

# Change Agenda Anchored on Service Delivery

## —SGF



L-R: Honourable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Hajia Aisha Jummai Alhassan; Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs. Winifred Oyo-Ita; Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Engr. Babachir David Lawal; Acting National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajameli; Former Head of Service, Ms. Ama Pepple and Former Head of Service and one of the Resource Persons, Mr. Isa Bello Sali

Effective service delivery is synonymous with good governance and remains the major plank of President Muhammadu Buhari's 'Change Agenda, Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Engr. Babachir David

Lawal has said. The SGF said this last week at the Opening of a two-day National Policy Dialogue on Service Delivery, organised by the Service Compact with All Nigerians (SERVICOM) Office, under the supervision of his office, with the

theme, 'Efficient Service Delivery in Governance: Imperative for Driving the Change Agenda', held at the State House Conference Centre, Abuja.

The objectives of the forum, the

*in this edition*



**Only Good University Leadership can Promote Best Practices**

-Prof Rasheed at 20th Anniversary Conference of Exam Ethics Marshals

Page: 6



UMYU, Katsina Produces 54 First Class

Graduates at Second Convocation Ceremony

Page: 10



Engr. Babachir David Lawal,  
Secretary to the Government of the Federation,

SGF said, were: to seek ways to continually enhance citizen-focused service delivery, by providing a platform for the exchange of ideas to advance improved service delivery as a direct outcome of the Change Agenda; to sensitise key policy and decision makers in the public and private sectors on citizens' expectations and provide a greater support for social accountability in service delivery; and to improve government's connection with the citizenry.

He added that SERVICOM was aimed at sensitising the citizens on their rights to demand high quality of services and to articulate new pathways for gaining more efficiency in service delivery, through a review of global best practices in governance. The forum, he said, marked a significant step in the administration's efforts to enhance and sustain the culture of effective service delivery in all Government establishments, to serve the people better.

Engr. Lawal said, "As we are all aware, the ultimate outcome of governance is the capability of government to provide an effective and efficient medium for the provision of essential public goods and services for the benefit of its citizens. In this instance, the public service serves as the machinery of government charged with the responsibility for implementing government policies and programmes that are instrumental to the provision of essential services to the people. The efficacy of governance is therefore perceived by the measure and efficiency of its delivery of public goods and services."

In her remarks, the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (HOCSF), Mrs. Winifred Oyo-Ita said that, SERVICOM was in line with the strategic plan of her office to develop a new and result-oriented civil service. She noted that, meeting with SERVICOM was meeting of like minds towards stimulating and executing new policies to achieve the ultimate goal of effective service delivery. She called on SERVICOM to intensify its sensitisation drive in all government agencies towards quality and effective service delivery to Nigerians.

Mrs. Oyo-Ita also recalled that barely a month ago, His Excellency, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, in his capacity as the Acting President, launched the Strategy of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, which had as its focus a

culture change programme in the public service, through the evolution of a crop of "Efficient, Productive, Incorruptible and Citizen Centred" (EPIC) service.

These flurry of activities, with focus on service delivery in such a succession, Mrs. Winifred stressed, only attested to the genuine concern of the current administration for efficient service delivery, particularly by the civil service wing of the Executive arm, saddled with the onerous responsibility of formulating and implementing policies and programmes of government, through which dividends of governance are delivered to the citizenry. She thanked the Organising Committee, led by the SGF, for the opportunity given to her to address the opening session on the institutionalisation of the principles of SERVICOM in the public service to enhance efficient and effective service delivery.



Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli,  
Acting National Coordinator SERVICOM







Hajia Aisha Jummai Alhassan,  
Honourable Minister of Women Affairs

Lending her voice, former HOCSE, who also chaired the opening session, Ms. Ama Pepple, said that SERVICOM, which was initiated by former President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2004, was meant to address the epileptic service delivery in the country, remarking that the Service Charter had so far failed to achieve what it was created to do.

According to her, despite the efforts of the Obasanjo government to raise the standard of service delivery by the public service to the citizenry, the public service had continued to get knocks, criticisms and been seen in negative light as far as service was concerned. While stressing that prompt service delivery was the right of every Nigerian, she expressed regret that the only government policy that would have redeemed the damaged reputation of the public service, which is SERVICOM, had failed.

SERVICOM, Ms. Pepple said, is a contract between the government of

Nigeria, led by the public service and its people, noting that any client or customer that enters into a government office or agency expects certain standard of service delivery and it is his/her right to demand that standard. SERVICOM was intended to deliver prompt, efficient and effective service to the Nigerian people and others who visit government offices and agencies.

She lamented that files continued to get missing, sometimes piled in one office or the other, untreated; while indiscipline, corruption and inefficiency loomed large throughout the public service. Under the present dispensation of President Muhammadu Buhari, where government had shown commitment to fighting all forms of corruption, she observed that the public service should be an agent of change and driver of change and needed to spearhead the slogan 'Change Begins with Me'.



Mrs. Winifred Oyo-Ita  
Head of Civil Service of the Federation

Welcoming participants, Acting National Coordinator of SERVICOM in the Presidency, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli said that SERVICOM was dedicated to providing the basic services to which citizens were entitled in a timely, fair, honest, effective and transparent manner. She recalled that SERVICOM was established in the Presidency to operationalise the Compact with some key responsibilities, which she listed, include:

- To coordinate efforts by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to formulate and implement service Charters in MDAs, and regularly monitor and report to the President on the progress made by each of the MDAs in performing their obligations under this Charter;
- To carry out independent surveys on the services provided to citizens by the MDAs, their adequacy, their timeliness, customer satisfaction and widely publicize the results to keep citizens fully informed;
- To heighten public awareness of the damaging effects of service failure to the Nigerian society and social structures; and
- To promote attitudes by which citizens would recognise the need to challenge service failure as their civil rights as well as responsibility.

She noted that the SERVICOM's core values were hinged on the understanding that to promote







R-L: Representative of Executive Secretary, NUC and Deputy Executive Secretary II, exchanging pleasantries with former Federal Permanent Secretary and paper presenter, Dr. Goke Adegoroye; Chairman of the session and Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and former Director-General Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Prof. Peter Azikiwe Onwualu

service excellence, people were critical. To this end, the success story of SERVICOM is directly tied to the knowledge, skills and integrity of its workforce. She listed the successes of SERVICOM to include the establishment of Ministerial SERVICOM Units (MSUs) that currently spearhead the Service Delivery Initiative of the Federal Government in most

MDAs, formulation and publication of customer service charters, quality assurance inspections (SERVICOM Compliance Evaluation), Council of Nodal Officers Forum (CONOF), citizen enlightenment, training of Public Servants and Complaints handling and resolution.

In a goodwill message, the Honourable Minister of Women

Affairs, Hajia Aisha Jummai Alhassan, observed that 80 per cent of Service Delivery was performed by women in service, lamenting that only about 20 per cent attended the event. She submitted that more efficient and reliable service delivery would be accomplished if more women are given the opportunity to take charge of SERVICOM units of the MDAs.



Participants at the First SERVICOM National Policy Dialogue, held at State House Conference Centre







According to her, evidence had shown that women were more committed to delivering on assigned tasks.

Seven papers were delivered in plenary sessions by distinguished resource persons and each was chaired by eminent Nigerians as well as parallel group discussions among men and women, who had made impact in their various endeavours. Among the papers were those on Service Delivery and the Change Agenda: New Impetus for a Service Delivery Culture in Government Parastatals, Agencies and Commissions, by former Head of Service, Alh Isa Bello, with Ms

Ama Pepple as Chair; Corruption as an Impediment to Effective and Efficient Service Delivery, by Acting Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), chaired by former Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Martin Luther Agwai as well as that on Overview of the SERVICOM Delivery Initiative: 12 Years After by Former Head of SERVICOM Institute and Lead Consultant to EU on Governance and Reform, Dr. Mrs. Christiana Famro. The session was chaired by former Federal Permanent Secretary, Engr. Esther Gonda.

The Executive Secretary, NUC,

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary II, NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya, was one of the discussants of the paper titled, Strategies for Optimising Service Delivery in Parastatals, delivered by former Federal Permanent Secretary, Dr. Goke Adegoroye, with the Registrar, JAMB, Professor Is-haq Oloyode as Chair.

Mal. Dan'Iya was accompanied by the Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi and Deputy Director, SERVICOM, Mr. I.I. Aliyu.



NUC Deputy Director, SERVICOM, Mr. I. I. Aliyu (middle) with other participants at the conference





# Only Good University Leadership can Promote Best Practices

*-Prof Rasheed at 20th Anniversary Conference of Exam Ethics Marshals*

The structure on which to build and promote best practices in the universities lied on the quality of persons charged with the responsibility of running universities and any structure erected on a poor foundation is bound to collapse with time, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, has said.

Delivering a Keynote Address at the 20th Anniversary Conference and Awards ceremony of Exam Ethics Marshals held at the Transcorp Hotel Calabar on Monday 20th—titled “Promoting Best Practices in University Education,” Professor Rasheed stressed that the challenge of building and sanitising Nigerian universities as citadels of learning and academic excellence is a collective responsibility of all the stakeholders. It therefore, demands on everyone, especially Vice-Chancellors to rise to the challenge by preserving the university culture and products of the system that everyone can be proud of.

The Executive Secretary, who was represented by NUC Visiting Professor, Akaneren Essien, said that universities were since the medieval times founded to preserve the positive heritage of the society. According to him, universities have the mandate to ensure society’s corporate well-being and advancement by refining the ability



Representative of Executive Secretary and NUC Visiting Prof. Akaneren Essien

of its members to select, reason and understand by enquiring into and seeking to explain the development and function of man and his world.

The Executive Secretary stated that the main objectives of establishing universities includes the provision of education for all without discrimination on grounds of gender, race, ethnicity or belief, producing graduates with problem-solving attitude for the purpose of service to the community and undertaking activities appropriate for teaching, research and community service expected of a university of the highest standard, among others. He noted that the overall goal of university education is to make optimum contribution to national development. This, according to him, is hinged on

intensifying and diversifying the programmes for the development of high level manpower within the context of the needs of the nation as well as making all students part of a general programme of all-round improvement in university education, through general study courses.

Professor Rasheed explained that universities have organs through which their activities are carried out such as the Governing Council, Senate, Congregation and Convocation. The Governing Council, he cited is primarily charged with the general conduct, superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the university, including public



Professor A.E. Ekoko  
Chairman Board of Trustees,  
Exam Ethics Marshals







L-R: Chairman, Board of Trustees, Exam Ethics Marshals, Prof. Abednego Ekok; Representative of the Executive Secretary and NUC Visiting Prof. Akaneren Essien and Executive Chairman of Exam Ethics Marshals, Mr. Ike Onyechere exchanging pleasantries at the conference

relations. Besides, there are committees put in place to execute the functions of Council and these include the Appointments and Promotions as well as Staff Disciplinary Committees. The Senate, within the context of these organs, he observed, has the function to organise and control teaching at the University, the admission of students and the discipline of students and to promote research at the University. This, in turn, depends on the day-to-day running of the University which falls squarely on the shoulders of the Vice-Chancellor and the Management team comprising Principal and the Key Officers.

Correlating the various organs of the University with respect to their key responsibilities towards ensuring effective university education, the NUC Scribe stated that while the Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Executive and Academic

Officer and its Chief Accounting Officer, his other key function is that of sustaining the tradition and best practices of the University. This scenario therefore puts on the Vice-Chancellor the role of setting the tone of the organisation and steering the wheel of the institution's progress which is quite tasking and demanding skills and dynamism. On the other hand, if

the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers are compromised by the Governing Council, the administrative machinery of the University would be rickety and also set in motion chain of reactions with dire consequences.

The Executive Secretary said that the bottom line meant that the



Founder, Exam Ethics Marshals International, Mr. Onyechere with Exam Ethics Coordinator, Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT), Prof. A.A Nduji at the conference





Governing Council (dominated by academic representatives) has the responsibility to do the needful in the appointment of the best for the University system. He argued that it was expedient for experienced, disciplined and God-fearing individuals to be appointed or elected into the Council so that they could be counted upon to do the right thing in the face of undue pressure to pervert the cause of justice.

On the aspects of best practices needed in the system, he narrated that it was clear that the foundation of best practices in university education depends heavily on the quality of staff recruited by the Governing Council, Principal and Key Officers, Faculty and Departmental Administrators, core staff of Registry, all of which one day become Principal and Key Officers. Expanding this further, he said that the quality of products of the university has a correlation with the quantity and quality of teaching and academic culture imbibed by the students, which in turn depends on seriousness and discipline attached to lecture deliveries. It is the same issue when it comes to the quality of research. He recounted that research suffered some setbacks due to dwindling funding, which made the Government to bring in some interventions as Research Funds through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) that are yet to be accessed by most of the universities.

According to Professor Rasheed, Plagiarism has contributed to stifling the academic culture and tradition of the University system



Prof. James Epoke,  
Immediate Past Vice Chancellor, University of  
Calabar, presenting his paper at the conference

globally. He noted that some anti-plagiarism software have been introduced and called on institutions to make efforts to install them in their domain to screen academic publications of staff. The Executive Secretary also observed the need for Senate of universities to take adequate measures to address the scandalous issues of students' admission in line with best practices. He commended the efforts of JAMB towards curtailing the issue of malpractices in its examination and the screening of postgraduate students for admission which had increased efficiency in the quality of students admitted.

On its part, the NUC, the Guest Speaker said, recently devised a new template for programme accreditation which was put to work in November 2016, stating that the salutary effects of this new strategy would soon be felt by stakeholders. Dwelling on examination malpractices, he said that cases of inadequate sanctions had continued to trail this issue with some of them being suppressed by various interests

from within and outside the University. While describing it as sad and shameful, he expressed disappointment that many cases of malpractices had not been prosecuted to conclusion and are still pending. Threats to staff involved in detecting and reporting examination misdemeanor cases have become rampant. He, therefore charged that academic and academic staff who leak examination questions should be disciplined in line with the existing regulations. The University Senate, he advised (for students) should step up their responsibilities in this regard.

Professor Rasheed used the forum to congratulate the Exam Ethics Marshals for its consistency in championing the cause of ethics, integrity and best practices in education and helping students excel in exams based on ethics-compliant principles and the eradication of exam malpractices in the campus and campus cultism. He noted with delight that the body had within the last 20 years received support and facilitation from the Presidency and its Anti-Corruption agencies and media houses, recalling that NUC, in 2014, facilitated and supported the inauguration of the Exam Ethics Safe School Manual. He also commended Exam Ethics Marshals for recognising 20 Ethics-friendly Education CEOs and organisations as well as media houses.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman Board of Trustees, Exam Ethics Marshals, Professor A.E. Ekoko gave a rundown of the







history of the movement which was started in Nigeria on 27th May, 1996, noting that the celebration would have held last year but was shifted due to recession. He made a special mention of Ike Onyechere whom, he described, as the founder who initiated the movement after coming face to face with several cases of exam malpractices as CEO of Protomac Consulting. After the incidences involving his staff and some families, he launched the campaign, remarking that the project is only work in progress. According to him, the final chapter of the campaign can only be written when exam ethics is entrenched and exam malpractice eradicated.

In his welcome remarks, the Chairman of the body, Mr. Ike Onyechere gave insights on the vision and mission of the exam ethics movement, its friends and partner institutions, core values, the

rise of examination malpractice and its efforts at curtailing same along with other stakeholders as members of the ethics-friendly education family. He noted that everyone must come together under the banner of Exam Ethics Marshals Movement to cage the rampaging monster of exam malpractice. He said that there was the need for exam ethics friendly education stakeholders to bond together to defend the codes of honour, truth and integrity that guide admission, training, certification, assessment, registration and regulation processes of their education.

The highlight of the occasion was the bestowing of Chief Master Marshal Award on 20 Ethics-friendly education CEOs and organisations as well as media houses, in recognition of their inspirational work in promoting ethics for exam malpractice in

education. On the award, 14 institutions received the Exam Ethics Friend and Partner Certification, 17 Education Leaders and CEOs got the Exam Ethics Chief Master Marshal Awards and 11 others were instituted as new Institutional Exam Ethics Coordinators.

At the event were over 86 delegates from 44 institutions and agencies, including the NUC, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), National Teachers Institute (NTI), Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education, Parastatals and Boards. Five papers were delivered at the plenary sessions by resource persons that includes immediate past Vice-Chancellor of University of Calabar, Professor James Ekpoke and representative of the FCT Quality Assurance Directorate, Mr. Salihu Yahaya.



Some of the delegates at the conference

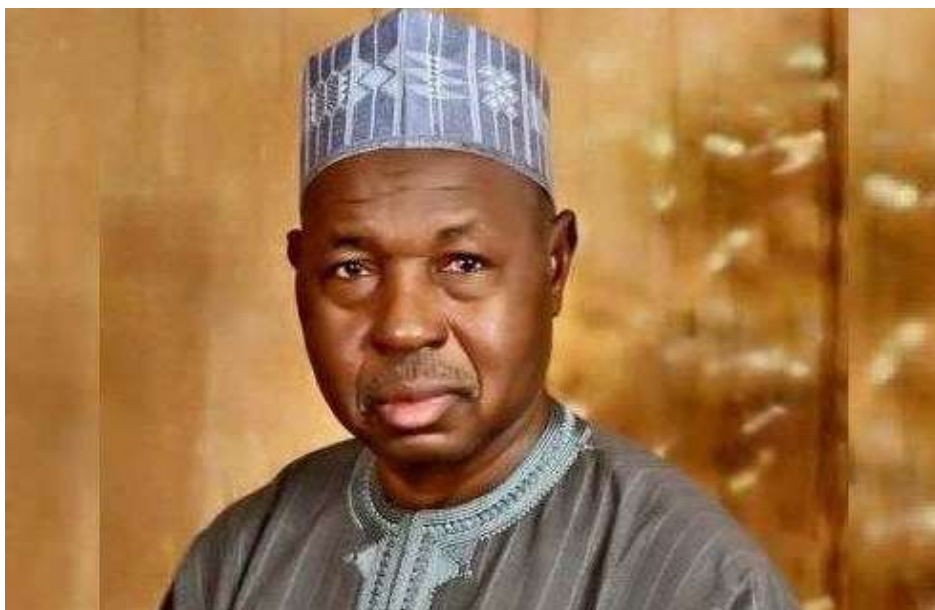




## UMYU, Katsina Produces 54 First Class Graduates at Second Convocation Ceremony

**U**maru Musa Yar'Adua University (UMYU), Katsina State, on Saturday, 25 March, 2017, held its second Convocation Ceremony, where a total of 4, 129 graduands were conferred with various degrees and diplomas. Out of this number, 4, 027 were in the first degree category with 54 bagging First Class, 46 Postgraduate Diplomas, 105 Masters Degrees and one Ph.D.

The event, held at the Convocation Arena of the University, featured the installation of the Chairman, Board of Directors of Jaiz Bank Plc, Alh, (Dr.) Umaru A. Mutallab, *CON*, as the new Chancellor of the University, who was also conferred with an honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration (Honoris Causa) by the Institution. In his speech, the Visitor to the University and the Executive



Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari  
Executive Governor, Katsina State

Governor of Katsina State, Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari disclosed that, in line with the Restoration Agenda of his administration, a Committee on the Establishment of a University Teaching Hospital was inaugurated to facilitate the establishment of a

Faculty of Medical Sciences for the smooth commencement of programmes in Medicine, Dentistry and other Basic Medical and Health Sciences.

This, he said, would assist the Government in addressing the serious challenges of inadequate medical personnel in hospitals across the state. He, therefore, charged the university authorities to vigorously explore Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) from all sources in order to be financially viable and reiterate the commitment of his administration towards providing statutory funding support to the institution.

The Governor congratulated the new Chancellor and wished him a



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC







Mr. Abdullahi Hamza

Representative of the ES and Director, Lagos Office delivering his goodwill message

remarkable tenure. He also acknowledged the contributions of the former Chancellor of the University, Hon. Justice Muhammad Lawal Uwais (Rtd.) and commended the Council and Management of the University for their Commitment and deep sense of responsibility in handling the affairs of the university.

In his remarks, the Chancellor pledged that he would put in his very best in order to effectively discharge his responsibility and solicited the support and co-operation of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Alumni and other stakeholders. He congratulated the graduands and wished them success in their future endeavours.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Engr. Musa D. Abdullahi, *FNSE, MFR*, in his speech, noted with satisfaction the support and cooperation of the current Visitor and Governor of the State, Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari resulting in increased funding to the

University.

According to him, this had led to the successful implementation of all capital projects of the UMYU, implementation of the University's 10- year Staff Training and Development Plan (2007 - 2017) at the cost of N2.5 billion, culminating in the acquisition of Masters and PhD degrees by 97 Academic Staff from Nigerian and Overseas universities, with another 73 currently undergoing staff development under the plan as well

as release of funds for the 2017 NUC Accreditation exercises recently conducted at the university. All these, he said, have contributed immensely to moving the university forward in its effort at delivering quality university education to all Nigerians.

The Pro-Chancellor also congratulated the new Chancellor and promised him of the Council's support and cooperation in the governance of the university. He applauded the efforts and foresight of the founding fathers and past leaders for their remarkable contributions towards making the University a reality.

Delivering his convocation address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Idris Isa Funtua, said that the convocation ceremony was for the investiture of a new Chancellor and conferment of degrees on four sets of graduands spanning the 2012/2013; 2013/2014; 2014/2015 and 2015/2016) academic sessions.



The Vice-Chancellor, UMYU, Prof. Idris Idris Funtua with the representative of ES, Mal. Abdullahi Hamza, DLO





The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that a total of 4, 129 were graduating with various degrees and diplomas. Out of this number, 4, 027 were in the first degree category with 54 bagging First Class, 46 Postgraduate Diplomas, 105 Masters Degrees and one Ph.D.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Visitor for what he described as his “continuous engagement, understanding, assistance and guidance to the University.” He noted that despite the current economic situation, the Visitor had always treated the University specially, in terms of prompt and positive response to its requests. He similarly congratulated the new Chancellor and wished him a successful tenure. In his message of goodwill, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, represented by the Director, Lagos Office, Alh. Abdullahi Hamza, congratulated the University on its installation of a new Chancellor, noting with satisfaction that the University had recorded giant strides in both

academic and physical developments in the past few years. This, according to him, was a clear manifestation of excellent and purposeful leadership which shows strict adherence to extant regulations and guidelines as well as careful and prompt response to the challenge of change and demands of globalisation in university education delivery in the 21st century.

The Executive Secretary highlighted some of the policy direction the University should focus on in order to move to greater heights in the future to include: embracing internationalisation which required that the university naturally work across national and territorial boundaries and provide the framework for wider international knowledge exchange. By doing so, the University, he said, would be acting as a conduit for talent, attract students, academic staff and researchers from across the world, adding that the Institution need to establish structures and develop international academic programmes for it to be able to compete in the present higher

education arena.

Professor Rasheed also urged the University to realise that digitisation and globalisation processes, occasioned by the advent of ICT would, continue to have direct effect on higher education policy, information markets and the ownership, control and knowledge dissemination. ICT, he observed had impacted and would continue to impact positively on students, classrooms, teachers, curriculum, reading materials and library systems and publications. He noted that institutional management and administration would eventually be replaced by virtual or e-resources with minimal contact with physical resources.

At the ceremony were members of the State Executive Council, National and State Houses of Assembly, royal fathers, sister universities, members of the academia, friends and well-wishers as well as parents and guardians of the graduands.



L-R: Mr. A. Hamza, Prof. Isa Funtua and extreme right, Pro-Chancellor, Engr. Musa D. Abdullahi, FNSE







## *Photo Gallery*



R-L: Mr. Isa Bello, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and Engr. Babachir David Lawal exchanging views at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Policy Dialogue on Service Delivery



Ms Ama Pepple (1st left), at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Policy Dialogue on Service Delivery



Some of the participants at the conference



Participants during the question and answer session



Other participants at the Conference



Engr. Lawal and Mrs. Nnenna Akamajeli reviewing some documents at the Conference







Mr. Hamza, with DVC, Mautech Prof. Okolo,  
representative of VC, Mautech



The SERVICOM Desk Officers reviewing NUC Departmental  
Reports



NUC SERVICOM Desk Officers at a Roundtable on Service Delivery held at the NUC Auditorium







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia  
Agbo Abel & Co

### Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

### Implementation Approach:

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

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

• Results Based Management  
• Easy Comparison  
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality  
• Consistency  
• Comparability

**IPSAS**

• Transparency  
• Accountability

### Expected Benefits:

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





## Implementation Committee

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

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

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

## RE-NOTICE OF VACANCIES AT ITU

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

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

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

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







## Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

### List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### ADVERTORIAL CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

#### e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director Information and Public Relations

[www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

#### PROGRAMMES

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

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
  - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
  - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.





- c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
  - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
  - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:
    - a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
    - b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
    - c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations
  3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. ([www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng).) Major components include the following:
    - (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
      - i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
      - ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
      - iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
      - iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
    - (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
    - (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
  4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
  5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, [rasheed3h@gmail.com](mailto:rasheed3h@gmail.com) and copy to [chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com](mailto:chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com)







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

#### 2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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

##### B. State Universities

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

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

##### C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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





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

**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





## LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
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 Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
						61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
						62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
						63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
						64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
						65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
						66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016

## - BOOK OF THE MONTH -

**Book Title: OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN RETIREMENT**

**Author: Mbah, Aniekan**

**Publisher: Basic Company Ltd.**

**Place of Publication: Lagos, Nigeria.**

**Year of Publication: 2013**

*Books wash away from the soul the dust of everyday life.*  
belcastroagency.com







## 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         | 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 :

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 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 :

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

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

**Signed:**  
**MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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

**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, Mbaize, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCER







## This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
ESTHER INIOBONG EYO	4 April	DESO
ROSELINE NGOZI ODUEKA	5 April	DMSS
EMMANUEL OLAYINKA ALAKIJA	5 April	DSSS
CHINYERE EZEKWESILI	6 April	DMI
UGWUANYA VICTOR ONUOHA	8 April	DMSS
TEMITOPE CHRISTIANA OLAOYE	9 April	DIM

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

## "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY"

*A Television Documentary Programme*

This is a National Universities Commission (NUC) -sponsored television documentary programme for Nigerian Universities to celebrate outstanding researchers, showcase their findings and promote their linkage with the industry.

The programme is aired every week on:

(a) Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) on

**Mondays 1.30-2.00pm**

(b) African Independent Television (AIT) on

**Tuesdays 4:30 - 5.00 pm**



**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**  
DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

***Dress Well and Earn Respect.***

*Courtesy: Directorate of Management Support Services*

***SHUN CORRUPTION.***  
***It Does not Pay***

*Courtesy: Anti-corruption and Transparency Division*





**NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION  
AJA NWACHUKWU HOUSE  
No 26, Aguiyi Ironsi street,  
Maitama District, P.M.B 237, Garki G.P.O,  
Abuja-Nigeria.  
[www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)**