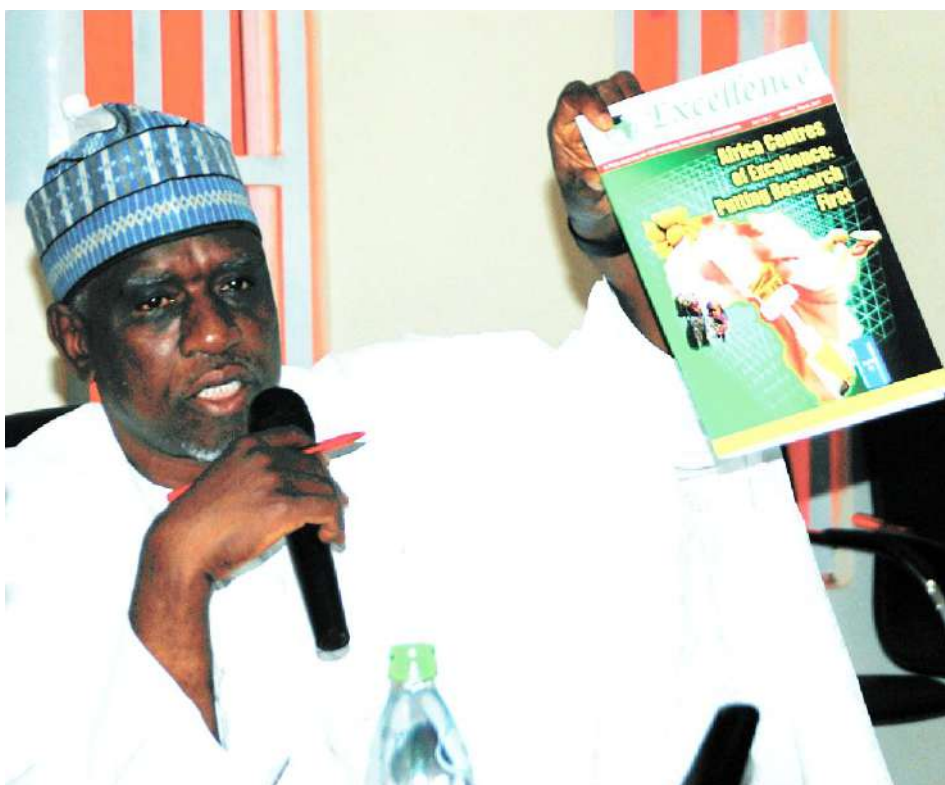


## Ninety-Six Percent of ACE Programmes Pass NUC Accreditation

**S**eventy-nine programmes account for 96.3% of all the programmes run across the 10 Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) in Nigeria, have passed the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation. This announcement was made by the Executive Secretary of the NUC and Chairman of the National Project Performance Review Committee (NPPRC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, during the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NPPRC, which took place on 20 April, 2017, at the Bayero University, Kano's Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA).

The Executive Secretary stated that, out of 82 proposed programmes, which had been presented for accreditation, having scaled through NUC's resource verification process, only three had failed the accreditation exercise. With the attainment of the national accreditation, which was a



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed  
Launching the Excellence Magazine

prerequisite for international accreditation, the ACEs had met a key Disbursement-Linked Indicator (DLI) for the Project. Commending the ACEs for the

achievement, Professor Rasheed noted that many of the Centres had been too ambitious in their programme proposal, adding that the three programmes which had

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failed were not aimed at punishing any Centre but, rather, to ensure that approved programmes were sustainable beyond the expiration of funds from the World Bank. He reminded the ACEs that they were expected to pursue excellence, while focusing on few areas and encouraged them to set limited and attainable targets for themselves. He advised that other programmes could be mounted in relevant Faculties of the universities, rather than overburdening the Centres.

The Chairman noted that the achievement of the national accreditation would, not only qualify the ACEs for international accreditation, but also, afford them the opportunity to obtain accreditation for programmes in the universities. He noted that obtaining international accreditation would be an important milestone for Nigerian universities and would put them on the world map. The Executive

Secretary congratulated the Vice Chancellors, Centre Leaders and the NUC Secretariat for the successful conduct of the national accreditation and urged principal officers of the ACEs to adopt quality assurance mechanisms which would ensure that quality was entrenched in the activities of their Centres.

Professor Rasheed noted that the meeting was necessary to review the progress of the Project as well as address issues germane to the success of the Project. Some of these issues included the need to promote collaboration among ACEs within similar fields, prior to collaborations with foreign universities. These collaborations, he said, would enable the Centre Leaders to share information, experiences and resources among one another as well as equip them to win future grants.

Giving a progress report of the

ACEs, since the last meeting, the Project Coordinator, Dr. Joshua Atah, highlighted a number of challenges facing the ACEs, such as the lack of incentives for faculty on the Project; difficulty in attracting regional students, especially females; challenges with securing placements for students' internships; and the lack of involvement of research institutes in the activities of the Centres.

The Executive Secretary encouraged the Universities to cultivate the habit of funding the Centres as well as devise means of incentivising faculty within the ACEs. He noted that the World Bank had made it expressly clear that Centres would not be allowed to pay bonuses to staff from the grant. He noted that the impact of the ACE project would be evident on Nigerian universities in the long-run and encouraged staff not to view incentives in monetary terms, as it could be detrimental to the



R-L: Prof. Rasheed, ES NUC and Chairman, NPPRC, speaking at the 4th NPPRC meeting in BUK, Dr. Attah, National Coordinator of ACE, NUC Director, Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and other Centre Directors





Some VCs and ACE centre leaders appreciating the newly published Excellence Magazine

progress of the Project.

The Chairman lamented the lack of involvement of research institutes in the activities of the Centres, despite the relevance of the ACEs to the institutes and government's huge investments in the institutes. He stated that a meeting would be convened by the Ministry of Science and Technology, for the

heads of research institutes and the Nigerian University System (NUS), with NUC representing the Universities, to discuss means of supporting the research activities in Nigerian universities, particularly the ACEs.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, noted

that this was the first NPPRC meeting to be held outside Abuja. He recognised the merits of moving the meetings of the Committee around member-institutions, saying that it afforded the Centres the opportunity to share experiences and learn from each other, thereby gleaned best practices. He reiterated the need for better collaboration among the ACEs which, he noted, was key to the success of the Project in Nigeria.



Prof. Rasheed and other members of the team being conducted round the ACE laboratory

In her remarks, the World Bank Education Specialist, Himdat Bayusuf, stated that a majority of the Nigerian ACEs were making appreciable progress and commended the Executive Secretary's efforts at moving the Project forward. She expressed appreciation for the Vice Chancellors and Centre Leaders' ownership of the Projects in their various universities, noting that most of the performing Centres were those who were being supported by their university



Dryland Agriculture project laboratory

management. Ms. Bayusuf reiterated the need for the ACEs to, not only learn from each other's experiences, but also, leverage on each other's strengths.

In a vote of thanks, the Vice Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Professor Ndowa E. S. Lale, commended the commitment of the Executive Secretary to the success of the ACE project. He expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, BUK for the hospitality accorded participants, adding that the University had set the standard for subsequent

meetings. He applauded the Vice Chancellor's dedication to, not only the development of CDA, but the University, as a whole. He noted that the University had enjoyed a succession of exceptional Vice Chancellors, which had resulted in the rapid, yet steady growth of the University.

Professor Lale also thanked the NUC ACE Secretariat for providing the much-needed leadership and guidance to the Centres. He also commended the Centre Leaders for devotedly nurturing the Centres.

A highlight of the meeting was the tour of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), led by the Centre Leader, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin. Facilities visited included the GIS Laboratory, which has a 25-seater capacity. Participants also visited the Tissue Culture Laboratory, where plant cells are cultured, prior to replanting. Other facilities visited included the 100-seater Conference Room, a video-conference room, reading rooms, a central laboratory and lecture rooms.

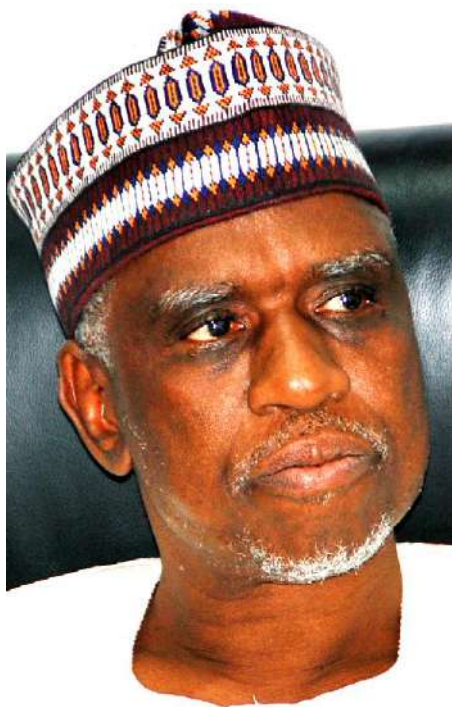


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# Okebukola Delivers 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarterly NUC Lecture Series May 3<sup>rd</sup>



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC

Former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Peter Akinsola Okebukola, will on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, deliver the second in the series of the NUC Distinguished Lectures titled, On the March to Re-invent the Curricula of Nigerian Universities for Improved Relevance and Global Competiveness.

The lecture, to be chaired by the former President, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR, aims at spotlighting critical curricular issues pertaining to national needs assessment and global best practices. It is expected to throw up veritable pathways to

reinventing the curricula of Nigerian universities and stimulate contributions from a cross-section of policy makers, academics, university managers, the organised private sector, employers of labour and other key stakeholders.

The Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu is the Guest of Honour at the lecture, to which all Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFund, Chairman and Honourable Members of the House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services as well as Chairpersons of the Education Committees of State Houses of Assembly have been invited.

Also invited are the Presidents of the Nigerian Academies of Education, Letters, Engineering and Science; University-Based Unions, Professional Regulatory Agencies, Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA), Executive Secretaries of Parastatals under the Federal Ministry of Education and Honourable Commissioners of State Ministries of Higher Education; Development Partners, such as the British Council and the World Bank; Education Non-Governmental Organisations, the Diplomatic Corps, print and electronic media organisations as well as the general public.

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production of high level manpower to drive the socio-economic development of nations. The role played by curricula in inculcating the requisite skills, knowledge and attitudes in students to ensure meaningful contribution by graduates to nation-building and global competitiveness, cannot be overstated.

In recent times, there have been consistent criticisms from diverse stakeholder groups about real and perceived inability of graduates of Nigerian universities to function meaningfully in the world of work, with strident cries about knowledge and skills gaps, calling to question





the quality of the graduates. In all of these, the curricula continue to be the usual culprit despite the Commission's pro-active systematic and periodic review of university curricula.

Preparatory to a comprehensive

reform of university curricula in all the 14 disciplinary clusters being taught in Nigeria universities, the distinguished lecture is being organised by the Commission to set the tone for broader stakeholder interaction and engagement in the curriculum reform process.

The first lecture in the series titled, Global Rankings and the Nigerian Higher Education System was delivered by Professor Emeritus Ayo Banjo on Friday, 2 December, 2016.

## NUC, CLE Reiterates Commitment to Quality Law Education

### ...Constitute Committee on Houdegbe University

The National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Council for Legal Education (CLE) have reiterated their commitments to preserving quality Law Programme in the Nigerian University System. As part of this resolve, both agencies constituted a five man committee to recommend appropriate action against the Houdegbe University, Benin Republic that had been running a degree programme patronised by Nigerians that the CLE could not guarantee its quality.

Speaking on Friday during a courtesy visit by a delegation of the Council's Principal Officers led by the Director General, Dr. Olanrewaju Onadeko, SAN, to the NUC, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, MFR, said that quality was essential for the orderly development of the Nigeria University System (NUS) which the Commission had made a top priority.

Professor Rasheed observed that although there were overlap in the



The Director General, Council for Legal Education, Dr. Olanrewaju Onadeko, SAN at the parley with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

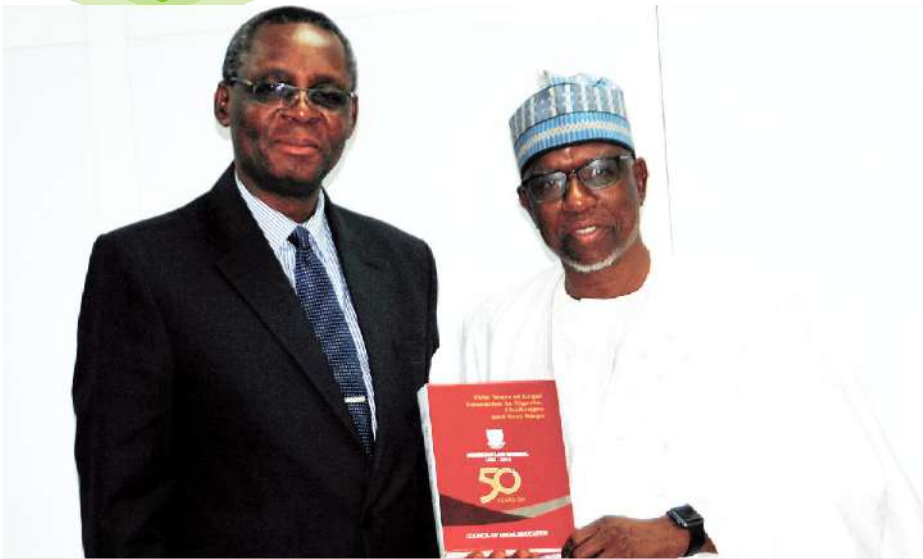
law establishing the NUC and some professional bodies, the NUC is the statutory agency saddled with the responsibility of ensuring quality university education while professional bodies regulates post qualification practice of its members. To address the perennial challenge, he informed the CLE team that the Commission had been interacting with professional bodies with a view to, engendering cooperation that would ensure that Nigerian universities were not inundated with the duplication of accreditation visits.

On the Proliferations of new Law Faculties in the NUS, the Executive

Secretary decried the dearth of relevant data and statistics in the NUS and the country at large. Its availability, he said, would have enabled it determine the veracity or otherwise of the need for new law faculties in NUS for national development. He added that it was not enough to collect data; but that it was more important for relevant summaries to be drawn from the data so as to ascertain the accurate data of students and faculty in Law Programmes in the NUS.

He also observed that some universities mounted new academic programmes without the Commission's approval, a situation he described as worrisome due to





Prof. Rasheed receiving a copy of the Book 'Fifty Years of Legal Education in Nigeria: Challenges and Next Steps' from Dr. Onadeko

the fact that such universities resort to blackmail when the Commission threatens to sanction them. He assured the team of the Commission's determination towards addressing the challenges in the Law Faculties of the affected universities.

Professor Rasheed explained that the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), had been asked to stop further admission into its law programme since 2014, in view of the challenges faced by the programme. This, he said, the Commission would take up with the University so as to resolve the matter before NUC's next meeting with the Council.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director General of the Council had expressed worry over the Law programme of some institutions including Houdegbe University, Benin Republic, which was running a law programme for Nigerians without allowing the Council to ascertain its quality. He harped on the need for data correlation between the educational and

national development.

Dr. Onadeko, therefore, called for collaborative approach between his Council and the NUC as a regulatory agency with the mandate of approving programmes in the NUS to be more cautious as the Council was worried about this development. He identified some of the challenges posed by the Proliferation of law faculty to include; Itinerant Lecturers (Adjunct Staff) or moonlighting which the CLE does not recognise and expressed concern that the

private Universities were the major offenders in this regard.

In the delegation of the CLE were Secretary to the Council and Director of Administration, Mrs. Elizabeth Max-Uba; Head of Academics, Mr. Sam Osamolu and Deputy Director & Head of Information/PR, Mr. Chiedu Ukekwe.

At the meeting were NUC Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'lya; the Directors of Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo; Research and Innovations, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Executive Secretary's Office, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Olamide Adesina; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien O. Usendiah; Acting Director, Physical Planning and Development, Mr. Jide Olokoju as well as the Deputy Directors of Legal Services, Barr. Moses Awe and Final Accounts, Mr. John Abah.



Prof. Rasheed (5th left) flanked by Deputy Executive Secretary II, NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya and Dr. Onadeko with other members of the NUC Management and the delegation





## ABUAD Honours NUC Chiefs April 26<sup>th</sup>



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC



Prof. Julius A. Okojie  
Former Executive Secretary, NUC

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) has concluded plans to host the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, and his predecessor, Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OON*.

According to a statement from the University's Head of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Tunde Olofintila released on Sunday night, the Institution will host Professors Rasheed and Okojie on Wednesday, 26 April, 2017, in recognition of their "stellar contributions to the entrenchment of quality education in the country."

The Head of Corporate Affairs noted that the event would be graced by eminent personalities including state governors, state and national lawmakers, judges and lawyers, captains of industries, members of the diplomatic community among others. Mr. Olofintila said that the event will take place in ABUAD's 7,000-seater Alfa Belgore Multipurpose Hall.

It would be recalled that the licencing of ABUAD as the 34<sup>th</sup> Private University in the country in 2009, was one of the highpoints of the 10-year eventful tenure of Professor Okojie as the Seventh Executive Secretary of the NUC.

## VC Fed. Varsity Gashua Decorated With Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University, Gashua, Yobe State, Professor Andrew Haruna has been decorated with the Prestigious Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award of 'Outstanding Plenipotentiary Corporate Builder and Achiever in Africa,' by All African Students Union (AASU), an International Students Movement of African descent, in Operational Relations with the UNESCO.

During his investiture with the award recently at the University, the Student body congratulated him for his sterling qualities which earned him the recognition. According to the Union, the greatness of Professor Haruna is firmly anchored in his humility and unflinching dedication to giving back to humanity through his day job and social services.

In his citation, Professor Haruna, a Professor of Languages and Linguistics of over 10 years was described as a consummate academic and passionate researcher of international recognition. A great son of Africa, who had distinguished himself over the course of a glittering career that had taken him across the Atlantic to Europe and back home to







Prof. Andrew Haruna displaying the prestigious Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award for outstanding plenipotentiary Corporate Builder and Achiever in Africa conferred to him by All African Students Union

contribute his quota to the formation of future leaders.

The Vice-Chancellor has over 40 publications, several reviews, book translations and several unpublished seminar papers to his name. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Bighmam University, Karu, Nassarawa State and had acquired broad experience in administrative roles, over the years including an exceptional yet brief stint as Chairman of Council, Abubakar Tatari Polytechnic, Bauchi. He currently serves as member, TETFund Adhoc Committee on Research and Development. He was also Coordinator German Academic Exchange Services Overseas (DAAD) Special Language Immersion Programme, College of Education, Azare, among others.

Professor Haruna is a member of a number of professional bodies including the West African Linguistics Society and Linguistic Association of Nigeria, where he served as General Secretary in 2012. A recipient of several awards from such eminent institutions as Mayor of Jerusalem, International Society for the Interplay between Religion and Science, British Science Academy and University of London, among others.

Beyond academia, Professor Haruna had been a consultant to USAID, UNESCO, National Council for Arts and Culture, University of Daresalam. He had also contributed his extensive knowledge of languages to several media and publications such as Journal of Linguistics and Literary Studies, Borno Radio Television

Corporation, Maidugiri, Gongola Television and Radio Corporation, Yola, Rima Radio Sokoto. The Vice-Chancellor had also served on several Federal Government Committees in different tertiary institutions.

In his acceptance speech, Professor Haruna noted that he was pleased, honoured and humbled by the AASU, describing the umbrella body as one that covers all shades and forms of life such as Linguistic cultural and otherwise. He said that the award was so significant to him as a teacher, who only maintains relationship with his students by teaching them. In his words “As a teacher, when one receives an award, especially coming from students, one's joy knows no bounds. This is for the simple reason that students are the primary constituency capable of really affirming recognition of one's efforts as a teacher. Teachers, as we all know are in turn bestowed with the onerous task of moulding and impacting young lives for the benefit of the society.”

The awardee stated that it was also an indication that the modest contribution he made to the growth of the various sectors listed in the award did not go unnoticed, stressing that it gave the assurance that his team at the University was on the right path towards making a positive change in the system. He pledged not to rest on his oars, but would continue to collaborate with and join hands with the Federal Government to build a virile nation.





## *Images from NPPRC meeting at BUK*



Some VCs and centre leaders



Prof. Rasheed inspecting some students at the laboratory



Prof. Rasheed, Vice-Chancellors, Team leaders and other members of the ACE Project in a group photograph



Some of the ACE project inspected by Prof. Rasheed



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# ADVERTORIAL

## 2<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION QUARTERLY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

### Preamble

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Consequently, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, **Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *nni*, MFR**

Cordially Invites:

All Vice-Chancellors, Nigerian Universities

Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Chairman and Honourable Members of the House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services

Chairpersons of the Education Committees of State Houses of Assembly

Presidents of The Nigerian Academy of Education; Nigerian Academy of Letters; Nigerian Academy of Engineering; Nigerian Academy of Science; University-Based Unions; Professional Regulatory Agencies; Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA).





Executive Secretaries of Federal Ministry of Education Parastatals  
Honourable Commissioners of State Ministries of Higher Education  
Development Partners- British Council; The World Bank;  
Education Non-Governmental Organizations, Members of the Diplomatic Corps  
Print and Electronic Media Organizations and The General Public to the 2<sup>nd</sup> NUC Quarterly Lecture titled “*On the March to Re-invent the Curricula of Nigerian Universities for Improved Relevance and Global Competiveness*”

scheduled as follows:

*Guest Lecturer* : **Distinguished Professor Peter A. Okebukola** DSc.; PhD; FSTAN; FSAN; FIAE, DSSE; OFR.

*Chairman* : **His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, former President of Nigeria**

*Guest of Honour*: **Mallam Adamu Adamu, Honourable Minister of Education**

*Date*: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017    *Time* : 10 a.m.

*Venue*: **Idris Abdulkadri Auditorium, NUC Secretariat Maitama Abuja**

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**Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf**  
**Director, Research and Innovation**  
**For Executive Secretary**



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**  
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**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/Recruitment/index.html](http://www.itu.int/employment/Recruitment/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. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

##### B. State Universities

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

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

##### C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, 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, Ijagan, 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**





## LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007





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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 Adegboye 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, Owerrinta, 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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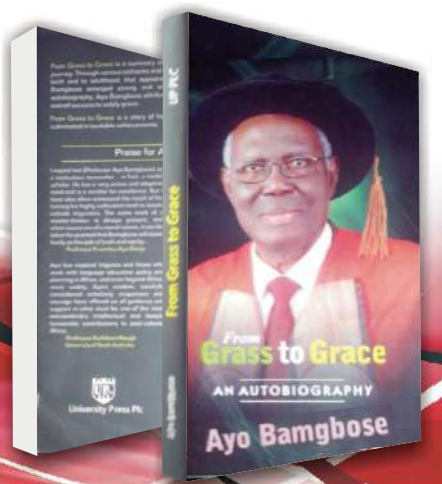
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## List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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 :

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

### State Universities :

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

### Private Universities :

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

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through [webmaster@nuc.edu.ng](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

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





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act 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, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegebe 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.
PASCHAL AIDOGHEDA ERUAGA	10 April	DESO
OGWU OKOLO	10 April	DPP
ODEGUA FLORA ONI	10 April	DIM
GABRIEL TIJANI SALIFU	10 April	DRI
PETER OTAMERE TOBRISE	11 April	DICT
IDACHUMA SAMUEL ATOKALA	11 April	DESO
HAUWA AMOS	12 April	DFA
TREASURE AGBENU OSAKWE	12 April	DMSS
SALIHU AZARE MUSTAPHA	12 April	DAS
CHIANU AKA EDEMODU	12 April	DPP
ALEX TERUNGWA UVAH	13 April	DICT
MARGARET AHUOIZA OYEDELE	14 April	DSSS
MUNET MARY IBADIN	14 April	DFA
ROSEMARY EGO ALU	14 April	DAS
DANIEL OJO AYENIM	14 April	DAS
OCHUDO AGBENU AYI	14 April	DPP
SUNDAY EMMANUEL YAKUBU	14 April	DESO
MOSES YARO	15 April	DFA
NAFISATU MUSA HASSAN	16 April	DAS
CHINONYE RITA ODUMEGWU-OKONKWO	16 April	DICT

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