

# Take-Off Grants: 12 New Federal Varsities Get ₦2b Supplementation each in 2017 --- As F. U. Wukari holds Maiden Convocation



L-R: Pro-Chancellor, Alh. Uba Ahmed; Representative of ES NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Musa Kundi; Representative of the Visitor, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo; Representative of General TY Danjuma, Chief Obadiah Andio; Chancellor, the Ona of Abaji, HRH, Alh. Adamu Yunusa and the Aku Uka of Wukari, HRH, Dr. Shekarau Masa Ibi

**T**he Federal Government has directed the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund) to inject two billion Naira for the development of infrastructure in each of the 12-new

Federal Universities for the year 2017, with additional disbursements in the coming years as take-off supplementation grants.

The President, and Visitor to the

Federal University, Wukari Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*, revealed this in his speech, read by the NUC Director of Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo last Saturday on the occasion of the

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Dr. Gidado B. Kumo Director Academic Standards, NUC  
Representative of the President and Visitor to Federal University Wukari,  
delivering the Visitor's address

University's Maiden convocation ceremony.

The President assured that “when completed, the comfort of the teachers and students would be strongly enhanced” and called upon staff and students to deploy these facilities appropriately.

The Visitor explained that Government expected that teachers must live above board by ensuring that those put in their custody were properly guided and protected. He reminded them that they have a responsibility towards those under their care.

He said that the level of unemployment in most economies of the world, had reached an “exponential proportion”, observing that the Federal Government, as a response had initiated a number of youth-focused initiatives to tackle it and urged all young graduates to get deeply involved, with a view to becoming job-creators.

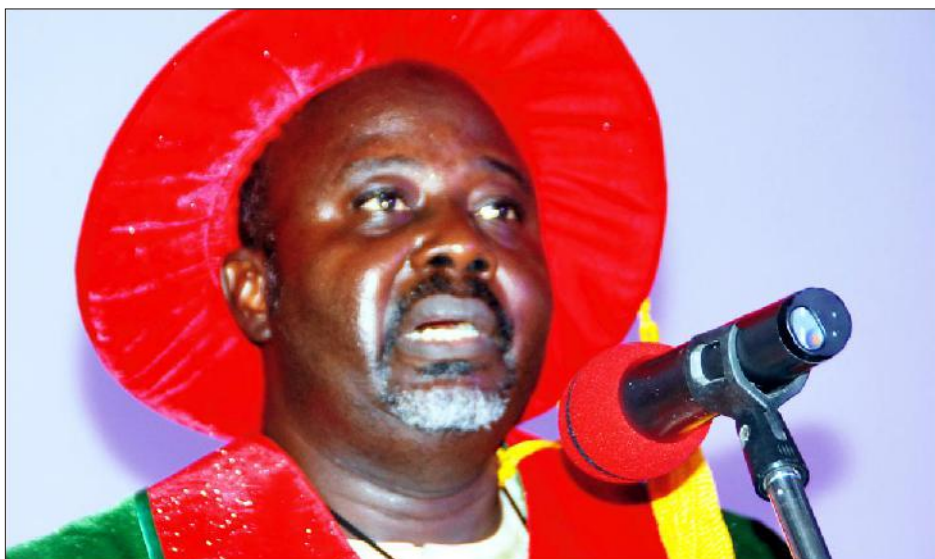
President Buhari stated that, that since ascension to office, his administration had realised the imminent destruction done to the nation's economy and the horrendous implication of corruption. Government, he said, had taken a number of measures to curtail corruption and urged Universities to join in the crusade against corruption. This, according to him, could be

achieved by ensuring transparency in the execution of public procurements and contracts and by instituting accountable deployment of scarce resources.

The President said that his administration would continue to emphasise on the training and re-training of academic and non-academic staff, in addition to ensuring the periodic review of school curriculum in line with national goals and aspirations, as well as promote enterprise and entrepreneurial learning.

The Commander-in-Chief further stated that the task of rebuilding the nation was undoubtedly a collective responsibility of every Nigerian wherever they may find themselves-family, workplace, school-by being the light and a positive influence for the sustenance of the country's pride and Commonwealth.

He congratulated the His Royal



Mal. Ibrahim Yakasai, Director, Information and Public Relation, NUC  
Representative of the Executive Secretary NUC





HRH, The Ona of Abaji, Alh. Adamu Yunusa  
Chancellor of the University

Highness, the Ona of Abaji on his appointment as the first Chancellor of the University, as well as the Pro-Chancellor and members of the Council, the Senate, Management and staff for their efforts and commitment and charged the graduands to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired for the betterment of themselves and for the supreme good of their fatherland.

In his message of goodwill, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, represented by the DIPR, Mallam Ibrahim U. Yakasai, congratulated the University on its Maiden Convocation and praised the leadership of the university “for taking the path of obedience to NUC regulations.”

He expressed the Commission’s dismay on the improper placement of staff and advised the Council and Management of the University to correct the anomaly forthwith.

The Executive Secretary disclosed that NUC would soon release the result of the recently conducted system-wide accreditation.

NUC, he said, was also worried about the number of uncompleted projects in the university and advised the new leadership to see how best to complete the structures.

The Executive Secretary also advised the University to institute

programmes that have direct bearing on its immediate Community, and pledged NUC’s support to the University in its pursuit of academic excellence.

Prof. Rasheed encouraged the young and vibrant Vice-Chancellor to key into some of the new programmes introduced by NUC within the last few months, such as Agric-Extension, and Rural Development aimed at targeting rural farmers for improved agricultural productivity.

The Chancellor and the Ona of Abaji, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa, in his speech, appreciated Mr. President for his Choice as the Chancellor and also thanked the FME, NUC and TETFund for their assistance to the University as well as the Vice Chancellor for its numerous achievement including the recent accreditation of academic programmes by the NUC and the deployment of ICT facilities.



Alh. Uba Ahmed Nana  
Pro-Chancellor of the University



Prof. Abubakar Musa Kundiri  
Vice-Chancellor of the University

In his remarks, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Alhaji Uba Ahmed Nana stated that right thinking and patriotic Nigerians were needed in the fight against corruption and insurgency.

The Federal Government under President Buhari, he said, have demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt, the level of commitment and its ability to make Nigeria a safe

haven, not only for its citizens, but to everyone who knew Nigeria. He assured the President that the Council of FUW would not fail in its duties of protecting the honored and dignity of staff and students. He added that the University was poised to adhering strictly to all quality stipulations and was working hard to ensure that, it was rated the first three amongst its contemporaries.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor

Abubakar Musa Kundiri, in his speech, disclosed that the University was graduating a total of 394 students across various disciplines from Faculties of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences as well as Pure and Applied Sciences. Out of these 16 students made first class, 166 second Class Upper, 192 second class lower and 20 Third Class.

Professor Kundiri said, our vision is "to transform the University into a formidable bastion of scholarship and research" through international collaborations with other global players in both the academia and industry, while the dream is "is to promote collaborative efforts in research, staff training and exchange" that will earn the University the recognition of being an international player within the comity of global universities.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the key sponsors of the university, including the FME, NUC and TETFund for their support and commitment. He particularly



Visiting Vice-Chancellors



thanked the President for approving a Special TETfund Intervention of about N2 billion in 2017; and additional N2.5 billion for the next two years; N1 billion normal intervention in 2017 and a N1.3 billion NEEDS Assessment Intervention for the development of key infrastructure in the Universities. He assured the Visitor that the funds would be judiciously utilised.

Professor Kundiri also commended the Government and People of Taraba State, the host community particularly the Paramount Ruler, the Aku Uka of Wukari, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa Ibi Kuvyon, *OO*N; the T. Y. Danjuma Foundation among other numerous

individuals and corporate organisations. Professor Kundiri stated that the University had also designed practicable programmes in Entrepreneurship, in addition to what NUC had prescribed, that have started impacting positively on their graduates.

In his remarks, the Taraba State Governor, Arc. Darius Ishaku, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Anthony Jellason promised more support to the University.

The Convocation Ceremony was preceded by a Convocation Lecture by former Executive Secretary TETfund, Professor Sulaiman Bogoro titled “Roadmap to problem

solving Research: the Task of the Federal University Wukari in North East”.

Other highlights included the installation of the Ona of Abaji as the first Chancellor of the University, and the conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees of Letters to three imminent personalities, including the Chancellor; the Aku Uka of Wukari, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa, Ibi 11 and General T. Y. Danjuma (RTD), who was represented by Chief Obadia Andio, a former Minister of State for Water Resources. The best graduating student Aji David Adashu also delivered a valedictory speech on behalf of all the graduands.



Cross section of Graduands



# ‘Data Management Crucial for Decision Making’



L-R: Alh. Ahmed Isah Nguru, Mahmud D. Nasiru, Mrs. Dorcas D. Otti, Sule Dauda Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; E.D Obafemi, B.A. Oloketuyi JP (Mrs.) and Mr. Maurice Uko

Proper management and timely availability of data would guarantee efficient and effective decision-making within the Nigerian University System (NUS), the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has said.

The Executive Secretary, who stated this when he received the new executives of the Committee of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (CORNU) in his office, recently, described them as critical stakeholders on which the universities relied for accurate records. He, therefore, challenged the Registrars to ensure that university Registries provide

accurate data, upon which the public and government could rely for information.

Professor Rasheed observed that whenever a Vice Chancellor and his Registrar work hand-in-hand, the university is the better for it. He, therefore, called on the Registrars to maintain a cordial working relationship with their Chief Executives (Vice Chancellors) for the overall benefit of the NUS. He advised the Committee to continue to strive for the best, adding that someday their labour would be rewarded.

The Executive Secretary promised the Association that the Commission would continue to

support it to achieve its goals and objectives. He encouraged it to discuss issues that would lead to the growth of the NUS in its Annual General Conference, such as the repositioning of Postgraduate programmes and quality assurance. He informed the group that the Commission was in the process of unbundling the education landscape by introducing some new programmes, while it would also review the existing curriculum to address modern challenges.

Earlier, in his remarks, leader of the delegation and Registrar, University of Ilorin, Mr. E. D. Obafemi, who congratulated the Executive Secretary on his appointment last year, also thanked



him for NUC's support of the Association, especially with respect to the Commission's assistance towards the Association's attendance at international conferences. He expressed the Association's concern over the situation where a Registrar on CONTISS 15, on completing his/her five-year tenure and still in service, is made to revert to a Deputy Registrar cadre on CONTISS 14. He therefore appealed to the Commission to intervene in the matter by proffering a lasting solution to it. While informing the

Executive Secretary that the Association recently conducted elections of a new set of officials, he promised that Registrars, as partners in progress, would continue to work with other arms of the universities in the overall interest of the system.

At the meeting were the Vice Chairman and Registrar, Federal University, Gashua, Mr. Sule Danda; Welfare Officer and Registrar, University of Port Harcourt, Mrs. Dorcas Otti; General Secretary and Registrar, Tansian University, Umunya, Dr. Peter Okey

Ejikeme; Asst. Secretary and Registrar, Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa, Mr. Muhammad Nasiru; Treasurer and Registrar, Redeemer's University, Ede, Mrs. B.A, Oloketuyi; PRO and Registrar, Nigerian French Language Village, Badagry, Mr. Maurice Uko and a staff of Federal University, Gashua, Alh. Ahmed Isa Ngunu.

Some members of NUC Management were also at the meeting.



Prof. Rasheed at the meeting with the delegates of the Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities



# Oil Company Canvasses Review of Engineering Curriculum

A two-man delegation from Total Exploration and Petrochemicals Nigeria Limited, led by the Executive General Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Education, Engr Vincent Nnadi, last week visited the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Raheed, mni, MFR, to canvass for the review of the Bachelor of Engineering curriculum in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

In his remarks, Engr Nnadi stated that Total had, in the course of building capacity of its young personnel, discovered some skills-gap in their training within the Nigerian universities. He observed that the skills-gap was not a case of incompetence on the part of the young graduates, whom, he acknowledged, were brilliant, but due to out-modelled curriculum, making them deficient in modern technology applications. He told the Executive Secretary that Total believed in the capacity of Nigerians and had been building this with more than 50 young professionals trained in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. He noted that the beauty of the programme was that a Nigerian academic in MIT, Professor Olawale Akinwande was one of those that mentored the young professionals.

The team leader said that the 50



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC

professionals had returned home and were helping to develop the capacities of others, as they were also in touch with about 21 Faculties in the NUS. This achievement, he said, could not be going on without informing the NUC about it and seeking its involvement, especially in Total's quest to see that the curriculum is reviewed. He recalled the company held a conference on 31 January, 2017, where the 50 trainees showcased the benefits of what they had learnt. Total, he said, also has a programme it was currently running with MIT tagged, 'Empowering the Teachers', aimed at closing up the skills-gap identified in Nigeria.

Engineer Nnadi disclosed that no fewer than 200 Nigerians were currently receiving training in South Korea, Netherlands, China and Canada, with the hope that they would replace the expatriates, in line

with the Nigerian local content programme in the oil industry. MIT, he said, was known for its creativity. Total, therefore, had tried to mimic its curriculum for Science and Technology since it was the best example for technology applications and for the fact that its products hardly looked for jobs because of the entrepreneurial components of its Engineering programme. The initiative, he stressed, was to ensure that Nigerian products were up-to-date with the changing technology.

Total, Engr Nnadi said, was at the Fellow's Conference of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), where it sought for more collaborations with other stakeholders. He disclosed that the company had adopted three universities (University of Port-Harcourt, University of Abuja



and the Lagos Business School) and was partnering with them to generate research for the oil industry. He observed that if other international oil companies took the same approach, the training of the much required critical mass of individuals that would cater for the oil industry would be achievable.

Responding, Professor Rasheed, described the efforts of the oil company as a very pleasant development. He thanked Total for its interest in the Nigerian higher education system and genuine concern for the state of the NUS and the NUC. He said that the company was doing well in terms of Research and Development, especially with its involvement in the Institute of Petroleum Studies domiciled at the University of Port Harcourt.

He expressed regret that most oil companies did not support Research and Development (R&D) in Nigerian universities.

The Executive Secretary thanked Total for recognising the fact that all curricula run in the NUS were under the auspices of the NUC. He, however, observed that a complete

mimic of the curriculum of MIT was wrong and should not be completely adapted for the Nigerian environment.

He explained that curriculum review was at the prime of NUC's targets, especially with the concern it had attracted among stakeholders. To demonstrate its readiness, the Commission recently attended a British Council Conference on Higher Education where it canvassed for support on the review of the curriculum and the system. NUC, he said, was about to secure a grant from the DFID to reform the system.

Professor Rasheed, however, clarified that the current state of the curriculum hung at the door steps of the academics in the NUS. This, he said, was because all the curricula were developed by experts drawn from the system. With this in mind, he said that NUC should not be blamed when things go wrong. He informed the delegation that the Commission was working to ensure that the curriculum meets international standards. The Commission was also looking at those aspects of the curriculum that

was dynamic such as, the digital and genetic revolutions.

While correcting the notion that universities produce ready-made professionals, the Executive Secretary explained that all universities, including MIT, produce mainly those with academic qualifications, but with an eye to becoming professionals through exposure to work-environment.

NUC and the universities, he said, must discourage uniformities in curriculum application and delivery. He acknowledged that Total Nigeria had shown enough goodwill and interest in its quest for curriculum review, with massive investment in higher education. He assured the team that the Commission was committed to the review of the curriculum and would take the view of the industry at the appropriate time.

Engr Nnadi was accompanied by the Manager, CSR Education, Mr. Azu Azuike, while some members of the NUC Management were also at the meeting.



L-R: Executive General Manager Total, Engr. Vincent Nnadi; Prof. Adamu Rasheed; Manager CSR, Education, Total, Azu Azuike; NUC, Dep. Dir. Undergraduate Curriculum, Mal. Aminu Abba and Academic Standards Officer, Adamu Muhammad



# Prof. Bamgbose Savours Life at 85

It was another one of those gatherings that question the education of those who care and remind them that one can never learn enough, that learning is indeed a life-long experience. The gathering where one interacts with and relishes the diction, grammar, anecdotes, content and all, of the remarks by eminent academics, people who had very good education and had been imparting same to many for many decades. It was the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of the first Professor of Linguistics in Nigeria and perhaps, in Africa, Professor Emeritus Ayo Bamgbose, and launching of his autobiography, *From Grass to Grace*. The venue was the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan (UI) and the date, January 27, 2017.

It was a well-attended ceremony alright. As the Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Idowu Olayinka rightly observed, it was “a gathering of who-is-who in Ibadan.” Though, he was referring to the institution, one could add, “and beyond” because the Alake of Egbaland, HRM, Oba Michael Adedotun Gbadebo, Okekenu IV, who was in his final year in UI's Faculty of Arts, when the celebrant became a Professor, 49 years ago; was on the high table with his *Olori*, Dr. Tokunbo Gbadebo.

There were also Mr. Bisi Ogunleye, who was the celebrant's primary school pupil in Ilaro, Ogun State, in the mid 1960s, and many other grand-mothers and grand-fathers, former pupils and students of his, including one from Uthman Dan



Prof. Ayo Bamgbose

Fodio University, Sokoto, as well as his classmates at different levels of education, family and friends. People simply came from all walks of life to give honour to whom it was due, the man who has become the symbol of UI's Department of Linguistics and African Languages (formally Nigerian Languages).

The celebration was also that of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL). Bamgbose, the first and, so far, only elected African Honorary Member of the Linguistic Society of America, since 1994, is NAL's Foundation President and a Fellow of the Academy. The members, therefore, came in their numbers: Professors Olu Obafemi (President), Dan Izevbaye (Book Reviewer), Benjamin Oloruntimehin, Akin Osuntokun, Funso Akere, Ben Elugbe, Abdulrasheed Na'Allah, Duro Adeleke, Francis Egbokhare, Lekan Oyeleye and Siyan Oyeweso, to name only a few. Also present

were eminent Professors Bimpe Aboyade (classmate of the celebrant), PAI Obayan, Olufemi Bamiro, Modupe Onadeko, among many others, while current and former Executive Secretaries of the NUC, Professors Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and Munzali Jibril were represented.

Special mention must be made of the celebrant's friend of 50 years, Professor Ayo Banjo who, as he admitted, had since become family. Banjo, the celebrant said, read the draft of the 222-paged book, wrote the forward and accepted to chair the ceremony. Chief Lekan Are, Chairman of University Press Limited, publishers of the book, aptly described Professors Bamgbose and Banjo as “Siamese twins that are not joined together.” In his characteristic humility, Professor Banjo said, although those who knew his relationship



The celebrant, welcoming the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Michael Adedotun Gbadebo and his wife, Dr. Tokunbo Gbadebo

with the celebrant would have assumed that his role in the launch was a forgone conclusion, he did not take it for granted.

Drawing attention to a number of features of the career of the Foundation President of the Assembly of Academicians of the African Academy of Languages (ACALAN), which have made him stand out as a scholar and academic leader, Professor Banjo recalled how Bamgbose was one of the colleagues he met when he joined the Faculty of Arts, exactly 50 years ago. He was working on his Ph.D thesis then and recalled referring, in his own thesis, to Professor Bamgbose's earlier Ph.D thesis for the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, as apocalyptic. It was the first scientific study of the syntax of the Yoruba Language. The thesis was promptly published by the Cambridge University Press.

Professor Bamgbose went on to make equally sterling contributions to Yoruba phonology, working on Yoruba orthography and also led the

linguists working on Yoruba metalanguage. The Alake of Egbaland was to later remark that "We owe you so much. What you have done for Yoruba Language is what Samuel Johnson (author of the Dictionary of the English Language) did for the English Language."

Professor Banjo added that, more recently, the first African President of the International Association of

World Englishes had been making profound contributions in the field of sociolinguistics, with particular reference to the language policy of multilingual countries with a foreign second and official language. In recognition of his contribution to scholarship, he was the sole recipient of the Nigerian National Order of Merit in 1990. In 2003, he was elected the second Vice-President of the Permanent International Committee of Linguists, the first time an African linguist was so honoured. He was also one of the outstanding Nigerian scholars inducted into the Hall of Fame for Letters by NAL, under the auspices of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG), in 2010

In a review that was rated as exceptional, academic and most intellectual by guests and the celebrant, Professor Dan Izevbaye, who turned 80 the week before, said, "The one underlying theme of Professor Emeritus Bamgbose's book is the insistence that the dignity of the individual and the



Chairman of the Occasion, Prof. Ayo Banjo



Presentation of the book, *From Grass to Grace*, an Autobiography, by Professor Ayo Bamgbose

responsibility to speak out should not be compromised by material or financial gain. This principle recurs as a motif here and elsewhere in our national debate because it is vital for the health of a national culture.”

According to him, the use to which Bamgbose puts the information about some of his experiences is often different from the expectations of the average reader of an autobiography, as we find in his evocation of three phases of his experiences in two major institutions that are central in his development - student life at St. Andrews College, Oyo, the undergraduate years at the University College, Ibadan and his academic and administrative experiences at the University of Ibadan.

“These memories”, he said, “will not doubt trigger nostalgia in many of his former classmates and colleagues, although Bamgbose's ever alert critical mind constantly keeps pure nostalgia at arm's length. This information includes critiques of rules and procedures that regulate

and shape the future of another generation. The readers of the book will each have the opportunity to judge for themselves when they read it.”

All the speakers, including Chief Lekan Are, Professor Olayinka, Foundation BA Linguistics, student of Bamgbose's, Professor Emeritus Ben Elugbe, who graduated in 1969; the Alake of Egba Land, the Chief Launcher and Maye Olubadan,

Chief Adebayo Akande and Group Managing Director of Regency Alliance Insurance PLC, Mr. Biyi Otegbeye, had kind words for the celebrant: They commended his discipline, integrity, wisdom, humour, good human relations and for being active and inspirational in NAL, praying for longer life and good health for the man who still drives himself at 85.

Mr. Otegbeye presented the other side of Professor Bamgbose, which, in his words, proved that a life-time classroom professor could adapt to the boisterous world of corporate governance and politics. As the Pioneer Chairman Regency Alliance when it was incorporated in 1994, Bamgbose, he said, “eminently managed a Board filled with giants in their own rights: HRM Nnaemeka Achebe, the Obi of Onitsha; Retired Justice Adolphus Kabiri Whyte of the Supreme Court, Late Abubakar Koko, Bayo Adejumo, Chief, Mr. Biodun Adelakun etc. He presided over 13 Annual General Meetings, two extra-



The President, Nigerian Academy of Letters, Prof. Olu Obafemi, flanked by Professor of Medicine Modupe Onadeko (left) and NUC Deputy Director, Information, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji, who represented the Executive Secretary at the ceremony



ordinary General Meetings and 23 Board meetings in 13 years.”

“Within months”, Otegbeye added, “he became extremely versatile with corporate oversight activities such as, Budgeting, investment, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Corporate governance, business ethics, etc.” During his time, the company opened eight branches across the country, computerised all its operations, formed three subsidiaries and re-capitalised from 10 million to 950 million in 2006 and also supervised the successful merger of four companies before handing over to the late Admiral Augustus Aikhomu in March 2007.

In a tribute shared with the *Monday Bulletin*, Professor Olu Obafemi stated that: “Emeritus Professor Ayo Bamgbose is one of the definers of

Linguistics studies in Nigeria, Africa and the world. He is indeed, suitably regarded as the Father of Nigerian Linguistics. To us, as our Foundation President, he has remained a permanent inspiration, path finder and leader. He is the spirit of NAL. Turning 85 and still so vibrant, versatile and agile tells us that with decent living and commitment to humanity, life is worth living in an enduring way. The memoir is a succinct, free-flowing and informative book about the challenges of life and how to survive them.”

In another tribute shared with the *Monday Bulletin*, Professor Lekan Oyeleye of the Department of English, University of Ibadan, said, he got to know Professor Bamgbose in 1982, when he was to be his External Examiner, having concluded his thesis on English

Language at the University College, London in September, 1981 and submitted to the Department of English, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, which was in partnership with the University College, London. “He eventually came to examine me on June 21, 1985. I later joined the Department of English in 1987 and since then, he has been a consistent mentor, very good father and adviser. He has been a long standing partner of my other mentor, Professor Ayo Banjo, who brought me to UI. Always ready to assist us, anytime we have any research problem. When he turned 80, I had a chapter in the first script written in his honour, edited by Professor Kola Owolabi of my Department. When he clocked 85, I was privileged to be one of the writers of the blurbs of the Collection of his Essays and I said:



Guests at the ceremony



'very illuminating and insightful compendium, a testament to Professor Emeritus Ayo Bamgbose's sobriquet as a Prophet per excellence of African and Afro-Asian Linguistics.' I wish him longer life, continued service to humanity and the university community."

Responding to all the accolades and kind words, Professor Bamgbose stated that he decided to write the memoir to coincide with his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday for two reasons. One was the need to do it before he grows too old to do so and the second was one of his grandsons, who undertook a BA degree in History and Strategic Studies at the University of Lagos and decided to write his project on his grandfather's life history. "This effort of his, motivated me to personally write about myself instead of merely providing information to others to do so."



Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof. Idowu Olayinka

He thanked everyone present for their contributions to the success of the event as well as all his students and colleagues who had stimulated him over the years. He particularly thanked members of St. Andrew's

College, Oyo Old Boys' Association (SACOB), of which he is President, saying a whole chapter in the book was about them and that all he is as a result of the foundation laid at the College.



The celebrant, 4th right, with some guests and professors in the Linguistics and African Languages Department, UI, on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Idowu Olayinka, 4th left.



# *Photo Gallery*



L-R: Mrs. Kundiri, Prof. Kundiri, Prof. Gani, Prof. Bagoro and Mr. Andio at the Convocation Lecture of F.U Wukari



Chairman, Convocation Lecture, Prof. Gani; Convocation Lecturer, Prof. Suleiman Bagoro; DAS, Dr. Kumo and DIPR, Mal. Yakasai



L-R: VC, F.U. Lokoja, Prof. Freeman-Miri, Yakasai, Prof. Kundiri, Dr. Kumo and VC UniMaid Prof. Kyari



L-R: Mal. Yakasai, Emmanuel Udom and Dr. Kumo



L-R Bursar, F.U. Wukari, Mr. Olatunji; DIPR, Mal. Yakasai and DAS, Dr. Kumo



Best graduating student Aji David Adashu delivering the valedictory speech at the F.U. Wukari Convocation



# ***Phtoto Gallery***

*Some of the abandoned Academic Buildings in F.U. Wukari*





## 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

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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. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

##### B. State Universities

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

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

##### C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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





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

**C. Private Universities**

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

**Dr. Gidado Kumo**

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

### **GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES**

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

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

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

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

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

*Signed*

**Management**





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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

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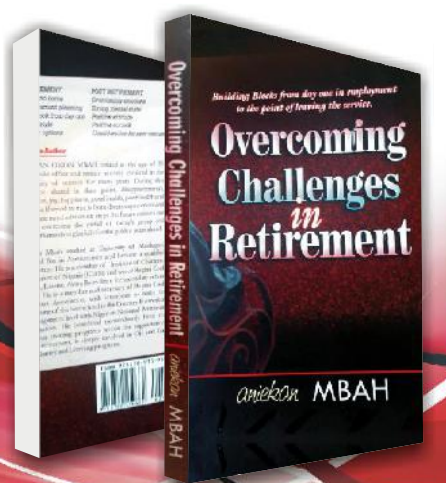
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## List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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, 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 and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

**Signed:**  
**MANAGEMENT**

## Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU

7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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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 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 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, 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.
OLUTOMI AJIBOLA BALOGUN	6 MAR.	DMSS
HARRY OKECHUKWU OGUGUA	7 MAR.	DMSS
EDITHNGOZI UZUH	7 MAR.	LO
AONDAVER JOSEPH ALIGBA	7 MAR.	DESO
ENEFANCA AKOR	9 MAR.	DQA
PROF. AKANEREN ESSIEN	10 MAR.	DESO
JULIANA CHIDOZIE EKEH	10 MAR.	DSSS
USMAN ALHAJI ILIYA	10 MAR.	DAS
SUNDAY ELIAS UGWUDE	10 MAR.	DIM
AYOTEJU ADETUTU OGUN	11 MAR.	LO
AISHA USMAN	11 MAR.	DAS
ABIMBOLA OLADIRAN ONI	11 MAR.	DRI
ANTHONY UZEZI EBOH	11 MAR.	DQA
KEHINDE KAREEM HANAFI	11 MAR.	DSSS

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