

# FG Approves Six New Private Varsities

## — *Total now 160, Private 74*

The Federal Executive Council last Wednesday approved the licensing of six new private Universities. This brings the number of Private Universities in Nigeria to 74 and the total universities in Nigeria to 160. The newly approved Private Universities are:

- i. Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State
- ii. Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State
- iii. Precious Cornerstone University, Oyo, Oyo State
- iv. PAMO University of



His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCON  
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Medical Sciences,  
Port Harcourt, Rivers

State  
v. Atiba University, Oyo,

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The Admiralty Education Services Limited, is the Proprietor of Admiralty University of Nigeria. Admiralty University of Nigeria is located in two campuses, namely the take off campus at Ibusa, Oshimili South Local Government Area of Delta State, a 30.014 hectares land the main campus located on a 203.1 hectare land at the present site of the Nigerian Navy Engineering College, Sapele, Sapele Local Government Area.

The Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans), province of Nigeria, South East, is the Proprietor of Spiritan University. The location of the University is Nneato-Isuochi, Umunneochi LGA in Abia State. Nneato and Isuochi are the names of the two towns hosting the University. The two communities provided the land for the University and they both want their names reflected in the name.. The University is located on a 114.517 hectares.

The THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES (SOTSM), is the Proprietor of the Precious Cornerstone University. The Precious Cornerstone University is located in two campuses, namely the take off campus at Garden of Victory, a (3) three hectare land at the Old Ife Road in Ibadan and the main campus along Ibadan- Lagos Expressway in the Oluyole Local Government Area, about 24 kilometers from Ibadan City Center in Oyo State. The site covers an area of about 102.9506 hectares.

P A M O Educational Foundation is the proprietor of PAMO University of Medical Sciences. PAMO University of Medical Sciences is located on multiple campuses. The main campus is located on a 6.03 ha of land at No. 1 Tap Road, Elelenwo in Port Harcourt, O b i o A k p o r L o c a l Government of Rivers State with the PAMO University of Medical Sciences Teaching Hosptal at Rumuomasi in Port Harcourt.

The Proprietor of ATIBA University is the ATIBA Oyo Education Foundation in

Nigeria. The Foundation is represented by group of notable people from Oyo and Oke-Ogun axis. ATIBA University is located on two campuses in Oyo town, Atiba Local Government Area of Oyo State. Campus 1 of ATIBA University is in Oyo town.

The Ibraheem Jiyah Memorial Foundation is the Proprietor of Eko University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos. Eko University of Medicine and Health Sciences is located on two campuses namely Ijanikin campus and Badagry campus. The Ijanikin campus houses the take-off facilities.

It is on a 1.688 hectares of land at Km 28 Badagry Express Way, Era Road, Ijanikin in Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State. The Badagry campus is at Topo Island, Badagry, an area of 112 hectare coastal land.

The date for the ceremony of the official presentation of the license to the Universities would be announced in due course. NUC congratulates the Proprietors/Promoters of the newly approved Private Universities.





# CLAN 2017: Language Creates, Resolves Conflicts

*Linguists Must be Multidisciplinary - Prof. Rasheed*



Dr. Sarah Jibrin (3rd left) VC, IAUE, Prof. Ozo-Mekuri Ndimele (left); Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed (4th right); LAN, President, Prof. Harrison Adeniyi (3rd right) and some members of LAN leadership

Professor of Linguistics and Executive Secretary National Universities Commission (NUC), Abubakar A. Rasheed *nni*, *FNAL MFR* has said that “language is used to deliberately or inadvertently create conflict in society” and that “It is language that is used to minimize tension and resolve the conflict”.

Delivering a keynote address at the 30th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN), held at Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Professor Rasheed said all forms of abuses, quarrels, verbal battles that led to wars were usually expressed through different modes of communication, noting that it was central in all human engagements, including wars and peace.

According to Professor Rasheed, conflict was an expressed struggle between at least two parties, both of whom perceived interference from the other towards achieving their goals, adding that there were different factors that could bring about

conflict in relationships, societies and nations.

The linguist said that human essence was embedded in the masterful use and study of language and that language could be referred to as a means of expressing one’s thoughts and expressions through verbal sounds, written symbols and other conventional signs, stressing that it was through language that all forms of communication took place.

“Conflict often occur when individuals and groups recognise a disagreement from an opposing party or person as well as when people in a society, group, team or nation perceive they are denied access to information or any other benefit that they deserve to have as members of the group,” he said.

He added that certain members of a group used exclusive language which did not accommodate others, while team work on the other hand was not operational among members and individual desires were more important than group goals,

aspirations and collaboration.

He noted that superior communication was practised and experienced among group members when some individuals believed that they were more important than others.

The main theme of this year’s Conference was Language, Literature, Culture and Conflict Resolution.

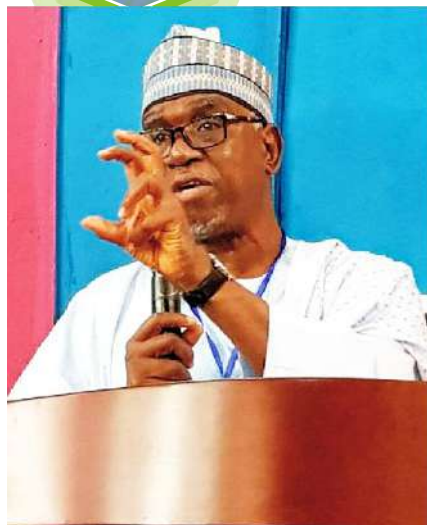
The Executive Secretary expressed delight that CLAN 2017 had rich sub-themes with Ten out of the 17 sub-themes focusing on conflict and resolution, noting that it was reasonable to argue that issues about contemporary societies were basically issues about language form and language use.

He said that language revealed the relationships in the society, in biology, language expressed the characteristics of living things, while in political science; it was used to express the art of governance.

He added that language had permeated the omnibus world of machines, computers and virtual







Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed  
delivering his keynote address

reality, while it was feared that with the ever-increasing artificial intelligence technology, the ability of machines to use their own language and consciousness to perform operations without recourse to human control might spell doom to humanity.

Speaking on the rise of artificial intelligence, Professor Rasheed said that Michio Kaku, a Japanese quantum physicist and Nobel Laureate, had opened up fresh vista about what the earth would become in the next 100 years, based on the evidence of science and history, in his uncommon book, *Physics of the Future*, which was published by First Anchor Books in New York in 2012.

He also said that the book used startling revelations about how science would shape human destiny and daily lives by the year 2100, noting that inadvertently, what Kaku had chronicled in the domain of science was a 100-year linguistic paradigm shift which according to him, could be better posed as questions:

a. What will be the relevance of language in

- the next 100 years?
- b. In other words, what linguistic changes should language scholars be prepared for as the world advances speedily?
- c. What nanotechnologies and virtual technologies will influence the use of language in the next 100 years?
- d. Will there be paper and pen to write letters and long essays?
- e. Will the world go paperless in the emerging culture of internet communication?
- f. How prepared are we as linguistics and applied linguists to grapple with the emerging language culture as we perform our academic tasks?

Professor Rasheed felt that the theme and the sub-themes of the 2017 conference offered the esteemed members the opportunity to refocus on more effective multidisciplinary scholarship now and in the future, adding that the participants must re-negotiate their academic relevance



Dr. Sarah Jibril  
delivering her address

strongly with other academic stakeholders, stressing that what others did concerned the participants because they used language and that what “we do should also concern them because they are guided by the use of language.”

The NUC Scribe said that “there are emerging areas that need specialized registers. There are older fields with new language developments. There are also newer relations and synergies. It is my expectation that the papers that will be presented at this conference will generate sufficient academic quarrels and the resolution of those quarrels would be in favour of sustaining



Cross section of participants





linguistic scholarship. “More importantly, I urge CLAN 2017 delegates to probe deeply into the various sub-themes with a view to contributing robustly to global scholarship and our nation building.”

The NUC Scribe said that the immediate utility of the conference to Nigeria was foreseeable and positive in this period of several national crises that required resolutions. “Certainly, the choice of the theme and the sub-themes is apt in this stage of Nigeria’s development. The outcome of this conference hopefully shall enrich our language use in the school system and the entire society.”

In a welcome address, the President, Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN), Professor Harrison Adeniyi, urged the federal government to kick-start the moribund National Language Policy project which the Nigeria Educational Research and Development Council brought to life about seven years ago, saying that the Federal and State governments should also take a cue from Lagos that had taken a giant stride in promoting the Yoruba language. He added that “just last October, a bill was passed into law. This bill, among

others, makes the teaching of Yoruba compulsory in all schools state-wide, in both private and public schools, by including it as a core subject at all levels. This, we hope, will raise the social profile of the language and make it more popular in the state.”

The President said that LAN was in the process of collaborating with the Nigerian Army to see how it could be of assistance so that its goals would be achieved, hoping that by 2019, Army personnel would have mastered the three major Nigerian languages. “We also hope all other military and paramilitary organizations in the country will borrow a leaf from the Army.”

He said that the call by some members of the House of Representatives that the Nigerian Army should stop the new language policy for its officers and men was uncalled for and unpatriotic, adding that apart from the fact that learning a new language is to the advantage of the learner, it was also immense benefit to the entire community.

He called on the members of the House of Representatives to support the Army and bring

about motions and bills that would see to the preservation, documentation, teaching and learning of our indigenous languages in Nigerian as prescribed in the National Policy on Education and National Cultural Policy.

To a great extent, he said, people tend to believe that conflict was an inevitable aspect of life which must be generally accepted and which people must work out ways to live with.

“They believe that to a great extent, conflicts are not necessarily negative because the relationships that have frequently expressed conflicts tend to turn out healthier than those without conflicts. In the latter case, the parties involved may eventually escalate sometime in the future. The reverse might also be the case. In other words, conflicts may be positive (that is, productive) or negative (that is destructive), depending on the communicative devices employed in the resolution and the speech participants. The direct interlocutors in the conflict and the negotiators or neutral parties all have significant parts to play in this,” he added.



Prof. Rasheed (6th right), Dr. Sarah Jibril (7th right), Prof. Ndimele (5th right), Prof. Adeniyi (3rd left) in a group photo with LAN leadership







## Spanish Delegation Seeks Partnership with NUC

The Spanish Embassy in Nigeria has expressed its willingness to partner with the National Universities Commission for the recommencement of Spanish language and also for Spanish citizens to learn Nigerian cultures through the Cultural Affairs Department of Spain as a way of promoting the already existing bilateral relations as well as explore other educational opportunities in the country. The Spanish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Marcelino Cabanas Ansorena said this during a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL last Tuesday.

The Ambassador disclosed that the visit was also a follow up to an earlier MOU signed between the Spanish Embassy and the NUC in 2004 as the Head of Spanish Polytechnic and University would soon be visiting Nigeria to explore available educational opportunities in the country.

Responding, the Executive Secretary briefed the team on the evolution of the National



R-L: Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed; Ambassador Marcelino Cabanas Ansorena and Cultural Adviser, Eva Barta Martin

Universities Commission, its functions and mandate; structures of the Nigerian Universities System, according to Federal, State and Private Universities. He maintained that there was need for Spanish Academic Culture to have more bearing with Nigerian Educational Sector in order to further promote the bilateral relations. He informed the team that the Commission was ready to partner with any genuine group or organisation as long as such collaboration would advance the NUC.

He said that bilateral relations with respect to education was essential to encourage global best practices in tertiary institutions.

At the meeting were Deputy Executive Secretaries, Research, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana; Administration, Mallam Ibrahim I. Dan'Iya; Directors of Management Support Services, Barr. Victor U. Onuoha; Finance and Accounts, Mr. Marcel Sam Onazi; International cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs.





Constance Goddy- NNadi; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. EssienUssendiah; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther

Adesina; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. C.J. Maiyaki and Student Support Services, Hajiya Mariam Sali as well as Deputy

Director, International Cooperation, Mrs. Florence Asemadahun. In the Spanish delegation was the Cultural



L-R: DA, Dr. Noel Saliu; DIM, Mrs. Essien Ussendiah; Prof. C.F. Mafiana, Barta Martin, Amb. Cabanas Ansorena, Prof. Rasheed and Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; DODE, Dr. Olamide Adesina; DICLS, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Ag. DSSS, Dr. Mrs. Maryam Sali; DMSS, Bar. Victor, Onuoha; DFA, Mr. Sam Onazi and DD. DRI&IT Mrs. Florence Asemadahun

## Sussex Varsity Trains 100 Lecturers on Pedagogy — *NUC Scribe happy*

The Executive Secretary Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, mni, has commended the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, for training over one hundred (100) staff of the Nigerian University System across the six geopolitical zones in the country on pedagogy. He expressed satisfaction at the collaboration adding that the outcome had elevated the reputation of University of Sussex in the NUS. He averred that both the NUS and the Nigerian economy stand to benefit a lot from the collaboration.

The Executive Secretary informed the meeting that he was happy to associate with University Sussex and commended the Institution for



Leader of the delegation and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex, Professor Adam Tickell presenting a souvenir to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed

availing the Nigerian Universities the opportunity of interacting and learning from the Sussex experience. He expressed

the hope that the training programme would be made an annual event starting from next year.







The Executive Secretary informed the visitors that the NUC has been playing a pivotal role of ensuring the orderly development of the Nigerian Universities to make it globally competitive. He explained that as part of its mandate, the NUC has been carrying out its regulatory roles of accrediting programmes, resource verification and other NUC wide activities in the NUS to ensure that programmes mounted by the Universities meet the minimum academic standards.

He informed the visitors that the Commission had recently, convened a national summit on education which was aimed at examining the state of higher education in Nigeria and that as part of its drive to expand access to higher education in Nigeria, the NUC has made recommendation to the Federal Executive Council for approval of six new Private Universities and one military university, the Nigerian Army University, Biu which would serve as a solution centre for technological drive of the Nigerian army. He informed the Team that if the new Universities were approved, the total number of Universities in

the country would be one hundred and sixty Universities (160).

Responding the leader of the delegation and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex, Professor Adam Tickell, thanked the Executive Secretary and the NUC Management team for the collaboration. He informed the meeting that the vision to collaborate with the NUC had been on for two years and commended the Director, Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Suleiman B. Ramon-Yusuf for his untiring effort and commitment in driving the vision to fruition. He noted that the Nigerian Student at Sussex University were among the best in their areas of discipline and expressed optimism of building a bigger and better working relationship with the Commission.

In a remark, the Director, Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Suleiman B. Ramon-Yusuf expressed delight at the visit. He informed the meeting that the Department was conducting a

survey on the participants and that the analysis of the survey would be completed and made available for use. He averred that efforts are on to scale up the training from short term courses to M.A. in Education in order to accommodate the enormous demand from the NUS.

At the meeting were Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mallam Ibrahim I. Dan'Iya; Directors of Research, Innovation, Information and Technology, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Management Support Services, Barr. Victor .U. Onuoha; Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo; Finance and Accounts, Mr. Marcel Sam Onazi; International cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs. Constance Goddy- NNadi; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. EssienUsendiah; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Adesina; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. C.J. Maiyaki and Student Support Services, Hajiya Maryam Sali.

In the University of Sussex delegation were Professor Richard Folett; Mr. Tosin



Profs. Rasheed and Tickell (5th and 6th left) with some NUC Management and members of Sussex delegation







# UNN 47th Convocation: PMB Tasks Varsities to Boost Revenue

President of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has tasked universities to leverage on other relationships beyond the normal Federal Government funding such as Alumni, friends, the private sector, institutional linkages and funding organisations so as to attract additional revenue for Infrastructure, Research and Development.

In his Convocation Address, the President noted with pride that the management of the University had recorded enormous success along this line and commended the Vice-Chancellor and his team for this feat. He said that the on-going fight against corruption and drive to diversify the national economy would provide the government with additional resources to improve funding for the education system.

He further said that the issue of inadequate funding cannot be said to be the only problem stopping the nation from achieving a truly functional educational system meeting international benchmarks. There is need to address the challenge of poor work ethic and the



Representative of the Visitor

albatross of prolonged and recurrent industrial actions by staff.

The Visitor applauded the University for the giant strides recorded in the past one year including sustaining the first position in the 2017 ranking of Nigerian Universities by Google Scholar and the recent award of the prestigious NLNG Science Prize for 2017 to one its staff, Dr. Chuma Agubata, as well as the significant growth in the number of postgraduate degrees.

He acknowledged that UNN, being the first indigenous university in the country, would

always occupy a position of historical importance, recalling that Nigeria's First President, the Rt. Hon. (Dr) Nnamdi Azikiwe and his contemporaries, founded the institution in the same week of Nigeria's Independence in October 1960. While recounting that the main mandate of the university as spelt out by the founding fathers was to address the manpower needs of the newly independent nation, noting that the Institution can rightly claim to have lived up to the mandate which had stayed relevant through the ages.

In spite of these achievements,





Director, International Cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi  
Representative of the Executive Secretary, NUC

President Buhari charged the University to do more in addressing the needs and challenges of the country. He reminded them that universities were centres of innovation all over the world and that Nigerian universities should not be different.

He stated that the nation was currently bedeviled by the problems of a poorly diversified economy, corruption and insecurity closely associated with ethnic tensions in various parts of the country. He expressed optimism that the universities have a role to play in finding a solution to these challenges and charged the first generation universities to lead the way on this journey.

He particularly challenged

university academics to embark on the kind of innovative research that could help boost production and diversify the economy as it was only research and innovation that grow the economy of a country faster than mineral deposits.

In his speech, the Chancellor, His Imperial Majesty, Oni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde



Vice-Chancellor, UNN, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba,  
delivering his Convocation address

Ogunwusi, The Ojaja II, noted that the graduands had put in their best as worthy players, worthy competitors and possibly, worthy leaders in today's global market of endless opportunities. He tasked them to remember the slogan that the a graduate of UNN is ahead of anyone naturally. He told parents that the university has played its role through the provision of discipline, good character and learning, and thus prepared them for the challenges of life.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Chief Michael Olorunfemi thanked the Visitor for his interest in education sector, remarking that the Convocation was his first.. He expressed delight at the steadfast development of the University under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Benjamin







Academic Procession

Ozumba. He thanked the students, staff, administration and stakeholders of the University for supporting the Council in keeping the vision of the Institution's Founding fathers alive.

The Chairman of Council noted that the present economic situation in the country has slowed down scholarship and research in different ways. He said in the face of all odds, UNN still witnessed the decoration of two outstanding Nigerians, who, in their youth, were able to conquer those odds in business and private enterprise. He, therefore urged the graduands to believe in themselves as well as have faith in God, challenging them to study the lives of those being honoured and take a cue from their lifestyles of hard work, creativity and

resourcefulness.

Delivering his Convocation Address, the Vice-Chancellor, thanked the President, the Honourable Minister of Education, the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council for their tremendous roles in advancing the vision of the University.

He recalled that in January this year, the University celebrated excellence by graduating 10,425 students with a composition of 94 First Class, 3098 Second Class Upper Division, 5145 in the Second Class Lower Division, 1653 Third Class and 121 in the Pass category. Based on the growth trend of the Institution, he said, it was graduating a total of 9,353 degrees and diplomas, made up of 7,830 first degrees/ diplomas including 132 First Class

graduands and 1,523 higher degrees. In the higher degree category there are 340 PhDs, 1027 Masters and 156 Postgraduate diplomas.

Analysing the trend, Professor Ozumba disclosed that having two convocations within one year was a practical testimony and demonstration of his administration's resolve to improve the Academic culture of the University with timely release of its computer-based results in line with best academic practices. The Vice-Chancellor said that when he resumed office in 2014, there was a five point Strategic Plan which he launched, stating that the report card had shown steady progress towards the finish line. He highlighted that during the 57th Founders Day Celebration in October, the University made





history as the first in Africa to commission a LAPTOP Assembly Plant, the Lion Brand Laptop presented to the Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar, III, CFR.

Other achievements included the introduction of the ROAR NIGERIA HUB, a start-up incubation Pitch programme as prelude to the final take-off of the UNN Science Park, a home to a diverse set of technological competencies. He also added the

Ground breaking ceremony of a 60 megawatt power generation, which is a long sought solution to the energy supply and electricity power challenge within the university and its environs.

The University also maintained its many academic linkages with Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Israel, Japan, and China. He admonished the graduands that the future is bright for them as long as they were willing not to confuse schooling with education, noting that one's

education is a total sum of his learning. He charged them to realise that they were to serve as good ambassadors of the University as they step into the world.

The highlight of the Convocation was the conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees on the Governor of Central Bank, Mr. Godwin Emefiele and the Former Governor of Abia State and Chairman of Slok Group, Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu.



Some graduands







## Photo Gallery:



House Committee on Public Procurement on oversight visit to NUC



NUC Directors during the visit of House Committee on Public Procurement

## Luncheon in Honour of Visiting Vice-Chancellor, University of Sussex



Last week, the leadership of the Northern Peace Foundation paid a courtesy call on the ES NUC, Ptrof. Abubakar Rasheed. Here they present a portrait of Prof. Rasheed to him.







## *Images from CLAN 2017 IAUE, Porthar Court*







## NUC AND ENAGO ACADEMY FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATION-WIDE AUTHORS WORKSHOPS ON ACADEMIC PUBLISHING FOR JUNIOR AND MIDDLE-CAREER ACADEMICS

In line with the Commission's continued efforts to promote research quality and global visibility of academic staff in the Nigerian University System (NUS), the National Universities Commission in collaboration with Enago, a

United Kingdom-based organisation is organising Nation-wide Workshops on Academic Publishing for Junior and Middle-career Academics across the Nigerian University System (NUS) at venues in selected Universities in the South-

West, South-South, South-East and the NUC auditorium for the Northern states.

The workshops are slated to hold from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 from 10am to 4pm each day as indicated below:

Date	Venue	Participants
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC Abuja	All Universities in the Northern Region
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Multi-Purpose Hall, University of Lagos, Akoka	All Universities in the South - West Region
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Basic Studies Auditorium, Basic Studies Unit, University Park, University of Port-Harcourt	All Universities in the South - South Region
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	University Auditorium, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	All Universities in the South - East Region

The workshops aim to train as many academic staff within the Nigerian University System as possible on the required knowledge, skills and nuances of academic publishing required to write good scholarly academic articles for publication, with a prospect to enhance the career development of young academics and ultimately position the NUS to attain global relevance in terms of the quality and quantum of world class academic articles published by Nigerian academics. Please note that there is no participation fee for

all academic staff in the NUS.

The workshop will cover two topics that are of importance to the Nigerian universities' academic clime namely: "Academic Publishing" and "Identifying a Target Journal for Publication". The workshops will elucidate the criteria for selecting appropriate journals for publication with emphasis on impact factor, citation index, peer review, availability as an open access journal, understanding author's right, etc.

The facilitating partner for

the workshop, Enago Academy, is a United States-based knowledge platform offering up-to-date resources on scholarly publishing for researchers, authors, publishers and academic societies. Enago Academy provides assistance to researchers and authors, help journals and publishers to produce quality articles and collaborate with Universities and academic institutions by conducting author workshops for first-time authors and researchers; improve the quality of publications from universities.





All Vice Chancellors have already been informed and urged to support as many junior, middle-level and experienced academics as possible from their Universities to benefit from this unique opportunity by attending the free 1-day

regional workshop.

Interested / nominated academic staff are requested to please register free-of-charge by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.enago.com/academy/nigeria/workshop-](https://www.enago.com/academy/nigeria/workshop-agenda.htm)

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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.

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIA AWARDS-AFRICA SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Universities Commission is in a receipt of a notification from the Australian High Commission for applications from eligible candidates for the 2018 Short courses and the 2019 Postgraduate Australia Awards-Africa Scholarships. The Scholarship scheme is part of Australia's development assistance to Africa in building critical skills and knowledge, through strategic foreign policy, economic diplomacy and development objectives across key sectors.

In view of this, it is pertinent to note that the Short-term award commences in 2018, is a 1-3 months professional development training programme in specialised fields for African professionals. Eligible candidates for the short-term scholarship are Middle-Senior level professionals with Bachelor's degree or equivalent and currently employed in a relevant field. The training is delivered in Australia and various locations in Africa.

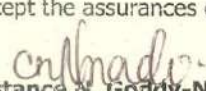
In the same vein, the postgraduate scholarship award which commences in 2019 is specifically for Masters Degree level and is opened to applicants from Public and Private sectors as well as Civil Society Organisations. The Scholarship is aimed at providing high quality training for talented Africans who on completion are expected to return and contribute to the development of their respective nations or regions.

The Scholarship Scheme has highlighted key areas of focus for both the Short courses and postgraduate awards, to include; Agricultural productivity, Extractives, Public policy etc, which provides an equal opportunity for women, people with disabilities requiring special assistance and HIV positive individuals to apply.

More information on eligibility and application forms for interested applicants is available at [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org) and the closing date for the postgraduate award is 15 December, 2017 while for the Short-term courses award is 15 January, 2018.

Consequently, I am to request Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, to do a wider circulation in your respective universities.

Please, accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.

  
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For: Executive Secretary

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The attention of the Management of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) is drawn to the mischievous activities of some unscrupulous elements that are visiting public Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and some regulatory agencies and presenting themselves as staff of, and working with, the Chairman-designate of the Board of Trustees of TETFund. They usually meet the head of an institution, the bursar and/or director of works/physical planning to make all sort of offers/promises of TETFund intervention projects to be allegedly brought to the institution by the Chairman-designate. In exchange, they make different frivolous requests including nominating contractors/consultants and, in many cases, request for financial gratifications.

The Management of the Fund therefore wishes to inform the beneficiary institutions of TETFund in particular and entire public in general that these mischief-makers have nothing to do with TETFund and all their entreaties should be ignored. Anyone that enters into any transaction with them does so at his/her own risk.

All TETFund Staff on official assignment to any institution carry identification and an introduction letter to the head of the institution.

Heads of our beneficiary institutions or members of the public who require any clarification on the activities of the Fund may also call **0800-TETFUND (0800-8383863)** or visit our website [www.tetfund.gov.ng](http://www.tetfund.gov.ng).

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia  
Agbo Abel & Co

### Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

### Implementation Approach:

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

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



### Expected Benefits:

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





## Implementation Committee

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

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

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

## Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

### List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION







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

### **PROGRAMMES**

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

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
  - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
  - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.
  - c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
  - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
  - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:
  - a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
  - b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in





Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.

- c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations
3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. ([www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng).) Major components include the following:
  - (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
    - i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
    - ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
    - iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
    - iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
  - (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
  - (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, [rasheed3h@gmail.com](mailto:rasheed3h@gmail.com) and copy to [chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com](mailto:chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com)







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

#### 2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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

##### B. State Universities

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

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, 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 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

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007			
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011			

## STATE

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	44	Borno State University	2016
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
15	Odumegwu Ojukwu University Uli	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008			
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			





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PRIVATE								
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owghrode, Delta State	2015
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	71	Precious Cornerrstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015			







## 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](mailto:webmaster@nuc.edu.ng) and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: [www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)

**Signed:**  
**MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
ABDUL-RAHEEM MUSA AHMAD	11 Dec.	DIM
GABRIEL ITIYEMEKA ODAMA	11 Dec.	DAS
HADIZA BABA KAIGAMA F	11 Dec.	DMSS
RASHEED ADENIYI MUSTAPHA	12 Dec.	DPP
IZEHIUWA ASABOR	12 Dec.	DMSS
GARBA ABDULLAHI	12 Dec.	DSSS
OGHOGHO HAUWA SULEIMAN-ILEMONO	12 Dec.	DQA
LAMI A. NUHU	14 Dec.	DRI
NKIRU STELLA CHIGBO-ICHU	14 Dec.	DICT
OLAITAN FRANCIS AKEFE	14 Dec.	DFA
PARMATA SAMUEL A. GADZAMA	15 Dec.	DMSS
TAMUNO-EMI INKO-TARIAH	15 Dec.	DMSS
LAIDESHAKIRAT OLANLOKUN	16 Dec.	DICT
SAMUEL MARCEL ONAZI	17 Dec.	DFA
KEHINDE JOSEPH BAKARE	17 Dec.	DPP

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



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DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

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Respect.***

*Courtesy: Directorate of Management Support Services*

***SHUN CORRUPTION.  
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*Courtesy: Anti-corruption and Transparency Division*





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