

NAL Inducts Professor Rasheed, 4 Others as Fellows

The Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), at its 19th Convocation last Thursday inducted Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), and four others as Fellows of the elite organization. The venue was the J.F. Ade-Ajayi Auditorium, University of Lagos, Akoka.

The four other fellows are: Professors Unionmwan Edebiri, OFR, Mabel Osakwe, Siyan Oyeweso and Joseph E. Inikori who was inducted as Overseas Fellow.

The Academy which is an organization of Academics in the liberal arts, language and linguistics and the broad discipline of Humanities was founded in Ibadan on November 14, 1991 with Professors Ayo Bamgbose, Chinua Achebe, J.F. Ade Ajayi, A.E.



NAL President, Prof. Olu Obafemi (left) decorating Prof. Abubakar Rasheed as NAL Fellow

Ajigbo, Adeboye Babalola, J.P. Clark-Bakederemo and Wole Soyinka as founding fellows.

In a citation read by the Academy Orator Prof. Segun Awonusi, FNAL, Professor Rasheed was described as a prolific scholar and

researcher who had “churned out a considerable number of original, innovative and lucid academic publications”, adding that Professor Rasheed had to his credit four solid academic books, 23 reviewed articles published in national and international journals of repute in

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addition to eight other papers in the form of keynote addresses, special presentations and quality press publications.

The citation mentioned that Professor Rasheed had attended 46 national and international conferences, seminars and workshops and his contributions to knowledge spanned the theories and practice of systemic linguistics/functional grammar.

According to the Orator the inductee had demonstrated, “in a robust fashion,” the relevance of linguistically-oriented stylistics to the analysis and interpretation of literary discourses, thus developing a stylistic architecture of meaning interpretations as evidenced in the fresh perspectives given to the meaning and style of Bessie Head’s life, and novels. “This had led to one of his major publications *Discourse Stylistics and the Study of African Short Fiction*.”

Speaking on positions held by Professor Rasheed, the citation said he had served in various administrative capacities in the university system that he could be described literally as one who has straddled and conquered the system. “In BUK, he had served as Acting Head of English and Foreign Languages Department, substantive Head of the same Department, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Acting Vice-Chancellor and eventually



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed standing during citation on him

Vice-Chancellor. Apart from serving as member in the various committees of Senate and Council of BUK, at the pan-Nigerian level, he had served Member Governing

Council in four different universities: ABU, UNIJS, Kaduna State University and BUK. He also served on the Board of the National Institute of Nigerian Languages, Aba.

Besides, the citation continued, he was judge, NLNG Nigerian Literature Prize, Chairman TETFund Technical Advisory Group on Book Development, Monitor-General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, and a member, Board of Governors of the politically-influential Arewa House. In 2014, he was appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Sule Lamido University, Kafin-Hausa, Jigawa State. “Moving on to the pinnacle of university administration in Nigeria, he was appointed Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission in 2016.” The Citation also captured other recognitions, rewards and laurels received by Professor Rasheed



Prof. Rasheed after his decoration as NAL Fellow





thus: “He won the Foreign and Commonwealth Scholarship to study at University of Nottingham, and was International Visitor, Foreign Affairs in the US. Besides, he is Fellow National Institute for Public Relations, Fellow the Institute for Corporate Executives, Nigeria, Fellow Institute for Corporate Administration, Associate Fellow, Oxonia University Network, UK, Fellow, Nigerian Linguistic Association and Fellow, Nigeria English Scholars Association of Nigeria as well as Member, National Institute of Strategic Studies (mni), To crown it all, a National Honour/award was conferred on him as Member (in the order of the) Federal Republic (MFR).”

In presenting him for admission into the NAL Fellowship, the orator described Professor Rasheed as outstanding systemic grammarian-cum-discourse analyst, versatile and prolific scholar, multi-tasking



Front row, second left, new NAL Fellow Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed; President, NAL, Prof. Olu Obafemi; Prof. Ayo Bamgbose; along with other NAL old and new Fellows after the investiture

and talented administrator per excellence in the higher education enterprise, and an avowed journalist of the first order.

In his welcome remarks, the President of NAL, Professor Olu Obafemi said that the year 2017 had been a very busy year for the Academy and an equally difficult time for all of us as a nation in its

present state of socio-economic and political travails, adding that never had our harmony as a nation been more bedeviled with so much troublous agitations and frightening dystopia than in the past few years of our national history. “The times have called for a rigorous critiquing of the state, essence and nature of nation offer Hence, the Academy has decided to engage the theme of Patriotism in its 19th Convocation,” he concluded.



Cross section of some NAL Fellows

Prof. Obafemi said that Patriotism, included but transcended Nigerianism or Nigeria’s nationhood and pertained to committed love and affection for and loyalty to our nation. “These are humane values that engage the Humanities. It involves working through rigorous national conversation toward building and redeeming the ideal Nigerian dream, one which transcends but includes sub-national and sectarian loyalties. The raging rational and





New NAL Fellow Prof. Rasheed with the Deputy Governor, Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar after his investiture

extreme agitations for restructuring, devolution, true federalism and even self-determination are all implicated in patriotism.”

According to the NAL President, when the word restructuring was mentioned, reference was uncritically made to politics, “yet, the most important restructuring is the major economic reform that the nation direly needs to embark upon,” insisting that the nation required major structural reforms to create growth, boost employment profile and enhance mass participation and inclusivity in the country.

He said that Nigeria needed to make a wide range of structural policy reforms such as opening up key sectors to improve living conditions across board, introducing new minimum wage, developing entrepreneurship and maintaining macro and micro-economic stability and creating a clement business environment for enabling and enhancing productive economy; all of which will grow

national patriotism. “The present state of a highly unequal society and moral bankruptcy in public affairs are responsible largely for mass frustration, disillusion and a frightening challenge to national patriotism, he averred.

Prof. Obafemi said that 2017 was a special year in the Academy’s annals” as we induct, for the first time, 60 new members of the Academy who have fulfilled the requirement of membership in the

past three years. Another high point of Convocation is the admission of five new Fellows to the College of Fellows. I congratulate all of the recipients of membership and fellowship of this most worthy Academy,” he said.

The Convocation lecture titled: “The Patriot and the Nationalists in an Emergency Democracy” was delivered by Professor Dele Layiwola, FNAL, while the Scientific Session had two speakers, Professors Yakubu Aboki, Ochefu, FHSN and Asabe Kabir Usman of Kwara University, Wukari, Taraba State and Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto State respectively.

In an Acceptance Speech on behalf of the new fellow, Professor Abubakar Rasheed said it would be an understatement for him to say, on behalf of his fellow recipients of “this most prestigious and coveted honour, the highest of its type in the humanities, that we are simply overwhelmed and humbled by our admission into the College of



The new Fellow Prof. Rasheed with former Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Munzali Jibril and older Fellow. Middle is Dr. Adamu Rasheed, son of Prof. Rasheed





Vice-Chancellor, BUK, Prof. Yahuza Bello presenting a plaque to Prof. Rasheed on his investiture with them are: VC UniLag, Prof. Rahman Bello (extreme left), Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Abubakar (2nd right) and NUC Director, Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai (1st right)

Fellows of the Academy.”

He said that they did not take the honour for granted as they knew how competitive and rigorous the exercise of selecting the fellow must have been, assuring that they would rededicate themselves to the ideals of excellence and promotion of “humane values of our nation which are critical mandates of the Academy at a time like this when such values are in short supply but in very great demand.”

Professor Rasheed further assured the academy that on his part the ideal of partnering with the Academy in the attainment of excellence and high standards in the nation's education “is uppermost in my mind in my unalloyed drive to reposition the NUC for the fulfillment of its objectives.”

He added that he believed that he would continue to receive and enjoy guidance, cooperation and nurture from the academy in the task of

committing the NUC to raising the standard of university education in Nigeria of 21st century “impelled by information and knowledge as the sole imperative of growth and development.”

Professor Rasheed said they would treasure the honour forever and thanked the president, the past President and the College of Fellow

for finding them “worthy of admission into this prestigious club of NAL Fellows”

Prof. Rasheed's investiture was attended by the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Professor Hafeez Abubakar, Vice-Chancellors of UniLag and BUK Profs. Rahman Bello and Yahuza Bello and a couple of Vice Chancellors from the South-Western and South Eastern part of the country.

The Vice-Chancellor University of Lagos Prof. Rahman Bello hosted guests to a luncheon to honour Professor Rasheed.

Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Prof. Yahuza Bello presented a plaque and letter of congratulations to Prof. Rasheed on behalf of his University. A representative of Vice Chancellor Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa, Professor Saidu B. Ahmad also presented a letter of congratulations on behalf of the



Prof. Rasheed receiving a congratulatory message from the representative of Vice Chancellor Sule Lamido University, Prof. Saidu B. Ahmad





NCE Returns History and Rel. Studies Back to Basic School Curriculum

The National Council of Education (NCE) has ratified the return of History and religious studies into the basic education curriculum of Nigerian schools, while Christian Religious Knowledge and Islamic Religious Knowledge was also approved to be separated from religion and National Values and handled as stand-alone subjects.

Other decisions of the Council were for the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technology Education (NBTE) and the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to make retraining of all lecturers in their institutions in inclusive education, a component of their Benchmark for academic standard.

The Council reached these decisions at its 62nd Meeting, presided over by the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, held at the Affluent Events Centre, Nassarawa, GRA, Kano from Monday 24th Friday 28th July, 2017.

In his opening remarks at the Council's meeting with the theme *"Inclusive Education Creating Quality Learning Opportunities for all: Implications for Concurrency in Education in Nigeria,"* Mal.



Honourable Minister of Education
Mal. Adamu Adamu

Adamu noted that the Meeting could not have come at a better time than now when Nigeria had committed herself to the implementation of the Education 2030 Agenda. He said that the major thrust of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 was to 'ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.' According to the Minister, the

Federal, States and Local Government Councils with other stakeholders in the education must interface through the instrumentality of the NCE, to formulate and implement policies required to achieve the Education 2030 Agenda.

The Minister told the gathering that this year's meeting provided another golden opportunity for stakeholders to take stock of progress in Nigeria's





Education Sector; identify the challenges and consider policy options that would move the nation to entrench a 21st century education system that was globally competitive. He listed some of the developmental issues in the sector to include the implementation of inclusive education, concurrency in education, professionalisation of teaching, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Basic Education Curriculum Controversy, Improving Access and Quality in Tertiary Education, Promoting of inclusion in the University Tertiary Matriculation Examination Computer-Based Test (CBT) and Institutionalisation of the Nigerian Education Management Information System (NEMIS).

The Hon. Minister emphasised the importance of data for successful planning and implementation of education policies and programmes. He said the task of guaranteeing inclusive education and creating quality learning opportunities involved planning which relied on the availability of accurate and reliable data to support decision making and the equitable allocation of resources for the transformation of Nigeria into a knowledge-based economy that is globally competitive.

In his own remarks, the Hon. Minister of State, Professor Anthony Anwukah stated that inclusive education was premised on the fact that if the right to education for all was to be upheld, learners must have access to quality



Hon. Minister of State for Education
Prof. Anthony Anwukah

education that meet their basic learning needs and enriched their lives. He said that the curricula must be reviewed to improve learning and encourage the inclusion of all pupils since it would address the child's cognitive, emotional and creative development.

Earlier in a welcome address, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, whose address was read by Dr. Adamu Hussaini, said the theme of the 62nd Council Meeting was apt considering the fact that of the 20 million out-of-school children in the world, about 10.6 million are in Nigeria, the number, he said was the highest in the world. He informed the meeting that inclusive education was to improve access and create learning opportunities for all, stressing that it was about the child's right to participate and

the school's duty to accept the child, inclusion rejects the use of special schools or classrooms to separate students with disabilities from students without disabilities. He, therefore, advocated for the emergence of policy that would enhance the development of the inclusive and equitable education system.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, Hon. Aminu Sulaiman Fagge; Chairman, House Committee on Basic Education and Services, Hon. Zakari Mohammed; Executive Governor of Kano State, represented by His Deputy, Professor Hafiz Abubakar; Honourable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Kano State, the Emir of Kano, His Highness, Muhammadu Sanusi II, represented by the Madaki of Kano, as well as stakeholders across the education family.

The Executive Secretary NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed led the delegation from the Commission to the meeting comprising the Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo; Corporate Communication, Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasi; Deputy Director, Academic Matters and NUC Representative at the Joint Consultative Council Meeting (JCCE) Alh. Aminu Abba and Principal Academic Standards Officer, Abdul Salam Abdullateef.





EFCC to Sponsor 20 PhD Theses on Anti Corruption-Magu

...Lobbies for Introduction of Anti-Corruption Courses in NUS

The Acting Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Ibrahim Mustafa Magu has disclosed that the Commission would from January 2018, commence full sponsorship of 20 doctoral research theses in the Nigerian University System (NUS), for the next 10 years, to support the fight against corruption in Nigeria. He also lobbied for the inclusion of Anti-Corruption courses in the NUS, adding that the Anti-corruption Agency would support the publication of researches relevant to anti-corruption issues if approved by the NUC.

Mr. Magu, made these disclosure when he led a five-man delegation from the EFCC on a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR*. He informed the Executive Secretary that the EFCC is empowered by relevant laws and statutes to rid Nigeria of the scourge of financial and economic crimes, including corruption, stressing that the country cannot get it right until something was done drastically and decisively about corruption in all its ramifications.

In his words “our values, national ethos and national institutions have



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the EFCC Chairman, Ibrahim Magu during his visit to the Commission

all suffered the effects of corruption leaving us with no option but to frontally confront corruption and the corrupt. This, certainly, is no easy task – the corrupt are not going to go down without putting up some resistance, using the illicit wealth they had amassed”.

In order to achieve, according to him, one of the critical mandate of the current dispensation and “to retrieve Nigeria from the corrupt, because winning the war is key to our happiness, prosperity, development and dignity as a nation, officers and men of the EFCC are resolved, focused, and remain unperturbed, to bring

corruption to its knees”.

The Acting Executive Chairman explained that the EFCC delegation was in the NUC as part of its resolve to take the anti-corruption campaign to a higher level especially the tertiary institutions by seeking out credible partners through the regulatory body to pursue meaningful dialogue and collaboration to fight and minimise the incidences of financial and economic crimes. He added that, having the NUC leadership on the side of the anti-corruption battle would significantly boost the Commission’s modest but relentless attempt at fighting





The EFCC delegation during the meeting

corruption and the corrupt in the over 150 federal, state and private universities under its regulatory watch.

The EFCC Boss noted that Nigerian Universities were hosts to millions of young men and women in their late teens and early twenties, pursuing programmes of study, stressing that the same set of people would move to the Civil and Public Services as well as private sector of the economy upon graduation. “Unfortunately, there are preciously little or no courses in our universities to prepare these young men and women against corruption, how it manifests itself, its ramifications, and what they could do to stop it,” he submitted.

The EFCC Czar mentioned that the NUC could assist the EFCC to sensitize the universities on the evil of corruption adding that ‘every evil thing that is happening in the country is caused by corruption’; It was for this reason that partnering with NUC became sacrosanct in line with the adage that says ‘prevention is better than cure’.

He lamented the erroneous believe held by others that fighting corruption was unnecessary. The chairman concluded that the synergy between NUC and EFCC when properly executed would save principal officers from indulging in fraudulent activities.

Mr. Magu stated that university students constituted a strategic target of anti-corruption training and awareness. According to him, “It is for this reason that I am canvassing for the introduction of anti-corruption courses for all university undergraduates in Nigeria. Whether one is studying accounting or building engineering, food sciences or marine biology, political science or pharmacy, exposure to a rigorous and evidence-based knowledge of

corruption and its consequences on polity and economy as well as individual self-esteem would be most beneficial to the nation, the community and to the individual,” he added.

Welcoming, the EFCC team, Professor Rasheed explained that the NUC was interested in collaborating with the anti-corruption agency and promised that the Commission would also put in place all necessary mechanisms to realise this objective in the best interest of the Nigerian University System (NUS). He commended the Acting Chairman for his visionary leadership style and for his thoughtfulness which was in the process of adding value to university education and research outputs in Nigerian Universities.



Some members of the NUC Management team





Other members of the NUC Management at the meeting

The sponsorship of 20 PhD theses and publication of same, he said, would help to create more awareness about the dangers of corruption to the Nigerian publics.

The Executive Secretary stated that NUC and EFCC would parley to conceptualise the scholarships in such a way that the process and the nitty-gritty of the project would be transparent and accessible, so that at the end of the day the outcome of the scholarship would boost the achievements of both the Commission and Nigerian University System (NUS). He added that the NUC Director of Academic Planning would assemble experts in anti-corruption

to develop an all-encompassing curriculum that would be adopted by the Commission under a General Studies Programmes. All undergraduates in the NUS would be required to take it as part of their requirement for graduation irrespective of their various courses of study.

Professor Rasheed said that, traditionally, universities conferred degrees only on candidates who had been found worthy both in learning and character, expressing confidence that the partnership established between NUC and EFCC would go a long way in addressing some of the challenges hindering the Commission's

effectiveness in its oversight functions of more than 150 universities in Nigeria.

The NUC Scribe also earlier briefed his visitor on the evolution of Nigerian university education, starting with the University of Ibadan then as University College London in 1948 up to the regional universities in 1962, adding that the Federal Government took over the regional universities then and the universities established between 1960-1970 were referred, by the NUC, as first generation universities. Later, some state governments established state owned universities and in 1999 few private universities were licensed. Currently, Nigeria has a total of 153 universities which included Federal 40, state 45 and private 68, he informed Mr. Magu. He noted that the NUC was presently processing more than 200 applications for establishment of more private universities which held the future prospects for university education in the country.

In his remarks, the Director, Academic Planning, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo informed the EFCC Czar that NUC had programmes in place that addressed anti corruption issues running by more than 22 universities. Such programmes included; Forensic Science, Cyber Security, Criminology, some at undergraduate while others at Post graduate levels. He also stated that the general studies in the Nigerian Universities has 30 credit units and agreed to revisit the GST programme with a view to including



Prof. Rasheed, middle, and Mr. Magu with other members of the NUC Management and the EFCC delegation





anti corruption courses as requested by the EFCC chairman.

In his contribution, the Director of Corporate Communication, Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai asked the EFCC Chairman to distinguish between the functions of EFCC and that of Independent Corrupt Practices and other related Offences Commission (ICPC). The difference, according to the EFCC Czar, had being a thin line but a strong synergy was put in place and all possible duplication or usurpation of functions were being avoided adding that cases wrongly forwarded to either of the two statutory organisations were rechanneled to the appropriate organ to handle.

The visit offered the two organisations to also foster synergy

to stamp out fraudulent self acclaimed proprietors who defraud unsuspecting applicants seeking admission in their illegal universities anywhere in Nigeria.

The high point of the visit was decoration of the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, by the Acting Chairman, Barrister Ibrahim M. Magu as anti-corruption crusader with a plaque and a badge. By way of reciprocity, the NUC scribe presented documents relating to anti-corruption issues to the EFCC boss for his organisations input and information.

In the delegation were the Director, Public Affairs, Osita Najei; Dr. Noo'man Habib.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. Bello Kumo; International Cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Management Support Services, Barr. Victor U. Onuoha; Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi; Accreditation, Dr. Noel Saliu; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah; Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Acting Director, Student Support Services, Dr. Maryam Sali as well as the Deputy Directors of Information, Mr. Haruna Lawal Ajo and Accreditation, Mrs. Hadiza Abdulrahman.

Proposed Al-Tanzeel Varsity visits NUC Scribe

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Abuja, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, received a delegation of Isiyaka Rabi'u Foundation led by the Wazirin Kastina, Dr. Abubakar Sani Lugga who paid him a courtesy call last Friday, the delegation came to seek for the support and assistance of the scribe and the Commission for the establishment of Al-Tanzeel University at Kano.

While receiving the delegation, the Executive Secretary expressed



L-R: Galadiman Sokoto, Leader of the delegation, Wazirim Kastina, Dr. Abubakar Lugga; and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, when the Proposed Al-Tanzeel University Technical team paid a visit to the Commission





profound joy over the intention by the Khalifa to open a private University in Kano, he mentioned that there had been a need to establish more private universities in the North particularly the North West where concentration of more than 40% of the Nigerian population reside. He added that most of the private Universities were located in the South especially South West where a particular state has more than 10 Universities.

The Scribe reiterated that the University education had been the engine that propelled growth and development in the world and Government alone could not cater for everybody hence the need for wealthy individuals to open access by establishing Universities. He said the Foundation led by the Khalifa thought well by choosing an educated, experienced and respected personality in the person of Wazirin Katsina, Dr. Lugga to lead the Technical Team. The Waziri would do everything possible to put the proposed university on a sound foundation.

Professor Rasheed advised the team and the Isyaka Rabi'u Foundation that establishment of a private University was tasking and daunting. It required a lot of funds, resilience and perseverance adding President Thomas Jefferson of



Prof. Rasheed reviewing the Proposed Al-Tanzeel University's documents, left is Dr. Lugga

America when asked to say what he would be remembered for, he declared to be the "Author of the declaration of American Independence of the Statutes of Virginia for religious freedom and Father of University of Virginia". The Executive Secretary concluded by thanking the foundation for its resolve to respond to the clarion call for rescuing the region/nation and supporting Government in this direction.

He assumed the team of the support and assistance of the Commission towards the establishment of the proposed University adding that the National Universities Commission had received Two Hundred and Forty One applications for the establishment of more Private

Universities in Nigeria and few of them were processed and would soon be forwarded for their considerations and final approval by the federal Executive Council.

The Chairman of the delegation, the Waziri of Katsina thanked the Executive Secretary and his management team for the reception accorded to the delegation especially the Director, Corporate Communication and the Director, Establishment of Private universities, for their cooperation and candid support. He mentioned that the takeoff site was being upgraded in line with the advice of the National Universities Commission that visited the site. Some of the equipment being purchased for the proposed university had arrived adding that





the buildings were been constructed and restructured to conform with modern university structure.

The Waziri reiterated the Foundation's commitment and readiness to adhere to the National Universities Commission's advises. He concluded that the land for the construction of the proposed Al-Tanzeel University, Kano had been acquired at Rano Local Government, Kano State and

the certificate of occupancy was presented to the Commission. The Chairman told the Executive Secretary that the university would commenced academic activities in 2018. He closed his comments with the promise that the delegation would visit some private universities within and abroad to learn from the best practises in the running of privately owned universities with a view of replicating same in the proposed Al-Tanzeel University, Kano.

In his delegation were Galadiman Sokoto, Dr Hafiz Sani, Dr. Sagir Adam, Anwar I. Rabi, Mannir I.Rabi, Barrister Habibu Dan Almajiri, Alkali Hadi Maazu and Yusuf Datti.

At the meeting also were the Director, Corporate Communication, Alhaji Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and the Deputy Director, Information, Haruna Lawal Ajo.

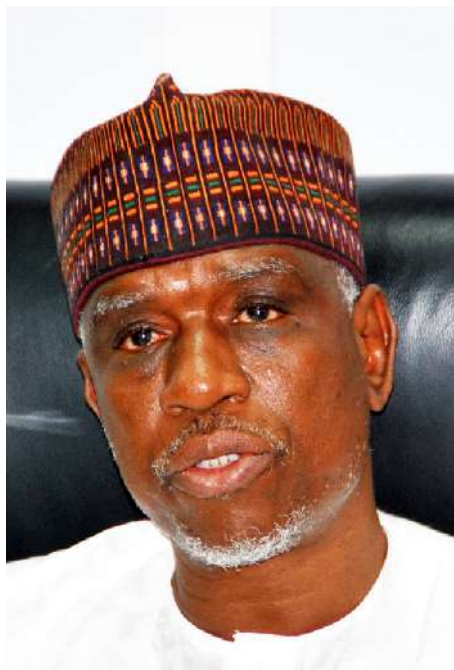


Prof. Rasheed, Dr. Lugga and Director, Corporate Communications, NUC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai 5th, 4th and 1st left in a group photograph with other members of the University's Technical Team





NUC Secures 10 Years Imprisonment for Promoter of Illegal Degree Mill



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

A promoter and proprietor of a closed illegal degree mill, one Mr. Martins Olurantise was convicted and sentenced to ten years imprisonment by the Federal High Court, Akure on the 19th June 2017. He was convicted for using an illegal cross border outfit, Open International University Collombo Sri-Lanka, Akure to defraud many unsuspecting Nigerians by obtaining various sums as school fees/charges under the false pretense that the University was registered with the National Universities Commission, contrary to Section 1 (1)(a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act No.14 of 2006 and

punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act. The trial ran under charge FHC/AK/7C/2009.

The Prosecution which commenced in 2009 was anchored by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). This matter was taken up by EFCC when NUC petitioned EFCC on the illegal and corrupt practices of Mr. Martins Olurantise. The prosecution team was led by the EFCC's prosecution counsel, TN Ndifon, Esq. Prosecution witnesses in the eight year trial included NUC's Head of Legal Division, Moses O. Awe Esq., students of the closed illegal degree mills, a couple of EFCC's investigating officers and a representative of Ondo State Ministry of Health.

It would be recalled that in 2008, National Universities Commission received a petition from the Ondo State Ministry of Health on the illegal activity of Mr. Martins Olurantise, using his illegal outfit, International Open University Colombo, Sri-Lanka, Akure to admit students into various degree programmes in Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing, and was using unapproved private clinics as teaching hospitals. NUC petitioned EFCC which subsequently closed down the mill, arrested the

proprietor, and commenced prosecution shortly thereafter.

In his 47-page judgment, the trial judge, His Lordship, Hon. Justice I.M. Sani extensively reviewed the evidence before him and came to the conclusion that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt. He sentenced the accused/defendant Mr. Martins Olurantise, to two years imprisonment on each of the five count charges for which he was convicted, making a combined sentence of ten years imprisonment. However, all the sentences would run concurrently, meaning he will spend only two years behind bars.



Barr Moses O. Awe
Deputy Director, Legal Services, NUC



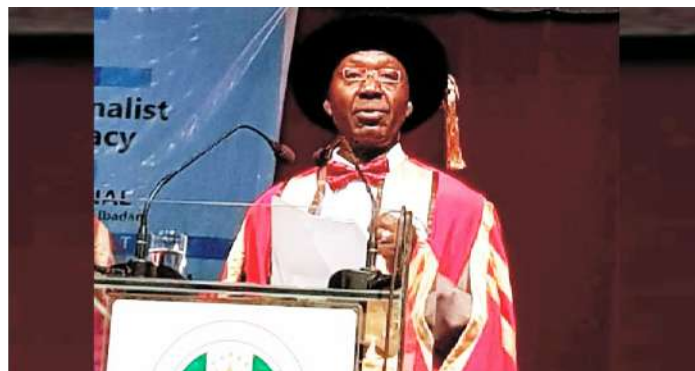


Photo Gallery

Induction of new NAL Fellows and members



The new NAL Fellow Prof. Rasheed reading Acceptance Speech



Convocation Lecturer Prof. Dele Layiwola



NAL President (3rd right) with old and new fellows



BUK VC (middle) with new NAL members Profs. Sani Abba Aliyu and Amina Kabir



Prof. Rasheed (2nd right) with three new NAL members



Dep. Gov. Kano (in white) with the new NAL Fellow and new members



Prof. Rasheed (left) with Prof. Ayo Bamgbose



The new NAL Fellow (3rd right) his son Dr. Adamu Rasheed (2nd right) and others





Photo Gallery *Induction of new NAL Fellows and members*



The new Fellows before their decorations



The new Fellows after their decorations



VC Ilorin, Prof. Ambali in a handshake with the new NAL fellow



NAL President middle with three Fellows and one member (1st right)



The NUC team with the new NAL Fellow fourth right is Dep. Gov. Kano, first left is VC UniLag while second right is the VC Fed. University Lokoja



New NAL Fellow (3rd right) VC BUK (4th right) with some NAL Fellows, members and well wishers





Photo Gallery

Dinner hosted by VC UniLag in honour of Prof. Rasheed, new NAL Fellow



VC UniLag Prof. Rahman welcoming guests at the Luncheon



Prof. thanking VC UniLag



Group photo with Vice Chancellors



Cross section of Vice Chancellors at the luncheon



R-L: Profs. Hafiz, Rasheed, Rahman and Bello



Guests at the luncheon



Profs. Hafiz and Rasheed serving themselves



Profs. Hafiz, Rasheed and Bello





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION 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	Chairman
Director, Finance and Accounts	Vice-Chairman
Director, Management Support Services	Member
Head of Internal Audit	Member
Head of Information & Communication Technology	Member
Head of Treasury	Member
Head of Budget	Member
Head of IPSAS/Fixed assets	Member
Head of Procurement	Member
Head of Final Accounts	Member/Secretary

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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- 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



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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, Eboyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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





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

C. Private Universities

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

Dr. Gidado Kumo
Director, Academic Standards
For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

Management





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FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	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 Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
			45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017	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., Owode, 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, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016
						64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
						65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
						66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016





List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

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

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

Private Universities :

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

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

Signed:
MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAPE 3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The "Universities" are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaize, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
OYINKURO ANDAEBI	14 August	DODE
OSARIEME OBO-IDORNIGIE	14 August	DESO
SAMUEL ADEWUMI ALADEJARE	15 August	DFA
ESTHER MARK MBOH	15 August	DESO
ALIYU DANSABO	15 August	DODE
CHINELO LILIAN UTTAH	16 August	DIM
USMAN JADE AHMED	18 August	DFA
AMAKA CONSTANCE UGWUNNE-IGOCHE	18 August	DIM
BABAYO AUDU SULEIMAN	18 August	DIM
CHIBUZOR GIDEON ODEGA	18 August	DIM
CYNTHIA CHINEDU OGBU	18 August	DESO
BOLATITO TEMILOLA TEHINSE	19 August	DAS
AHMED ABU INGAWA	20 August	DAS
EDET UDOH ETIM	20 August	DMSS
ABDULLAHI SHAGBO	20 August	DFA
SYMPATHY NDATUWON NGALATO	20 August	DIM
JALILA ALHASSAN	20 August	DICT

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



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





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