

Stakeholders Review, Endorse OER National Policy

The National Universities Commission (NUC) last Tuesday hosted a symposium for Stakeholders to review and endorse the draft National Policy on Open Education Resources (OER) for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nigeria.

The Symposium was convened to aggregate inputs and by implication, obtain the collective ownership of a draft document from relevant agencies, strategic partners and the user-community.

Declaring the Summit open, the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Professor Anthony Anwukah represented by the Director, Education Support Services, Mrs. Justina Ibe challenged the stakeholders to come up with beneficial, cutting-edge inputs which will add value to the National Policy. He expressed confidence that the calibre of



Prof. Anthony G. Anwukah
Honourable Minister of State for Education

experienced men and women in the Steering Committee who had distinguished themselves in various positions would chart a

course for sustainable educational development using OER as an instrument.

The Honourable Minister of State

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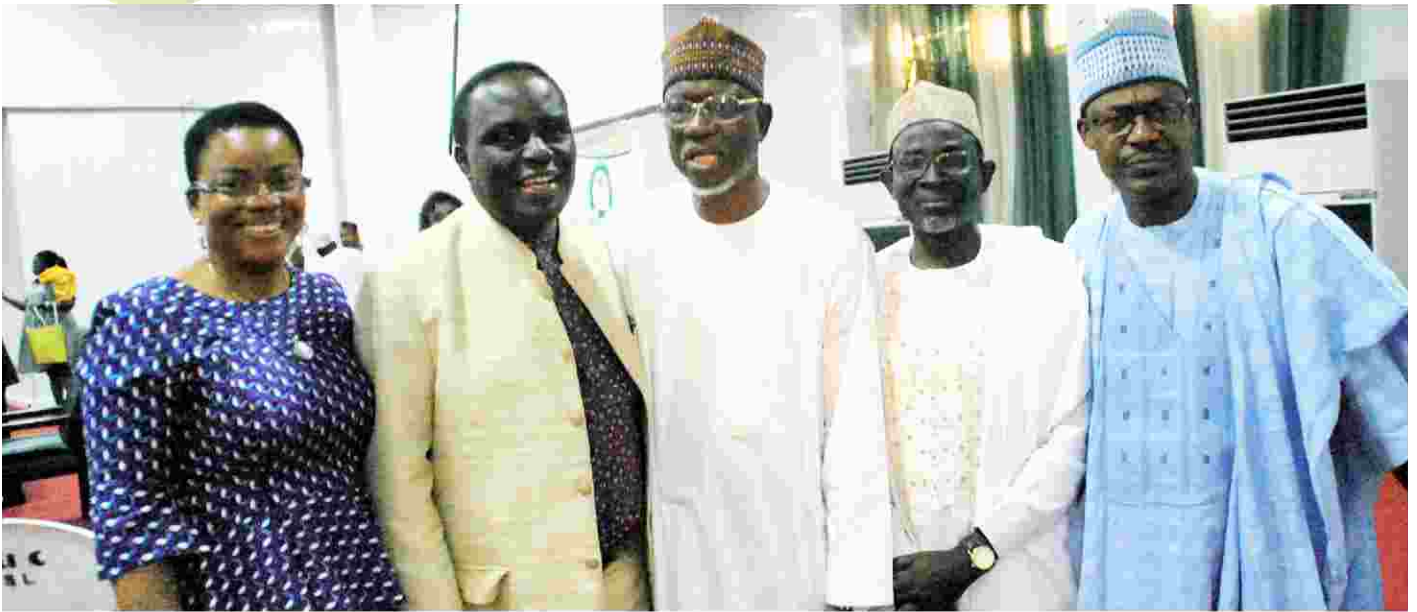
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said besides providing a framework for Nigeria to showcase its position at the 2nd World Congress of OER slated for Slovenia later in the year, it would help to reposition the sector and give the country the much desired visibility. This, he added, would also ensure that the OER project in Nigeria commences on a proper footing to guarantee sustainability.

Open Educational Resources (OER) appertains to any educational resources (including curriculum maps, course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, multimedia applications, podcasts, and other materials designed for use in teaching and learning) that are openly available for use by educators and students, without accompanying need to pay royalties or licence fees.

This draft National Policy on Open education Resources (OER) is the first in the history of higher education in Nigeria aimed at addressing the dearth of learning materials in quantity, quality and currency.

While expressing the hope that the exercise would be a success story for generations yet unborn,



L-R: Representative of the Hon. Minister of state for Education, Mrs. Justina Ibe; Mal. Dan’Iya; NAL President, Prof. Olu Obafemi; CVC Secretary-General, Prof. Michael Faborode; French Embassy, Department of Int’l Corporation, Sarenne Comel; Representative of NBTE, Engr. Usman Danjuma and British Council representative, Sephora Imomoh





NUC Director of Open and Distance Education (DODE), Dr. Esther Olamide Adesina with Director of Scholarship Board, FME, Mrs. Fatima Jiddun Ahmed during the OER meeting

Professor Anwukah recalled that the OER movement gained considerable visibility in 2001, when Charles Vest, the then President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), announced the Institute's intention to put all of its course materials online for the benefit of all. According to him, this decision resulted in the Open Course Ware (OCW) Project, which four years later included over a thousand courses. With the MIT's initiative, Open Content Consortia were formed by HEIs across the world. In response to MIT's OCW, the focus shifted for the HEIs to either widen access to MIT's materials as evidenced in the China Open Resources for Education, or develop National Open Content Projects as in the case of Japan's OCW Alliance, he noted.

Following its commitment to curb the commodification of knowledge and provide an alternative or enhanced

educational paradigm, the Hon. Minister of State explained that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in July, 2002, at a meeting on *The Impact of Open Courseware for Higher Education in Developing Countries*, coined the term OER, replacing the name Open Course Ware (OCW). He recounted that

the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and UNESCO, with financial support from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, in June 2012, organised the First World OER Congress at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

At the Congress a ten-point declaration and recommendation, also known as the **OER Paris Declaration**, was adopted requiring States to realise the benefits of open education. Among the recommendations were the need to: Foster awareness and use of OER; Facilitate enabling environments for use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT); Reinforce the development of strategies and policies on OER; and Encourage the development and adaptation of OER in a variety of languages and cultural contexts; as well as Encourage the open licensing of educational materials produced with public funds; among others.



L-R: VC, Fed. Uni. Lokoja, Prof. Angela Freeman-Miri, Prof. Rasheed, VC, Jigawa State Uni, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu; VC, BUK, Prof. Yahuza Bello and VC, Fed. Uni, Dutse, Jigawa State, Prof. Fatima Batul at the OER meeting





On some of the key deliverables at the World Congress in Slovenia, starting from 18th- 20th September, 2017, with the theme, ***OER for Inclusion and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action***, the HMSE outlined that the Nigerian delegation should be prepared to showcase Nigeria's comprehensive National OER Policy document; strategically Project Nigeria on OER World Map; and prove that Nigeria has moved from commitment to concrete action with regard to OER. The country, he further said, must demonstrate its clear determination to join the rest of the world in developing learning, teaching, and research potentials through OER as well as join the rest of the world in mainstreaming, promoting, and sustaining the use of OER.

While commending the National Steering Committee (NSC) on OER, the Advisors, and the COL appointed Consultant, for the efforts made to take the zero Draft Policy on OER to the next level, he reminded them that the country had reached the critical point where everyone must collectively take ownership of the OER initiative.

In his welcome remarks, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, *MFR*, ably represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Alh. Ibrahim Iro Dan'Iya, commended the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu for approving the immediate creation of the (NSC), with the core mandate of adopting and adapting OER in respective African countries.

The Executive Secretary recalled that the Inaugural Meeting of the Committee took place on Monday 21st August, 2017, at the NUC and provided the Committee with a platform to extensively brainstorm and strategise on how best to secure the commitment and collective ownership of the Nigerian Higher Education Sub-Sector to the OER initiative. He thanked members of the Steering Committee for a painstaking exercise that had produced the draft policy.

Professor Rasheed disclosed that Nigeria currently has about 585 tertiary institutions (comprising of Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics, Colleges of Education, Federal Colleges of Agriculture, Colleges of Health Technology and Vocation Education Institutes) to serve a population of over 180 million. He observed that from the foregoing it was clear that the challenge of access to higher education in Nigeria need all stakeholders to redouble their efforts to address same. According to him, issues like inadequate access to tertiary education and enrolment of

students in excess of the carrying capacity of the higher institutions have consequently remained a recurring decimal at the tertiary level.

The OER policy for higher education in Nigeria, the NUC Scribe said, is an effort of the Government, aimed at ensuring a planned and deliberate approach in the development and improvement of quality teaching and learning materials, curricula, programmes, and course design, as well as planning effective contact with students.

He stated that OER has the potential of addressing the acute shortage of learning resources in quality, quantity and currency. He used the forum to urge stakeholders and managers of the education sector at all levels to pursue excellence, quality assurance, good governance, resourcefulness, and to be steadfast and resolute in moving the sector to greater heights.

Goodwill messages were delivered



Some participants at the event





by the Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Hon. Suleiman Fagge; Executive Secretaries of National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and representatives of the British Council, Embassies and NATCOM.

The 15-member Committee comprises 11-members and 3-Advisors, with himself as the Convener. He made a special mention of the likes of Professor Peter Akinsola Okebukola, describing him as a bulwark in strongly and passionately providing the requisite clarity, certainty, stability and direction, to the draft policy; the Lead Consultant, who is the only West African to hold the ICDE Chair on OER, Dr. Jane-Frances Obiageli Agu, for working tirelessly to put together the zero draft which has been corrected and circulated to all universities. Others were Amb. Maryam Y. Katagum, Nigeria's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO; Professor Asha Kanwar, President of the COL and Dr. Sanjaya Mishra, also of the COL, who were

thanked for their pioneering role and invaluable support.

The members of the NSC-OER are:

- Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, FNAL -Convener
- Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education -Member
- Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education - Member
- Executive Secretary, NBTE -Member
- Executive Secretary, NCCE -Member
- Director, NTI -Member
- Vice-Chancellor, NOUN -Member
- Secretary-General, CVC -Member
- Director, Research, Innovation & IT, NUC -Member
- Director, Open & Distance Education, NUC -Member
- Ambassador Mariam Y. Katagum, Nigeria's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO-Advisor
- Professor Peter A.

Okebukola, OFR, Former Executive Secretary, NUC -Advisor

- Professor (Emeritus) Olugbemi Jegede, Former Vice Chancellor, NOUN -Advisor
- Dr. Jane-Francis Agbu, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology & ICDE Chair in OER, NOUN, COL-Appointed Consultant -Member
- Prof. Olu Obafemi, President Academy of Letters (NAL) -Member
- Mr. C.J. Maiyaki, Director, Directorate of the Executive Secretary's Office, NUC Member/Secretary

The Stakeholders meeting was attended by many Vice-Chancellors, Provosts, Rectors or their representatives; Librarians and Directors of Information Communication Technology, NUC Directors and Deputy Directors as well as other stakeholders.



Audience at the OER meeting





NUC Scribe Receives Australian Trade Delegation

The Australian Trade and Investment Commission paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR last Thursday in his office.

Receiving the team, the Executive Secretary expressed his delight over the visit, saying it would enhance the exiting good working relations between the NUC and Australian Universities. He explained to them that National Universities is an arm of government in charge of orderly development of University education in Nigeria.

The organization is also mandated to advise government on matters related to University education and serve as a channel to universities on sourcing of funds and disbursing same especially from or across the country.

The Commission according to the scribe regulate activities in the Nigerian Universities such as; resource verification prior to the establishment of any new programme in any university in Nigeria; Accreditation of established programme to ensure quality of both human and materials including but not limited to state of the art facilities.

The scribe reiterated that NUC in the last couple of years has been preoccupied with improving access to university education



Executive secretary, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University, Australia, Asso. Prof. Anna Parkin

considering the number of candidates seeking for admission into university in the country.

The drive, he said, was to expand access and create a healthy competition among institutions, adding that 1.7 million sat for Joint Admission and Matriculation Examination Board Test competing for a limited space of 500,000 thousand leaving 1.2 to seek for other higher education opportunities. He maintained that accessibility to university education has been a major challenge.

Professor Rasheed mentioned that inadequate access of admission into Universities in Nigerian necessitated the involvement of private as well as foreign outlet.

In her presentation, the leader of the team Professor Anna Parkin, Dean International, Humanities International and Marketing office, Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University, Australia, expressed her gratitude to the Executive Secretary, for the warm reception. She said the visit was to foster a more cordial relationship with Nigeria specifically in the area of university education. Australian, through its trade and investment strategy, is targetting 100,000 African students to study in Australia. He informed the meeting that Australia has a robust open and distance learning programmes which are available to international students. According to her, Curtin University is the largest on-line university in Australia. The Dean said the





working population are being targetted for the programme stressing that tuition fees is 4,000 dollars per course adding that the university has foreign campuses in Dubai, Mauritius, Singapore and other countries. She also stated that they have partners across the globe and would like to have partnership with interested Nigerian Universities in the area of Management Research Project, Teaching English as a second language (TESL), Technical education and science related courses. Australia has a total 35 Universities and 1,000 other higher education institutions, she opined.

The Dean also stated that Australia has a regulatory body like NUC, mandated to monitor activities of higher education in Australia. She concluded that the visit was to establish partnership with Nigeria and other West African countries in the area of faculty and student exchange programme, creation of platform for interaction and

promotion of training opportunities available in Australia.

In his response, the Executive Secretary, NUC sounded a word of caution in the total acceptance of on-line education so as to guard the sanctity and tradition of university education globally.

The scribe said universities are conservative in nature citing Oxford and Harvard as Universities with a reputation for promoting academic excellence. He, however, acknowledged that on-line mode of teaching is plausible and capable of boasting knowledge economy. The ES expressed his willingness to work closely with Australian government to utilize the proposed training and knowledge sharing opportunity for more access to interested candidates.

In the delegation of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission were Jibrin Daggash, Political and

Economic Adviser; and Ismail Muslim, Business Departmental Manager.

On the NUC side, the Executive Secretary was supported by Deputy Executive Secretary, Alh. Ibrahim Iro Danlyya; Director of Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, Accreditation, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, International Cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi, Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Olamide Adesina and Ag. Director, Student Support Services, Dr. (Mrs.) Maryam Sali. Others at the meeting included: representatives of Management Support Services Deputy Director, Alh. Ibrahim Iro Aliyu, Innovation, Research and Information Technology, Mrs. Florence Ashemadahun and Corporate Communications, Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo.



Prof. Rasheed, Parkin (7th and 8th right) in group photograph with some NUC Management and the Australian delegation





Presidency of Turks Abroad Visits NUC

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, last Thursday, hosted the delegation from the Presidency of Turks Abroad and Related Communities in his office. The Delegation was received by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Mal. Ibrahim Iro Dan'Iya on behalf of the NUC. Prof. Rasheed was unavoidably absent as he was attending the Joint Action Committee comprising of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Non Academic Staff Union (NASU), National Association of Academic Technologies (NAAT), Universities based Unions that embarked on an indefinite strike seeking for better condition of service and other related matters.

The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) welcomed the delegation from Turkey and expressed the Commission's delight in receiving the team. The NUC Scribe recognised their effort in forging and strengthening the bilateral relation between Turkey and Nigeria.

He informed the delegation that Nigeria has a population of more than 180 million people with a total of 153 Universities comprising of 40 Federal, 45 States and 68 Private universities. He added that private universities are owned by credible foundations and organizations to provide more



Representing Kayseri, member of Health Family, Labour and Social Affairs Commission, Hon. Ismail Tamer receiving some copies of the Monday Bulletin from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim Iro Dan'Iya

access to University Education for Nigerian teeming candidates seeking university admission.

The Delegation were told that NUC is the only statutory organ of Government mandated to regulate University Education, maintain standard, monitor and supervise orderly development of University education, consider and make recommendations for the establishment of a university in Nigeria among others.

In his presentation, the member of the Turkish parliament, representing Kayseri, and member of Health Family, Labour and Social Affairs Commission, Hon. Ismail Tamer spoke in Turkish language through an interpreter.

The member of Turkish Parliament said the team was pleased to make the courtesy call to some selected African Countries. The call to Nigeria was to re-establish more robust relationship with Nigeria; to sound a word of caution to the Nation on its relationship with Nile University in Nigeria that the owners of the said University had a relationship with a blacklisted organization in Turkey.

He informed NUC that Turkey has a total of 184 Universities with a population of 80 million people, adding that 100 of the Universities were established by Government of Turkey and the rest of the Universities were privately owned.

The leader of the Delegation stated





that the Turkish government established a foundation to assist students from other countries who want to study in Turkey. The Foundation provides scholarships for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students. According to him the scholarship covers tuition, accommodation, return tickets and monthly stipends, for the successful overseas students, throughout their study period.

He mentioned that Nigeria has been a strategic partner in this project. He encouraged the NUC to visit Turkey to reciprocate the gesture and as a way of rebounding the existing relationship between the two countries.

The Vice President of the Trade and Investment Board, Hussyn Cundopar further gave some statistics of students who applied for the study in Turkey. He said a total 1,300 candidates from Nigeria applied but only 35 qualified and offered admission with full scholarship to study in Turkey.

He, however, announced that a

student is required to spend one year to learn Turkish language and culture. While answering questions from NUC team, the Vice President maintained that the Turkish government has an exchange programme in place for students and the faculty in all areas of study.

He also allayed fears on the issue of visa saying that the challenge has been tackled. As a result of the challenge, special days were declared for students from other countries for difficulties usually encountered with regards to the issuance of visa for study in Turkey. In order to facilitate more patronage the list of approved Turkish Universities would be sent to the Commission for guidance, he added.

Member of the delegation addressed the issue of whether or not Turkey would be interested to send their students to study in Nigeria. The Turks answered in the affirmative particularly when bilateral agreements are signed between and among Turkey and Nigerian Universities.

In his concluding remarks, the NUC scribe appreciated the Turks for the visit and noted the sound of warning. However, he was quick to draw the attention of the Delegates that Nigeria operates within a law reiterating that any private University operating in Nigeria is bonded by that Law and unless Laws were violated, sanctions cannot be meted based on uncertainty.

However, he assured them that their message would be conveyed to the ES as delivered. The DES also used the opportunity to thank the Turks government for the scholarships provided to Nigerian Students.

NUC Directors at the meeting included Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf DRI&IT; Dr. Gidado B. Kumo DAP; Mrs Constance Goddy Nnadi DIC&LS; Dr Olamide Esther Adesina, DODE; Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki DESO; while the Deputy Directors were Mrs. Florence Ashemadahun, Mal. Ibrahim Iro Aliyu and Haruna Lawal Ajo.



The NUC Management and the Turkish delegation in a meeting





RE: FORWARDING OF BROCHURES OF THE KOREA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KAIST)

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a letter from the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) with reference number FME/HE/SU/179/II/255 forwarding a notice from the KAIST inviting interested and eligible persons who wish to undertake postgraduate studies in the global IT Technology programme (ITTP) for 2018 Spring.

The Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Global IT Technology Programme (ITTP) which commenced in 2006, is aimed at building a global network of IT leaders and is sponsored by the Korea Ministry of ICT, Science and Future Planning Korea and African Development Bank.

Interested applicants are advised to access the online application forms at <http://apply.kaist.ac.kr/intergradapply>.

N.B: For further details, please log on to <http://admission.kaist.ac.kr/international> or contact the Coordinator, Ms. Hyesong Jeong, on 82423506845 or hsjeong88@kaist.ac.kr

NUC EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES YEARBOOK

The National Universities Commission is in the process of publishing a Directory/Handbook of Nigerian Universities (Nigerian Universities Yearbook).

The Yearbook will essentially serve as a handbook of reference on Universities in Nigeria and is expected to provide easy access to one-stop information on principal officers, programmes available, entry requirements, list of academic staff, especially the professorial cadre and contact officers for strategic operations within the university system.

Pursuant to the achievement of this objective, Vice Chancellors of Nigerian universities were requested since 28th June, 2017, to furnish the Commission with information in a prescribed format duly forwarded to all Universities with an initial deadline of 28th July which was later extended to 11th August, 2017. Regrettably, however many Universities are yet to supply the requisite information.

Consequently, the Commission has decided on **final** extension which will terminate on **15th September, 2017**.

Vice-Chancellors of Nigeria universities should please note that the Commission will go ahead with the publication of the year book at the end of this deadline whether or not all universities have supplied the required data.

The Commission counts on the prompt response of defaulting universities to ensure that all Nigerian Universities are accounted for in the 2017 (maiden) edition of the Nigerian University Year book/Directory.

Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf
Director, Research Innovation & Information Technology
For: Executive Secretary





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. Ladoké 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

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director Information and Public Relations

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

B. State Universities

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

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoko 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





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, 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., Owrode, 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. Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho
15. Lagos State University, Ojo.
16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi
17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island
18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina
21. Gombe State University, Gombe
22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai
23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero
25. Kwara State University Malete

Private Universities :

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

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng 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 CAPE3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

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





This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
ALI BASSHIR DAUDA	18 Sept.	DRICT
ZAINAB MOHAMMED	18 Sept.	DIM
RUTH ENIYEPAD EKPARIWARE	18 Sept.	DMSS
FAIZA MOHAMMED	19 Sept.	DRICT
OGHENETEGA YVONNE ENUJIOKE	19 Sept.	DSSS
MANASSEH OSIMO ETSEGAMEHM	19 Sept.	DODE
EMMANUEL KELECHUKWU ONUOHA	19 Sept.	DRICT
KAYODE EBENEZER ALONGE	19 Sept.	DESO
JOSHUA ALEWO ATAH	20 Sept.	DRICT
NASIRU IBRAHIM LIMAN	20 Sept.	DAP
ABUBAKAR SULEIMARI MOHAMMED	20 Sept.	DRICT
STELLA ENE AGBAJI	20 Sept.	DSSS
UCHENNA NGOZI OKPARA	21 Sept.	DODE
DORIS NDIDI NWEKE	23 Sept.	DAP
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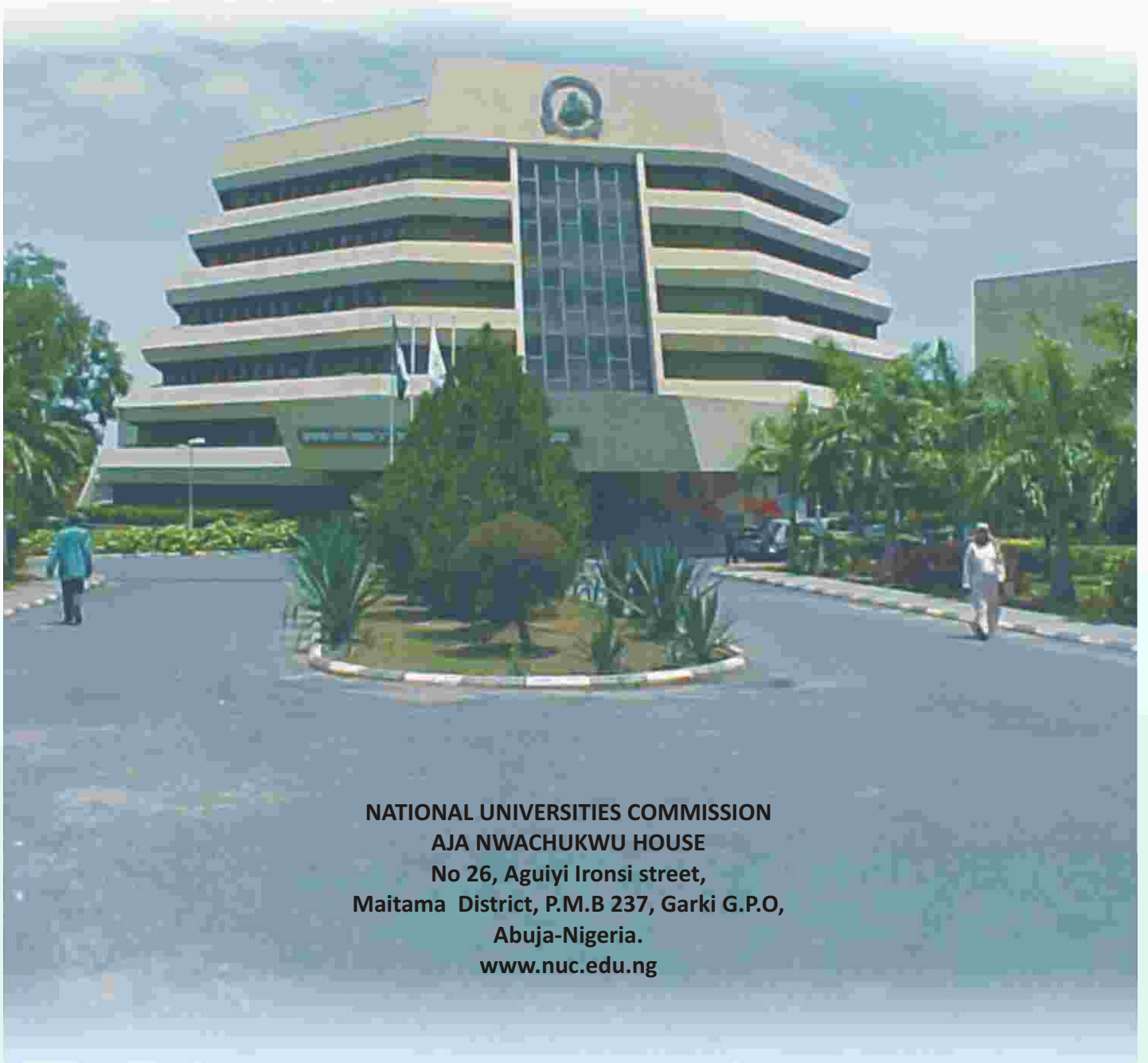
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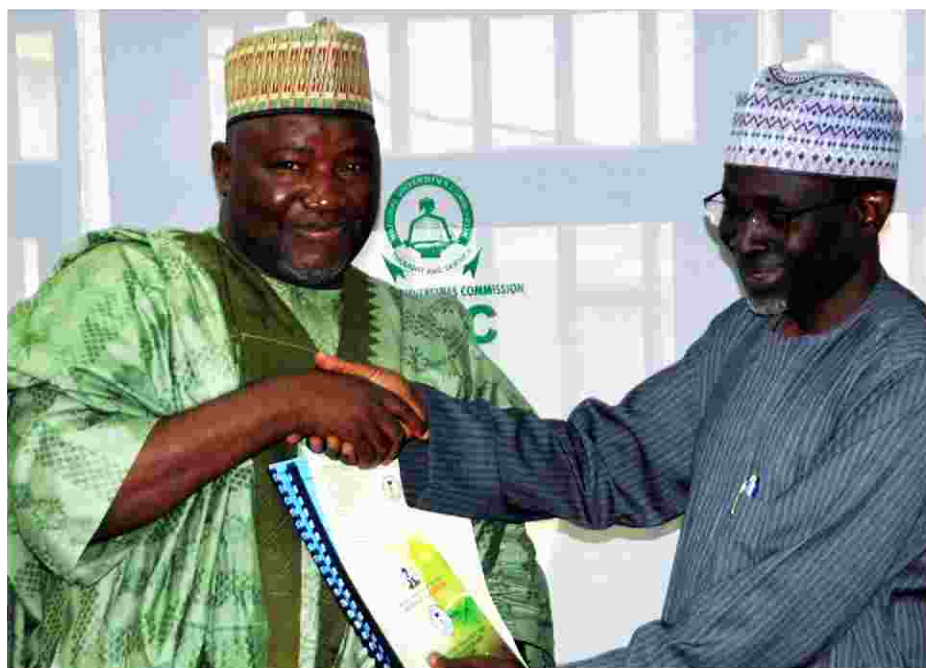
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to solicit for: the establishment of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Health Information Management to be run in the Nigerian Universities alongside National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) and a B.Sc. Information Management with an option in Health Information Management; and or instruct the NOUN to mount a B.Sc. degree course in HIM.

The Registrar narrated the plight of the numerous health record workers across the country. He said many of them stagnate for seven to eight years in one position due to the Higher National Diploma (HND) and degree dichotomy. Many of the Health records workers could only acquire National Diploma or HND and could not further their studies owing to lack of available degree programme in Nigeria.

The leader of the team stated that availability of graduates and postgraduates in the area would foster a robust data generation, collection, documentation and proper use by all interested stakeholders. He was optimistic that data is sacrosanct to the development of any nation that considers proper planning as core of that process. Without adequate training and well informed personnel, data gathering, processing and use becomes doubtful, cumbersome and unreliable.



Registrar/Chief Executive Officer Alh. Muhammad Ibrahim Mami presenting document of their demands to the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim Iro Dan'Iya with

He gave an example of about four West African countries that have some of these courses in place but affordability and its credibility is uncertain.

Alh. Mani solicited for the review of the law for the establishment of new programmes in Nigerian universities to fully accommodate other relevant areas such as HIM, who yearn for degree certification. He lamented the situation where many Nigerians had to go to other African countries to acquire such doubtful degrees and return to Nigeria for employment as well as occupy leadership positions.

The Registrar suggested identifying professors from abroad and professionals to be in partnership with Nigerian

Universities towards addressing this issue of dearth in faculty members to teach the course at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

He concluded by passionately requesting the NUC to assist, support and help the Board in surmounting these challenges.

Other members of the delegation were given opportunity to make comments. All of them were in tandem with the leader of the delegation and further solicited for more cooperation and understanding between NUC and HRORBN in tackling the challenges.

In his concluding remarks the DES pledged to convey their yearnings to the ES and was optimistic that