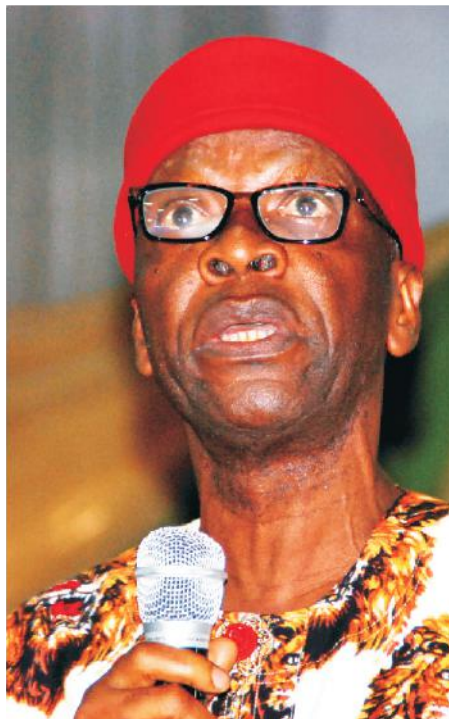


8 New Varsities Receive Provisional Licences

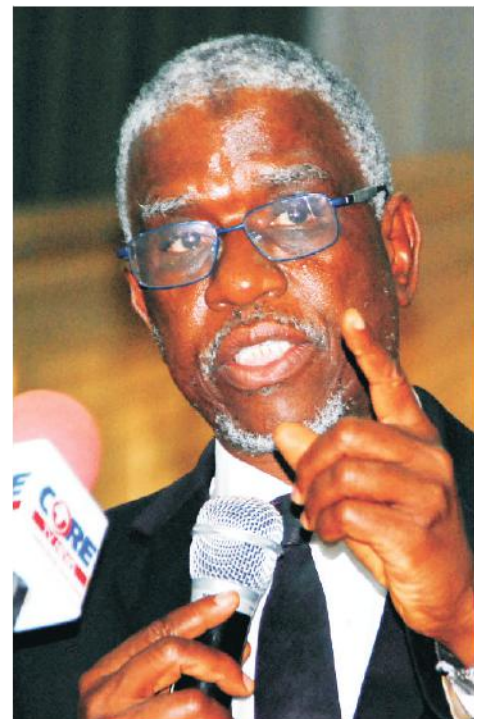
The Federal Government has issued Provisional Licences to the newly-approved eight private universities, following their fulfilment of the 14-step process for the establishment of universities in the country. The universities are Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State; Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State; Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State; Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State; Crown-Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State; Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State; Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State and Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State.

Presenting the licences to the proprietors, the Honourable



Prof. Anthony Anwukah
Hon. Minister of State for Education

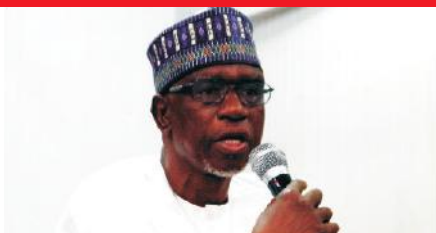
Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Gozie Anwukah, said that the event gave credence to the synergy between



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

government and the private sector in the provision of university education in Nigeria. The country, according to him, now has a total of

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152 universities, 68 of which are private. These, said, were still grossly inadequate in relation to demand.

The Minister further noted that, with these eight new universities, the universities population ratio was 1 to 2.3 million people, a challenge that must be addressed, considering the huge population of Nigeria, put conservatively, at 170 million today. He urged the proprietors to work hard to ensure that their universities gain reputation among the citizens by offering high quality programmes and adhering to the NUC quality assurance mechanisms. He particularly advised them to conduct a self-assessment of the quality of their activities from the onset, as this would help them to emerge among the league of Centres of Excellence, not only in Nigeria, but globally.

Professor Anwukah stated that the Federal Government, through the NUC, had continued to grant approval for the establishment of universities to those that meet the requirements, in order to give more opportunities to the teeming populations of Nigerian students seeking admission into universities. It is expected that in the next admission year, there would be an increase in the enrolment of prospective candidates into these new universities, thereby expanding access the Minister said. He recalled that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) gave the nod for the establishment of the universities at its meeting on 2 November, 2016, based on NUC's recommendations.

Based on the commissions initiative, the universities would be mentored by older universities

within the probationary period by providing them sound academic advice and support to enable them stand on their feet. He explained that, the mentoring institutions would ensure that the requisite Governing Councils are appointed and also guide them in the recruitment of appropriate principal officers, academic and non-academic personnel and adequate material resources for the commencement of any academic programme. Among other responsibilities of the mentoring institutions include, ensuring their adherence and implementation of carrying capacities, assisting the new universities in staff development, modulation of students' examinations and guaranteeing of quality assurances.

While congratulating the proprietors for investing in university education, he reiterated



L-R: Profs. Anwukah, Rasheed and Chinedu Nebo; NUC Directors, Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Adesina; Executive Secretary's Office, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi and Prof. Essien singing the National Anthem



the fact that full licences would only be issued after five years of satisfactory performance and based on the guidelines prescribed in the approval. He said that government remained committed to improving the capacity of the NUC to carry out its quality assurance mandates and called on the university proprietors, as stakeholders, to come up with strategies that would improve quality in the system. He commended the NUC for its boldness and courage in regulating the NUS and urged the Commission not to rest on its oars. In his remarks, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed urged the proprietors to see their entrance into the provision of university education not as a business venture, but a social investment that would engrave

their names in the sands of time. He described them as emperors and builders of the minds of the people. He recalled that the eight universities were under consideration by NUC between a period of two and 13 years before their approval, having met the stringent conditions and basic standards. He warned the institutions that would not compromise the set standards and urged the proprietors to abide by the terms and conditions of their licences.

Professor Rasheed said that universities were meant to serve as universal communities and be at the fore-front of the dissemination of knowledge, adding that universities could not be built in 10 or 20 years. Rather, it takes a life-time to build a university. He once again expressed his position on the need to allow

universities to adapt the curriculum to suit their peculiarities, especially the private ones. He tasked the universities to follow the good examples of their mentors, noting that relationship between the mentors and the mentees should be symbiotic.

The Executive Secretary stated that private universities held the future of university education with the academic stability and the best of teaching resources and programmes at their disposal. He warned the proprietors to respect the composition of the university councils and avoid subjecting their academic staff to degrading treatment and all forms of practices inimical to academic freedom.

Earlier in a welcome address,



Proprietors and guests at the event



Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Universities (SCOPU), Professor Akaneren Essien explained that, with the facilities available at the universities, they were ready to commence academic activities, adding that the Committee was diligent in carrying out its assignment. He commended the Executive Secretary for conscientiously overseeing the completion of the process for the establishment of the eight universities. He also appreciated the immediate past Executive Secretary, Professor Julius A. Okojie, for his guidance and support to the members of SCOPU, during the assignment.

Professor Essien disclosed that a new template had been developed which would, henceforth, ensure that any proposed university that did not meet prescribed requirements would not be

qualified for second (final) site assessment visit. One of the major highlights of the template is the inclusion of a mandatory clause that, beyond the development of physical facilities, proprietors must show, clearly, how they intend to source and train the manpower required to grow their institutions. He also recounted the unfortunate incidence of the loss of five staff of NUC in the ill-fated Dana crash of 2012, during the course of site assessment visit to five out of the eight universities.

Responding on behalf of other proprietors, a representative of Clifford University, Owerri, Abia State, Reverend Dr. Bassey Odoh, thanked the Federal Government, particularly the Federal Ministry of Education and NUC, for giving them the opportunity to contribute to university education in Nigeria. He said that the journey to the licencing

had been quite long and strenuous, but very worthy and rewarding. He described SCOPU members as deserving of commendation for a job well done, stressing that the proprietors were celebrating the product of hard labour.

In a vote of thanks, Secretary of SCOPU, Barrister Pascal Eruaga, thanked the Federal Government, FME and NUC Management for approving the universities. He re-echoed the painful loss of five staff of the Commission and members of SCOPU in the course of the assignment and paid glowing tributes to them, praying for the repose of their souls.

At the ceremony were members of the Boards of Trustees (BOTs), friends and well-wishers of the universities as well as some members of NUC Management and staff.



Profs. Rasheed and Anwukah, 2nd and 3rd left, with some of the proprietors of the new universities



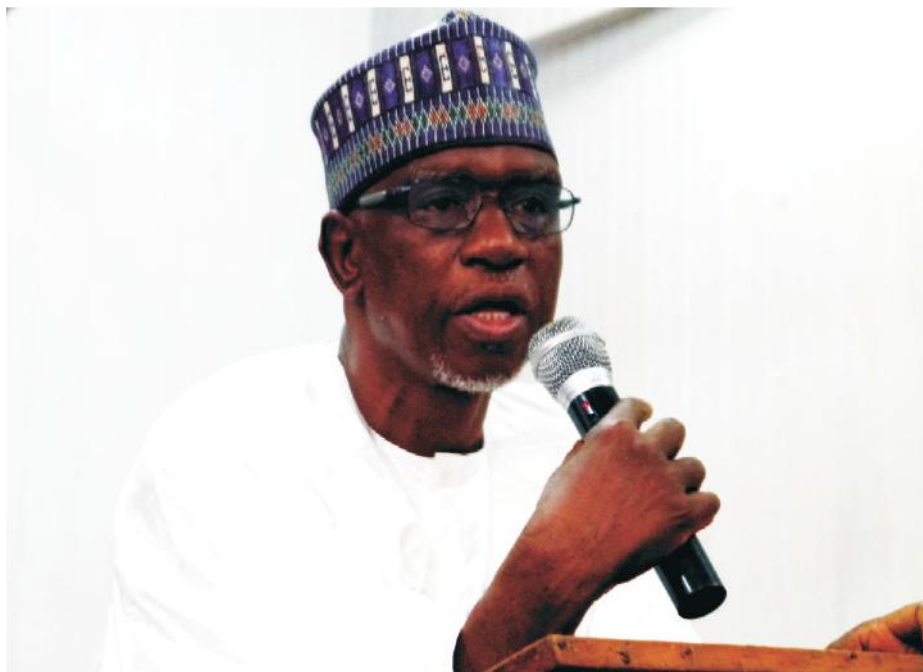
NUC Revives, Commences System-wide Accreditation

Trains Staff, Panellists on Modified Accreditation Procedure

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has mobilised an unprecedented number of about 260 Accreditation Panels, consisting of 1,506 resource persons, drawn from the Nigerian University System (NUS), to participate in the accreditation of no fewer than 500 programmes across 48 universities in the country. The exercise, which commenced on Monday, November 28, 2016, was in keeping with one of the decisions taken at the recent interaction of the NUC Management with Vice Chancellors of Federal, State and Private Universities, to the effect that the accreditation of programmes would now hold only in November and March of every year.

The Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, had explained at the interaction, that NUC, hitherto, conducted the exercise all year round. Conducting it twice a year would give the Commission enough time to plan well for it and also perform its other statutory functions without distractions. He had warned that any university that failed to present its programmes for accreditation, as and when due, without satisfactory reasons, given well in advance, would earn denied accreditation and the relevant agencies, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) would be so duly notified.

Professor Rasheed had also promised the Vice Chancellors



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

that the Commission would restore and standardise the coordination meetings for panel members as well as review its instruments and template for accreditation, while the exercise would now be programme focused, such that a team would consist of panel members in a core subject area. Monday's exercise was, therefore, preceded by a three-day training of all NUC representatives on the panels, on Day One, and Coordination Meetings with all the panellists on the second and third day, to acquaint them with the Commission's modified accreditation procedure, among others.

Addressing the Coordination Meeting, held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium of the Commission, Professor Rasheed said the on-going exercise would serve as a test-run of the new thinking on the exercise and modifications of the procedure.

While expressing hope that the outcome would meet the expectations of stakeholders, he said that the Commission would review the exercise, based on the participants' reports and was open to adjustments, where necessary.

Professor Rasheed disclosed that NUC was considering mandating Accreditation Panels to look at both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, from the next exercise in May, 2017; in order to give a better picture of the NUS. While expressing dismay at the indiscriminate award of professorship by some universities, the Executive Secretary appealed to the panel members to pay close attention to every aspect of the accreditation exercise, especially the career progression of the academic staff, saying "We must protect the image and integrity of the system." He solicited "the support



Prof. Chiedu Mafiana
Deputy Executive Secretary 1, NUC

of critical minds and opinion leaders in the NUS” to support the various activities of the Commission, aimed at improving the system. These include the quest for obtaining credible data from universities and publication of the annual Universities Statistical Digest, among others. In his own remarks, the Deputy Executive Secretary 1, Professor Chiedu Mafiana stated that the new programme-based accreditation meant that every programme visited would stand on its own. “It is going to be Chemistry for Chemistry, which is a deviation from the past where the

experts were categorised as science-based.” He explained that the reason for the shift was that stakeholders often complained that the trans-disciplinary approach gave room for some panellists evaluating subjects that were outside their areas of expertise. He further explained that some aspects of the accreditation procedure had been modified with adjustments made in the scoring of Library Facilities and Academic Mix. At the conclusion of the exercise, the NUC representative on each panel would make a presentation to the NUC Management on the observations made and results generated from the field.

The Director, Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel B. Saliu took the participants through the definition, history and objectives of accreditation, NUC's quality assurance instruments, simulation of the exercise and report writing procedure (for the NUC representatives), among others. He reminded NUC staff that the major reference document for the accreditation was the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) and charged them to keep themselves abreast of the instruments for the accreditation.



Dr. Noel Saliu
Director, Quality Assurance, NUC

He explained that the results sent in by each panel would be processed by his Department and forwarded to management for ratification, reiterating Professor Mafiana's charge that there would be a Post-Accreditation review where the NUC representatives would defend the results of the visits.

The Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi also made a presentation on financial regulations and retirement of funds advanced for the exercise.



A cross section of accreditation panellists



Visitation to all Federal Universities Under Way

-President Buhari at ABU Convocation

The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*, has disclosed that the Federal Government would soon constitute visitation panels to all federal universities and inter-university centres in the country to review their performance.

In the visitors address to the 39th convocation ceremony of the Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU) Zaria, read on his behalf, by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, NUC, Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, *nni, MFR*, President Buhari said that such visitation panels were normally constituted once every five years to look into the financial management of the institutions including the statutory allocations and the internally generated revenues (IGR) for the period under review.

He said the visitation panels would also determine whether all application of funds were in compliance with appropriate regulations. The visitor also said government was monitoring with concern, the escalating crises in a number of federal universities “over matters bordering on allegation of corruption, mismanagement and gross indiscipline in running the affairs of the citadels of learning,” advising the universities to desist from all acts capable of disturbing and disrupting the internal peace and stability of the universities and



Chancellor ABU and Obi of Onitsha, His Royal Majesty, Nnaemeka Alfred Achebe exchanging pleasantries with the representative of the Visitor and ES NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, *nni, MFR*

appealed to the management of all Nigerian universities to ensure that best practices were entrenched in the conduct of the affairs of the universities.

He further appealed to the stakeholders of the Nigerian education sector to “as a matter of urgency, look into the curricula of the Nigerian Universities and other tertiary institutions to ensure that

they are made more functional and competitive,” adding that Nigerian universities should plan to re-strategise themselves to play a greater role in solving societal challenges.

President Buhari said that he will be more delighted to see a more active and purposeful handshake between the Nigerian universities and the private sectors toward, the



The representative of the Visitor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed 4th (right), VC, ABU, Prof. Ibrahim Garba(3rd right), Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, Nnaemeka Alfred Ugochukwu Achebe, Obi of Onitsha (2nd right) and the Convocation Lecturer, Mr Jelani Aliyu(5th right.)

development of home made products and services. “In the developed world, the private sector and universities are in constant touch trying to solve challenges in medical procedures, drugs, energy and so on,” commending ABU for leading the way especially in providing a blueprint for the revitalization of the agricultural sector and the development of drought resistant crops.

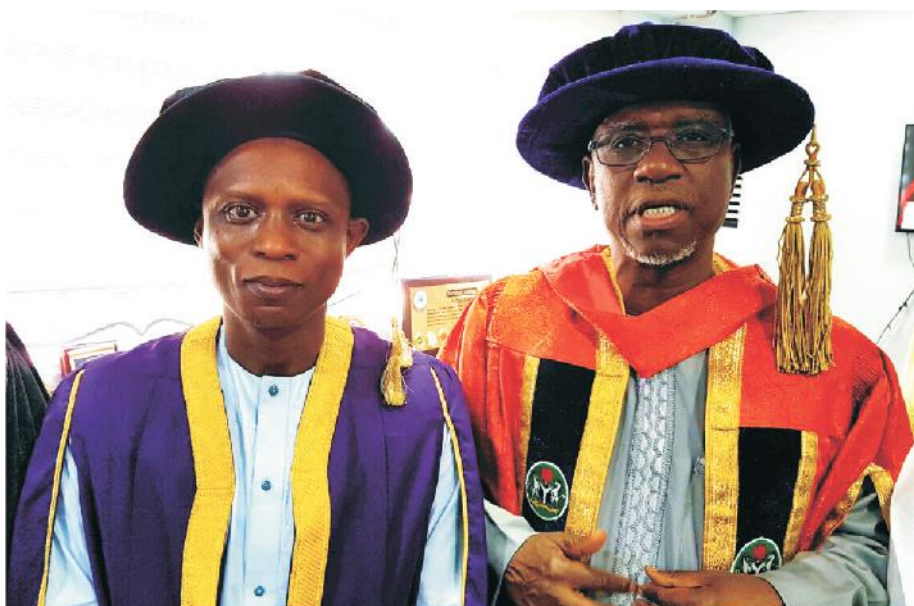
He admonished the graduands to strive and join in the effort to give Nigeria a new lease of life that is “free of corruption, disrespect for law and indolence, bigotry, wanton communal and religious crises and other vices that retard the development of Nigeria.”

Earlier the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Ibrahim Garba, revealed that a total of 11,731 student graduated consisting of 229 PhDs, 2687

Masters and 973 postgraduate diplomas. A total number of 7772 got Bachelor Degrees out of which 49 got first class.

He mentioned some of the recent achievement of the ABU to include the construction of a one barrel per

day crude oil refinery by a professor in the department of Chemical Engineering and the production of a new Malaria DNA vaccine by a Professor in the department of Biochemistry amongst several others.



Professor Rasheed(right) and Mr. Jelani Aliyu, the Convocation Lecture



ES Lauds Senate's Intervention in ASUU Crisis



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, briefing the Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund during its oversight visit to the Commission

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni, MFR*, has commended the leadership of the Senate and the Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund for intervention in the efforts at resolving the impending ASUU crisis. He made the commendation on Tuesday, 22 November, 2016, during an oversight visit by members of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund to the Commission.

In his words the Executive Secretary said, "I appreciate the Senate, especially the Senate President; Chairman, Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund as well as other members of the Committee for their interest in mediating in the ASUU crisis. I believe that the Senate's intervention has done a lot of good in helping to resolve the issue. The Nigerian University

System (NUS) will forever be grateful".

Professor Rasheed said that NUC was the only agency charged with the responsibility of regulating Nigerian Universities and that 20 years ago, the country did not have more than 30 universities, but that there were currently a total of 152 universities with a good number of them, especially, private universities, established within the last 16 years. He assured the Committee members that the Commission would continue to approve, recognise and licence universities as long as they satisfy the requirements, adding that with a population of about 180 million people in Nigeria, access to university remained a challenge compared to other countries like Argentina with a population of about 39 million and about 1,700 universities.

The Executive Secretary advocated for the training of more academics

to cope with the growing number of universities in country. He said that although the Commission was encouraging Nigerian Universities to strengthen their capacity to train academic staff internally, due to financial constraints, it is not against students studying in other countries as far as the universities meet international standard and were accredited in the various countries, adding that knowledge has no boundary.

He explained that the Commission was only worried about the fact that some Nigerians who could not satisfy the conditions of establishing a private university in Nigeria resort to other neighboring African countries, targeting Nigerians youths. Professor Rasheed said that the Minister of Education of an African country said that most private universities in his countries were built for Nigerians.



Professor Rasheed said that university is not for immediate-money making but a long term investment as it requires a lot of commitment and patience on the part of the promoters. He informed the Committee members that the Commission was constraint in carry out its primary mandate of accreditation and resource verification due to inadequate funding. He informed them that federal universities do not pay for accreditation except states and private who contribute a percentage while the Commission provides the difference. He reminded the Committee that the Commission's Law was undergoing a review to address some grey areas.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Jibrin Barau, said that the visit was part of the Committee's

statutory responsibility of ensuring that the Commission was delivering on its mandate. He expressed confidence in the ability of the Executive Secretary to effectively regulate Nigerian universities, haven left an indelible mark in the Bayero University, Kano, as a former Vice-Chancellor.

The Chairman called on the Executive Secretary to bring his administrative experience to bear in ensuring that Nigerian Universities operate at their maximum capacity. He advised the Executive Secretary to consider the need to review some of the requirements for establishing a private universities in Nigeria in order to fast track the process. He said that a situation where prospective promoters of private universities in Nigeria resort to establishing universities in other neighboring countries due to stringent conditions of the

Commission should be looked into.

Senator Barau said that if such issue was addressed, it would not only create more job opportunities for Nigerians but would also reduce the flight of the country's resources to other countries by students. as partners in progress, he assured the Commission of the Committee's continued support in the overall development of the Nigerian Universities System.

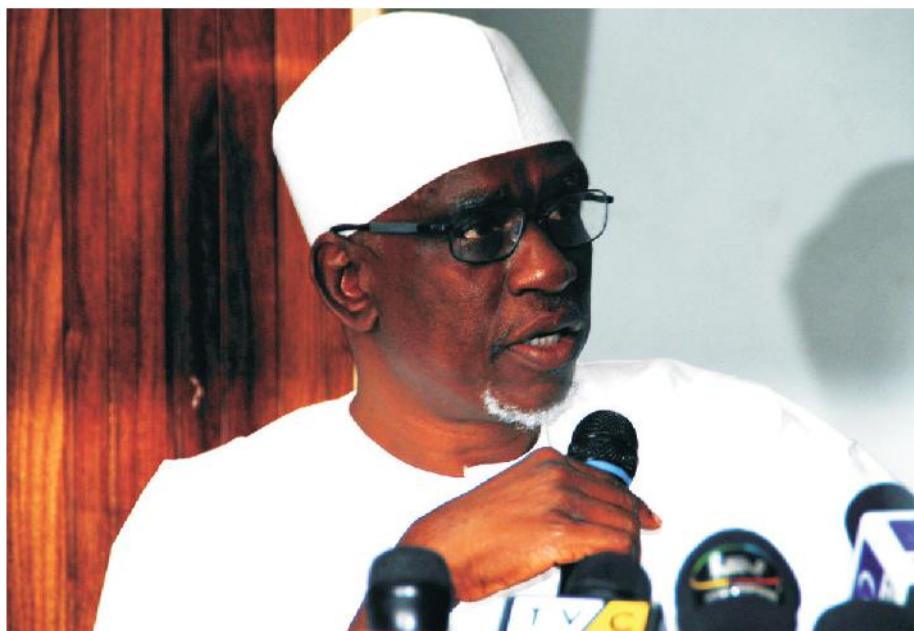
In a similar vein, Vice Chairman of the Committee Senator.... urged the Commission to strengthen the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) as it has the capacity to address the challenge of access and to take steps in ensuring that Nigerian Universities are ranked amongst the best universities in the world.



The Chairman, Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Senator Jibrin Barau, 3rd left, Prof. Rasheed (4th right), and other members of the Committee, 1st right is VC FUD, Prof. Batulu



Quality Takes Centre Stage at Stakeholders' Higher Education Summit



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

Stakeholders in the education sector have come together to deliberate on improving the quality of education in the nation's Higher Education Institutions. Administrators and teachers in the sector met at a three-day Summit, convened by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVC/AVCNU) and TrustAfrica in Abuja, between 21 to 23 November, 2016, to, especially, give concrete expression to implementing the Declarations and Action Plan of the Continental African Higher Education Summit (AHES) held in Dakar, Senegal, last year.

The Summit which theme was

'Exploiting Diversity, Differentiation and Quality Assurance in Revitalising the Nigerian Higher Education System', attracted various stakeholders including present

and past Vice-Chancellors, Chief Executives of strategic government agencies, State Governors and proprietors of private universities as well as members of the international community. The outcome of the Summit was the production of a consensus document of stakeholders, in the form of a charter for revitalising the nation's higher education system, including the provision for the establishment of Knowledge Parks and innovation hubs to strengthen the productive alliance between knowledge/research, business/industry and governance, which would be presented to the Federal Government.

In his welcome address, Chairman of the Summit and former Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Attahiru Jega, observed that the consistent lack of focus by

past leaders had been a major setback to the nation's education sector. He highlighted the need to identify the significant challenges of leadership and the abdication of responsibility and misplacement of priorities as problems associated with the lacklustre development of the sector. The Chairman also identified other problems such as instability, turmoil in the universities and poor funding as some of the problems plaguing higher education in the country.

Professor Jega, who is also the Pro-Chancellor, Plateau State University, Boko, stated however, that it was not sufficient enough to identify and apportion blames. Rather, he called on all stakeholders to continue to work, struggle, engage and dialogue in conferences and summits to bring issues militating against higher education to the front burner and generate the consensus that was necessary to get those priorities set right. Professor Jega expressed displeasure at some universities that engage in the production of bread and sachet water to generate funds. He noted that it was better for Nigerian HEIs to focus their energies on conducting research and producing patents or prototypes for industries, which would significantly yield more revenue to develop and run their Institutions.

The Chairman called for improved funding of education all across Africa, adding that some innovation and development in



L-R: NUC Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Debo Adeyewa and Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

developed countries were yet to materialise in Africa and Nigeria particularly, because some of these challenges have persisted for too long. He implied that most Governments in Africa had the funds to inject into the education sector, but they refuse to inject such funds because of other priorities. The Chairman, therefore, urged the various Governments in Africa to recognise the significance of the sector and provide commensurate funding to HEIs.

Addressing other problems of the sector, Professor Jega emphasised the need for Government and staff unions to have mutual respect in order to avoid unnecessary strike actions. He noted that it was important for Government to bend over backwards just as it was important for unions to be realistic in their demands in order to find solutions. On the ongoing warning strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), he advised the Federal Government and the Union to embrace dialogue

and end the strike action, saying that early resolution of the issues at stake was key. He admonished young unemployed youths to engage in entrepreneurial activities and start-ups that would grow the economy.

In his welcome remarks, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mallam Ibrahim Dan'Iya, observed that the Summit was a significant step in further improving the quality of HEIs, while expanding access to university education in Nigeria. He encouraged participants to share the knowledge gained from the Summit with their colleagues who could not participate as this would ensure that all Nigerian universities meet up with the benchmark requirements for healthy development and competition.

Professor Rasheed, informed participants that, since he assumed office as Executive Secretary in August 2016, he had held several

meetings with Vice-Chancellors and stakeholders in the NUS with a view to turning the system around. He disclosed that the Commission had decided, in consultation with these stakeholders, to conduct accreditation exercises in May and November, as well as resource verification in March, July and December annually, for effective planning and orderliness.

While expressing hope that the education sector would soon be revived, the Executive Secretary told participants that the current administration recognised education as the bedrock of national development and the gateway to economic and personal well-being. He expressed gratitude to the CVC and TrustAfrica for organising the Summit and thanked the participants for their presence, while wishing them a fruitful deliberation.

The Chairman, Association of



Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Professor Adebisi Daramola, who was represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Redeemers' University and Chairman, Association of Vice-Chancellors of Private Universities, Professor 'Debo Adeyewa, informed the gathering that the objective of the Summit was to build an effective platform and network to improve the quality of education in Nigeria. He stated that the Association was concerned about the declining quality of education in the country and was more poised than ever before, to introduce remedies such as institutionalising internal quality assurance mechanisms that would constantly check the deficiencies in the institutions. He welcomed delegates and hoped that at the end of the Summit, participants would return to their institutions as problem-solvers.

Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC), Professor Michael Faborode, said that a lot had been achieved by Nigerian universities despite numerous challenges in the sector. He added that out of 22 Africa Centres of Excellence in West and Central Africa, 10 were in Nigeria. Professor Faborode mentioned that the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) was led by the Centre for Infectious Diseases in Redeemers' University, Osun State and some of these feats were worth emulating and celebrating.

In his goodwill message, Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed that 80 per cent of the 1.5

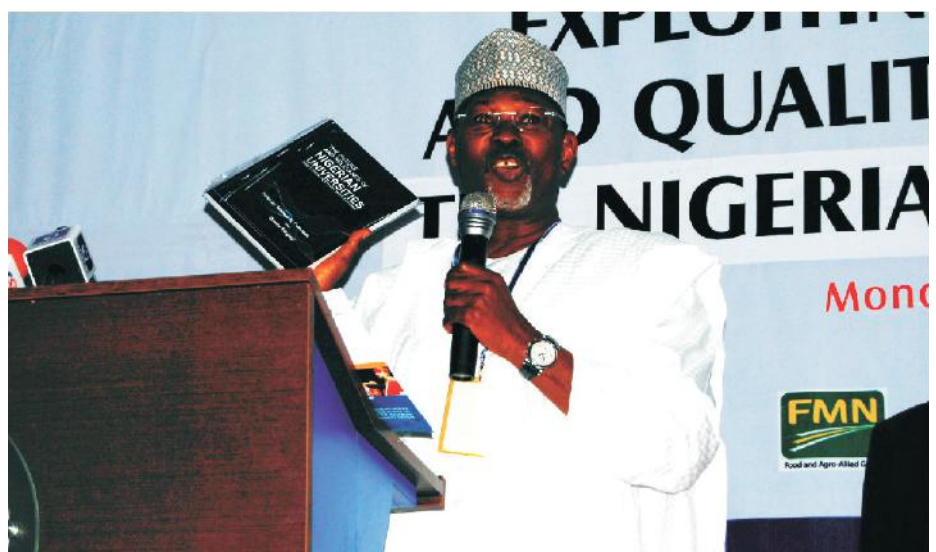
million candidates, who apply to write the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) annually, do not have the qualifications to sit for the examination. He added that about 40 per cent of the candidates, who pass the UTME annually, did not have the qualification to study in the University. Professor Oloyede noted that most of these unqualified candidates do not normally have their O'Level qualifications before proceeding to write the UTME. He decried these statistics and noted that it was a shameful trend for the most populous nation on the continent.

TrustAfrica's Higher Education Consultant, Dr. Omano Edigheji, suggested in his remarks that investing in youths and education was the quickest means for the continent of Africa to get out of its current quagmire. According to him, "There is now a recognition in the continent that the greatest asset of Africa are its people and in the context of the youth barge, investing in our youths will be a critical driver of national development, building democratic

citizenship, nation building, innovation and of transforming the continent from a continent of consumer to producer."

Dr. Edigheji stated that most governments in African have not taken education seriously and so, they provide very little budget to the sector. He, therefore, advised governments in the continent to increase their budgets to the sector and ensure that the curriculum was enriched to focus on the challenges of the continent rather than focus on what happened in the developed world.

Speaker after speaker as well the participants, unanimously identified education as the bedrock for national development and a very important tool in fostering unity amidst the series of conflicts in different parts of the country. The Summit deliberated the gradual decline in the quality of education in Nigeria and efforts that must be made to save the sector from total collapse.



Prof. Attahiru Jega
Former INEC Chairman



Generate Accurate Data on University Access

-Prof. Rasheed



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has suggested a number of measures required to urgently improve quality and access in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Speaking during a presentation at the just concluded 2016 Nigeria Higher Education Summit, titled, 'The Challenge of Access and Quality: A Re-appraisal of the Evolution and Growth, and Quality Assurance Framework in the NUS', the Executive Secretary, represented by the Director, Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Saliu, stressed the need for the NUS to establish the extent of the challenge of access with accurate data to determine the number of additional universities needed to ameliorate access.

Professor Rasheed said that, because universities remained the engine room for innovation, creativity must be reflected in institutions' programme offering and curriculum. While reiterating

the urgency for Nigerian universities to give high priority to internal quality assurance, the NUC Scribe called on new universities to further develop plans on staffing requirements beyond the requirement for take-off. He stated that the instruction to first generation universities to focus on postgraduate training would be followed through by the NUC. Professor Rasheed also said that the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) and the Distance Learning Centres (DLCs) would be strengthened and positioned to effectively address the challenges of access.

The Executive Secretary took the participants down history lane, recounting the evolution and growth of universities in Nigeria. He informed them that, even with the increase in the number of institutions to 152, there remained the problem of access, which was due to the increasing demand for higher education. The Executive Secretary blamed the low carrying capacities of new universities, most of which are private, and the

preference for universities over polytechnics and colleges of education for the increasing challenges of access. He disclosed that inadequate access to university education had resulted in undue pressure, admission racketeering, over enrolment, emergence of degree mills and satellite campuses as well as the rise of social vices, such as examination malpractice, cultism, sorting and prostitution.

Professor Rasheed observed that the attempt to expand access had thrown up some challenges and encouraged some institutions to take short-cuts. Some of these practices, which he condemned, included the appointment of unqualified persons as professors to satisfy NUC academic staff ratios, the engagement of part-time lecturers and/or sabbatical staff to the extent that they constitute the bulk of the teaching staff and the moonlighting of academic staff across Nigerian universities. He added that the appointment of academic staff for accreditation purposes, only to lay them off after accreditation, was also damaging to the system. Professor Rasheed, therefore, noted that the Commission was currently introducing new measures to tackle some of these problems and improve its quality assurance and monitoring mechanisms to ensure that Nigerian universities met world class status.

The Executive Secretary called for the support of all stakeholders and assured them of his commitment to take the system to greater



Minister of Communications Inaugurates Digital Literacy Council

The Honourable Minister of Communications, Barr Abdulraheem Adebayo Shittu has inaugurated a Digital Literacy Council.

Inaugurating the Council last Monday, the Minister stated that Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enables the individual to find, evaluate and create information for meaningful growth and development as well as enhance government's efforts at diversifying the economy, stating that this informed the launch of the Digital Literacy Council.

Barr. Shittu stated that ICT moves nations away from traditional to faster and more productive ways of doing things, adding that the concept of ICT had grown in Nigeria to the extent that it was often referred to as the 4th pillar of the economy and as the infrastructure of infrastructures. The Minister explained that the Nigerian-ICT Roadmap would be used to drive the programme, which had Digital Literacy Programme as one of its components. He further said that the Council would collaborate with the Global Digital Council to ensure standards and best practices.

Barr Shittu enumerated the Terms of Reference (TORs) to include the following: to develop a National Digital Literacy and Strategic Action Plan for Nigeria, identify and harness opportunities for partnerships in order to provide digital services to citizens in the rural communities, convene



Barrister Abdulraheem Adebayo Shittu
Hon. Minister of Communications

annual summits, coordinate all foreign digital literacy intervention programmes as well as monitoring and evaluation to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the programme by the Digital Literacy Management Committee.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, said that the NUC took the development of ICT in teaching, learning and research seriously because of its importance to nation building. To that effect, the Commission was reviewing the ICT Curricular and accreditation procedures in consultation with relevant stakeholders and experts to accommodate the presence of more Digital Resources rather than Traditional Physical Books in Nigerian Universities, in addition to establishing a curriculum in Cyber Crime Programme in Nigerian Universities. He stated that he was encouraging Nigerian Universities

to go beyond establishing just department of ICT to Faculties of ICT, with specialties in various aspects of Computing and ICT. This, he said, was why he nominated the two Vice-Chancellors, who are experts in Computing to represent the University System in the Council. The nominees are Professor Idowu Olayinka of the University of Ibadan and Professor Muhammad Y. Bello, Bayero University, Kano.

In his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Communications, Mr. Sony Ochono explained that, the launch was in line with the Ministry's vision to provide Nigerians with necessary skills which would help them to key into 21st century globalization and to promote technological development. The main purpose was to determine the direction for Digital Literacy in the Country.



Membership of the Council was drawn from the Academia, experts and government. The Council would be chaired by the Hon. Minister of Communications, while National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), would drive the management committee in areas of administration and

budgetary provision.

In a brief remark, the Director-General, Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE), Mr. Joe Aban urged government parastatals to establish and operate functional websites, e-mails, etc, for easy contact and corporate governance. In a vote of thanks, the Director

Genera, NITDA, Dr. Isa Ali Ibrahim Fantami highlighted the advantages of the use of ICT enhancing procedures and adding value to our everyday lives. He thanked the Executive Secretary of NUC for the development of ICT and regulation of the academic programmes in Nigerian Universities.



Barr Shittu, Director-General, NITDA, Dr. Isa Ibrahim Fantami and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed



Barr Shittu and Prof. Rasheed with members of the Council



Promoters of Private Universities receiving their Licences



Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State



Crown-Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State



Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State



Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State



Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State



Kola-Daisi University, Ibadan Oyo State.



Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State



Coal-City University, Enugu, Enugu State



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
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

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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





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

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

MANAGEMENT

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

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

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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





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

C. Private Universities

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

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

Management





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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, Boko	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., Owode, Delta State	2015
						56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
						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	Koladai University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
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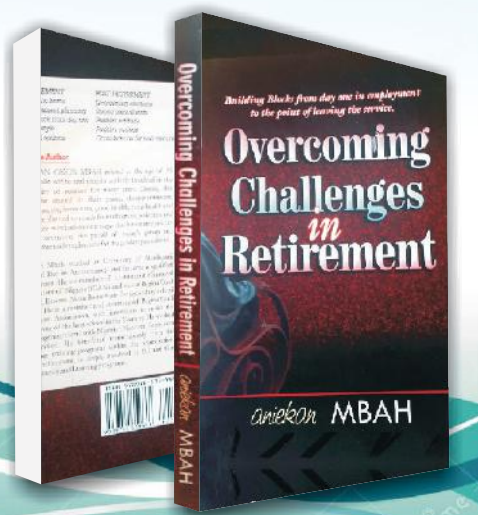
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List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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 :

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

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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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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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 CAPE3 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 Udo 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
- 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, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
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EMMANUEL E. MBEH	28 Nov.	DIM
ABAYOMI OPEOLUWA AYANSOLA	29 Nov.	DSSS
SAMSON BABADENDE OJO	30 Nov.	LO
SOLOMON AUDI DAN'AZUMI	30 Nov.	DESO
AHMAD ALIYU SALIHI	1 Dec.	DMSS
JIDE OLUKOJU	2 Dec.	DPP
EMENEM EDEMODU CHINWEOKWU	3 Dec.	DQA
ADESOLA FAVOUR FADAIRO	4 Dec.	DMSS

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

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