

Rivalry among Health Workers Unhealthy

— Prof. Rasheed

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, has called for more collaboration amongst all health workers in Nigeria, including the practitioners in the diaspora in the overall interest of the country.

Welcoming the Association of Nigerian Physicians and Pharmacists in the Americas (ANPA) and Association of Nigerians across Great Britain (MANSAG) in his office last week Tuesday, he said that for the country to maximise the optimum benefits of health services available in Nigeria, there must be a synergy amongst all health practitioners in a manner devoid of internal bickering and the mentality of some group feeling superior to others.

Professor Rasheed said that the Commission was worried over the



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with the Chair, Association of Nigerian Physicians and Pharmacists in the Americas (ANPA) Board of Directors, Dr. Babajide Bamgboye

unhealthy relationship amongst the various health professionals in the country at the expense of the patient who is at the centre. This, he said, puts the health of the country at risk

of danger and advised that health workers should see themselves as partners in progress rather than foes. He told the delegation that the Commission had resolved one

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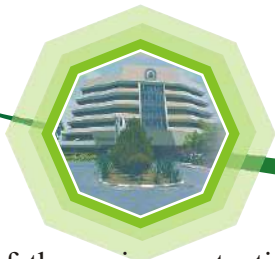
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of the major contentious issue in the postgraduate medical training (PhD and Fellowship) during a meeting with the Association of Provosts of Colleges of Medicines (APCOM), Nigeria Medical and Dental Council, Nigeria Medical Association and other health stakeholders across the country, to the extent that the PhD is not to be seen as alternative to the Fellowship but a complement.

The Executive Secretary explained that NUC, with the regulators in the Medical field reached a consensus that the pursuit of PhD for medical students should be made optional, but however, a prerequisite for all resident doctors who intend to pursue a career in lecturing in the medical programme. The Commission and the relevant bodies also decided that the M.Sc and PhD programmes would be built, seamlessly, around parts 1 and II of the fellowship.

In addition, any student who decided to obtain both the M.sc and PhD without the Fellowship, would

be allowed to do so, but he/she can neither become a consultant and nor be in any of the Medical Colleges.

Professor Rasheed observed that medicine as a discipline is too important to be left in the hands of an individual as it bothers on the health and well-being of the country. He said although medicine was one of the programmes in the Nigeria University System that the Commission is satisfied with its quality to a large extent, but gave the assurance that NUC was prepared to approve or licence more universities of Medical Science as long as they satisfy the requirements. He said at present, there is only one university of medical science in the entire country (the Ondo State University of Medical Sciences) established by the immediate past Governor of the state.

The Executive Secretary said that the Commission is trying to adapt the American medical system where a student is expected to get a first degree in the basic sciences before

enrolling in medicine so as to strengthen the programme. He assured the group that the Commission was ready to partner with any responsible organisation or group for the advancement of the NUS. He, therefore, encouraged them to resubmit their proposals, observations and suggestions on the Curriculum taking cognisance of the existing curriculum as the foundation, to enable the Commission study it and see what areas could be adapted. He added that NUC is the only regulatory agency responsible in university education for ensuring the quality of academic programmes in the country while professional bodies regulate the practice.

Earlier, in his remarks, the President of ANPPA, *Johnson Adeyanju* said that the Association was founded over 22 years ago, through the efforts of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas with brilliant ideas, to create a purposeful vision of promoting a healthier Nigeria in a healthier



The Executive Secretary in a meeting with the ANPPA Board of Directors





world. He said that shortly after its inception, the Association assisted in connecting the Nigerian universities to the Internet, and over the years, have continued to support many healthcare and philanthropic projects in the country, through collaborations with other healthcare stakeholders and leaders of the Nigerian health systems, both in Nigeria and in the Diaspora.

Dr. Adeyanju informed the Executive Secretary that as part of its efforts in assisting the country, the Association has submitted a draft curriculum review for medical programme as a proposal to the Federal Ministry of Health with the main emphasis being Ethics of care and patient safety. He said that because patient is in the centre of care, there was the need to imbibe in the students the proper ethics of care and safety of the patients. This, he said, would ensure that patients are made the priority of medical practitioners.

The President stated that the draft curriculum contained some courses that if adopted, would add immense value to the students. To ensure that medical practitioners in the Americas kept abreast of developments in the profession, he explained that every 10 years, all medical practitioners were expected to re-write what is called "Programme Standardization Medical Examination".

ANPPA, Dr. Adeyanju said, currently has 18 chapters with a well-structured system, adding that its mission was to identify and stimulate interest in all matters affecting the health of Nigerians and provide the forum for debating evolving health issues in search for solution. This, according to him, is to encourage the development of practical solutions to Nigerian health care problems through strategic initiative and field activities inside Nigeria and to seek collaborative research opportunities in the international medical community. Others were to

contribute to improved health care in Nigeria, the Americas and worldwide as well as to foster personal and professional growth of its members through continuing education opportunities.

The Association, as part of its ANPPA week, had conducted over 80 surgeries and attended to over 400 patients in the University of Lagos Teaching Hospital. At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha and Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris Maiyaki.

In the ANPPA delegation were the President elect, Dr. Charmaine Emelife; Chair, Medical Mission, Dr. Cliff Eke; Representative of Pharmacists/NAPPSA, Dr. Teresa Isichei Pounds; Chair, Advocacy Committee, Dr. Abraham Osinbowale; Chair-elect, Houston, Dr. Barbara N. Onyia; Chair, Board of Directors and Dr. Babajide Bamigboye.



Prof. Rasheed and some members of the NUC Management in a group photograph with the visiting ANPPA Board of Directors





FRSC Plans to Upgrade Academy to Degree-Awarding

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) is set to upgrade its Academy, located at Udi in Enugu State to a full-fledged University, the Corps Marshal, Dr. Boboye Oyeyemi has disclosed. He gave this hint when he led other officials of the FRSC to a preliminary meeting on its planned programme of action with the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*, on Tuesday, 25 April, 2017.

While intimating Professor Rasheed of this plan, Dr. Oyeyemi stated that the FRSC currently has two training institutions comprising the Academy and a training school. He explained that the Academy which it run in partnership with the World Bank, presently services the needs of new recruits into the Corps, who are trained on the rudiments of Road Safety within a six-month interval leading to award of certificates. The training school is used for the lower level officers of the agency.

The Corps Marshal told the Executive Secretary that the FRSC had two proposals it was working on, one of which is short-term and the other medium term. On the short-term is to raise the bar for the Academy to offer post-graduate programmes in affiliation with an existing University in Nigeria, with the view to further enrich the skills of its manpower in the areas of Road Safety and Transport



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the Corp Marshal, Federal Road Safety Corps, Dr. Boboye Oyeyemi

Management, Logistics and Cyber-Security Studies, among others. The second idea, which is a medium term plan, is to apply to the NUC for a total upgrade of the Academy to a full-fledged degree awarding institution.

While acknowledging that the visit is preliminary, Dr. Oyeyemi said that part of the strategy of the Corps is to solicit for proper guidance on the restructuring of the current curriculum to meet these new needs of either, running a postgraduate programme and upgrade to a University. The Corps Marshal disclosed that the NUC would be informed at the appropriate time to inspect and accredit the facilities at the Academy, preparatory to its award of degree. According to him,

the idea was for the Institution to adequately prepare to become self-sustaining and also cater for the needs of its immediate environment.

Responding, Professor Rasheed expressed delight at the mission of the FRSC team, which, he said, would promote higher education and ensure competitiveness among its staff. While describing it as noble, he highlighted that NUC has a 14-step process for establishing a Private University. The process, he mentioned, could be less cumbersome if the idea was to collaborate with an existing institution and pledged the assistance of the Commission in the FRSC's efforts to achieve these objectives. NUC as the regulator of





university education in Nigeria, he said, was currently processing applications of about 242 prospective private universities, which includes those of the Navy, Air force and the Military. The University for the Navy, the Executive Secretary revealed is a private university initiative which would soon be on stream with the Institution having met virtually all the requirements, with focus on Maritime and Engineering with related courses.

The NUC Scribe said most Nigerians had an erroneous mindset that the country had licenced too many universities, arguing that with other nations comparably less populated than Nigeria having over 1,000 universities, the country's 152 showed that it is lagging behind. NUC, though, was not concerned about the quantity but the quality of the universities being established, Professor Rasheed stressed. In addition, encouraging and promoting the efforts of organisations and institutions like

the FRSC, with interest to run specialised universities, had been the thrust of the Commission's activities. NUC's other interest is to ensure that the universities are run effectively, efficiently and in a sustainable manner.

Based on the interaction, the Executive Secretary advised the FRSC in the first instance to think of introducing postgraduate courses in the existing Academy in Udi. The second option of converting the Academy to a University should be properly structured with concentration on specialised courses in order to run away from competing institutions within its location. To achieve quick wins on the proposal, Professor Rasheed urged them to raise a good team by involving Professors on specific programmes envisaged and to determine the value-added impact of the postgraduate programme, which, he suggested, should be outside the conventional. He particularly encouraged them to articulate and run programmes like Transport and Road Safety

Management, Cyber Security, Geographic Information System as well as Information and Communication Technology (ICT), that would be helpful in its area of operations.

Both teams agreed that an NUC team would visit the Academy to ascertain the relevance of the facilities for the intended postgraduate programme and possible conversion to a University.

In the FRSC delegation were the Head of Training, Deputy Corp Marshal Kab Lawal; Special Assistant to the Corps Marshal, Assistant Corp Marshal Julius Asom, *mni*, and Corps Secretary, Assistant Corp Marshal Susan Adenge, *mni*.

Also at the meeting were the Directors of Management Support Services, Barrister Victor Onuoha; Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris Maiyaki as well as the Deputy Director, Information, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji.



L-R: Special Assistant to Corp Marshall, Assistant Corp Marshall, Julius Asom, *mni*; NUC Director, Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris. J. Maiyaki; Dr. Oyeyemi, *mni*; Prof. Rasheed, *mni*; FRSC Head of Training, Deputy Corp Marshall Kab Lawal; NUC Director, Management Support Services, Barr Victor Onuoha and the Secretary of the Corps, Assistant Corp Marshall, Mrs. Susan Adenge





Dr. Odili Presents Documents for 1st Proposed Private Medical University



L-R: former Governor of Rivers State and Chief Promoter of the Proposed Pamo University, Dr. Peter Odili; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed and Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Universities (SCOPU), Prof. Akaneren Essien

The first Private University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria with the proposed name PAMO University is under way, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Rasheed has said. Speaking while receiving the documents of the proposed university, including its Academic Brief, Physical Master Plan and University Law from the promoters and members of the Planning and Implementation Committee, led by the former Governor of Rivers State, His Excellency, Dr. Peter Odili, *CON*, the Executive Secretary said that the proposed University, when licensed, would not just be the first private university dedicated solely for training of medical students in Nigeria but in the West African sub-region.

Professor Rasheed said although there is already Ondo State University of Medical Sciences, the proposed PAMO university would be the first privately-owned university to pursue such a capital intensive professional project with huge commitment, in spite of the fact that it would not yield financial returns in a short time. He stated that such venture could only be embarked upon by those who have passion to give back to the society. He said a university, unlike other investment is capital intensive and does not yield commensurate financial returns until after a very long time, adding that a good university when it becomes stabilised, have the capacity of sustaining itself. He observed that due to the finances required to run a medical programme, not many

universities could commence faculties of medicine and commended the efforts of the promoters for embarking on the venture.

He said that the joy of establishing a university lied in the lasting reputation that usually outlived the promoters like University of Virginia which was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1693. He expressed optimism that the proposed university would attract foreign students and reflect the true universality of a world-class university based on the level of commitment demonstrated by the promoters and the calibre of members of the Planning and Implementation Committee. He informed the team that ultimately the proposed university would require endowments, like other





Prof. Rasheed receiving a copy of the draft Academic Brief of the proposed Pamo University from Amb., while Dr. Odili and his daughter Dr. Ada Oreh watch on

world-class universities from reputable individuals and organisations. He also advised them to set aside a certain percentage of scholarship to the indigent but brilliant students.

Professor Rasheed said that through the proposed university, the Commission would demonstrate to the world that it is possible to licence a private university within one year, as long as it satisfies the requirements. He advised them to admit young students who would not create challenges for the would-be institution.

In his remarks, the Promoter, Dr Peter Odili appreciated the Executive Secretary for the passion he has shown and guidance

provided so far to ensure that the process is smooth since January when it commenced. He assured the Executive Secretary that the proposed university would strive to live up to its motto which is excellence for all, adding that it would be for all Nigerians and humanity, while focusing on excellence and ethical commitment in its training.

A member of the PIC and former Director-General, National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Dr. Aliyu Sambo disclosed that if given the licence, the proposed university was ready to commence academic activities before the end of the year. He said that the institution would be driven by ICT.

While presenting the documents,

the Chairman of the PIC, Professor promised that the proposed university when licenced, would continue to abide by the rules of the Commission. He also said that the proposed university would commence with three faculties of Basic Medical and Allied Health Services as well as Medicine.

At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary, II, Mr. Ibrahim Dan' Iya; Directors of Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha and Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo.

In the proposed PAMO university team were Ambassador.... Dr



Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Odili with other members of the proposed university's implementation team and members of the NUC Management





NUC Attends AAU Workshop on University - Industry Linkages



From Left, A delegate from South West University, South Africa, Prof. Ushotanefe Useh; Mr. John Aba, Dr. Mrs. Maryam Sali and Ms. Hauwa Ibrahim at the concert venue

Four Deputy Directors of the National Universities Commission (NUC) were among the 15 delegates that participated at the Three-day training workshop on University - Industry linkages organised by the Association of African Universities (AAU) in collaboration with the University of Mauritius held at Viola, Bagatelle Hotel Mauritius, last month.

The Deputy Directors are those of Research and Innovation, Mr. Muhammad Ndanusa, *mnim*; Private Universities Division, Department of Inspection and Monitoring, Dr. Mrs. Maryam I.B Sali; Final Accounts, Department of Finance and Accounts, Mr. John Aba and Internal Audit Division Department of Executive Secretary's Office, Ms. Hauwa Ibrahim.

Universities are being positioned as strategic assets in innovation

and economic competencies and as problem solvers for socio-economic issues affecting their countries. For decades, various governments across the globe have worked hard to encourage linkages between academia and industries because such synergy plays a critical role in creating opportunities for Students Work Experience and enabling hands-on practical experience as well as skills acquisition. In the same vein, it has also helped in securing additional resources for promoting innovation and technology transfer.

According to the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) 2012 report, many higher education institutions in Africa lack the enabling environment for re-orienting their institutions towards a more entrepreneurial role. It was observed that African Universities generally lack the enabling environment for their universities to sustain such synergic partnerships

with regards to the structure of their economies, political environments and institutional research capacity.

On this backdrop, the AAU commissioned a survey of 133 African Universities and follow-up studies to determine the extent and nature of the university – industry linkages that exists and what was needed to provide a strengthened and comprehensive platform to promote, build and manage these linkages. The findings identified strong government support, the development of institutional capacity, relevant research and training as well as enhancement of communication between universities and industries as some of the factors that could strengthen such partnerships.

It was against this background, that the training workshop for university staff and managers was organised to hone their skills in the promotion of innovation and the management of





change. The main thrust of the workshop was to promote universities advancement through effective linkages with the productive sector.

Based on this premise, the expected outcomes from the Workshop include:

- i. Networking among participants to build synergies towards their institutions' engagement with industry;
- ii. Incremental allocation in budgets of African Universities and support from industry for research and innovation;
- iii. University invention, innovations and business start-ups mushroomed from continuous engagement with industry; and
- iv. Entrepreneurship in universities in Africa is scaled up as a career choice for university graduates to reduce dependence on white collar jobs.

During the workshop three

modules, comprising Research and Development/ Technology uptake, Intellectual Property Rights and Entrepreneurship, were engaged involving intensive participant interaction with group exercises at the end of each module for practical application of lessons learnt.

The first presentation was on Research and Development/ Technology Uptake by **Ms. Tracey October** that discussed the cultural attitude of academics in African universities which affects the effective linkages and synergy between African universities and industries for technological development and innovation. The view that universities behave as Ivory towers is common among African countries and University staffs in Africa are of the view that there is nothing to learn from industries. This has adversely affected opportunities for linkages and innovation. On the other hand, the business sector also has little awareness of the academia. In some instances, there is also the belief that many business owners lack university training and knowledge

to understand the context and culture of university. The module therefore advocated for attitudinal change towards the perception of university staff and business owners in respect of linkages.

With respect to policy environment, Ms. October explained that policy makers around the developing world including those of Africa have sought to harness university research and expertise to promote innovation. It highlighted that in 2013 a survey revealed that out of the 55 member African countries at least, 37 had adopted an already established national innovation policy or have one, which support the establishment of stronger links between academia and industry. The module further discussed the need for all African countries to have national innovation or research policy framework to work with. These will give a strong backing to both the entrepreneurs and the universities to go into partnerships without fear of risk.

The module also suggested the



Participants at the Conference venue Voila Hotel, Bagatelle, Mauritius.





training of highly skilled professionals in science and engineering disciplines who can be innovators and entrepreneurs as advocated by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) which frames innovation as key for development. It suggested that "improving university industry interactions is one of the main ways of ensuring that African Countries make the transition from the mere conduct of scientific research to technology innovation".

The presentation on Intellectual Property Rights by Mr. Zulfaqar Dudhia explored how the continent's higher education institutions can set institutional strategies towards the management of intellectual property. It discussed patents, what can be patented and what cannot be, how patenting process works, how to apply for patent, the treaties, how to read and understand patent, the general patent structure etc. The module further suggested the need for universities to have expertise and capacity to manage intellectual property.

It highlighted that the quality of university research, academic staff and students is a strong determinant of the likelihood that valuable intellectual property will be developed. The module advised that when dealing with the question of whether or not to exploit intellectual property rights, the aim shall be to generate mutual benefits for researchers, students and institutions as well as local communities and society at large.

The other presentation on

Entrepreneurship by Dr Charles MuweMungule emphasized the need for higher education leaders to recognize that the role of their institutions may play in working with entrepreneurs are varied and that no one-size-fits all model will be appropriate in every setting and circumstances. It further highlighted that the relationship between universities and technological development rests on fruitful interaction between research and scholarship on one hand and entrepreneurial activities on the other. It stressed that neither side of the relationship can be overemphasized at the expense of the other.

In summary, the presentation explored the various aspects that university administrators should consider about entrepreneurship in universities. It recommended that senior administrators in universities need to make entrepreneurship a priority within their institutions adding that the goals and benefits of entrepreneurial activities need to be clearly communicated to researchers as well as the principles guiding them for mutual benefit.

Based on the interaction and lessons learnt from the Workshop, the NUC Representatives recommends among others that:

- (i) The Nigerian Universities should be encouraged to improve interactions with the industries to ensure that the Nation's universities transit from the mere conduct of scientific research to technology innovation;
- (ii) University administrators should formulate clear-cut

strategies to participate in local technological innovation; nurture start-up companies; accommodate industry research and development laboratories, create science parks and technology incubation centres;

- (iii) Universities should be made to know that the quality of a university research, academic staff and students is a strong determinant of the likelihood that valuable intellectual property will be developed, bearing in mind that when dealing with the question of whether or not to exploit intellectual property rights, the aim shall be to generate mutual benefits for researchers, students and institutions as well as local communities and society at large; and
- (iv) Government should encourage dialogue between universities and industries through appropriate policies. The dialogue should be based on a clear understanding of comparative advantage on each side, where each partner is clear about what assets they will bring to the table.

A highlight of the workshop was the tour of the Alexandra Fall, South Mauritius Beach by the participants and the presentation of certificates of attendance to them.

The 15 participants were drawn from eight member African Countries, namely: Burkina Faso, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Zambia, Ghana, Mauritius and Nigeria.





Photo Gallery



L-R: Provost, College Of Engineering, Kwara State University, Prof. Leo Daniel; Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Alhaji Saidu Isa, *OFR*; Prof. Rasheed and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Na'allah when they visited the Commission



Dr. Oyeiyemi, Prof. Rasheed and the Founder of Gregory University, Uturu, Dr. Gregory Ibe, exchanging pleasantries



Prof. Na'allah, Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Oyeiyemi



Prof. Rasheed Presenting copies of Monday Bulletin to members of the ANPA Board of Directors with Malam Yakasai, (far left)



A member of the BoT, proposed Spiritan University, Tonie Egbuche; Dr. Gregory Ibe and Prof. Rasheed going through a document of the University



Members of NUS representatives at the Association of University Administration meeting, UK, 3rd left, Hon. Timothy Golu; 2nd left, NUC Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya and 3rd left, Director, Management Support Services, Barr Victor Onuoha with other delegates





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Preamble

Universities are acknowledged world-wide as the engines for knowledge generation and the 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, a distinguished lecture is being organized by the Commission to set the tone for broader stakeholder interaction and engagement in the curriculum reform process.

The lecture, the second in the series of the NUC quarterly Distinguished lectures, 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 organized private sector, employers of labour and other key stakeholders.

Consequently, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, **Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, 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 2nd 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: **3rd 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



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IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

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Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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





Implementation Approach:

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

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

• Results Based Management
• Easy Comparison
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality
• Consistency
• Comparability

IPSAS

• Transparency
• Accountability

Expected Benefits:

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

Implementation Committee

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

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

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





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.

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ADVERTORIAL CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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

Signed

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

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





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





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

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

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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





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

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1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
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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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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 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

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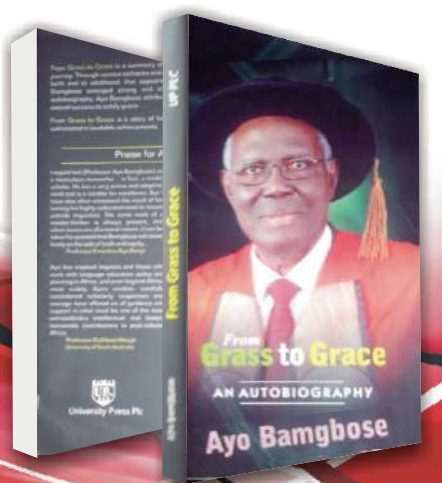
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List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

Private Universities :

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

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

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) 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.
O'OWO AGBARILO ELLA	1 May	DQA
IFE-ERE JOSEPHINE EMUREN	1 May	DMSS
ISMAIL AHMED	1 May	DFA
EMMANUEL DARE AHANOR	2 May	DQA
ITORO RAYMONDEFFIONG	2 May	DPSD
RABI AHMED ABDULLAHI	2 May	DFA
YVONNE NKIRU OREKYEYH	3 May	DESO
ALI IBRAHIM UMARU	3 May	DMSS
FRIDAY IFEANYI CHUKWUANI	4 May	DMSS
SANDRA CHINENYE AMUZIE	4 May	DRI
ALHASSAN NNAJI WILBOR	5 May	DMSS
YAHAYA MOHAMMED MAITURARE	5 May	DAS
MOBOLAJI SOLOMON ODESOLA	5 May	DRI
NURUDEEN KOLADE ABIOYE	5 May	DFA
AMOS GYIANYBWA	5 May	DESO
AARON KAJANG ZAMANI	6 May	DESO
ADETUNJI RASHEED SOWUNMI	6 May	DPP
MOSES ODIANOSEN EHIBOR	7 May	LO
JEOL OLUWASEUN ADELUSI	7 May	DESO

"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

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



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