

# Corruption in the Universities: FG to Act Decisively

*- makes highest intervention of N213.4 billion in tertiary institutions*

**T**he President and Visitor to all Federal Universities Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*, has disclosed that government was studying the disturbing incidences of serious allegations of financial recklessness and unwanted high handedness in many universities and other institutions of higher learning in the country "and will act decisively on it, in due course."

In the Visitor's address to the 33rd Convocation Ceremony of Bayero University, Kano read on his behalf by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, *nni, MFR*, on Saturday March 18, the President said that government will continue to monitor development in its universities to ensure that they are run more efficiently, transparently and prudently.

He urged University Councils, Managements and other critical



Muhammadu Buhari  
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

stakeholders to respect the principles of good governance and rule of law in the administration of human, financial and reputational capitals of their institutions.

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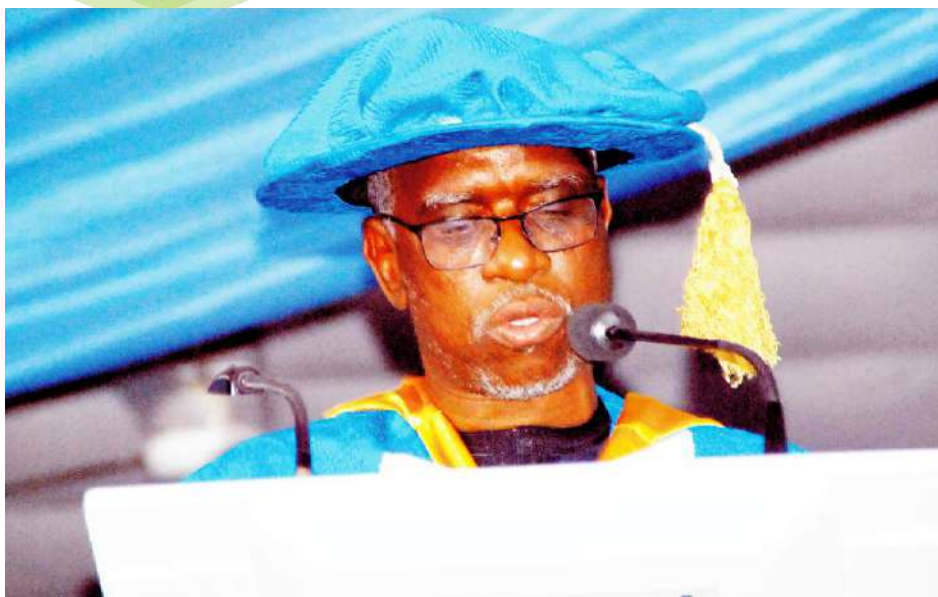
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Representative of the Visitor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

Education Trust Fund (TETFund) was last month directed to disburse a total of N213.4 Billion naira to all public Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education as part of its 2016 annual intervention. This, he said, was the highest regular, annual intervention to beneficiary institutions in the history of the Fund. He added: “we are optimistic that with this improved allocation, and with better management of the resources, our tertiary institutions will be better equipped to produce quality middle level and high level manpower needed to stimulate our economy and steer our nation towards the path of genuine development.”

President Buhari also used the occasion to, again, thank all Nigerians for their prayers and good will, saying, “through these prayers, support and goodwill, we shall overcome the serious challenges we are facing as a nation. We are encouraged by these prayers to

muster the strength and courage to change this great nation and transform it to a more politically stable and economically prosperous country.”

The President assured that his administration was standing firmly on the pledges it made to Nigerians to fight corruption, improve security, and stimulate the economy to create more employment opportunities in the country. His words: “we shall continue to pursue these goals until we overcome all obstacles. We shall continue to sacrifice our time and energy until we succeed in restoring the dignity and respectability of the ordinary Nigerian. We shall continue to work with honesty, integrity and dedication to change the fortunes of our country, and we are confident that we shall emerge victorious in our resolve to effect positive change to affect to lives of our people.”

The Visitor tasked Nigerian

universities to be at the forefront of generating and disseminating knowledge and innovations to ensure the country’s participation in the global knowledge society. Government on its part, he said, would continue to encourage universities and other tertiary institutions to produce the necessary skilled manpower to build “a strong economy capable of sustaining our change agenda.”

The President congratulated the University for its numerous achievements, through its devotion to quality teaching, research and community service. He also commended it for conferring honorary Doctorate Degrees on worthy individuals such as the two distinguished honorees: Khalifa Isyaku Rabi’u (a foremost Qur’anic scholar and philanthropist) and Mr. Man Loong Lee (a Chinese national, who has contributed



Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, His Majesty, King Alfred Papapreye Diete-Spiff, Seriyai II, Amayanabo of Twon Brass







Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council,  
Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed

immensely to the industrial development of Kano and Nigeria. He wished the graduands success in their future pursuits.

In his remarks, the Chancellor, His Majesty, King Alfred Papapreye Diete-Spiff OFR, JP, DF Seriyai II, Amanyano of Twon-Brass, Bayelsa State, recognised the importance of peace and security for co-existence in the country. He said, “fundamental to the achievement of this vision of peace and security, we must be secure. We must be able to peacefully coexist. All must feel that they belong. All must believe that they have a stake in the system. All must see themselves as being carried along and empowered. All must feel that they benefit from the resources their domain is blessed with.”

Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Mahmud Yayale

Ahmed, CFR, also noted that BUK had achieved a lot “in the context of our national unity and international academic standards.” However, he said, the University was still facing some serious challenges. The issue of funding remained a concern, especially with respect to Personnel and Overhead Costs. Even with Capital Budget, he said the future looked uncertain since the bulk of it comes from TETFund interventions. As a matter of immediate priority, he pleaded with the Federal Government to release the personnel cost shortfall which had already been verified. For a more permanent solution, Alhaji Ahmed appealed to the Visitor to constitute a Committee of experts that would objectively determine the budgetary requirements of all Universities and submit appropriate recommendations for implementation.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello reported that a total of 8,405 candidates were graduating from the University with 5,283 undergraduate degrees as well as 3,122 higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas. BUK, he said, continued to enjoy tremendous support from the Federal Government, especially through the National Universities Commission (NUC), TETFund, and the Federal Ministry of Education. “This has gone a long way to ease our problems and place us in the forefront as far as physical and academic developments of the University are concerned.”

Professor Bello said the University had witnessed appreciable progress in the last one year. Many on-going projects had been completed and put to use. He said, “in the last 30 days alone, 12 out of the many newly completed projects have been commissioned: some by the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Dr. Abdullahi B. Baffa; some others by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed; and the rest by the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and the TETFund, Comrade Aminu Suleiman Goro. The few remaining ones are nearing completion. This has enabled a number of new units to take-off, and existing ones to move to their permanent locations.”

The Vice Chancellor further reported that the additional facilities and resources were being used to consolidate existing



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad  
Yahuza Bello







L-R: Deputy Governor of Katsina State, Alh. Abdullahi Garba; VC, Prof. Yahuza Bello; Dr. Mrs. Diete-Spiff, Chancellor, HRM, Papapreye Diete-Spiff; Prof. Rasheed, Pro-Chancellor, Alh. Yayale Ahmed and the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar

programmes so as to substantially improve the quality of teaching and learning; and also to establish and maintain excellence in research. This, he said, was in line with the University's five-year Strategic Plan (2016-2020), which was approved by the Council. According to him, the only project facing the

risk of not being completed is the new Senate Building, which still required additional funding. "We wish to humbly remind the Visitor of the pledge made at last year's convocation ceremony that the Government would look into the issue of getting the project completed", he said.

Still on the University's achievements, Professor Bello disclosed that during the year under review, the newly-established Faculty of Communication won a grant of \$700, 000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, USA. Half of the funds (\$350, 000) had been received and the Faculty was executing the Project, in line with the grant agreement. The grant was part of a \$5 million grant in Journalism and Media, aimed at advancing anti-corruption efforts in Nigeria. BUK is the only university among the seven beneficiary organisations and agencies in West Africa and USA. The University's Renewable Energy Research also won an indirect grant of more than \$400, 000 from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) for solar energy generation, research and training.



Comptroller General of Nigerian Immigration Service, Mohammed Babandede and Prof. Rasheed







The Vice-Chancellor also explained that the University's programmes and products had continued to excel as attested to by employers and the results of programme accreditations by regulatory and professional

bodies. "During the year under review, all our programmes due for accreditation by such bodies have secured the accreditation, while new ones have been given the green light after resource assessments.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has also conducted accreditation visit to 26 programmes, even though the results were still being awaited", he said.



L-R: Amb. Muhammadu Jumba, Dr. Rukayyatu Gurin, Alh. Yayale Ahmed and Mal. Usman Yakasai



Cross session of graduands





# Prof. Rasheed Visits ABU's Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, on Thursday, 16th March, 2017, formally visited the Africa Centre of Excellence on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria.

One of the 10 Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) in Nigerian universities, supported by the World Bank, ACENTDFB was established to improve on postgraduate training, research and development of inventions to control tropical diseases as well as make advances in biotechnology.

The Executive Secretary, who was accompanied by the ACE Project Coordinator, Dr. Joshua Atah, paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ibrahim Garba. They both pledged their support for the ACE project and reaffirmed their commitment to the sustainability of all the 10 ACEs in Nigeria, particularly the ACENTDFB. Other members of the ABU team present were, Professors Junaid Kabir, H.M. Inuwa, Y.K.E. Ibrahim, M.N. Shu'aibu, S. Ibrahim, M.I. Sule, Jacob Kwaga and S.B. Junaid, as well as Dr. Idowu Aimola.

Professor Rasheed said he was delighted to be at ABU on a visit that



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Prof. Ibrahim Garba

he considered a home-coming and that he was not necessarily visiting as Executive Secretary of NUC, but as Chairman of the ACE National Project Performance Review Committee (NPPRC) and Nigeria's representative on the ACE Project Steering Committee (PSC). He commended ABU for making Biotechnology the focus of the research and training at the Centre.

Given the importance of the ACE project in Nigeria, the Executive Secretary said that NUC made an exception to conduct the accreditation of the programmes of all ACEs outside the regular NUC accreditation calendar of May and November of every year. He said he

was at ABU, first to visit the Vice-Chancellor, who he considered as the father of ACENTDFB, and later the leadership of the Centre, all in a bid to familiarise himself with the project, listen to the challenges, advise appropriately and thereafter, present a report to the next meeting of the PSC on 15th May, 2017. Similar visits were being planned for all the other ACEs in Nigeria, he said.

Professor Rasheed expressed satisfaction with the recent changes made by ABU in the governance and running of the Centre. He noted that, given the quality of people from different backgrounds working together as a team,







ACENTDFB had the potentials to emerge the best among the ACEs.

In his remarks, Dr. Atah expressed concern about the pace of disbursements of funds to the Centre and other identified challenges. He advised that all hands be put on deck to address them ahead of the mid-term review of the Project in May, 2017 and reiterated that the University should also consider the Centre in its annual budget.

The Centre's Project Coordinator, Professor Junaidu Kabiru, stated that the Centre felt neglected due to the absence of national and international partnerships. He, therefore, called for support and partnership with other ACEs within and outside the country.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ibrahim Garba, thanked the Executive Secretary for the visit and also took note of some of the concerns/challenges in the Centre.

He said the last supervision mission by the NUC, Association of African Universities (AAU) and the World Bank, which took place in November, 2016, revealed to him the potentials and the challenges of ACENTDFB. He explained that the university took steps to address the governance and other challenges facing the Centre and that it had now been repositioned to play the leading role that was expected of it. Prof Garba pledged to hold monthly meetings with the ACENTDFB team until it overcomes all its challenges. He also pledged to make counterpart contributions to the centre once there is evidence of progress.

The Executive Secretary and the team moved to the ACENTDFB secretariat to inspect the laboratories, library and other facilities. The Team later went into a closed door meeting to discuss sundry issues relating to the smooth

and efficient management of the Centre.

Some of the specific requests made by the Centre and faculty members included:

- NUC's support for the acquisition of more equipment for the laboratories,
- NUC's guidance to enable the undergraduate programmes in the Centre attain full accreditation,
- NUC's intervene to ensure that the staff, whose responsibilities include medical related activities, earn the same allowances as medical personnel.

The Executive Secretary promised, to the extent possible, to consider all the requests and consult with the universities, the university-based unions, as well as professional bodies to address all the concerns.



The NUC and ACENTDFB Teams with Profs. Rasheed and Garba





## Prof. Rasheed Commissions BUK's Dryland Agriculture Centre Lab, New Building



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, assisted by the Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello; commissioning the Tissue Culture Laboratory at the University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), while other officials of the University and NUC look on

**T**he Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni, MFR*, on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, commissioned the Tissue Culture Laboratory and a new building of the Africa Centre of Excellence in Dryland Agriculture (CDA) at Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

While commissioning the Laboratory, the Executive Secretary stated that it was the mandate of his Commission, being the coordinating body for the World Bank-assisted Africa Centres of

Excellence (ACE) to tour all the centres in the country and monitor their progress. He said he was at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, the day before, to visit its Africa Centre of Excellence on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (*ACENTDFB*).

Professor Rasheed commended CDA for installing state-of-the-art facilities that would advance the conduct of research in multi-disciplinary areas. He expressed hope that many Nigerian universities would learn from the tremendous progress made by

The Centre Leader and the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin and the Deputy Director, Research and Outreach, Dr. Kabir Mustapha took the NUC Scribe round the facilities at the Laboratory, with Dr. Mustapha explaining the functions and importance of the ultra-modern equipment and facilities.

Professor Rasheed also toured the GIS Laboratory, other Research Laboratories, Reading Room and office of the Director at the new CDA building, after commissioning it.



Prof. Rasheed, commissioning the new CDA Building



Deputy Director, Research and Outreach, Dr. Kabir Mustapha (left), explaining a research process at the Tissue Culture Laboratory, Prof. Rasheed; while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yahuza Bello listens with keen interest





# FUPRE Graduates 795 at Maiden Convocation

The Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE), Delta State, on Tuesday, 14th, March, 2017, turned out 795 graduates with various degrees, 25 of them on the First Class Honours list. It was the University's first Convocation ceremony and 10th year Anniversary. The event, which took place at the University's Main Arena, also witnessed the installation of the Emir of Anka, Zamfara State, HRH Alhaji Attahiru Mohammad Ahmad, CON, as the second Chancellor of the University.

In his address, the Visitor to the University, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, described the occasion as historic in the annals of the institution and congratulated the graduands for successfully completing their courses of study. The President, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary 1, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor



Prof. A. O. Akii Ibadode  
Vice-Chancellor, FUPRE

Chiedu Mafiana, recalled that FUPRE was established, as one of the specialised universities in the country, with the mandate to develop the manpower and technological capacities of the Petroleum industry. This, he said, placed it at a strategic position on the nation's pathway to self-sufficiency in addressing its energy challenges.

The President further said that, since the discovery of crude oil in the country, the Petroleum Training Institute (PTI), established in 1974, followed by the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF), the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board as well as FUPRE, were all established by the Federal Government to strategically develop local capacities and technologies in the Oil and Gas industry, dominated by foreign professionals, with Nigerians

playing supporting roles. President Buhari, therefore, called on the agencies in the core sector to harmonise and synergise to address the increasing energy challenges facing the country, so as to justify government's investment. While stressing the critical role of energy in nation-building, he tasked FUPRE to be a catalyst for innovation and the engine room for technological revolution in the industry.

The Visitor acknowledged the fact that operations in the oil industry were highly technical and capital intensive, saying that Government would continue to create the enabling environment for innovation and ingenious solutions to identified critical challenges. Government, he added, would stimulate the development of ideas, by providing research grants and other facilities that would



The Chancellor, HRH Alhaji Attahiru  
Mohammad Ahmad





Prof. Chiedu F. Mafiana, assisted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A. O Akii Ibhadode installing the Chancellor, HRH, Alhaji Mohammad Ahmad

encourage research and development. He appealed to all Universities, to redirect focus on their curricula and researches to address pertinent national issues, assuring them that Government was committed to improving the welfare of staff within the limits of available resources.

Congratulating FUPRE on its 10th anniversary, President Buhari charged the various organs of the institution to work diligently to ensure peace and harmony with the host community to guarantee sustained growth and development.

The President, who also formally installed the new Chancellor of the

University, said the choice of HRH Alhaji Attahiru Mohammad Ahmad, was a strategic one and a declaration of Government's commitment to deepening national integration. He expressed conviction that his experience as a meticulous and consummate visionary would impact positively on the University, noting that the opportunities given to Chancellors and Council Members by the Government placed on them a scared responsibility as trustees of the nation's commonwealth. He urged the Chancellor to make sacrifices and lend the institution the full benefits of his exalted position. He added that, as Chancellor and a symbol of

morality and authority, HRH must embrace the right view, right intention, right speech and action and guide the University to commit to high ethical standards.

In his address, the Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Federal Government for appointing him to serve and for its unflinching support to the University, saying that the celebration of the day would not been possible without the support of Government and eminent persons like the Ovie of Uvwie Kingdom, His Royal Majesty Emmanuel Sideso Abe 1, OON, JP. He assured the Federal Government that he would bring his experience to bear on the running of the institution and also lend support to the Governing Council and Management in the pursuit of its core mandate of training high level manpower for the petro-driven economy of Nigeria. He commended the Governing Council and the University Management for working in synergy which, he said, had provided the enabling environment for the University to thrive.

The Emir called on the Federal Government to show greater commitment to the growth of the University through increased



(L-R) DVC, Prof. Arubayi; His Eminence, John Cardinal Onaiyekan; Sen. Barigha-Amange, Prof. Mafiana, Ovie of Uvwie, Sir Chukwudozie and Prof. Ibhadode







Prof. Mafiana, Principal PTI, Prof. S. Iyuke; Prof. Ibhado and former Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius Okojie

funding. He also appealed to the Delta State Government for more of its presence and care to the institution, acknowledging the support of the Governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa, so far.

The Chancellor congratulated the honorary awardees, noting that they were chosen for their hard work and immense contributions to nation-building. He also congratulated the graduands on their well-deserved success, saying that they had worked hard and tirelessly to win the coveted academic trophy. He urged them to keep the flame glowing brighter and brighter for the glory of the nation.

In his speech, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange said that the University was proud to be the premier institution of Petroleum Resources in the Gulf of Guinea, Sub-Saharan Africa and the sixth in the world. He noted that the Council, which was in its fourth year, came in at a difficult time for the University and was charged with the task of fixing it and repositioning it for academic

excellence. This, he said, had been accomplished with pride as FUPRE was currently on the path to greatness, with all its principal officers now on substantive appointments, as against acting capacities. There was also an improvement in staff motivation, with their promotion coming as and when due as well as the entrenchment of quality policies that engender smooth administrative processes.

On its achievements, the Pro-Chancellor said that the University's access road, which was in a deplorable condition, had been constructed, the White Paper on the 2012 Visitation Panel Report was

implemented, while the Council also mediated in a Community/University feud and provided some basic facilities. He commended the University Management for its clear vision to bring it to global visibility. He appealed for a deliberate funding policy to sustain Government's vision of making FUPRE a world-class Petroleum University, with capacity to meet the manpower needs of the Oil and Gas and other allied industries.

In his Convocation Address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akaehomen Akii Ibhado, said that FUPRE owed the ceremony to the remarkable contributions of its founding fathers. He particularly expressed gratitude to former President Olusegun Obasanjo, for his foresight in establishing the University; the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Makoju; pioneer Pro-Chancellor, Professor Babatunde Alabi; and Professor Alhassan Bichi, who came in as Acting Vice-Chancellor to stabilise the University, among others.

On a decade of FUPRE, Professor Ibhado explained that the



VC, Prof. Ibhado congratulating Mr. Emmanuel Okeke, a 1st Class graduate of Petroleum Engineering



University commenced academic activities on the 14th of April, 2008, with just 51 students in the College of Science, while the Second Phase saw the establishment of the College of Technology in the 2010/2011 academic session. The University has since grown to a student population of 3, 195, spread across 13 academic programmes in the two Colleges. The staff strength has also grown, from seven in 2007, to 704, comprising 183 teaching, 408 non-teaching and 113 junior staff, while it moved from its rented apartment at Ebrumede, in Effurun, to its permanent site on its fourth anniversary, on 14th March, 2011.

Despite these modest achievements, the Vice-Chancellor expressed regret that the level of the University's development, in line with its master plan, was less than 20 percent, due to inadequate funding. He recalled assuming duty as the third substantive Vice-Chancellor on the 4th May, 2015 and had, within this period, conducted an audit of the University and evaluated its unique potentials against those of conventional ones. He said that his vision for FUPRE was to lead it to be among the top 500 in the world. According to him, the University, under his watch, had

recorded successes at the 2015 and 2016 Shell Eco-marathon competitions in South Africa. In 2015, its entry, Delta Cruz 1, a prototype gasoline vehicle, was designed and built by a team of its Engineering students, which won the Most Innovative Car Design Award for its unique feature of having a devise that could remotely demobilise it, using a regular mobile phone.

The Vice Chancellor also reported that the University instituted a Shell Professorial Chair in Lightweight Automobile Engine Development last year, to develop local capacities for automobile engine design and manufacture, through structured research and development activities. FUPRE also achieved success in Petrol Bowl Competitions, National Mathematical Competition, National Association of Petroleum Engineers (NAPE) Conference and Exhibitions and received a donation of Petroleum software worth USD 120, 000 (OPEND TECT) from Danvic International Petroleum Corporation, Lagos. The University had also established patents and research as well as linkages and collaboration initiatives with institutions such as, I-flow Energy Holdings Ltd, UK; University of

Nottingham, UK; Total Automation Concepts Nigeria Ltd., Centre for Safety Education, Centre for Maritime and Offshore Studies, among others.

Professor Ibhadoke listed some of the challenges facing FUPRE to include the absence of an Enabling Law, non-release of part of its take-off grant and general inadequate funding.

The Vice Chancellor felicitated with the Honorary Degree awardees, among who were the former Vice-President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar; and the Ovie of Uvwie Kingdom, His Royal Majesty Emmanuel Sideso Abe 1, OON, JP.

He also thanked the Delta State Governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa; Ovie of Uvwie Kindgom, the immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Professor Julius A. Okojie and Senator Nimi Barigha Amange (who were all present at the ceremony) for their contributions to the development of the institution.



Cross section of the graduands







# Nigeria to Diversify Export Base with Oil Resources

## - Kachikwu at FUPRE 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation Lecture

The desire of the Federal Government is to ensure that, within the next three to five years, Nigeria transits from being a massive importer of petroleum products and value added gas products such as fertilizers, methanol and petrochemicals to diversifying its export base and enhancing import substitution, growing its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and generating employment.

Honourable Minister of State, Petroleum Resources, Dr. Ibe Kachikwu stated this in the First Convocation/Founders' Day Lecture of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE), Delta State, titled, 'Oil Resources Management and Implications on National Security and Economic Survival', which he delivered on Monday, 13th March, 2017. He outlined the key issues militating against the Nigerian Oil and Gas sector to include:

- poor linkage of the sector with other sectors of the economy, despite its potentials for multiplier effects, through power generation, Agriculture, Petro-chemicals and other industries;
- low level of Nigerian content in the supply of goods and services required in the development and



Minister of State, Petroleum resources,  
Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, delivering his lecture

operations of the Oil and Gas Sector,

- high level of poverty and poor provision of social and economic infrastructure in the oil and gas-producing communities, despite government interventions, through NDDC, 13 per cent Derivation and the Amnesty Programme;
- public perception of lack of accountability and transparency in the operations and management of the sector,
- identified confusion in the management of NNPC, which

currently performs policy, regulatory and commercial activities, as provided in the NNPC Act, resulting in inefficiency and value destruction.

Dr Kachikwu said oil had remained the world's major commercial energy source for decades and consensus indicated that it would maintain this leading role in the foreseeable future. According to him, Nigeria boasts of huge hydrocarbon resources, ranking among the top 12 most prolific energy-endowed nations, globally, and holding more than 30 per cent of Africa's reserves. The focus of Government, he added, had shifted





towards enabling policies and initiatives that would jump-start an accelerated pace of development in the country.

The Minister observed that, unlike in 2008, where the oil price decline was driven by demand deterioration, the decline in oil price from 2014 to 2016 was due to excess supply. Global spending on exploration and production by oil and gas producers declined with the loss of over USD300 billion. In view of the foregoing, he said, Nigeria had made more efforts at ensuring a conducive investment climate in the Oil and Gas industry that would attract more investments, ensure its growth and enhance the capacity to generate employment in the sector and nationwide.

The Guest Lecturer disclosed that Nigeria witnessed some asset transfer transactions, largely from multi-national oil companies, a development that had seen the emergence of new largely indigenous independent companies. This, he said, demonstrated a maturing Oil and Gas sector in which bigger players were taking over control of operations and management. He added that inefficient Joint Venture Cash Call Management System and underfunding of Government equity interest resulted to the big issue of huge unpaid cash-call arrears, estimated at over USD 6.5 billion by 2015. The year 2016 saw Nigeria negotiating and signing a novel agreement on a sustainable funding framework for joint venture cash-call operations, which would not

only sustain the nation's joint venture operations, but be a key enabler for incremental production from its joint venture operations.

Dr. Kachikwu enumerated some of the reform agenda of the Federal Government, aimed at regenerating the Oil and Gas sector, to include, the Petroleum Industry Roadmap tagged, 'The 7 Big Wins' for the new Nigerian Petroleum Industry', launched by President Muhammadu Buhari last year. This roadmap, he said, was different from others that Nigerians knew because it reflected the vision of the country's leadership and the explicit support and commitment of the industry and all stakeholders, to its implementation. He further explained that the roadmap was different as it had very specific time-focused targets and covered key areas such as, policy and regulation, business and investment drive, gas revolution, refineries and local refined products capacity, Niger Delta and security, transparency and efficiency as well as stakeholders' management and international

creation of a commercially viable National oil company incorporated under Companies and Allied Matters Act, subject to same terms and conditions as any private company paying taxes to government and dividends to shareholders. He made a case for a fully restructured NNPC into autonomous viable business units; strongly abiding by the principles of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) as well as the need for a strong linkage between the Oil sector and the other sectors of the Nigerian economy. He submitted that this was necessary to create growth, reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of millions of Nigerians.

The immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, chaired the lecture that was attended by members of the academia, staff, students and friends of the University.



Chairman of the Occasion, Prof. Julius Okojie with Prof. Mafiana







# Agriculture ACEs Hold Joint Training at Benue State University

Six of the World-Bank supported Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) in West Africa, which focus on Agriculture, have been commended for collaborating and synergising to achieve their goals and objectives. The commendation came from guests, resource persons and participants at the opening of a joint training workshop, organised by the Centres, in collaboration with the World Bank and the National Universities Commission (NUC), at the Benue State University (BSU), Makurdi, recently.

The collaborating Centres were, the Centre for Food Technology and Research (CEFTER), BSU; West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI), University of Ghana, Legon; Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB); Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano (BUK); Centre of Excellence on Avian Science (CERSA), University of Lome, Togo; and the Centre on Climate Change Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture (CCBAD), Felix Houphoet Boigny University, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

The week-long workshop, with the theme, Innovative Teaching and Learning, Fund Raising and Gender Balance in Education, was hosted by CEFTER, from 13th to 17th March, 2017. Participants were



The Vice Chancellor, Benue State University (BSU), Makurdi, Prof. Moses Msugh Kembe, middle, flanked by (L-R), a participant from Ghana, representative of the Benue State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr. Thomas Unongu; CEFTER Centre Leader, Prof. D. K. Adedzwa; World Bank Expert, Carl Larsen; Prof. Jens Dolin, University of Copenhagen, Denmark and Prof. Raphael Wahome, University of Nairobi, Kenya, at the opening ceremony of the Joint Training for Agricultural Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs), held at BSU

drawn from the Centres, NUC and some of CEFTER's partner institutions: Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi; University of Mkar, Benue State and Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, among others.

Welcoming the participants, the Vice Chancellor of BSU, Prof. Moses Msugh Kembe, commended the Agricultural ACEs for coming together to organise the training, saying the theme of the workshop could not have come at a better time than now when teaching and learning required the application of new technology-driven techniques, when sustainable funding of educational programmes remained a major challenge in many institutions and also when so much desire had been expressed for the attainment of gender balance at all levels of education. He pledged the University's support for a successful hosting of the training.

Declaring the workshop open, Benue State Commissioner for Agriculture, Hon. James Anbua, who was represented by the Director of Agricultural Services, Dr. Thomas Unongu, thanked the participants and resource persons for coming. He said that the Ministry of Agriculture was working very hard to maintain the State's status as the Food Basket of the country and urged CEFTER to partner with the ministry to ensure that the State maintained the status.

Speaking on behalf of the resource persons, the World Bank Expert, Carl Larsen thanked the hosting Centre and the participants for attending the workshop. He said he was particularly impressed with the collaboration between the Agric ACEs in West Africa and that the three of them in Nigeria were a visionary team. He informed the participants that the workshop





would be engaging, there would be joined knowledge sharing and all ideas would be united for better understanding. He expressed hope that the outcome of the workshop would be that all ideas were extensively deliberated on.

The Centre Leader of CDA, Prof. Jubrin M. Jubrin said his university took the ACE project very seriously and, therefore, sent a strong team, with high expectations, to participate in the workshop. He thanked the host Centre and informed the meeting that CDA aimed to be a regional centre of excellence in teaching, research and development in agriculture, especially in dryland agriculture.

The Centre Leader of CEADESE, Professor Onagbesan Okanlawon, who was represented by Professor Babatunde Adewumi, also thanked the hosting Centre, saying CEADESE was excited to be participating in the workshop because it believed that, at the end of the workshop, it would have acquired new knowledge in

delivering one of its goals, which is to generate environmentally smart agricultural innovations and patents in various fields of expertise and in sustainable environment.

Representative of the Centre Leader of WACCI, Prof. Eric Danquah, thanked the host and the experts for organizing the workshop. He gave a brief introduction of his centre and said that they had high expectations at the workshop and then wished for a fruitful workshop.

The Centre Leader for the Regional Centre for Avian Sciences (CERSA), Lome, Prof. Jacob Tona who was represented by Prof. Agbonon Amegnona, thanked the hosting centre and also the experts. He gave a brief overview of his centre and wished for a successful and profitable workshop for all present.

The Centre Leader for Centre on Climate Change Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture (CCBAD), Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Kouame Nguessan Francois, thanked the host

and gave a brief overview of his centre and said his centre had high expectations and wished for a profitable workshop.

Centre Leader CEFTER, Professor Adedzwa, thanked his Vice Chancellor for his support to the centre and welcomed everyone and hoped that there would be knowledge sharing amongst the ACEs. He wished for a successful workshop.

The training format was interactive, with few presentations and ample time for discussion, exchange of ideas among participants, and practical work in groups. The participants discussed issues such as areas for improvement; project sustainability; institutional commitment to the Project; and promoting university-industry linkages.

Day Two to five of the training Workshop featured Session 1 and 2 on each day and covered topics on Smart Classroom, Fundraising, Didactics and Gender.



Guests and participants at the opening ceremony of the Joint Training







## *Images from Bayero University, Kano (BUK)*



L-R: Prof. Sheikh Zahradeen, Aminu Dantata and Danmasani Bello Maitama



Visiting Vice-Chancellors' procession



Honourary Awardees, Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u and representative of Man Loong



The new building of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture



Inspection of the Tissue Culture Laboratory



Executive Secretary and entourage inspecting the Centre for Dryland Agriculture





## *Images from Bayero University, Kano (BUK)*



Inspection of the Tissue Culture Lab



L-R: Profs. Yahuza, Rasheed and Hon. Suleiman



Meeting of the Executive Secretary with the Vice Chancellor and other officials of the Bayero University Kano

## *Images from the Agricultural ACEs Joint Training Workshop at Benue State University, Makurdi*







## *Images from Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE)*



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ibhadoke, Prof. C.F. Mafiana and the Registrar Mr. Ichendu



Sir (Dr.) Daniel Nwanna Chukwudozie speaking after conferment with DSc by FUPRE



Extension of the TETFund Classroom Block at FUPRE



A newly commissioned TETFund Classroom Block at FUPRE



Cross section of Emirs and traditional rulers from Zamfara State at the maiden Convocation of FUPRE







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia  
Agbo Abel & Co

### Introduction:

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## RE-NOTICE OF VACANCIES AT ITU

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has received, through the Federal Ministry of Communication Technology, a circular notice on existing vacancies at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Geneva, Switzerland, for the post of Head, Financial & Budget Administration with notice no. 2P-2017/BDT-DDR/EXTERNAL/P5 and Head, Fixed Mobile Services Division with notice no. 3P-2017/BR-TSD/EXTERNAL/P5.

**N.B** Interested candidates are required to complete an on-line application form. The applicants are to refer to the section 'HOW TO APPLY,' on ITU web site: [http:// www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html](http://www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html), to download other requirements and the completed applications should be forwarded through the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, not later than 6/03/2017, for the position of Head, Financial & Budget Administration and 20 March, 2017, for Head, Fixed Mobile Services Division, to the following address:  
The Secretary General,

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

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





## 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

### 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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## 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](http://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](mailto:rasheed3h@gmail.com) and copy to [chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com](mailto:chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com)





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

#### 2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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

##### B. State Universities

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

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

##### C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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







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

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1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
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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, 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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S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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 -

**Book Title: OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN RETIREMENT**

**Author: Mbah, Aniekan**

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**Year of Publication: 2013**

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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, Ogbomosho              |
| 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. Igbiniedion 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](mailto: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](http://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

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot 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, 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.
OBIANANMA ROSITA ASO	27 March	DAS
ISAAC ABULE NATHANIEL	27 March	DESO
JULIET NGOZI ADEBOYE	27 March	DSSS
OLUWASEYI ADEMOLA OBADELE	27 March	DESO
ORIBABURE IYAYI	28 March	DESO
ALEXA NWOSU	28 March	DMSS
OBIANUJU MARYANNA EZENYI	29 March	LO
MARYAM OZIYEREMI SADIQ	29 March	DAS
AYODEJI ADETUTU		
ODEJOKE-MAXWELL	30 March	DRI
VICTORIA EBERE AKUMA	31 March	DSSS
UZOAMAKA ONYEKELU		
MIKE-MBANEFU	31 March	DESO
UMMA BABA	31 March	DMSS
ABUBAKAR TAKUMA USMAN	1 March	DMSS
JOYCE RAYMOND IDIO	2 March	DFA
ONYEMAUCHE DONATUS MADUKA	2 March	DMSS

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