to the Federal Government for its assistance especially through its agencies like the TETFund, NUC, CBN and PTDF.

One of the highlights of the convocation ceremony was the

award of honorary doctorate degrees to four distinguished Nigerians, the Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammad Sa'ad Abubaakar and General T.Y. Danjuma who was led conferred with the Degree of Doctors of laws. The two other recipients, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Alhaji Dauda Lawal were conferred with the honorary degrees of Doctors of Business Administration.

The University also honoured its three former Vice-Chancellors with Emeritus Professorship. They are professors Shehu A. S. Galadanchi, Mal J Adamu and A. T. Suleiman.

Responding on behalf of other honorary awardees, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu explained change to be what you can do for yourself for the sake and progress of tomorrow and not to amass public wealth for your pockets. He thanked the University management for finding worthy both in character and personality for the awards. He urged the citizenry to continue to support the



L-R HRM Oba Akiolu, Prof. Okojie, Gov. Tambuwal, Gov. Yari, Gov. of Lagos State, Ambode, and Gov. Bagudu.



L-R Prof. Okojie, Sultan of Sokoto, Abubakar Sa'ad III, Ooni of Ife, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II and Prof. Zuru.
efforts of the Federal Government

towards peace, progress and development of the country, adding that agricultural and technological development will come when we can fend for ourselves and produce food and other commodities locally.

Another highlight of the occasion was unveiling and public presentation, the University's 40 book by representative of the Visitor. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Audu Zuru, said that a total of 11,513 graduands would receive degrees, diploma and certificate out of the total number, 147 were awarded Ph.D, 1083 received Master degree, 385 Post graduate Diploma, while 9,513 received Bachelor Degree 385 Diploma and Certificate. Out of this number, 57 got first class, 1592 second class upper and 5420 second class lower. A total of 2166 got third class and 10 got pass degrees. Those with unclassified degrees were 268.

The VC said the University had experienced steady growth and

development within the four decades of its birth. He added that it started with only four faculties (Arts and Islamic Studies; Education and Extension Services; Science Social Sciences and Administration). "We now have 12 faculties, a postgraduate school, 6 Research Centres and 2 High Tech. Laboratories one each for science based and medical based discipline. The staff strength has also risen from 150 in 1977 to about 2,900 at present, while the number of students has increased from the initial 200 to about 25,000 now" he added.

He assured the gathering that the University was committed to the vision of the Present Administration to have a New Nigeria, stressing that the Management of UDUS could reposition the University into a 21st Century World Class University and produce highly-skilled ICT complaints and entrepreneurly competent graduates to help drive the national rebirth.

He drew the attention of the visitor to the dilapidated nature of the University road, particularly the bridges from city through the gate by the NTA building, which was damaged during the 2010 flood disaster and was yet to be properly rehabilitated. He requested the visitor to kindly give directive for the full rehabilitation of the road. Goodwill messages were presented to the university by visiting Vice Chancellors, Rectors and Provost from other sister higher institution of learning.

Among dignitaries that attended the convocation were political, spiritual and traditional leaders, academics and the business world, prominent were the Emirs of Kano, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi,



L-R Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Bisi Akande and Gen. TY Danjuma at the Ceremony.

Zuru, General Sani Sami (rtd) and the Lagos state Ooni of Ife. Governors of Zamfara, Katsina,

Sokoto, Kebbi and Lagos State Members of National and State House of Assembly as well as

parent/guidance with other well-wishers.



A cross section of Postgraduate Graduands.



Some of the First Degree Graduands.

UNIZIK Hosts 6th NURESDEF



L-R: Honorable Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwukah; Vice-Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku; and the MD/CEO of Juhel Nigeria Ltd., Dr. Ifeanyi Eric Okoye at the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF)

The Awka Campus of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK) was agog with activities as the University, in collaboration with the National Universities Commission, organised the 6th edition of the Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF), from 7th -11th March, 2016.

The theme of the 6th Edition was, **'Research and Innovation: A Panacea to National Industrial Transformation'**. The Fair, which delivered on this theme, focused on the contributions of Nigerian Universities to industrialisation in Nigeria. It also involved some non-University participants, drawn from industry and research institutes.

A unique feature of this year's fair was a colloquium, which provided a unique forum for deliberations on linkages and collaboration between Nigerian universities and Industry. The colloquium, with the theme, **'National Industrial Development: What Role for Research in Nigerian Universities'**, featured panel

discussions on two sub-themes: **'University-Industry Linkages'** and **'Turning University Output into Wealth'**.

The opening ceremony, held at the University Auditorium, was attended by the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Anwukah; the Executive Secretary, National

Universities Commission, Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, represented by the Director Research and Innovation, Dr. S.B. Ramon-Yusuf; the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, represented by the Director General of Project Development Agency (PRODA), Enugu, Dr. Charles Agunnah; the Vice-Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Prof. J. E. Ahaneku; the MD/CEO of Juhel Nigeria Ltd., Dr. Ifeanyi Eric Okoye; and the Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, represented by Prof. Arayela.

Professor Anwukah, who declared the Fair open, applauded NUC for



R-L: Profs. Anwukah, and the Ahaneku with the MD/CEO of Juhel Nigeria Ltd., Dr. Ifeanyi Eric Okoye appreciating the exhibition by Universities at the Fair.

Science, Technology, and Innovation. He therefore encouraged Universities to adopt a new strategic approach to commercialisation of research output, adding that failure to commercialise existing research outputs was holding back Nigeria's economic development.

In his remarks, Chairman of the opening ceremony and MD/CEO of Juhel Nigeria Ltd., Dr. Ifeanyi Eric Okoye wished participants success at the Fair and underscored the need for close collaborations between Nigerian Universities and industry to move the nation forward. He, however, lamented the poor representation and participation of industry at the 6th NURESDEF and urged the organisers to pay more attention to attracting industry and the organised private sector in the future, adding that this could be achieved by working closely with the States' Chambers of Commerce, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and other stakeholders in the industrial

organising and NAU, Awka for accepting to host the event. He noted that in today's knowledge-driven global economy, the commercialisation of technology, which is in line with the theme of the Fair, should be given top priority. He called on Universities to revise and specify institutional mission statements, assess new sources of funding, meet requirements for accountability and reconsider their participation in globalisation and international competition. He opined that the theme of the Fair could be modified to read "Research and Innovation: a Panacea for University Funding"; pointing out that when Universities begin to commercialise their research, the current dependence on subventions from Government may become unnecessary. The Minister acknowledged the presence of other invited guests, noting the caliber of professors who made it to the Fair.

Speaking through his representative, Dr. Ogonnaya Onu expressed gratitude to participants at the Fair and, in particular the NUC and UNIZIK

for hosting the Fair. He observed that the commercialisation of research results had become the new catch-phrase in most developing economies as they embrace innovation as a key driver of economic growth. The transfer, exploitation and commercialisation of research results have become critical areas of intervention by research institutes and the private sector to ensure the desired impact on economic development through



L-R: Executive Secretary's Representative, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, third left, flanked by the Secretary General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Michael Faborode and Prof. Ahaneku Inspecting other Exhibition Stand.



The Award Winning Model 3-D Printer at the University of Uyo Stand.

sector. While stressing the need for

early preparations to make the Fair a better success and give industry players enough time to put the Fair in their schedules, Chief Okoye pledged his personal support in helping to attract industry to the next NURESDEF.

In his welcome address, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie, *OOON*, represented by the Director of Research and Innovation - Dr. S.B. Ramon-Yusuf, expressed appreciation to Universities that responded to the Fair, despite the short notice. He stated that the choice of the theme of this edition of the Fair could not be more apt, given the urgent need to explore the instrumentality of research as a vehicle to kick-start and invigorate the much needed industrial transformation of Nigeria for national development and global competitiveness. According to him, the purpose of the Fair was to provide opportunity for Universities to showcase their research outputs and to facilitate the recognition of the role of research in Nigeria, promote innovation in the Nigerian University System (NUS) and encourage industry to partner with, and support research

efforts of Nigerian Universities for meaningful contribution to industrial transformation. According to the Executive Secretary, the Fair would further showcase research works done within the NUS to stimulate the interest of industry and investors.

Professor Okojie explained that NURESDEF is a biennial event that was first held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja in 2004, and that since its inception, NUC had organised five editions, three of which were hosted in Universities to encourage their active participation in and ownership of the Fair. He stressed that it had become imperative for Nigeria to

harness its research capabilities in a bid to restore the nation's economy through commercialisation of research findings and industrialisation, underscoring the primacy of research to socio-economic development and national transformation.

The Executive Secretary made a clarion call for a patriotic response from captains of industries, researchers and the academia to work together to build lasting synergy to actualise the imperative of diversification of the nation's economy and the stimulation of the real sector. He reminded participants of the 22 World Bank-supported African Centres for Excellence (ACEs), which were stiffly competed for by Higher Education Institutions in West and Central Africa, out of which Nigerian universities won 10 across different disciplines. This, he said, was an incontrovertible confirmation of the huge potentials and talents in Nigerian Universities. He charged all stakeholders to work assiduously and collaboratively to exploit these potentials to the ultimate socio-economic and



Other Exhibition Stands at the Fair.

industrial development of the nation.

Vice-Chancellor of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Professor J.E. Ahaneku, commended NUC for playing its role as facilitator through the platform of NURESDEF. He said that research findings abound in Nigerian Universities, but seem not to be serving more useful purposes for society at large due to the lack of linkages with industry and the attendant non-contribution towards the development of the national economy. This he said had raised the urgent necessity of moving beyond basic research to applied Research and Development as well as creating new technologies.

While noting that Research and Development is the fulcrum to move the industrial base of the country forward, he said he had given research a serious focus in UNIZIK. Among others, a Research and Innovation Directorate was established with an eye on technology transfer and patenting of research output. The University also organises research Fairs similar to NURESDEF from time to time to stimulate and sustain interest in research among members of the university community.

Goodwill messages were delivered by representatives of the Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors, and the Director-General of the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP).

The exhibits displayed by participating universities were evaluated using a set of criteria in instruments designed by NUC, in a peer review process by judges selected from amongst participants, many of whom did not have exhibits on display. Universities that were adjudged winners in the various categories of the 6th NURESDEF are as follows:

OVERALL UNIVERSITY CATEGORY

1st Position: University of Uyo, Uyo

2nd Position: Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka



L-R: Dr. Ramon-Yusuf, Prof. Ahaneku, Wife of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mrs. Ahaneku and Prof. Faborode at the Closing Ceremony of the Fair.

3rd Position: Federal University of Technology, Minna

WINNERS BY DISCIPLINE (UNIVERSITIES)

Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

1st Position Covenant University, Ota

2nd Position Federal University of Technology, Minna
Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

3rd Position University Of Ilorin, Ilorin

Arts and Humanities

1st Position Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

2nd Position University of Uyo, Uyo

3rd Position University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt

Life Sciences and Medicine

1st Position Redeemers University, Ede

2nd Position Kogi State University, Anyigba

3rd Position Federal University of

Technology, Minna

Science and Technology

1st Position	University of Uyo, Uyo
2nd Position	Federal University of Technology, Minna
3rd Position	University of Ilorin, Ilorin

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS (DEVELOPMENT) CATEGORY**Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine**

1st Position	Energy Retention Bag for Vaccine Transportation Professor Wara, S.T. and Orovwode, Hope Covenant University, Ota
2nd Position	Fish Fingerlings Production Professor Nwaba, L.A.; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
3rd Position	Aquatronics-Auto Feeder, Auto Water Re-Circulatory Aquaculture System Dr. Orire, A.M. and Professor Sadiku, S.O.E. Federal University of Technology, Minna

Arts and Humanities

1st Position	Musa Fiber Boards Dr. Udofia, Aniefiok; University of Uyo, Uyo
2nd Position	Science Mobile Teaching Aid for All Nigerian Secondary Schools Professor M.B. Adeyemi and S.S. Lawal
3rd Position	Federal University of Technology, Minna Development of Computer Simulation for Teaching Digestive System Yaki, A.A, Gambari, A.I. and Olowe T.T.

Federal University of Technology, Minna

Life Sciences and Medicine

1st Position	Development of Rapid Diagnostic Test for Ebola Virus Disease Professor Happi, Christian; Redeemers University, Ede
2nd Position	Development of Rapid Diagnostics Test for Lassa Fever Dr. Onikepe, Folarin; Redeemers University, Ede
3rd Position	Synthesis of Characterization of Gold Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery Application Dr. Oluwatosin, K Smith, et al Federal University of Technology, Minna

Science and Technology

1st Position	Design and Production of a Model 3-D Printer Engr. (Dr.) Ebene, Ufot; University of Uyo, Uyo
2nd Position	Waterborne Paints from Rubber Latex Blend Natural Dr. S.S. Ochigbo; Federal University of Technology, Minna
3rd Position	Development of Wireless Controlled Eight-Legged Walking Robot Odusote, J.K. University of Ilorin, Ilorin

Individual Winners (Research) Category**Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine**

1st Position	Agro Silver Nano Particles Fabiya O.A.; University of Ilorin, Ilorin
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2nd Position	Hebron Poultry Feed Five Types and Hebron Vegetable Oil Mrs. Owoeye T.F. and Mrs. Akinlabu D.K.; Covenant University, Ota	Poisoning: Structural Study of the Brain. Owolabi J.O., et al; Babcock University, Ilishan Remo
3rd Position	On-Farm Made Floating Fish Feed Dr. Orire, A.M. and Professor Sadiku, S.O.E. Federal University of Technology, Minna	Science and Technology
Life Sciences and Medicine		1st Position
1st Position	New Generation Malaria Vaccine Development Dr. Amlabu, Emmanuel; Kogi State University, Anyigba	Development and Use of Road Mat for Cold Patching of Potholes for Flexible Pavement Professor Jimoh Y.A.; University of Ilorin, Ilorin
2nd Position	Potential of Nigerian Plant Products with Anti-Inflammatory Activity Onuoha E., et al; Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	2nd Position
3rd Position	In Vivo Evidence of Moringa Leaf Potential in the Management of Lead	Solar Mowing Machine Engr. Ibeneme, R. University of Port Harcourt
		3rd Position
		Aquaculture Recycling Plant Osoko, Stephen; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

Prof. Okojie Proposes Marshall Plan for Education...



Prof. Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC

'Education: Agent of Change for National Renaissance and Development'; the Executive Secretary proposed activities which would include, strengthening of institutions, resolution of constitutional and legislative issues, which would streamline the roles of the various tiers of government in education; restructuring of some agencies of government as well as revision and strengthening of laws for increased effectiveness for institutions that need them.

He also advocated for mass literacy programmes, support to some private providers of education as well as innovation and enterprise institutions, capacity building for teachers, especially at basic education level, a competitive rewards and incentives system for teachers at basic education level, inclusive education, regular monitoring and

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The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Prof. Julius A. Okojie, has proposed a Marshall Plan to redirect the Nigerian Education sector to attain the heights necessary to address national needs and enable

its people reap the benefits of life in the 21st century's knowledge economy. He made the proposal in the 10th convocation lecture of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, which he delivered on Tuesday, 15 March, 2016

In the riveting discourse titled,

.... Installs Gbong Gwom Jos as UNIZIK Chancellor

Following on the heels of the Convocation Lecture was the installation of the Gbong Gwom Jos, Da Jacob Buba Gyang as the 4th Chancellor of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

The new Chancellor was received by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Eberendu Ahaneku in the company of the host and Royal Father of the Day, Igwe Nnanyelugo Alfred Nnaemeka Achebe, the Obi of Onitsha; Chairman of the Governing

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Prof. Julius Okojie, right, installing the Gbong Gwom Jos, Da Jacob Buba Gyan as Chancellor of UNIZIK

Prof. Okojie Proposes Marshall Plan for Education...

impact assessment of government's efforts, accountability from all stakeholders, rebranding, and the adoption of a can-do spirit.

The Lecture, which was in three parts, had the audience of Academics, staff and students of the University reflecting on the need for national renaissance and development, the centrality of education in ensuring that as well as the various ways in which the Nigerian education sector could be the catalyst for the much needed renaissance.

Education, he said, had always occupied centre stage in all Nigerian Development Plans since 1960, the Millennium Development Goals and the more recent Sustainable Development Goals. Education's regular emergence as a constant factor in all international development assessment platforms, he argued, prudent application of and management of investments in education and deep commitment and political will would perhaps be the surest way to ensure that Nigeria attained the Sustainable Development Goals without fail.

Using case studies of some of the countries which had ranked very highly in the various development indices (Knowledge Index, Global Competitive Index and the Human Development Index), it became clear that it was critical to get the foundation levels of education right. He averred that it would be difficult to find illiterate Nigerians if, as the case was in the countries used in the case studies, there were opportunities for good quality, free and mandatory basic education. He stressed the need for high levels of permeability and enrolment at

primary and junior secondary levels and compulsory completion of a full cycle of basic education by all Nigerians. These issues, he said, had been part of the discussions and recommendations of the Conference of African Ministers of Education of Africa for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015). Also among these recommendations had been issues relating to Teacher Development, Gender and Culture, Quality Management and Controls, Curriculum Development, Infrastructural Development and Upgrades, among others.

Professor Okojie also called for increased opportunities for those seeking further or higher education to choose between Vocational and Technical education, professional education (secretarial studies etc) and university education, according to their academic abilities. He affirmed that the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 deadline must be met, adding that all stakeholders in the education system had a duty to guarantee the future of the nation and generations unborn by working dedicatedly towards that ideal, within their immediate scope of influence.

The Executive Secretary did not fail to extol the visionary leadership of the Owelle of Onitsha, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe after whom the university was named. He stated that he, like his contemporaries, Chief Obafemi Awolowo and Sir Ahmadu Bello, understood the need for the cultivation of learning and its role in giving the nation a chance at success. As true statesmen and dominant leaders of the three regions, they had not insisted on the location of the universities,

after which they were named, in locations where they were directly indigenous.

He stated that patriotism was direly needed in a world that was getting increasingly smaller and one in which territorial lines were constantly blurred by advances in technology. He added that universities, as the birthplace of ideas, must be at the vanguard of renaissance and the development of a keen national consciousness.

The Ceremony was chaired by Former Chairman of the Police Service Commission, Chief Dr. S.N. Okeke. Also in attendance were: the Deputy Governor of Anambra State, Dr. Nkem Okeke; Chairman of the University Council, AVM Larry Koinyan (rtd), representative of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Anambra State, Bishop Valerian Okeke; Former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Boniface Egboka; internal and external members of the University Council, academics and non-academic staff as well as students of the University.

.... Installs Gbong Gwom Jos as UNIZIK Chancellor



The new Chancellor, UNIZIK, delivering his first address.

Council, AVM (rtd) Larry Koinyan and other key officials of the University and Members of the

University Council.

The Chancellor took the oath of office administered by the Visitor to the University, President Muhammadu Buhari, represented by Professor Julius A. Okojie. In his acceptance speech, the Chancellor, who was also conferred an Honorary Degree of the University, Doctor of Political Science, expressed his appreciation at being found worthy of the honour and pledged his commitment to ensuring the attainment of the university's objectives and quest for greater heights. He thanked the Obi of Onitsha and his Council of Chiefs for their hospitality. He also acknowledged the support of the Plateau State Council of Chiefs, which he chairs, for accompanying him to the event.

The Chancellor, his guests and all present were regaled with a very colourful carnival in organised his

honour by the various faculties and strategic offices of the University.



Gbong Gwom Jos, Da Jacob Buba Gyan; Obi of Onitsha, Igwe Alfred Nnaemeka Achebe and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius Okojie

UNIMED Matriculates 234 at Inauguration



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

Nigeria's first tertiary institution, specifically dedicated to the study of Medical Sciences, the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo State, matriculated a total of 234 students at an elaborate ceremony that also marked the inauguration of the University, held at the Institution's campus in Ondo City, on Saturday, 12 March, 2016,

In a keynote address titled "Development of Medical Education in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges", Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, recounted the history of Medical Education in Nigeria and highlighted the justification and need for specialised universities in the country. The Executive Secretary, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary



Prof. Chiedu Mafiana
DES I, NUC

(DES I), Professor Chiedu Mafiana, traced the history from various developmental phases, starting from 1948, when the University College, Ibadan, was established, with a Faculty of Medicine as one of its foundation programmes. According to him, the first phase of development, which occurred between 1948 and 1972, witnessed the colonial medical education and the establishment of the six first generation universities in Nigeria: University of Ibadan, University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; University of Lagos and the University of Benin.

The Deputy Executive Secretary said that the second phase, between 1975 and 1978, witnessed the introduction of Basic Health Services by the Federal Government and the establishment of seven new universities, each with their Colleges of Medicine. He disclosed that the period was characterised by more elaborated courses in Basic Medical and Basic Clinical Sciences with

slight variation in the time of delivery and duration. The NUC set up a Medical Education Working Committee, which produced a report for the new medical schools in 1977. According to this report, the training objectives for the new schools were to produce medical doctors that would be acceptable internationally, but oriented towards medical and health problems in Nigeria. The other two were to train these doctors so that they had, in addition to practical experience in common medical emergencies, strong inclination to broad community care and preventive medicine and to train other health officer cadres in such a way as to constitute a health team. Professor Mafiana noted that the recommendations of the NUC Committee served as guidelines for the new universities to organise the curriculum content and sequence their courses to enable them individually plan and implement. He added that the increased number of medical schools in the country sprang up some challenges, such as the lack of adequate resources, human and material. He disclosed that four out

of the seven new medical schools could not meet the requirements of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) for graduation and therefore, either had to be farmed out or made to sit for professional qualifying examination to be deemed suitable to practice. Professor Mafiana said that, it was in order to tackle some of these challenges that the NUC set an ambitious target of 300 students per year for each new school.

The third phase, 1979 to 2000, witnessed a massive expansion in the number of universities, especially with the entry of the State owned universities. There was also the greater need to make medical education more relevant to the needs of the country. At the time, the Deputy Executive Secretary said, the nation faced deteriorating health and downturn in the socio-economic status of citizens as a result of dwindling economic fortune and the attendant inadequate resources in the medical schools. To now ensure relevance and quality of academic programmes in the Nigerian University System (NUS), the Federal Government promulgated Decree No. 16 of 1985 to empower the NUC to set Minimum Academic Standards and use same to accredit all academic programmes in the system. A six-year training period was prescribed and the knowledge, skills and attitude of the graduate clearly spelt out for the Primary Health Care (PHC). Professor Mafiana described the last phase, from 2000 to date, as the most challenging because of the entry of private proprietors into university education, which created a form of regulatory challenge to the Commission. He

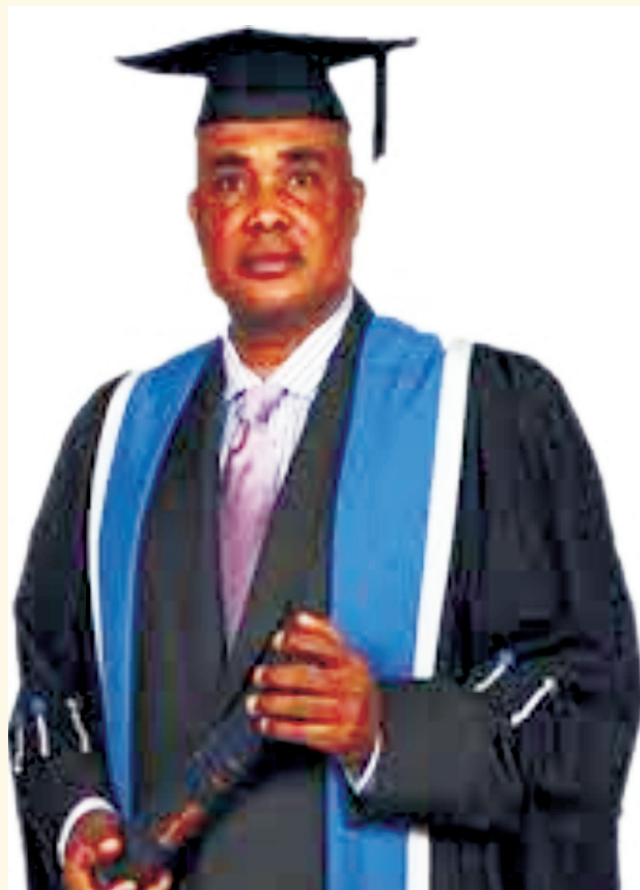
observed that clinical training for medical students was very expensive and as such, private institutions had to partner with suitable public hospitals to be able to carry out the training. As a result, the NUC closely monitored such partnerships to ensure that it worked without compromising standards. Professor Mafiana stated that this period witnessed the deployment of an aspect of quality assurance tool in an effort to carry out one of the major mandates of approval of academic programmes before commencement. He told the gathering that the Commission normally visited institutions to ensure that a sound foundation was laid for any medical programme being proposed, to conduct resource assessment and determine the readiness of the University to commence and successfully run such programme.

The Deputy Executive Secretary noted that although the nation had tried to adapt the curricular of the University programmes to meet the need of the society in order to achieve the ultimate goal of university education for national development, conscious efforts have also been made to constantly review the curricula, taking into consideration contemporary national issues and advancements in the frontiers of knowledge. The NUC, in response to this overwhelming demand had reviewed the MAS document after its use for more than a decade, which then spelt out the regime of knowledge, skills and attitude of a would-be medical doctor as well as resource requirements for running the programme in July 1989 and their subsequent accreditations. Professor Mafiana disclosed that the provisions for a seven-year

training arrangement, where the student first graduate in Basic Medical Sciences, with options in Anatomy, Medical Biochemistry and Physiology, before proceeding for the clinical training, was a product of the reviewed version of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) document for Medicine and Dentistry by stakeholders in December 2015.

Professor Mafiana reiterated that the new BMAS for medical education still retained the fundamental learning objectives that sought to achieve the national development goals for health, while retaining the international outlook to guarantee global competitiveness. He, however, said that the extant six-year programme shall continue to subsist for a period to be determined.

While stressing that that it clearly apportioned credit weightings to all the courses and activities, he pointed out that the reviewed version went through a long process, which included wide consultations among the academia, professional associations and regulatory body, following the conduct of a Market Needs Assessments. According to him, the consensus was that medical training should be a post-graduate



Prof. Friday Okonofua
Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences
Ondo State

training whereupon the student

should have graduated in a suitable programme prior to being admitted into Medicine, with a four-year training period proposed for the award of Doctor of Medicine (MD). He explained that the main goal was to ensure that the crop of graduates emerging from the programme were fully matured to practice with high level of competency, and also psychologically matured.

Professor Mafiana further stressed that there was overwhelming support of the stakeholders from the conception to conclusion of the necessary documents, but stated that when it was set for approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) some opposition emerged from some quarters that hitherto supported it.

Professor Mafiana congratulated the Governor and people of Ondo State for the novel development of establishing a University of Medical Sciences. He observed that, although some specialised institutions had been established in the past with focus on Agriculture and Technology training, there was no specialised University for Medical Sciences in the country until the advent of UNIMED. He further stated that, with the creation of the Institution, UNIMED will, no doubt, promote Medical Sciences as a discipline and offer the much improved healthcare delivery in Nigeria, in line with current trends in developed countries.

In his remarks, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Emeritus Professor O. O. Akinkugbe, informed the gathering that UNIMED was one of only three universities of Medical or Health Sciences in Africa, South of the Sahara, and indeed, the only one of its kind in the West African sub-region. He disclosed that the Institution was already endowed with a robust coterie of academic and administrative staff, a number of impressive physical, both preclinical and clinical.

The Pro-Chancellor commended

the Executive Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, for establishing the University and for appointing a well-endowed Vice-Chancellor, with restless energy and capacity to fast-track academic development in various dimensions. He expressed confidence that UNIMED would become one of the foremost institutions in the country with the kind of commitments already displayed by the University's Council, Senate, Faculty and students. He, especially, thanked the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, for his efforts in ensuring that the establishment of the Institution was successful.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Friday Okonofua, disclosed that out of the 234 students admitted into various programmes in the University, 97 were admitted into Medicine, 36 into Dentistry, 32 were admitted to study Biochemistry, while 34 and 35 students were admitted to study Anatomy and Physiology, respectively. The Vice-Chancellor told the students that matriculation signalled their formal admission into the Institution and as such, their matriculation oath indicated their willingness to abide by the rules and regulations of the University.

Professor Okonofua informed that the Institution was given formal recognition as the 140th university in the country by the NUC in April 2015 and took off in July 2015. He stated that the University had already appointed 102 academic and non-academic staff and put all administrative and academic structures in place for a smooth take-off. He added also that the State Governor inaugurated the Institution's Governing Council in December 2015 to ensure that there were no gaps in the University's administration.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to NUC's former Executive Secretary, Professor Peter Okebukola and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Professor Olufemi. A. Bamiro, for their immense contributions to the development of the Institution. He specifically thanked some institutions, including First Bank and Zenith Bank, for their donations to the University. He expressed confidence that, with the commitment of all principal officers of the University to propel UNIMED to its highest level of potentiation, the University would live up to the dreams of its founding fathers.

ES Recieves Students of GO University



Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Professor Julius A. Okojie, *ON*, on Monday, 7 March, 2016, received 10 students of Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu Nike, Enugu, in his office. The students, who were accompanied by two members of staff, Mr. Chiadikaobi Mba and Mr. Leonard informed

the Executive Secretary about their planned visit to Kepler University, Linz, Austria, for a joint seminar with the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University. The seminar, which is scheduled to take place from 6 to 20 April, 2016, will focus on a comparative analysis of selected Austrian and Nigerian institutions.

Kepler University is one of the many European partner universities of Godfrey Okoye University. The delegation told

the Executive Secretary that the young Catholic University had benefitted immensely from its robust exchange programmes, which covered staff, students and resources. The programmes had also afforded the students the opportunity to travel to their partner universities, while their counterparts at the partner institutions visited Godfrey Okoye University, for lectures and seminars.

The students also informed the Executive Secretary of the award

of best campus radio in Nigeria', given to the GO Uni Radio (106.9 FM) by...?. Professor Okojie, after fielding many questions, thanked the students for visiting the Commission and wished them God's blessings as they travel to Austria for their programme. He also sent his regards to the management of the University, especially the Vic Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Professor Christian Anieke, for lifting GOU to greater heights.

Photo Gallery of the UDUS Convocation



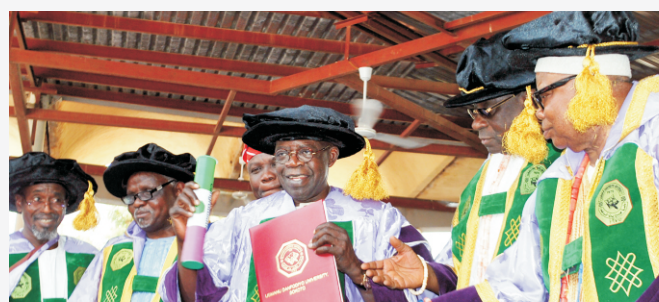
Prof. Okojie Presenting the 40th Anniversary Book while the Sultan watches



The Chancellor Conferring Honorary Doctorate Degree on Sultan



Decoration and presentation of Honorary Doctorate Degree on Gen. TY Danjuma by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.



Asiwaju Tinubu Displaying his Honorary Doctorate Degree after the conferment by the Chancellor.



Some of the Emeritus Professors decorated by the University.



L-R Oba Akiolu, NUC Director, Information and Public Relations, Mal. Ibrahim Yakasai and Prof. Okojie.



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





THE PRESIDENCY
THE GOVERNING BOARD
NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATION / APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2016

The Governing Board of the Nigerian National Merit Award is currently soliciting nominations or applications for the award of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) for the 2016 round. The deadline for nomination is 21st March, 2016. Nominations are valid only for the year of nomination. However, candidates who have been previously nominated should state clearly additional work(s) done since they were last nominated or the new grounds for re-consideration of their nomination.

ABOUT NNMA

NNMA is value driven quasi-academic agency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It was established by Act 53 of 1979 as amended by Act 96 of 1992 (CAP 122 LFN, 2004). The Mission statement for NNMA reads: “Committed to stimulating and rewarding, academic and professional excellence for national development of Nigeria”.

THE NNOM AWARD

- i. The Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) is an “Order of Dignity” and distinct from the National Honours. It was instituted to accord proper and due recognition for outstanding intellectual and academic attainments and contributions to the general development of Nigeria. The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is required by law (NNMA Act Section 8) to confer the NNOM Award annually, on the recipient(s), on the first Thursday in the month of December. The objective of the Award is to stimulate and reward excellence in Science, Engineering/Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Arts & Culture and other fields of human endeavor.
- ii. **A recipient of NNOM Award is entitled to:**
 - a. use the designation Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) after his/her name.
 - b. receive a Cash Prize, a certificate, a medal; and
 - c. such other privileges as are enjoyed by recipients of high levels of national awards and honours.

ELIGIBILITY

- i. The Award is open to all citizens of Nigeria at home and abroad.
- ii. Any Nigerian citizen of outstanding merit can be nominated by one or more Nigerian citizens. Any person may by himself/herself, where not sponsored by another person, apply to the Board for this purpose. Where two or more Nigerians are collaborating on any deserving undertaking, they can be similarly nominated for a joint Award.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- i. Nominations shall be made strictly on the prescribed Nomination/Application Form, and in the format therein. Sponsors should provide brief information on themselves. The Nomination/Application Form may either be collected at the NNMA Secretariat or downloaded from the NNMA website, www.nnma.gov.ng. The form as advertised is also valid.
- ii. Only one nomination/application may be submitted on the prescribed application form.
- iii. In private consultation with the nominee, the nomination/application form shall be accompanied by:
 - a. The *curriculum vitae* of each candidate.

- b. A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award.
- c. A list of not more than ten publications, cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae, which in the nominee's consideration, buttresses his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. Copies of the ten publications must be submitted with the application.
- d. 3 portrait photographs of the candidate.
- iv. All nominations and supporting documents, including copies of the ten publications submitted to buttress the nominee's claim to uniqueness and merit, must reach the Secretary of the Nigerian National Merit Award on or before the stipulated deadline. Any nomination or application including the specified requirements arriving later than the deadline will not be considered.
- v. All supporting documents, including the nomination form should be sent in three (3) copies.
- vi. Candidates with incomplete documents shall not be considered.
- vii. Neither the Governing Board nor any of its Specialized Committees of Assessors shall entertain or enter into any correspondence with candidates or their sponsors regarding the processing of, or decision on any Nomination.
- viii. The Nomination/Application Form and supporting documents shall be addressed, sealed and delivered on or before 21st March, 2016 to:

The Ag. Secretary,

The Presidency,
 Nigerian National Merit Award,
 Merit House, No.22, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,
 3rd Floor, Maitama, Abuja.
 E-mail: nnmaabuja@gmail.com
 website: www.nnma.gov.ng
 twitter: @TheMeritAward

SELECTING/CONSIDERATION

- (i) Selection will be made from wide range of contemporary works which are innovative, creative, essentially Nigerian in content and of national and international distinction; such works should emphasize the uniqueness of the achievements to humanity generally and Nigerian society in particular.
- (ii) The achievements may constitute a specific break-through in any field or may be of a cumulative nature; and
- (iii) The Award emphasizes distinct merit and upright morality, as this is the highest Merit Award in the Country.
- (iv) Nominators must not make public the names of nominees.
- (v) In order to preserve and enhance the credibility of the Award, the submissions of the prospective recipients are usually subjected to rigorous assessment by experts, known as Specialized Committee of Assessors in the following four core areas:-
 - Science
 - Medicine
 - Engineering/Technology
 - Humanities, Arts and Culture and other fields of human endeavour.

- (vi) When and where necessary, External Assessors are usually engaged from the national or international academic community.

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVESTITURE

- (i) Successful candidates will be notified about the outcomes of the process between October and November 2016, to be followed by an official public announcement latest two weeks from the date of Investiture.
- (ii) The Investiture of NNOM Awardee(s) is personally conducted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (iii) The Investiture holds back-to-back with the Annual Forum of Laureates of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (incorporating)

NOMINATION / APPLICATION FORMAT

1. NAME(S) OF CANDIDATE (S)	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
2. CITIZENSHIP:			
3. CONTACTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postal Address ○ Phone ○ E-mail 			
4. FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR			
5. DETAILS OF BASIS/GROUNDS FOR NOMINATION: A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award. List below, the statement not more than ten publications cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae, which he/she considers to buttress his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. N/B: Use additional papers if necessary			
6. NOMINATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name & position/Title: ○ Contact Details: ○ Postal address: ○ Phone: ○ E-mail: ○ Signature and Date: 			
7. CO-NOMINATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name & position/Title: ○ Contact Details: ○ Postal address: ○ Phone: ○ E-mail: ○ Signature and Date: 			
8. HAS THE CANDIDATE BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Yes, When? 			
9. Candidates who have been previously nominated should state new grounds or additional works done since last nomination.			
11. Signature of Nominee/Applicant	Date:		

(Signed)
 Mr. Namadi Ibrahim
Ag. Secretary, Nigerian National Merit Award.

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 using an ATM (Interswitch, Master Card & Visa card) or through purchase of a scratch card from designated main branches of First Bank of Nigeria PLC in all the 36 States and FCT, upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE sum of N1,000(One Thousand Naira Only). The criteria for prospective applicants include a minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) in Oil and Gas related field OR a 2.2 with oil and gas industry experience, NYSC Certificate, be computer literate, possess O/level with credit in English Language; at least C6 in WAEC/SSCE OR C4 and above in NECO and not be above 30 years of age. Those for Overseas (OSS) must be in possession of the following, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (USA), Graduate Record Examination, GRE (USA); GMAT for Management related courses (USA) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) UK. For PhD (OSS & LSS)

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

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

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

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**DANGOTE FOUNDATION ENDOWS 17 PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS IN
KANO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(KUST), WUDIL
P.M.B 3244, KANO**

P.M.B. 3244, Kano www.kustwudil.edu.ng.

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITIONS OF PROFESSORS AND READERS

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

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE:

PROFESSORS (CONUASS 7)

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

- In addition, he must have:
- Disseminated knowledge through professional and academic activities.
 - Provided Academic leadership and the ability to attract and inspire others.
 - Demonstrated Administrative ability and

- administrative experience.
- Impeccable integrity.
- Favorable External Assessment.
- Evidence of supervision of Post graduate students.
- Must show verifiable evidence of community service

READERS (CONUASS 6)

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

- In addition he must have:
- Disseminated knowledge through professional and



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

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

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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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RE-NOTICE OF VACANCIES AT ITU

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has received, through the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, a circular notice on existing vacancy at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Geneva, Switzerland, for the post of Head, IT Applications & Operations, with notice no. 7P-206/TSB-OPD/EXTERNAL/P4 and Head, Accounts Division with notice no. 8P-2016/SG-FRMD/EXTERNAL/P5.

N.B Interested candidates are required to complete an on-line application form. The applicants are to refer to the section 'HOW TO APPLY,' on ITU web site: [http:// www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html](http://www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html), to download other requirements. The completed applications should be forwarded, through the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, not later than 21/03/2016, for the two positions to the following address:

The Secretary General,
International Telecommunication Union,
Place de Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20,
Switzerland.

Through: The Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, 2nd Floor, Annex 111, Federal Secretariat Complex, Abuja.
Attention: Director (Spectrum Management).

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

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

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

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

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

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

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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



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

C. Private Universities

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

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

Book Title: Nigeria Yesterday Today

Author: Godwin Sogolo

Publisher: Safari Books Ltd

Place of Publication: Ibadan

Year of Publication: 2012

A book is a device to ignite the imagination

— Alan Bennett.

List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

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:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja. 42) Temple University, Abuja 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria. 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State. 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos. 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria. 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria. 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria. 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre. 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus) 52) career Light Resources Centre, Jos 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT 54) Coastal Univversity, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State 55) Kaduna Bussiness School, Kaduna 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger Delta 57) West African Union University in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nig., operating anywhere in Nigeria. |
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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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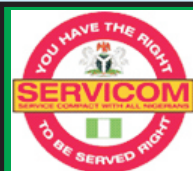
Executive Secretary's Schedule

This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT
STEVE ODEGAH	21 March	DQA
FOLORUNSO TONY OLUTOSOYE	22 March	DFA
STEVEN ODIO IREKPITA	22 March	DQA
JOSEPH NTE BISONG	23 March	DESO
NURUDDEEN MUSA-UMAR	23 March	DAS
CHINWE OGO CHIOMA TUKURA	23 March	DRID
AWUA WASHIMA YAAYA	23 March	DAS
MARIA I AIDEYONBA	23 March	DRID
ANTHONY ANTHONY ONYEMA	23 March	DPP
ADEYEMI FEMI OGUNDELE	24 March	DICT
OBIECHEFU THEODORE UKWAGU	25 March	DICT
MSUGHTER EMMANUEL SENDEM	25 March	DODE
OGECHI CHIDIMMA EZEANYIKA	26 March	DMSS
OBIANANMA ROSITA ASO	27 March	DAS
ISAAC ABULE NATHANIEL	27 March	DESO
JULIET NGOZI ADEBOYE	27 March	DSSS
OLUWASEYI ADEMOLA OBADELE	27 March	DESO

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(b) African Independent Television (AIT) on Tuesdays 4:30 - 5.00 pm

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