

F'G Directs Varsities to Submit Quarterly Reports

...PMB at NOUN 6th Convocation

The President, Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*, has said that his administration has directed the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu to demand quarterly reports from all federal universities, detailing their major financial and administrative activities, adding that a template for such reports would soon be circulated to the universities by the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), through the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Addressing the 6th Convocation of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), held last Saturday at the University Village, Jabi, Abuja, President Buhari, who was represented by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*,



Muhammadu Buhari
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

MFR, stated that the task of revamping the Nigerian economy would require the critical roles of academics in areas of research and

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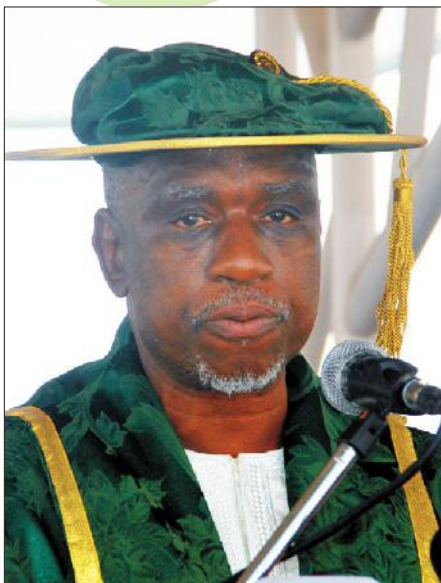
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Prof. Abubaakr Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC, delivering the
President's Convocation Address

innovations that were required to shift the emphasis from an oil-dependent to a technology-driven economy. He added that his administration recognised tertiary education as a potent instrument of change in the government's resolve for the rebirth of a new nation.

The Visitor observed that one of the core objectives of the present

administration was to promote the orientation of the teeming youth across the federation on the need to acquire the skills and attitude of entrepreneurship for self-reliance to stem the tide of seeking for white kola jobs. He charged the Universities in the country to embark on aggressive and result-oriented research in collaboration with government agencies and private sector on the development of the entrepreneurial skills of the youth for job and wealth creation. "More importantly, the Federal Government will not relent in its efforts to improve on the upgrade of infrastructural facilities such as power and roads to drive our industrialisation process," he stressed.

The President noted that NOUN was steadily fulfilling its mandate of expanding access to higher education at affordable cost to the teeming population of Nigerian students. He said that education was the most important instrument of change in the society and that all fundamental Change in the intellectual and social outlook of any society was preceded by and educational revolution.

President Buhari added that "NOUN story had become success story. A consequence of this is the increasing demand for distance learning across the nation. The remarkable achievements recorded at local and international levels should continue to be improved upon. The University should continue to find innovative ways to further to further be improved upon its service delivery for the production globally competitive



HRH, Igwe Ambassador Lawrence Chikezie,
Okolie Agbuzu, Chancellor, NOUN,

graduates. Let me use the opportunity to congratulate NOUN for the endorsement of its e-learning programme by the Federal Government. The e-learning programme is one of the avenues that the NUC is exploring to increase access to university education without compromising quality. I therefore, assured parents, students and prospective



Senator Ameh Ebute
Pro-Chancellor, NOUN,



Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu
Vice-Chancellor, NOUN



L-R: Profs. Tenebe, Jegede, Adamu, Rasheed HRH, Chikezie, Dr. Adesina, Mal. Yakasai and Sen. Ebute

applicants that there is nothing to fear about the degree obtained from the e-learning programmes of the University."

He congratulated all graduands for the successful completion of their programmes, noting that their hard-work and investment of time and energy had culminated in their successes and urged them to put their knowledge to use in their future endeavours in order to make Nigeria great.

In his address, the Chancellor, NOUN His Royal Highness, Igwe Ambassador Lawrence Chikezie Okoli Agbuzu, OON, recalled that in his address at the 5th Convocation, he expressed empathic understanding of the feelings and concerns of NOUN graduates who could not be mobilized for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and of Law graduates, who could not be admitted to the Nigerian Law School, assuring them that the

University was engaging all relevant authorities and stakeholders in order to allow NOUN graduates to participate in NYSC and get admission into the Law School.

He added that the University had witnessed more physical developments on its permanent site while vigorously pursuing its

academic programmes, stressing that enjoined the Management and NOUN had maintained peace and harmony the past one year.

The Pro-Chancellor of the University, Senator Ameh Ebute CON, acknowledged that the Government had spent huge money to build and equip the University's permanent site with necessary



L-R: Former VCs of NOUN; Profs. Olugbemiro Jegede, Vincent Ado Tenebe with a Council member Emiretus Professor Godwin Sogolo





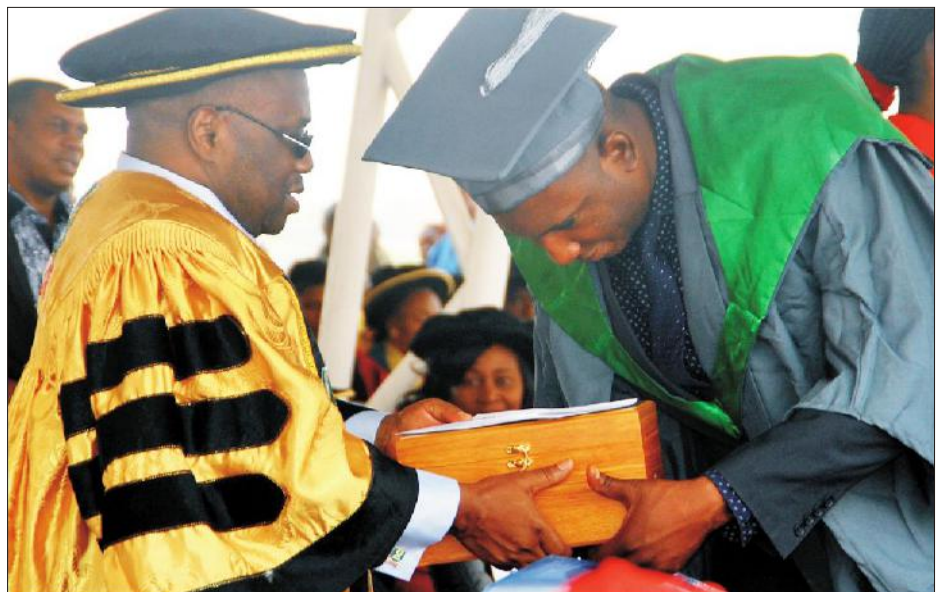
L-R: Prof. Rasheed; Prof. Adamu; Council Member and NUC Director of Open and Distance Education, Dr. Olamide E. Adesina

to ensure effective performance of duties and responsibilities by the University workforce. He enjoined the Management and staff to maintain the property for posterity, assuring them that the Council, under his leadership, would not relent in its efforts to improve on their welfare, even in the wake of the economic recession ravaging the whole world including Nigeria. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdallah Uba Adamu, in his address, said that the University had, in the last one year, witnessed tremendous system reforms targeted at positioning the University within the frame work of global best practices in the open and distance learning delivery mode and at the same time raise the profile of the institution within the International University Ranking Systems to showcase the intellectual achievements and diversity of NOUN as an institution.

He disclosed that the next reform of NOUN would focus on the

Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) set for various programmes and disciplines by the NUC as the main structural academic framework to ensure quality, uniformity, and excellence in University education in Nigeria. He said that Directorate of Academic Planning had been

compliance with NUC BMAS guidelines by streamlining all the programmes to reflect approved accreditation status of the programmes both at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels. He added that "NOUN proudly reports that a total of 60 programmes have full NUC accreditation, which reflects



Overall best graduating student, Mr. Jude Peter, receiving his award from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adamu





the excellence with which NOUN implements its academic mandate.

Professor Adamu disclosed that a total of 12,125 students graduated with the various certificates of the university out of which 31 obtained First Class Honours in

different disciplines. While congratulating them for their academic successes, the Vice-Chancellor urged the graduands to remain good ambassadors of NOUN and hold high the shining light of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Federal Government, the FME and NUC for their untiring efforts towards making NOUN enviable e-learning best crusader as well as other stakeholders including the Akwa Ibom and Sokoto State Governments, among others.



Post graduate graduands



Cross Section of graduands



Avoid invitations by EFCC, ICPC -Adamu Adamu warns VCs, Inuagurates OAU, Uniport Councils



L-R: Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Honourable Minister of State for Education; Prof. Anthony Anwukah and Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu

He cautioned against situation where Council and Management would be emerged in corruption allegations saying that “A situation where Vice Chancellors and their Pro Chancellors would become regular visitors to EFCC and ICPC because of allegations of mismanagement, is very unhealthy to the system”.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has inaugurated the Governing Councils of the University of Port Harcourt and the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife with a charge on them to respect the university laws. Inaugurating

the Councils on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, the Honourable Minister of Education Mallam Adamu Adamu reminded them that Governing Councils was the highest policy making body of the university therefore must leave up to task.

According to him ““As Governing Councils ,you are expected to play your roles with skill and efficiency, you should be bold, innovative and responsive, you are expected to provide the governance and the type of leadership that will stimulate rapid growth of the universities and make them more

competitive and attractive, in doing this you should ensure that the universities' Master Plans and Academic Briefs are respected and their provisions are strictly adhered to.

I urge you to maintain appropriate and harmonious relationship with the Management , Senate and other statutory organs of the universities as well as establish the leadership and accountability responsibilities of your Vice-Chancellors and other principal officers. I also urge you to ensure that the universities' managements follows extant provisions in all staff matters.” the





Minister observed that governance and management were two distinct responsibilities in the Universities system which must be upheld to avoid unnecessary acrimony in the system.

He stated that the Councils were to set policies and define directions as well as review, approve and monitor the university budget and evaluate its performances while the management implements the policies.

He expressed optimism that the members would apply their wealth of experience in the discharge of the assignment. 'I have no doubt that you will work very hard to build universities that will be exemplars

of global best practices in teaching, learning and research, universities that will pride themselves with scholars and students that are driven by the thirst to create, innovate, re-create, disseminate and assimilate knowledge. I urge you to work hard to support the Management of your universities to entrench an excellent academic culture based on research, innovation, and quality of scholarship. While pursuing your governance responsibilities, you are expected to govern by example- be disciplined and promote discipline, be transparent and accountable and promote transparency and accountability, work to promote and reward hard

work."

He said that the newly appointed government renegotiation team would soon be inaugurated to further engage the Unions in tertiary institutions on the re-negotiation of the FGN/ASUU 2009 Agreement.

Responding on behalf of the Governing Council members, Chairman University of Port Harcourt Governing Council, Professor Mvendega Jibo appreciated the government for the opportunity to serve and said that the members would live up to expectations. He called for synergy between the Education Ministry and the National Universities Commission.



The participants during the roundtable meeting



NgREN Holds Promise for Future Research – Prof. Rasheed



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed centre, flanked by Prof. Michael Faborode left and Dr. Joshua Atah (right) with some stakeholders at the NgREN meeting

The future of research in the Nigerian University System (NUS) lies in the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) as it has the potentials to transform the system, says the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) and Chairman of the NgREN Board, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR.

Speaking at the 6th meeting of the NgREN Board, held on Monday, 16 January, 2017, Professor Rasheed said that technological development was on a high speed, universities must, therefore,

continue to run after it and strive to catch up with it in order to be globally competitive.

NgREN, he said, was poised to engender research and enable universities to share resources, if only all Nigerian universities would join the network. According to him, universities that were yet to connect to the network were losing a lot in terms of research and development.

The Board Chairman tasked members to encourage the submission of research proposals that would enable the NgREN to raise funds for the benefit of the

universities. He observed that, although some universities could not join the network in the first year after it was launched due to its high cost, the current reduction in the cost of subscription should encourage more universities to come on board.

While commending the initiators and drivers of the project for their vision and passion for enhancing research activities in the NUS, Professor Rasheed took note of some of the challenges facing the network, especially those of funding and structure. He, therefore, promised to reposition and re-invent it for the benefit of the





entire NUS. Going forward, the meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly to enable it review its operations and consider appropriate interventions when and where necessary.

Secretary-General of Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Professor Michael Faborode, commended the NUC for its sacrifices in midwifing and ensuring the smooth take-off of the NgREN and encouraged it to continue to play the leadership role until the project is adequately matured. According to him, "there would have been no NgREN without the sacrifices of NUC." He recalled that the idea of the NgREN

was conceived in 2010 and commenced with support from the World Bank. Twenty-seven federal universities were connected at the initial stage and they enjoyed the services. However, the project suffered a serious setback at the expiration of the World Bank support, as universities could not sustain its operations.

Professor Faborode expressed happiness that the project had overcome the initial challenges and was live with about 29 universities currently connected to the network. He said that the Board had liberalised its membership to include both private and public institutions to allow others benefit

from the potentials of the network. He called on all Nigerian Universities to key into the network for maximum benefits.

In his remarks, the Project Manager, Dr. Joshua Atah, informed the meeting of the many successes recorded by the REN since its launch. He disclosed that the NgREN had made substantial improvements, particularly in redesigning and connecting a number of universities, with others on the verge of fully subscribing to it. He recalled that the former NgREN Board made a lot of efforts at securing the Federal Government's support for the project through series of meetings



NgREN Board members at the meeting





and representations. He said that the Federal Government at that time directed some of its agencies like the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) and the Petroleum Training Development Fund (PTDF) to support the project. Dr. Atah said that all the support that came from both the World Bank and the Federal Government was not monetary, but in project donations and executions. Despite the earlier stated challenges, he said, NgREN had recorded a number of successes through partnerships such as the one with EBSCO, South Africa, to sensitise Nigerian universities on the offer of

free access to e-journals and e-books academic collection, covering eight databases for member institutions until the end of 2016.

He disclosed that the network had entered into several partnerships with, the International Business Machines (IBM) on the provision of IBM Academy content and certification; Microsoft, to provide some free academic and e-content services to institutions on the network as well as Cisco, for special pricing concession for the education sector on every Cisco device or equipment that was procured by the network.

The Project Manager also informed the Board that NgREN was collaborating with NITDA to prepare grounds for future ICT interventions by NITDA and other agencies, such as the USPF and the PTDF.

The meeting was attended by other members of the Board, including the Vice-Chancellors of Bayero University Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello; Redeemer's University, Professor Debo Adeyewa; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Professor Ahaneku Joseph Eberendu and Gombe State University, Professor Ibrahim Musa Umar.



Dr. Joshua Attah explaining some points to the members





Tributes as NUC Sends Prof. Okojie Forth

It was an evening of tributes as speaker after speaker took turns to eulogise the immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius Amioba Okojie, *OOON*, at a dinner, organised by the Commission in his honour, at the NAF Conference Centre and Suites, Abuja, on Tuesday, 17 January, 2017.

As the immediate past Chairman, Governing Board of NUC and Chairman of the occasion, Senator (Dr.) Amadu Ali, *fss, GCON* rightly observed, it was a small gathering of the creme de la creme in different spheres of human endeavour, especially the university education sub-sector as well as Professor Okojie's family and friends, who joined the Management and staff of the Commission, led by the Professor Executive Secretary, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR* to honour the 7th Executive Secretary of NUC, for a meritorious 10-year service to the Nigerian University System (NUS) and the country.

The long list of guests included, Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education Hon. Aminu Suleiman Goro, another member, Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso; former Minister of State for Education and Member, House of Representatives, Hon. Aishatu Jubril Dukku; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Anwukah; former Minister of Health and NUC Distinguished Professor, ABC Nwosu, who delivered a rib-

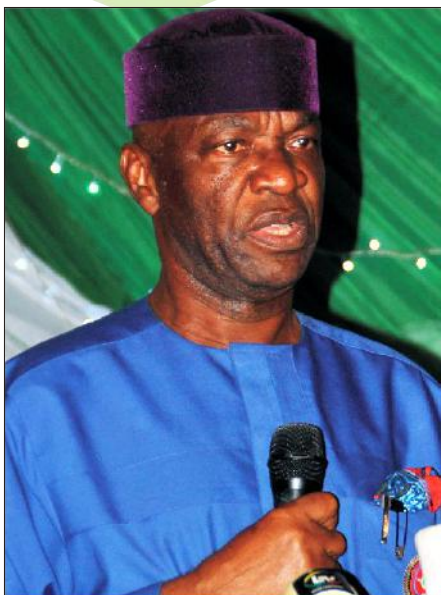


Immediate Past Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius Okojie

cracking goodwill message; former Minister of State for External Affairs, Chief Dubem Onyia, former Inspector General of Police, Sir Solomon Arase and his wife; Retired AIG Moses Anegbode, Retired Police Commissioner Ernest Ibhaze, former Chairman of the BUK Governing Council and member of the NUC Governing Board, Ambassador Muhammadu Adamu Jumba as well as Ace broadcaster, Mrs. Eugenia Abu and her husband.

Also present were former Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiala; former Director, Tertiary Education in the Ministry, Hajiya Hindatu Abdullahi, another former Director, Policy Planning Management and Research, Dr. Mrs. Gladys Makoju; JAMB's former Director, Corporate Support Services, Mrs. Aisha Dahiru; Secretary General, Committee of





Prof. Anthony Anwukah
Honourable Minister of State for Education

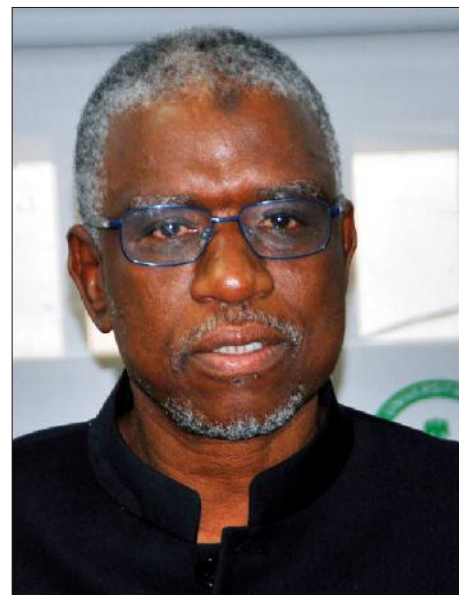
Vice Chancellors (CVC), Professor Michael Faborode, Vice Chancellors of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Professor Ahaneku Joseph Eberendu and Redeemer's University, Ede, Professor Z. Debo Adeyewa as well as representatives of Vice Chancellors, past and current Visiting Professors and Scholars at NUC, among many others.

In his goodwill message, the Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Anwukah, described Professor Okojie as "a good man, by every definition and an administrator par excellence", whose experience had contributed greatly to the transformation of the NUS; adding that his 10-year tenure brought about tremendous improvement to the university education sub-sector. He expressed satisfaction that the NUS had produced a lot of human resources,

the likes of Professor Okojie, who continue to contribute to the development of the system.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Chief Host, Professor Rasheed commended Professor Okojie for contributing his quota to the development of the NUS. He said the send fort dinner was a testimony to the cordial relationship between, not just the two of them, but also with the entire NUS. He described Professor Okojie as one of the most generous men he had ever met, saying he had never seen someone so eager to part with his money for the well-being of others. He prayed that the Almighty grants him long life and prosperity.

Similarly, Senator Ali, described Professor Okojie as an Icon of the NUS, a workaholic and a team player, whose impact would continue to be felt in the NUS, especially in the areas of improved access and quality assurance. He said that the former Executive



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

Secretary would be remembered for his numerous innovations towards revamping the system, especially in resource sharing and improved research, through the Nigerian Research Education Network (NgREN) as well as introduction of new programmes that were human-driven.

The former Minister of Education recalled that the immediate past NUC Board was made up of eminent academics, seasoned politicians and administrators, who brought their experience to bear on the formulation of policies for the NUS. He congratulated the recipient and thanked Professor Rasheed and the Management of NUC for honoring Professor Okojie with the Meritorious Service Award.

In his goodwill message, Hon. Suleiman said that his presence would debunk the insinuation that there was a rift between the Committee and Professor Okojie on matters related to University



Past Chairman, Governing Board of NUC and
Chairman of the occasion, Senator
(Dr.) Amadu Ali





Prof. Anwukah, Hon. Suleiman Goro and Prof. Okojie at the Send-forth

education. He acknowledged that the Committee had a good working relationship with Professor Okojie throughout his tenure, noting, however, that sometimes, “we disagreed to agree on issues relating to the FGN/ASUU agreement all in the best interest of education and the country as a whole.” Hon. Suleiman said that the NUC was extremely lucky to have had and have hard working Executive Secretaries like Professor Okojie and his successor, Professor Rasheed. He wished the former well in his future endeavours and commended the Commission for the dinner organised in his honour.

Hon. Jubril Dukku recalled her association with Professor Okojie during her tenure as Minister of State, especially during the difficult period of the Federal Government/ASUU negotiations and declared “I am your life sister and I am proud to be one.” Dr. Nwaobiala noted what he called Professor Okojie's “unparalleled passion for tertiary education”,

describing him as “a team player, who would always strive for the common good.”

Ambassador Jumba, Sir Arase as well as Professors Nwosu, Faborode and Adeyewa variously noted his kindness and humaneness, hard work and principle. They commended his doggedness, discipline, commitment to excellence, passion for the NUS, his faithfulness to his religion and faith in the private universities as exemplified by their participation in the World Bank-supported Africa Centres of Excellence (ACE) project, coordinated by NUC.

Speaking on behalf of NUC Management, Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'Iya, chronicled the numerous achievements of Professor Okojie's tenures which included, the expansion of access, curriculum development, introduction of new programmes, licensing of more private universities, closure of illegal universities, partnerships with relevant agencies, including

the ICPC and the Nigeria Police Force, among others. Other achievements, according to him included, but were not limited to harmonious working relationship with the University

Unions and capacity development. Responding, Professor Okojie attributed his success in life to two guiding principles – Fear of God and Love for neighbors. He said God's hands had been on him since childhood, moving from the Federal Government College, Warri, to the University of Ibadan, to Yale University and back to the University of Ibadan and becoming Vice-Chancellor, first at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta and Bells University, Ota, Ogun State, before and later to the National Universities Commission.

Professor Okojie acknowledged the enormous challenges facing the NUS, in the areas of regulation, implementation of Government policies, maintaining a stable academic calendar and monitoring



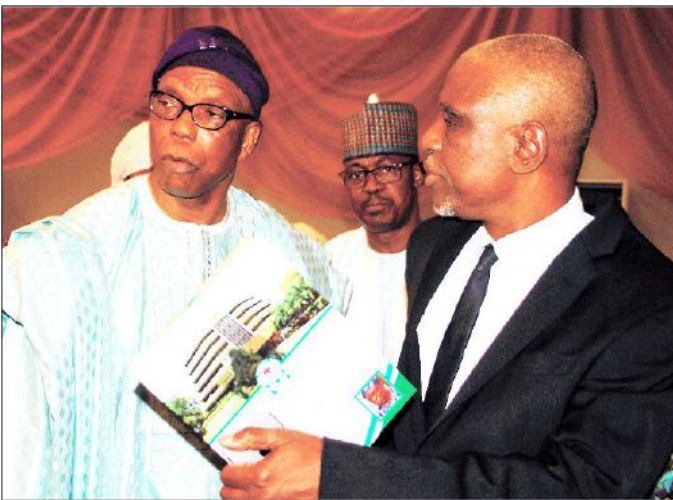


of the system's activities, especially the springing up of degree mills that undermine quality university education. Recalling his experience during the Federal Government/ASUU negotiations, where both parties saw him as supporting the

other party, Professor Okojie submitted that an Executive Secretary needed courage to strike a balance between the implementation of Government's policies and stakeholders' expectations. He charged the NUC Management to extend the support

given to him to the new Executive Secretary. He expressed profound appreciation to Professor Rasheed and members of his team for the honour done him, and extended the same to all guests at the dinner.

Photo Gallery from Prof. Julius Okojie's Send-forth Party



Profs. Rasheed and Okojie



Prof. Okojie displaying his award



Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso, left, with Prof. Okojie



Cutting of the Send-Forth Cake





Photo Gallery from Prof. Julius Okojie's Send-forth Party



Barr. Mrs. Philo Ihenyen and Prof. Okojie



L-R: Mrs Constance Goddy-Nnadi, Profs. Rasheed and Okojie



Prof. Okojie, Rev. Sis. Mary Gloria Njoku, Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Philipa Efadiogho



Dr. Sheikh Izuchukwu with Prof. Okojie



Prof. Eugene Okpere, Prof. Okojie, Mrs. Okpere and Prof. Joseph Ahaneku



Prof. Okojie and friends



Photo Gallery from Prof. Julius Okojie's Send-forth Party



L-R: Profs. Yahuza Bello, Okojie and Akaneren Essien with Mal. Abdullahi Hamza



NUC Directors at the Dinner



Other NUC Directors at the Dinner



Hon. Aishatu Jubril Dukku with Prof. Okojie



Prof. Rasheed and Hajija Hindatu Abdullahi



Dr. Ruqayyatu Gurin
Chairperson, Organising Committee



Photo Gallery

Images from NOUN Convocation Lectures



Prof. Pat Utomi
Convocation Lecturer



Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede;
Chairman of the Convocation Lecture



Governing Council Procession



NOUN Staff at the Lecture



Prof. Adamu and Prof. Utomi



Guests at the lecture



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia
Agbo Abel & Co

Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation Approach:

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

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

• Results Based Management
• Easy Comparison
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality
• Consistency
• Comparability

IPSAS

• Transparency
• Accountability

Expected Benefits:

At the end of this implementation project, NUC's financial reporting is expected to be fully IPSAS accrual compliant in line with the directive. This will ensure greater level of transparency, accountability and consistency in financial reporting just like similar Public Sector Entities (PSE), high-quality financial statements based on globally acceptable standards and audit efficiency.





Implementation Committee

In line with the National Treasury Circular Ref. No. TRY/A5 & B5/2014 and OAGF/CAD/POL/C.0301/VOL. I/VOL.I of 23rd October 2014, the composition of the Commission's IPSAS Implementation Committee include:

Executive Secretary
Director, Finance and Accounts
Director, Management Support Services
Head of Internal Audit
Head of Information & Communication Technology
Head of Treasury
Head of Budget
Head of IPSAS/Fixed assets
Head of Procurement
Head of Final Accounts

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member/Secretary



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

ADVERTORIAL CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director Information and Public Relations

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Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

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





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





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

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





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	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007





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34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan	2012	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
			44	Borno State University	2016	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
						45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
						56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpen, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
						61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
						62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
						63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
						64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
						65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
						66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

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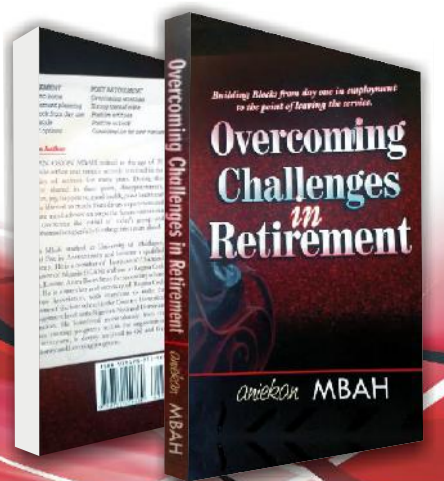
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List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

Private Universities :

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

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

Signed:
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

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer





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 CAPE 3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
JOYONYEKACHI ISIGUZO	23 Jan.	DFA
SANI ALHAJI BAFFA	23 Jan.	DESO
MONDAY EROMOSELE IBOI	24 Jan.	DESO
FYAFA ANDEYANSTO KWENA	24 Jan.	DMSS
ASHAFA LADAN	25 Jan.	DPSD
ARINZE CHUKWU FRITZ IGBO	26 Jan.	DPP
ABDULKAREEM GIWA SULEIMAN	26 Jan.	DICT
EHIZOKHALE MATTHEW ESENE	27 Jan.	DODE
ANITANKIRUKA EGEKWU	27 Jan.	DICT
OMOYE RITA IKHELOA	28 Jan.	DMSS
GAMBO MALLAM	28 Jan.	DAS
VIRGINIA OGOCHUKWU NWEKE	28 Jan.	DMSS
SUNDAY THOMAS OBASA	28 Jan.	LO

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

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