

Jigawa Gov. Visits ES, Solicits Faculty of Medicine for FUD



L-R: Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Muhammad Badaru Abubakar and Executive Secretary NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie

The Executive Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Muhammad Badura Abubakar last Friday paid a courtesy visit on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, in his office.

The Governor said he had wanted to visit Professor Okojie and the NUC for a long time to commend him for his good works in ensuring quality university education in Nigeria and ensuring that Nigerian graduates were comparable to any

graduate from anywhere in the world.

Governor Badura also seized the opportunity to solicit for NUC approval for Federal University Dutse (FUD) to start a Faculty of

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Medicine in order to assist Jigawa and some neighboring state train medical doctors.

He told the Executive Secretary that the Jigawa State Government was forced to send about 300 students to study medicine in China and said if FUD had a Faculty of medicine, Jigawa and some neighboring states would not spend so much foreign exchange in sending their students abroad.

Governor Badura said his administration was establishing a comprehensive Health Centre in all wards in the state to bring health closer to citizens and that currently, the state requires over 200 medical doctors and over 500 nurses for immediate employment.

Governor Badura informed the Executive Secretary that the Jigawa State government had already given the special hospital in Dutse, the Abdurashed Shekoni Specialist Hospital in

Dutse to serve as the university's Teaching Hospital and would support the university in other ways to ensure that the faculty of takes off successfully.

He also informed the Executive Secretary that an improvised ambulance service had been instituted in the wards using a Golf Volkswagen vehicle and drivers had been specifically trained to evacuate the sick to the nearest hospital.

Responding, the Executive Secretary, Professor Julius A Okojie thanked the Governor for his interest in quality education and for finding it necessary to visit him and the Commission. He promised the Governor that the process for the approval of medical programme for the FUD would be fast tracked but wondered why some Vice-Chancellors would flaunt NUC's regulations and start a programme without due process and NUC's approval. He told the governor that NUC would never hesitate to apply the rules on any

erring university.

Professor Okojie said with the interest shown by the governor and his justification on the dire need for a medical school in the zone, he had directed a speedy conduct of all due processes to determine whether the University would be given approval to start the Faculty of Medicine.

The two leaders discussed extensively on pressing national issues cutting across the economy, politics and social issues but spent more time discussing the entire gamut of education in Nigeria from basic to tertiary levels.

Two Directors of the Commission, the Director, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo and the Director Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai joined the Executive Secretary in receiving the governor.



L-R: Garba Ahmed, DG Protocol to Jigawa Govt; Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, Director Information & Public Relations; Jigawa Gov. Alh. Abubakar ES, Prof. Okojie, Kaloma Dahiru Mustapha, Special Assistance Intergovernmental Affairs, Jigawa State and Dr. G.B. Kumo, DAS

Al-Qalam Varsity Holds Maiden Convocation



The Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II (right), presenting the instrument of title to the Chancellor, Alhaji Aminu Dantata

It was a moment to relive and cherish for Al-Qalam University Katsina, as the University on Saturday, 14 May, 2016, held its Maiden Convocation ceremony, 11 years after its establishment in 2005, for the award of degrees and presentation of special prizes. The ceremony, which was for its set of graduates within the period, also witnessed the installation of its Pioneer Chancellor and the conferment of Honorary Degrees on three eminent Nigerians. The three eminent Nigerians were; Late Grand Qadi Usman M. Daura, who received a post-humous Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa); Alhaji Tijani Babatunde Falawiyo, Doctor of Education (Honoris Causa) and Alhaji Ishaku Usman Tofa, Dan Adalan Kano, Doctor of Economics (Honoris Causa).

In his acceptance speech, the new

Chancellor, Mallam Aminu Alhassan Dantata, said that the Convocation ceremony attested to the rising profile of the first Islamic University in Nigeria. The University's mission, he said, is to pursue academic excellence in Islamic tenets and to provide a morally sound, efficient and conducive learning environment for its entrants. The University also provides quality education through high academic standard and promotes research and community service.

Al-Qalam University's dream, the Chancellor said, is to be a centre of excellence, where human capital development and high academic attainments are imparted, with the fear of Allah(SWT), through the provision of up to date teaching and research facilities. The University, according to him, is now 11 years old, for which the founding fathers and promoters

have every justifiable reason to celebrate.

Mallam Dantata felicitated with the graduands, their parents, guardians, friends and well-wishers and hoped that they would be good ambassadors of the University, in their future endeavors. He also expressed deep appreciation to Katsina State Islamic Foundation (the Promoters of the University) and the Board of Trustees for appointing him as the Pioneer Chancellor. He similarly thanked the University Governing Council and Senate for conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Business Administration (Honoris Causa). The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Sani Zangon Daura, OON, in his address, explained that Al-Qalam University Katsina, formally Katsina University produced its first set of graduands, numbering



The Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council,
Alhaji Sani Zagon Daura, Dan Masin Daura
Reading his Address

179, in 2010. He disclosed that a total of 2,230 graduands would be awarded degree certificates, with some receiving special prizes for outstanding performance. He noted that the Chancellor, Mallam Aminu Dantata was installed and conferred with honorary degree in recognition of his philanthropic contributions towards improving the lot of the common man.

Mallam Daura said that the Chancellor's philanthropy had been extended to the University, where he donated and constructed blocks of classes, staff offices and female hostel worth more than one billion naira. He congratulated all the graduands and the recipients for being found worthy in both character and learning to receive the degrees of the first Islamic University in Nigeria and urged them all to become good ambassadors of the University, by exhibiting hard work, loyalty, commitment and devotion wherever they find themselves.

While expressing his profound gratitude to the Council and

Management for their tremendous contribution to the development of the University, as attested by the result of the 2015 programmes accreditation by NUC, he advised the students to face their studies and to shun corrupt practices in order to earn good degrees and be useful to the society.

In his convocation address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Shehu G. Ado, revealed that the University was presenting seven sets of graduands, totaling 2,203 students, who had been adequately prepared to face their world, out of which 47 made First Class. He



The Vice Chancellor, AlQalam Prof. Ado
Garba Presenting his address

said that the ceremony provided a unique opportunity to celebrate excellence and at the same time reflect deeply on the development of the Institution. He stated that the University had witnessed tremendous academic and infrastructural progress and expansion since its inception. He thanked some Government agencies like the NUC, JAMB and TETFund, for their support and guidance.

In spite of these modest achievements, Professor Ado said that the University has a number of challenges, which includes lack of infrastructural development, renovation and acquisition of additional equipment, re-agents for laboratories, shortages of lecture halls, staff offices and students hostels, among others. He appealed to well-meaning organisations and individuals to come to the aid of the University. The new Chancellor was installed by the Grand Patron of the University and Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. (Dr.) Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, CFR, mni. Other highlight was a Pre-convocation lecture by his Excellency, former Governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.



Cross section of graduands

Violence is not the best way to Channel Grievance

-Prof. Okojie Tells NANS

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OOON*, on Wednesday, 18 May, 2016, enjoined the leadership of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) that violence was not the best way to make demands or achieve any aim. Receiving the leadership of NANS on a courtesy visit, Professor Okojie stated that violence only elongates issues, saying that dialogue was the best option to addressing perceived grievances.

Reacting to an issue raised in a previous meeting he held with the Association, concerning the purported sack of Vice-Chancellors, which they perceived as political, the Executive Secretary clarified that majority of the Vice-Chancellors had completed their tenures and were duly paid their entitlements, while a few others could not complete their tenures because they were caught off by age of retirement. He also informed the student body that the Governing Council of both the old and new universities had been reinstated to complete their tenures in line with University Laws.

On the Association's agitation that some universities were not releasing union dues paid by students to the Student Union Government (SUG), the NUC Scribe noted that it was not deliberate as the current policies



Prof. Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC

of Government made it difficult for the money to be paid to them from source. He reminded them that students used to pay their school fees alongside the dues which were now remitted into the Treasury Single Account (TSA), which, he explained, had made it difficult for institutions to access the funds. He promised to discuss with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC), to see the best way to address the issue in order to make funds of the Union available to it. He, however, charged NANS to always be on the street for the right reasons and

not to abuse the platform granted them.

In his speech, the President of NANS, Comrade Tijani Usman, stated that the reason for the Association's grievance centred on not being carried along when issues that affect them are deliberated upon, emphasising that the issue of subsidy removal on Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), which has increased the suffering of Nigerian students nationwide was one of such. He used the medium to appeal to the Executive Secretary to convey their outcry to

the Federal Government, especially on the hardship the fuel deregulation had caused the people, by ensuring that palliative measures were put in place like the provision of buses for Tertiary institutions, to ease transportation challenge.

Comrade Tijani expressed his displeasure on the huge amount the University of Port Harcourt

authorities imposed on its student, with regards to the protest challenging the death of a student. He said that the protest was hijacked by hoodlums, who used that avenue to destroy properties in the Institution, which, in turn, affected innocent students. He also appealed to the Executive Secretary to intervene on their behalf so that the University authorities could reduce the

reparation fees. Other demands by NANS included the remittal of SUG dues to the union for its effective functioning and the request for support of the Commission towards its forthcoming convention slated to take place on the 31st of May, 2016.

The President was accompanied to the meeting by other Executive members of NANS.



L-R: DD, Student Welfare and Social Development, Mr. Alex Ewurije; ES, NUC, Prof. Okojie and DD. Industrial & Labour Relations, Mr. Boniface Odum



Prof. Okojie in a group photograph with officials of NANS

ES Commends UNIBEN for Leveraging on ICT in Teaching Delivery



Prof. Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, on Monday, 9 May, 2016, commended the efforts of the Management of the University of Benin (UNIBEN) at deploying Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools to revolutionise teaching delivery in the Institution.

In his goodwill message at the University's first ICT week, held at the Campus from 9th to 13th May, 2016, with the theme, "Bridging the Gap in Teaching and Learning, using ICT Infrastructure/Solutions," Professor Okojie also stated that the use of electronic devices for activities such as e-lectures, e-

assignments, e-laboratories, webinar, e-registration, e-payment, had become common feature of universities across the globe that aspired to be relevant in the present 21st Century. He noted that there was no better time for UNIBEN and the entire Nigeria University System (NUS), to take stock of their readiness to deliver electronic-based teaching, with the use of ICT infrastructure no longer a matter of choice in today's world. The Executive Secretary, who was represented by NUC Deputy Director, e-learning, Engr. Kayode Odedina, emphasised that the entire world had embraced a paradigm shift of 21st century university education from brick and mortar classrooms to the classrooms of tablets and pockets. Deploying massive ICT

infrastructure in UNIBEN, he submitted, would undoubtedly, address some of the challenges facing it and university education as a whole, such as teaching large classes, allocating bed spaces to students and increasing access. Professor Okojie highlighted some of the ICT projects that the NUC had introduced in the (NUS) to promote the use of ICT in its tripartite functions of teaching, research and community services as well as university administration. The projects included the Nigerian Universities Management Information System (NUMIS), Nigerian Universities Network (NUNet), Nigerian Virtual Library Project (NVLP) and recently, the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN). He recalled that the NgREN Project was conceptualised in 2010 and launched in July 2014, with 29 Universities and NUC already connected to the Network.

The NgREN, according to the Executive Secretary, had established a foundation that ensured that universities communicate, collaborate, access and share resources across national and international boundaries, primarily for the purpose of learning and research. The Network, he added, provides services such as video conferencing, digital content development, bandwidth supply and management, network monitoring and capacity building. He recommended to the participants to ponder on such issues as: building capacities of



DD. Engr. Odedina and Vice-Chancellor UNIBEN, Prof. F.F.O. Orumwense

the University community in the area of digital literacy with proof of compliance to global standards, especially among the literates of today that are digital literacy certified in addition to being 3Rs (**R**ead, **wR**ite and **aR**ithmetic) compliant; the need for massive deployment of ICT infrastructure that include adequate number of computer systems, robust integrated wire/wireless Campus Area Network (CAN) and more than adequate size of bandwidth to enable anyhow, anywhere and anytime internet access as well as the development of robust Learning Management Systems (LMS) with attributes like the Ability to customise and interoperate, Affordability, Training and user-support Usability and Facility to scale-up.

In his remarks at the event, the Hon. Minister of Communications, Barr. Adebayo Shittu, who was represented by Dr. Patricks Oghuma, revealed that his Ministry had unveiled a four-year roadmap to fast track development in the Nigerian ICT sector. The new road-map, he

disclosed, was distilled into a five-step broad category towards making Nigeria a SMART and digital-oriented country. He listed the objectives of the road map to include: creating a pathway to national security and wealth creation for every Nigerian; improving infrastructure and quality of service; using SMART government to deliver ICT; broadband penetration and national security as well as migrating Nigeria to a digital native country, through continuous capacity and ICT skill building.

The Hon. Minister urged UNIBEN to galvanise and key her ICT solutions into the SMART Government system in order to deliver ICT effectively to Nigerians. He noted the collaboration that existed between the Federal Ministries of Communications and Education, through the NUC and World Bank, on the concept of (NgREN), acknowledging that the REN had provided network services and applications that promote linkages and collaborations among the research communities. The

Network had also leveraged technology to promote new trends and innovative ways of teaching and learning to various tertiary institutions in Nigeria and called upon institutions that were yet to join to do so without further hesitation.

Barr. Shittu used the forum to reiterate that the Buhari-led government was irrevocably committed to the use of ICT in driving the Change Agenda, designed to fight corruption, leadership without values and an economy that neither accommodated enterprise nor created opportunity and wealth for the majority. He assured UNIBEN of the Ministry of Communication's support, urging the Management to work even harder to achieve its set goals of bridging gap in teaching and learning, using ICT.

Earlier, in his opening address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor F.F.O. Orumwense, *FNSE*, stated that the University had been nicknamed "Unibest," through its efforts in teaching and research.

He told the gathering that the development and expansion of the ICT Unit of the Institution was one of the major components of his strategic plan during his tenure. The Vice Chancellor further explained that the ICT Unit was saddled with the responsibility of deploying internet services, development of software and hardware as well as the maintenance of ICT equipment of the University. Some of the papers presented at the event included: *The Changing*

Landscape of Education and the Need for 21st Century Education, by Jordan Belmonte, Microsoft Nigeria, Lagos; *Bridging the Chasm: High Performance Technology for Computational Research* by Engr. Omorodion, ICT Network Unit (UNIBEN); *ICT and Theatre for Development: The Challenges of Modern Tools* by Alero Uwawah, of the Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Arts (UNIBEN); *Enhanced Capacity Building and Contribution to Manpower*

Development by Engr. Emmanuel Ochei, CEO/MD Certified Systems, Abuja; *Network Monitoring and Management* by Engr. Emma Onowojo, ICT Network Unit (UNIBEN); *Business Strategies and Revival Techniques* by Osahon Omorefe, ICT Training Centre (UNIBEN).

The 2016 ICT Week was attended by public and private sector stakeholders including, Microsoft Inc., Huawei, Intel, Interswitch, Certified Systems, among others.



A cross section of participants at the event



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Orumwense (7th left) with some guests

Prof. Akpagu Pledges Commitment to Academic Excellence



A Cross Section of Participants at the Prof. Grace 8th Foundation and Annual Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Calabar, Professor Zana Akpagu recently pledged his total commitment to the enthronement of a culture of academic excellence throughout his five-year tenure at the University. He disclosed this while receiving a delegation of officials, who were in the Institution to take part in the Professor Grace Mbipom Foundation's 8th Annual Lecture, in his office.

Professor Akpagu described it as an honour for the University to receive such a personality as the Chairman of the 8th Edition of the Foundation Annual Lecture and current Pro-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Professor Jerry Ghana and other members of his entourage. He

also noted with delight, the tremendous contributions of the one-time Minister of Information to the nation's political development and particularly made reference to his sterling leadership qualities, which, he said, was spiced with utmost integrity.

The Vice –Chancellor similarly expressed his pleasure to receive his counterpart from the Kwarafa University, Taraba State, Professor Yakubu O. Ochefu, who was the Guest Lecturer of the 8th Annual Lecture. He described Professor Ochefu as one of the brightest, who had rightly made his marks among members of the Association of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) in the country.

Professor Akpagu used the opportunity to highlight some of his administration's plan to ensure sustainable development and transformation both in infrastructure and the pursuit of academic excellence. He prayed for the well- being of his visitor and for a rewarding Annual lecture.

In his remarks, Professor Jerry Ghana thanked the University team for the warm reception accorded the members of his delegation and congratulated the Vice Chancellor for his recent appointment. He expressed the confidence that Professor Akpagu would bring on board the kind of passion that University administration required today, acknowledging that the Vice-Chancellor had the capacity to

take the University to greater heights.

The UNILAG Pro-Chancellor paid tributes to Professor Grace Mbipom, on whose honour the Annual Lecture was held, describing her as a role model that was highly regarded and still fondly remembered, especially at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria. He observed that it was a personal honour for him to be invited to Chair the public lecture. He also relived the opportunity the event had afforded him to interact with the Guest Lecturer and a colleague in

the Nigerian University System (NUS), Professor Ochefu. According to him, “the way to develop nations is through education, stressing that education is indeed a powerful tool for transforming Nigeria”.

Expressing his views on the ways to manage universities today, Professor Gana said that there no alternative to funding of the educational sector than for university managers to seek more creative ways of generating resources to run their institutions to be relevant in this 21st Century learning. To UNICAL in

particular, He argued that the Institution could become the “Cambridge” of Nigeria, given the capacity and pedigree of the Vice Chancellor to lead it towards greater progress.

Present at the courtesy visit were other members of the Foundation including the Executive Secretary, Professor Usang U Bassey; the Acting Head of Department, Educational Administration and Planning, Dr. (Mrs.) Esther S. Uko; and the Director, Sandwich Programme, Dr. (Mrs.) Udida.

Photo Gallery



Prof. Okojie presenting Computers to University of Ibadan: DES I, Prof. C.F Mafiana, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry UI, Prof. E.A. Iyayi, ES, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; HOD, Dept. of Forestry Research Management, UI, Prof. B.O Abeji; Dr. A.O.K. Adesekinwa



NUC Management meeting with ESUT delegation: Prof. Okojie and Managment addressing ESUT team



L-R: VC ESUT, Prof. Luke Arike; Director Academic Planing Prof. N. Mbajigou and Registrar, Leonard Khama, during the meeting with NUC Management



Visit by officials of the National Post Graduate Medical Collage of Nigeria: L-R: Profs. Dilli Dogo, Adenike Adeoye, Wole Atoyebi, S. Anyawu

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



PRESS RELEASE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clinical Skills Laboratory.

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

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

Classroom Equipment

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

E-learning materials and Research Information Platforms

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

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

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

**Signed:
Management**



Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACCUSES NUC OF TAKING BRIBES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai
Director, Information and Public Relations





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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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**THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES' CONFERENCE OF
UNIVERSITY LEADERS IN ACCRA, GHANA FROM 27TH- 29TH JULY, 2016 IN
COLLABORATION WITH VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GHANA**

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter from the Deputy Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) on the Conference of University Leaders holding in Accra, Ghana from 27th - 29th July, 2016. The International Conference, which is being organised by the ACU in collaboration with Vice Chancellor's Ghana aimed at promoting collaborative opportunities in the region in which, member Universities are expected to demonstrate particular opportunities and achievements.

A keynote address will be delivered by the former U.N Secretary-General, His Excellency, Mr Kofi Annan. For details on the Conference, visit www.acu.uk/events/ghana-2016

**RE: 2016 INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FOR SOCIAL POLICIES
DEVELOPMENT IN BRASILIA, BRAZIL**

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the America and Caribbean Affairs Division, through the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), announcing an International Seminar for Social Policies Development in Brasilia, Brazil, Scientific Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development in Africa, organised in collaboration with Centre for Excellence Against Hunger of the World Food Programme, the Initiative World Without Poverty (WWP), the United Nations Organisation for Food and Agriculture (FAO) and the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR). The International Seminar is scheduled to be held from 10th -13th May, 2016, in Brasilia, Brazil.

The expression of interest to participate in the vent should be communicated through the e-mail internacional@mds.gov.br.

The deadline for the indication of interest is April 8th, 2016, through the e-mail internacional@mds.gov.br. The main topics include: Conditional Cash Transfers: How the Bolsa Familia Programme Works; Unified Registry for Social Programmes: A tool for the articulation of public policies; Food and Nutrition Security: The Brazilian Experience of overcoming hunger; The Unified Social Assistance System as well as Evaluation and Information Management for Social Programmes.



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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

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

C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, 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
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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, Ogbomoso	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	13	CETE P City University, Lagos	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007

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S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nigerian Turkish Nile, University, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausas	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
						43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
						44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
						45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
						46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						48	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						49	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						51	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						52	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						53	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						54	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						55	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						56	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
						57	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						58	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						59	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						60	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						61	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

Book Title: Nigeria Yesterday Today

Author: Godwin Sogolo

Publisher: Safari Books Ltd

Place of Publication: Ibadan

Year of Publication: 2012

A book is a device to ignite the imagination

— Alan Bennett.

List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

Private Universities :

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| 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja | 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) Houdegbe 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) Saint Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF	DEPT
RAMOTU ATENE MOHAMMED	16 May	DFA
ROSELINE OJOROMIWA AYOMOH	17 May	DMSS
RABIU IBRAHIM	17 May	DAS
RAHAMAT SALIHU SANI	18 May	DSSS
CHINWE VICTOR IAABIAKAM	20 May	DIM
MUFUTAU ADESINA IBRAHIM	21 May	DMSS
YETUNDE KEHINDE ADEKOYA	21 May	DAS
AMUCHE ORIAKU EKWUEME	21 May	DESO
NGOZI OKAFOR	21 May	DIM
MAIMUNAT YAHAYA	22 May	DPP

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

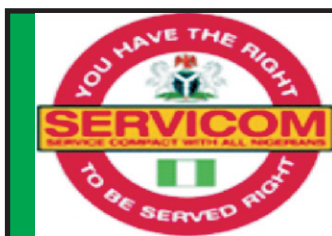
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- (a) Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) on Mondays 1.30-2.00pm
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