

NUC Recognises New Gombe State Varsity of Science and Technology, Kumo

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo, as the 2nd State university in Gombe State, making it the 46th State University, 86th Public University and 154th University in Nigeria.

Presenting the Certificate of Recognition to the Visitor and Governor of Gombe State, Alhaji Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo last Thursday, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, FNAL, said the approval was granted considering the fact that the previously established Gombe State university was doing well adding that the new university would also receive adequate funding from the state



Gombe State Governor, His Excellency, Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo, receiving the Certificate of Recognition of Gombe State University of Science and Technology from the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed

government.

Professor Rasheed urged the state government to do more in infrastructure development,

stressing that the establishment of the science and technology-driven higher institution was imperative for the country's

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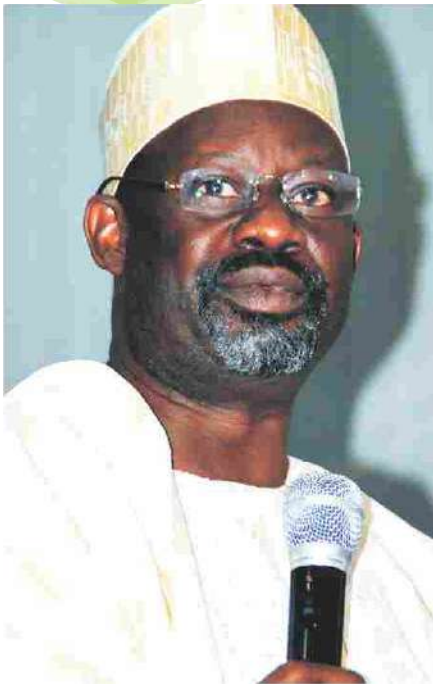
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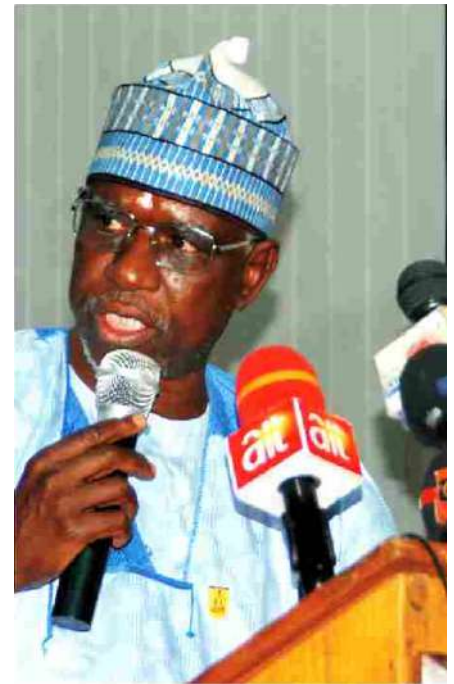
transition to a knowledge-driven economy.

Conveying the approval which he read from the letter, the Scribe said: “This letter is for the recognition of the Gombe State university of Science and Technology, Kumo, consequent upon your letter of intent and the formal presentation of the Master Plan, Academic Brief, University Laws and the Act of Paliaments that approved its establishment. I,

on behalf of the NUC write to convey the recognition of the Gombe State University of Science and Technology with effect from Thursday 27th October 2017.

He further stated that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), are accordingly informed of the establishment of the University for the purposes of admission and NYSC mobilisation for its students and graduates.”

The Executive Secretary remarked that the University project would succeed, noting that his confidence stemmed from the analysis made on the previously established Gombe State university which he said was receiving adequate attention from the state government. He stated that NUC was always happy whenever a new university was established, as it gives the assurance that the country’s quest for development was achievable. He observed



Prof. Rasheed delivering his Speech

that Nigeria would not achieve a knowledge-based economy without huge investment in education hence the need for more universities.

According to him, “More than 1.5 million candidates write JAMB every year to get admission into the University but Nigerian universities can only admit less than a million. So every year, youth are frustrated because they cannot get admitted into the



L-R: Alh. Adamu Dan Jarida; Emir of Nafada, D. Hamza; Mai Tula A. Attahiru, Emir of Akko, A. Atiku, Mai Deba Ahmad Usman and Senator Joshua





L-R: Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Abubakar Wade; Gombe State House of Assembly, Nasiru Nono; Ismail Hassan, Ali Jessi and Adamu Jagaba

University. NUC welcomes anyone that wants to establish a university in order to assist our population. But we do not compromise on standard. We have sent seven proposals for the establishment of private universities to the Minister of Education for his recommendation to the Federal Executive Council for approval.”

Receiving the Letter of Recognition, the Executive Governor commended the NUC for the warm reception accorded to his delegation and for standing out as a regulatory institution. He said that the Commission had been quietly building the nation’s education sector, especially since the last one year of the current leadership. He particularly expressed profound appreciation to the Executive Secretary for helping the state to consolidate on the establishment of a second university in the state. He gave

the assurance that the two Universities would be well-funded and equipped with state of the art facilities to enable it produce globally competitive graduates.

Gov. Dankwambo disclosed that the state three main priorities were education, education and education, adding that the government realised the

important role education plays in the socio-economic development of a state. He said that as far as education was concern in Gombe State, there was no political divide as every one irrespective of party affinity was united in achieving such dreams. He charged the traditional rulers to encourage their subjects to pursue courses in science related disciplines in order to justify the investment.

He observed that a lasting solution to insurgency rampaging the area is learning hence the need to invest more in education. According to him, “Most internally-displaced persons have relocated to Gombe State and experts have proffer a lasting solution to insurgency and it is learning.”

According to him, 150 hectares of land has been set aside for Gombe state university of science and technology. “We are ready for the



DES, NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Iro Dan’Iya (right) and some Directors



project and by January, faculty of medicine and pharmacy will be functioning properly” the governor concluded.

In his remarks, the Director of Academic Planning, NUC, Dr Gidado B. Kumo thanked the governor for establishing the university in his home town and promised that the community would endeavour to be a good host community to the university by providing enabling environment for the university to thrive. He also thanked all his colleagues in the NUC who had supported the establishment of the University, especially the purposeful leadership of Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed in handling affairs of the NUC with vigor and determination. In a vote of thanks, the Commissioner of Higher Education also appreciated the Commission for the speedy



R-L: Director, Academic Planning, Dr. Kumo; Director, Corporate Communications, Alh. Yakasai and Dep. Director, Corporate Communications and Information, Haruna Ajo

approval. He again, on behalf of the good people of Gombe State, thanked all Gombe indigenes from all works of life who came on a short notice to identify with the performing governor and support this momentous occasion. The Commissioner prayed for journey mercies to all back to their various destination. Among the personalities in the Governor’s entourage were the

Members of the National and State Assembly from the State, members of the academia from Gombe and neighboring states, captains of industries and indigenes of Gombe working in Abuja and its environs, Royal fathers and other dignitaries. Most of members of the NUC Management and staff of the Commission were also present at the event.



Guests at the ceremony





NiMet Seeks NUC Nod to Establish Pilot Stations in 34 Varsities

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Abuja, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL hosted a formidable team from Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) led by its Director General, and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Sani Abubakar Mashi last Wednesday in his office.

In welcoming the Director General, Prof. Rasheed expressed his appreciation for Nigerian peaceful and conducive environment which was the reason NiMet could not have been the most discussed Agency in Nigeria. Overseas, he said, the most talked about issue in the United Kingdom (UK) has always been a lot of information on weather conditions.

This led the scribe to recalled when he was a primary pupil at his village where reading of weather was carried out every morning and a clean record kept; stating that no one among his colleagues could remember what the generated data was use for, bemoaning that the culture had since been abandon. NiMet, according to him, should reintroduce this culture, from the grass root, for generation of raw data.

He stated that NiMet must reach out to stakeholders so that all hands could be on deck to generate information in visible



DG/CEO, NiMet Prof. Sani Abubakar Mashi and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed

form to be use in determining critical issues in meteorology.

He consented to the idea of advocacy embarked by Professor Mashi to get people informed on the operations and weather forecast in addressing issues related to climate change. He opined that NiMet could help in the area of dry land Agriculture and Centres of Excellence towards Production of Masters of Science and Doctors of Philosophy degrees in the Nigerian Universities.

The Executive Secretary was optimistic that the DG and his team would consider his advice and assured that the commission agreed to partner with NiMet to compliment its efforts.

In his presentation, the Director General/Chief Executive Officer, NiMet, Prof. Mashi informed the Executive Secretary that The Nigerian Meteorological Agency was established by an Act of the National Assembly- NIMET (Establishment) Act 2003, enacted on 21st May, 2003 and became effective on 19th June, 2003 following the Presidential assent.

The Agency, according to him, was "charged with responsibility to advice government on all aspects of meteorology; project, prepare and interpret government policy in the field of meteorology; and to issue weather (and climate) forecasts for the safe operations of aircrafts, ocean going vessels





and oil rigs". He further said that it has been "the responsibility of the Agency to observe, collate, collect, process and disseminate all meteorological data and information within and outside; coordinate research activities among staff, and publish scientific papers in the various branches of meteorology in support of sustainable socio-economic activities in Nigeria."

The Director General also informed the scribe that the department of meteorology predates Nigeria as a nation; in fact, it was there before the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Protectorates in 1914.

Nigeria has about 900,000 square Km with only 54 meteorological stations, adding that the World Meteorological guideline stated that, for an effective monitoring of meteorological issues, every 100 square Km requires a station.

According to him, climate change remained critical that has to do with "change in weather conditions or time variation caused by factors such as biotic processes, variations in solar radiations or volcanic eruptions." Prof. Sani maintained that statistics, measurements and experiments as well as data generation become necessary to make future projections, and link causes and effects in climate change.

He announced that NiMet had decided to establish 34 TAHMO generation stations in some selected universities as a pilot scheme. This necessitated the coming of NiMet delegation to NUC, being the agency in charge

of coordinating universities in Nigeria, to seek for a robust and viable partnership with a view of extending the Agency's services to universities.

The CEO expressed his shock and worry over the dilapidating conditions of instruments available at Geography departments of the visited universities, when his team went for familiarization tour to the institutions. In some Universities, the instruments were either absent, obsolete or not calibrated, he lamented. He pointed out that most of the researches conducted under such scenarios called for concern.

To nip the bud, he stressed, there was need for equable synergy between NiMet and Universities to develop partnership that would guaranty cut-edge research by generating, interpreting and use of data in meteorology and its related field. The NiMet CEO conveyed that he was prepared to deploy resources to the Universities for the upgrade, affirming that

students and faculty would immensely benefit from the partnership.

He declared that this would be achieved through capacity building which the DG/CEO NiMet pledged to pursue by training staff of the universities in the area of meteorology and its related discipline at NiMet expenses.

Prof. Mashi disclosed that United Nations Development Program (UNDP) had set aside substantial fund to train personnel in the area of meteorology and NiMet would be willing to link the Universities with it and other external agencies willing to assist in that direction. He opined that once NUC agreed to drive this process, the dividend to be accrued would be enormous.

It was on this note that the DG/CEO and his management team called on the NUC to drive the process and ensure that the initiative gets the necessary attention, acceptability and sustainability.



Meeting Session





He concluded by presenting the names of selected universities that cut across the six Political Zones of the country, pronouncing that the list presented was the first leg of the exercise.

In his response, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Rasheed described the presentation of the NiMet CEO as an inaugural lecture of a renowned Professor. He expressed his happiness over the laudable initiative and wondered how Agencies of government and institutions especially universities prefer to stand in isolation. The scribe recalled the tradition on other climes where Agencies and Research Institutions foster synergy to develop and move their countries forward.

He emphasized that it was a common knowledge that universities all over the world drive innovations, research and other development initiatives but lamented the situation in Nigeria where Partnerships become difficult and weak where available.

Prof. Rasheed pledged that the universities would be mobilized

to actualize this wonderful and long awaited enterprise for development, asserting that the universities would be required to do the needful for the common good of the institutions, reeling out some of the benefits to be accrued to include: sources of knowledge, generation of data, and publication of monthly or annual digest amongst other uses.

The Executive Secretary requested NiMet to cover all universities regardless of its proprietorship for national development and growth. He was optimistic that the stations within the universities would guaranty security of such facilities and reduce cost and hope it will be jointly owned.

Professor Rasheed concluded by positively believing that the partnership might possibly harvest Centres of Excellence in Meteorological studies capable of producing M.Sc, and PhDs.

The visit was crown by presentation of the list of the thirty four universities selected for the first leg of the project by Director General, and Chief

Executive Officer, Nigerian Meteorological Agency, Professor Sani Abubakar Mashi to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *nni*, MFR, FNAL .

The Director General/Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by Hajia Rabi M. Daku, DAS; Alh. Ahmed Abdu, DLS; Engr. M. Y. Abba, DAMS; Mr. C. Macebuh, DCWFS; Dr. Mansur Matazu, TA-DG/CEO; Bashar Saad, D-ETS; J. G. Reuben, DFA; Kasim Bello, Protocol; Ado Abdulkadir, LO Aviation Min.; Sarah Itta, PRO; Muntari Y. Ibrahim, GM (PR).

While on the NUC side, the Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. G. B. Kumo; Accreditation, Noel N. Saliu; Innovation, Research and Information Technology, Dr. Ramon Yusuf; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Adesina; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Establishment of Private Universities, Alh. Abdullahi Hamza; Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha; Corporate Communication, Alh. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai were in attendance.



Profs. Mashi and Rasheed (6th and 7th left) in a group photograph with NUC and NiMet Managements





Librarians' Laud NgREN/EBSCOHost Partnership

...Ready to Connect to Platform



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, FNAL
Executive Secretary, NUC

Librarians across of the Nigerian University System (NUS) have lauded the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) for partnering with EBSCOhost in providing a robust network infrastructure to support connectivity and resource-sharing amongst Nigerian Universities for effective teaching and learning in the NUS.

Speaking during an interactive meeting with Librarians on EBSCO E-Resources, the Librarians unanimously commended the Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, FNAL, the management of National Universities Commission and the

NgREN for creating a common platform for all universities to maximise the opportunities inherent in the Network for effective delivery. They noted that Nigerian universities were utilising the benefits of the NgREN to advance the frontiers of knowledge. They also disclosed their readiness to do everything within their jurisdictions to ensure that the universities connect.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Managing Director of NgREN and Deputy Director ICT Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah, said the NgREN, through the efforts of the management had

attracted a donation of \$450 million which had been deposited with EBSCOHost for e-resources. He stated that in spite of the huge benefits inherent in the NgREN, many universities were yet to connect to the network, adding that the capacity and potentials of the network was grossly under-utilised. He assured the Librarians that if all universities subscribed to the NgREN, the cost of subscription would reduce significantly.

Dr. Atah encouraged the Librarians to ensure that all universities were connected to the network in the overall interest of their various universities, noting that as the life wire of the universities, librarians should ensure that their universities



Dr. Joshua Atah
Managing Director, NgREN and NUC,
Deputy Director, ICT Projects





benefited from the network. He expressed concern over the sustainability of the network, stressing that for the network to be sustained, there was the need for all universities to come on board.

He informed the Librarians that the NUC was looking for more opportunities and avenues to support university librarians, noting that if the partnership with EBSCOHost succeeds, it would move on to Science direct.

The Deputy Director ICT Projects said that all the federal, state and private universities would have equal opportunities in terms of benefits that accrue from the network. He added that the management of the NgREN would continue to engage the government on the need to provide some support to cushion the burden on the universities. He emphasised that the NgREN was collaborating with EBSCOHost to provide e-resources to Nigerian Universities, noting that cost was

a key factor that would determine the success or otherwise of the project.

Dr Atah said that part of the reason for encouraging all universities to participate in the network was to ensure that the cost was negotiated at a subsidised level for all universities and ensure that universities do not pay for what they would not necessarily need. He also said that there could be further discussions on universities that may require more than the already bargained package, noting that the NgREN ensures that there was balance in the number of local and foreign contents.

The Managing Director said that if universities did not utilise the opportunity provided by the platform and the donation, the subscription would be opened to only the few universities that have already connected.

In his presentation, the representative of EBSCOHost, Mr. Evans Douglas said that the Firm is a leading solution provider to researchers and academics, with over 70 years experience in the business. According to him “EBSCO is the leading provider of research database, e-journals, magazines subscriptions, e-books and discovery services to libraries of all kind. For over 70 years, we've partnered with libraries to improve research with quality content and technology.”

The interactive meeting was an opportunity for Librarians of the universities to have a first-hand experience of the advantages inherent in the NgREN and how their subscriptions to it would boost their level of service delivery in terms quality content and technology for the purposes of turning out enhanced quality research in the NUS.



Cross Section of participants at the event





Photo Gallery



H.E Gov. Dankwambo displaying the Certificate of Recognition



E.S NUC Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed in a hand shake with Prof. Abubakar Alkali while Gov. Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo; DCC, Alh. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and Sen. Joshua look on



Rep. of the Speaker House of Representative, Hon. Gaza Bafeye (right) and Hon. D. Hosia



Gov. Dankwambo exchanging pleasantries



R-L: DAP, Dr. G.B. Kumo; Prof. Abubakar Alkali and Prof. Gurama



R-L: ES. Prof. Rasheed, Dr. Noel Saliu, Alh. Abdullahi Hamza, Barr. U.V. Unuoha and Mrs. Imoroa



Other NUC Directors



Cross Section of participants



ENI AWARD 2018

Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is one of the most important, vertically integrated energy companies in the world. It operates in the oil, natural gas, electricity production, engineering, construction and petrochemical products sectors. It is constantly working to build a future where everyone can access energy resources efficiently and sustainably. Eni is also involved in several scientific research projects on renewable energies, particularly in the major areas of biofuels and solar energy. Operating in about eighty-five countries in a responsible way towards its stakeholders, Eni invests in people and their empowerment, and it takes part to development through the integration of social, environmental and cultural issues in the growth process, in full respect of rights and diversities. From 2008 Eni has been offering the Eni Award, aimed to promote and award research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment.

1) Aims

The Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize constitutes one of the six sections of the Eni Award, composed by the Energy Transition, Energy Frontiers, Advanced Environmental Solutions and the Young Researcher of the Year Prizes, together with the Recognition at Innovation Eni.

The purpose of the Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize is to help new generations of African researchers to emerge, offering them the opportunity to attend a PhD course in cooperation with prestigious Italian universities and research institutes and supporting their research and innovation on the various scientific topics promoted by Eni Award.

2) Object of the Prizes

Candidates must own a Master's degree or any equivalent - according to the European system - academic qualification, granting access to a PhD course in an Italian university. The theses must have been defended at an African University during the same year of the annual Official Announcement, or in the precedent year.

The Prize is awarded to students born in or after the year 1987.

The Prize is reserved to students graduated in an African university or of African citizenship, coming from one of the 58 African countries listed in the World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision, compiled by the United Nations¹.

The thesis and the curriculum vitae - which will prevail in the evaluation of the candidate - must be submitted together with a research proposal in connection with the Eni Award main topics and highlighting the potential benefits of the proposal in a country, in an African region or in the whole African continent. The research proposal must explicit topics, methodologies and disciplinary areas suitable for the realization of the submitted project. The information provided by the candidate in the research proposal will be used in order to identify PhD courses as coherent as possible with it.

3) The Prizes

Each of the two winners will be awarded with a customized plaque and a scholarship for the attendance of a 3 years PhD course to be conducted in Italy, in an Italian university or research institute with a solid reputation on the above-mentioned topics. Where authorized within the PhD course framework, it will be possible to carry out a research period outside Italy. It will be also allowed to propose a non-Italian thesis advisor, collaborating with the Italian university or research institute hosting the student.

The Prizes will be assigned to the winning candidates, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within June 2018.

¹ Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Réunion, Rwanda, Saint Helena, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe.





4) Application procedures and deadlines

Applications for the Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa must be presented and guaranteed by Professors, Directors of Department, Faculty Deans and Chancellors of universities and polytechnic universities, or by researchers of research institutes operating in the specific - or similar - fields for which the Prize is awarded.

Self-candidatures will not be considered.

The deadline for the presentation of the candidatures to the Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa falls on November 24, 2017 before and no later than 5 p.m. CET - Central European Time. Please note that, after 5 p.m. CET of November, 10, 2017, the Scientific Secretariat won't create new accounts, in order to provide the most suitable assistance to the already registered Candidatures, within the deadline. Two weeks after the November 24 deadline, the Scientific Secretariat will provide the Candidates with formal confirmation, by email, for the acceptance of their Candidature.

The Candidature application forms are available on the website:

https://www.eni.com/enipedia/it_IT/modello-di-business/premi-e-riconoscimenti/bando-eni-award-2018.page, and must be sent as follows:

1. The Candidature Proposal, the Summary of the Thesis, the CV and the Research Proposal will have to be uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area. The access to the private area must be requested to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat (eniaward@feem.it) that will provide an account for the procedure.

2. A copy of the Thesis in electronic form as well as possible recognitions, certificates, letters of reference, list of publications and the related publications must be sent by e-mail to the following address: repository-eniaward@feem.it.

3. The Candidate will have the possibility to provide a self-made video of no more than 3 minutes describing the main aspects and applications of his/her research proposal. Such presentations will be sent as indicated during the Candidature's registration process and will be accepted in the following formats: .MOV, .MPEG4, .AVI, .FLV.

Page 3 Eni Award 2018 – Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize Following the formal registration of the Candidature Proposal, a file named Summary of the Candidature Proposal, containing the main data of the application and the Completion Code, will be provided to each Candidate.

The aforesaid file must be duly checked and signed by the Candidate as well as by his/her Guarantor and sent to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat by fax (+39 0248197724) or email (eniaward@feem.it) before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

4) Selection of the Candidatures

The Eni Award Scientific Commission shall examine and select the work of the Candidates that have been accepted and shall present the names of the chosen winners of the Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prizes to the Eni Award Organizing Committee by May 2018.

5) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are submitted to the Eni Award Regulations, approved by the Organizing Committee. The text is available on the website: https://www.eni.com/enipedia/it_IT/modello-di-business/premi-e-riconoscimenti/bando-eni-award-2018.page.

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION



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



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.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION





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

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

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

The four Participating Universities are:

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

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

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

Signed

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

PROGRAMMES

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

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





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





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. 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. 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
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7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Planning

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	Odumegwu Ojukwu 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, Ijagan	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	Maitama Sule 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	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017	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
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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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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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
BRIGHT C OSEMEKE	31 Oct.	DIM
NGUNAN YAAYA	31 Oct.	DAS
FRANCA ELOCHI CHUKWUONWO	31 Oct.	DAS
ITOHAN OFURE OZO-ESON	31 Oct.	DAS
MICHAEL ENAHORO EJEGWA	1 Oct.	DICT
OLUWATOBI AYOKUNLE FOWORA	1 Oct.	DICT
ONYEMAECHE VALENTINE EKECHUKWU	2 Oct.	DICT
CHININYEREM GRACE EZEUGO	2 Oct.	DRI
MODUPEOLA BOSEDE ADENIRAN	4 Oct.	DAS
THOMAS OLUKAYODE IGE	4 Oct.	DESO
ADENIKE A. OKURO	4 Oct.	DPP
EFFIONG AKPAN ESU	4 Oct.	LO
IMMACULATA NNE EGWUMBA	5 Oct.	DFA

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



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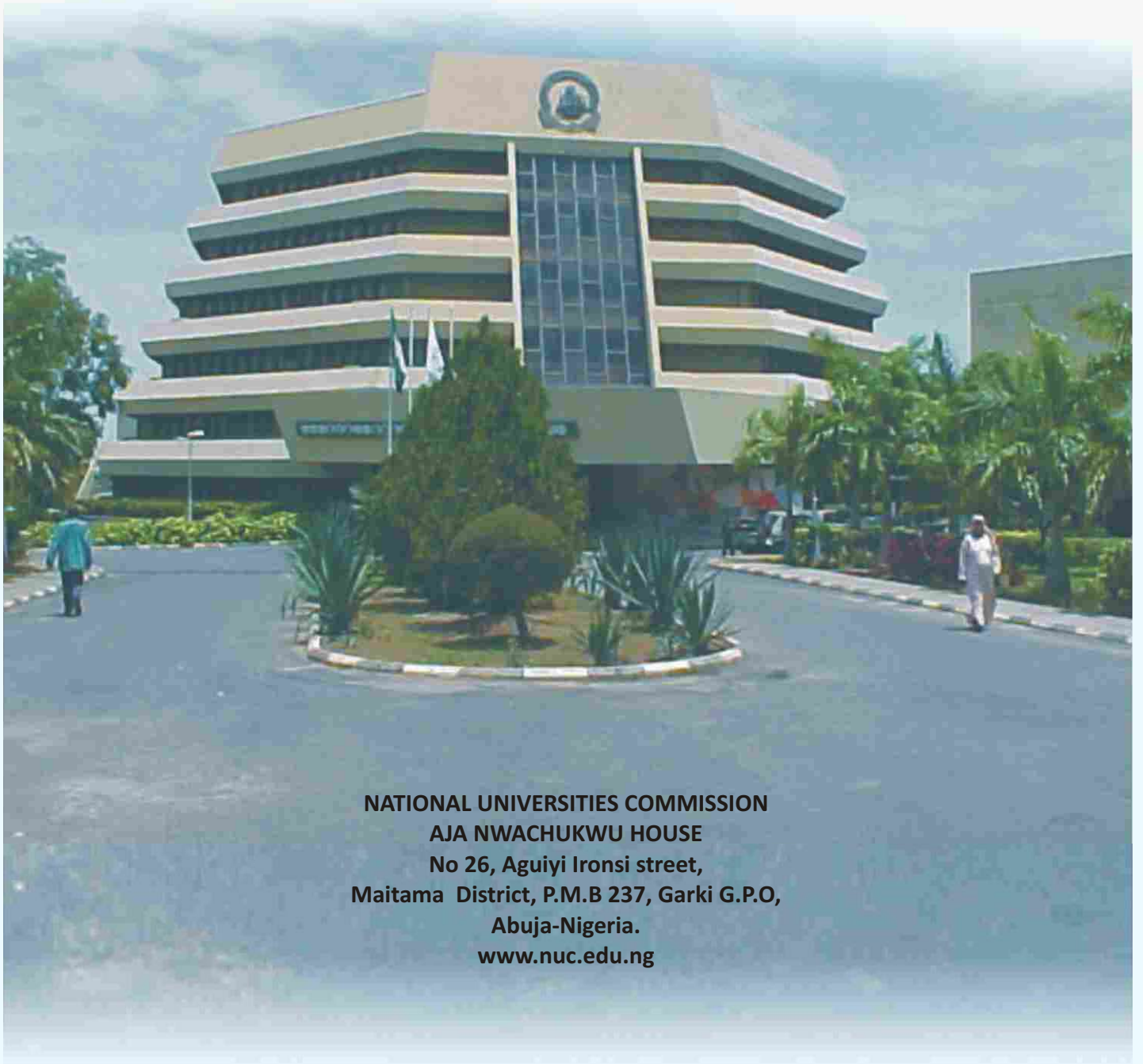
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