

# We'll Consolidate Gains of NUS in 2018

## ...Prof Rasheed lists Priorities

**T**he Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has expressed profound appreciation to His Excellency, President Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and all stakeholders in the education sector for the achievements recorded by the Commission in 2017 and commended the federal government for making education a top priority in the 2018 budget.

The NUC Scribe said he was ushering in the year 2018 with enthusiasm following the successful repositioning of the Nigerian University System (NUS) in 2017 for greater performance. He pledged his renewed commitment to the development of the NUS and the



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consolidation of achievements recorded in the last few years especially in the areas of Access and Quality.

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Hon. Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu (3rd right); Minister of Sports, Mr. Solomon Dalong (2nd left); Chairman House Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Hon. Suleiman Aminu Fagge (2nd right); ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed (1st right) and Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (1st left) in a group photograph after the inauguration of Councils of 23 federal universities on Feb. 12, 2017

In his New Year message, Professor Rasheed expressed optimism that 2018 would inspire hope for change for the better for the education sector, especially with the exit of the nation's economy out of recession, which challenged the overall implementation of the 2017 budget for all sectors.

He applauded the private sector for increased participation in university education, with the addition of six new institutions, bringing the total of private universities to 74 and expressed optimism that with the outcome of his interaction with vice-chancellors of Nigerian universities and their pledge to form greater synergy with the Commission, "2018 gives a renewed hope for the Nigerian University System (NUS)."

The Executive Secretary assured that as a quality assurance agency, quality would continue to

occupy the front burner in the operations of the Commission and charged all universities to, as expected from the fruits of the interaction, strengthen their internal quality assurance mechanisms by establishing a Directorate of Quality Assurance as a stand-alone, or alternatively ensure a strong Quality Assurance Unit in the Directorate of Academic Planning.

Professor Rasheed stated that the

Commission would, in the New Year, accelerate the comprehensive review of the entire university curricula (the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) and ranking of Nigerian Universities. The other two cardinal activities of NUC, Accreditation of Programmes and Resource Verification, would also be conducted in universities where they are due in May and



Prof. Anthony Anwukah assisted by Prof. Rasheed presenting certificate of recognition of PAMO University, one of the six private universities licenced in 2017, to the Chairman Board of Trustee, H.E. Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar GCFR, (rtd.)







November for Accreditation as well as March, July and December for Resource Verification.

The NUC, as directed by the Federal Government would also ensure the implementation of the outcome of the report of the Audit Committee inaugurated to review the projects executed in the twelve new federal universities in the country in line with its desire to ensure transparency and accountability in the management of public funds.

On research, Professor Rasheed said that, NUC would in 2018, strengthen its Research Directorate to work with those of the universities to coordinate research activities in universities and ensure relevance of their outputs. The Commission would also intensify efforts by challenging universities to develop and implement Institutional Research Policy and as matter of urgency, to establish a Research Administration

Directorate, headed by an academic not below the rank of a Professor, with appropriate human and material resources to run an Office of the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer (OIPTT) or Office of Technology Commercialisation and Industry Relations (OTCIR). In recognition of the importance of data for proper planning and administration, NUC had resolved to resume from 2018, the Annual University Review Meeting (USARM) which was suspended in 2012. The Commission would also revamp Institutional Accreditation and commence accreditation of part-time programmes.

On delivery mode, the Executive Secretary stated that the Commission would continue to leverage on the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to facilitate teaching, learning and research, while focusing more on student support services to ensure that university products were globally

competitive.

With the development of postgraduate BMAS, he said, NUC would also continue to carry out postgraduate accreditation exercises in line with the new timelines.

Professor Rasheed, who expressed satisfaction with the Commission's performance in the year under review, attributed the successes to the unparalleled support from the federal government, the Commission's workforce and the cooperation of Nigerian universities.

The Executive Secretary highlighted some of the achievements recorded in 2017 to include, accreditation of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Nigerian universities to ensure that standards were maintained, and access expanded.

The Commission undertook resource verification exercises to



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Rasheed (5th right); DG, NTI, Prof. Dahuwa Azare (1st left); DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai (2nd right); DAP, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo (3rd right); Mal. Aminu Abba (3rd left) with members of BMAS Panel on Forensic Sciences on Feb. 16, 2017





newly approved programmes in universities and other newly established ones to ensure that the requisite manpower and material resources were in line with laid down academic standards.

Late in 2017, the Commission convened an all stakeholder summit which produced a draft National policy on Open Educational Resources (OER) for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nigeria.

According to Professor Rasheed the draft policy which was

presented at the 2nd World OER Congress in Slovenia got wide acclaim.

Professor Rasheed further said that Nigerian universities were doing well based on empirical evidence in the African Centres of Excellence (ACE) Project of the World Bank and the outcome of the Accreditation exercises conducted on the various programmes at the Centres, the conduct of monitoring visits to private universities to assess their compliance with the terms of their license as well as the

establishment of more universities in the country.

The Executive Secretary, who expressed the hope that the Commission would achieve more in the current year, enjoined all stakeholders to continue to contribute meaningfully to the development of the NUS to take it to enviable heights.

He wished the NUS a successful 2018.



NUC Building, Maitama Abuja







# PMB Advises Varsities to Collaborate with Foreign Counterparts

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Visitor to Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (FUNAI), His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari has advised Nigerian Universities to collaborate with their foreign counterparts in strategic academic areas.

He gave the advised in the Visitor's speech read on his behalf by the NUC Director, Management Support Services, Barr. Victor Onuoha, at the University's 2nd Convocation Ceremony held on December, 19th 2017.

President Buhari described 21st century as an era of partnership and collaboration and said that as a government, "we are building bridges of friendships with other like-minded nations in mutually rewarding areas in order to quicken our development and address common challenges. I, therefore, urge Nigerian Universities to take advantage of the goodwill our nation has with foreign governments and investors to partner international Universities and organisations in strategic academic areas. However, this must be done in accordance with the extant laws governing our nation".

The President congratulated the Chancellor of the University, HRM Oba Michael Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, OFR, the Alake



His Excellency, President Muhammad Buhari, *GCFR*  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

and Paramount Ruler of Egbaland, for his fatherly role in guiding the affairs of the University. He appreciated the University Governing Council, under the leadership of the Pro-Chancellor and chairman, Prof. Mba Uzoukwu, as well as the Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Management, staff and students under the leadership of Prof. Chinedum Nwajiuba, for effectively piloting the day-to-day running of the University. According to him the young Nigerians being celebrated today represent the new hope of progress for the country, and would contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of our dear nation.

The Visitor stated that the

Federal Government, in its efforts towards providing the required conducive environment for teaching and learning, approved the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety-eight Billion Naira (N1.498b) ecological fund to address the environmental and erosional challenges of the University. The intervention, made it possible for the University to have asphalted intra-campus roads since its inception, and also remedied some serious environmental challenges that could have hampered its infrastructural renaissance.

The President mentioned that the Federal Government will continue to do the right things until all Nigerians feel the impact





of the reforms through increased per capita income, improved living standard and employment opportunities, unrestricted access to quality education at all levels as well as accessible health care service delivery. The effort would be better achieved as the nation wriggles out of economic recession and through the Economic Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP).

President Muhammad Buhari enumerated giant strides made by his government to include; prudence in the management of public funds, embarked on economic diversification through massive investment in Agriculture and Solid Minerals and ensured zero tolerance to corruption and waste in order to guarantee a sustainable economic future for our citizens adding that, “Our N-Power programme is taking many youths out of the street while the policy on

fertilizer is making the input readily and directly available to farmers, eliminating the challenges of middlemen.

The School Feeding Programme, which had since commenced in many States, is making balanced meals available for our primary school pupils, thus improving their nutritional level.”

He assured Nigerians of the commitment of the Federal Government to funding education at all levels and providing specific interventions at the tertiary level through Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) as well as the NEEDS Assessment projects. Universities have a critical role to play in our economic development through research and development, innovative ideas and empowerment of our youths with the right skill-sets

and functional knowledge to contribute meaningfully to national development. Universities must, therefore, as candles, continue to burn, to continue to shine light onto our darkness. More than ever before, the country needs the contributions of its intellectuals to achieve the desired accelerated national development.

The President reiterated that “we are committed to ridding our nation of terrorism and militancy as well as subduing the activities of criminals, under any guise, to ensure that our citizens are safe and secure in every part of the country irrespective of their ethnic and religious leanings. As a Government we will continue to do the needful to ensure that the country remains one, and safe for both domestic and international investors.”

The President tasked the new graduates that today signal another new beginning in your journey through life that would determine, to a large extent, the degree of success in future, urging them to seize the available opportunities to excel in their chosen career.

The Chancellor, HRH Oba Michael Aremu Adedotun Gbadebo CFR in his address commenced by appreciating and welcoming the visitor to the university and President of the federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR. He thanked God for healing his health and giving him a new lease of life and for the ecological



Barr. Victor Onouha  
Representative of the Visitor and NUC Director, DMSS







intervention project sited in the University stating that the project made the environment more conducive for academic work.

The Chancellor extended appreciation to his Excellency Engineer Dave Umachi, the Governor of Ebonyi State, for his assistance to the university whenever he was called upon. He thanked the governing council, senate and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Chinedum Nwajiuba and his management team for the profound improvement in the infrastructure base of the university currently taking place and admonished the graduands to remain focused.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing council of the University, Professor Mba Uzoukwu, heartily welcomed the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Force, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Mahammadu Buhari, GCFR, all the dignitaries present and the graduands as well as parents and invited guests to the 2nd convocation of FUNAI.

Professor Uzouku reiterated the commitment of the University Council, to stick to the principles of excellence and integrity in the running of the affairs of FUNAI. He said “we shall continue to support the prompt promotion, training and retraining of our staff in modern teaching, learning and research as well as adopt administration technology in order to motivate them, make them relevant and capable of meeting the demands of the 21st century knowledge economy. We have been promoting the culture of selfless service, transparency, accountability and meritocracy with a view to support the university senate and management to produce highly knowledgeable, responsible and enterprising graduands who will impact positively on society.”

Finally, he congratulated the graduands for meeting the requirements for the awards of a degree of the university and urged them not to forget the timeless principles on which they have been trained in the university, the principles of

excellence, integrity, hard work, responsibility and self-reliance.

In his speech the Vice Chancellor, Professor Chinedum Uzoma Nwajiuba explained that the university graduated 247 from our faculties of Basic Medical Science-20, Humanities-92, Management, Social Science-47, and Sciences-88. Of the total, 22 emerged in the first class, 140 in the second class upper; 80 in the second class lower; and 5 in the third class.

The Vice Chancellor attributed that feat to a number of factors that included, students commitment to learning, undistracted by common vices plaguing some older universities, good laboratories and workshops, among others, attested by recent NUC accreditation report, as well as external Examiners’ report.

Professor Nwajiuba welcomed the graduands and was glad that the University kept part of its bargain that whoever worked



L-R: Registrar, Mrs. Odisa Okeke; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chinedum Nwajiuba; Rep. of Ebonyi State Governor and Commissioner of Education, Prof. Elle; Rep. of the Visitor, Barr. Onouha; Chancellor, Oba Michael Aremu Adedotun Gbadebo and Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Mba Uzoukwu





hard and behaved well would be rewarded with a bachelor's degree certificate.

In an effort to make the University more responsive, the Vice-Chancellor informed the gathering that "Our University currently has a college of medicine and faculties of agriculture, education, engineering, humanities, management and social science. We have 54 undergraduate programmes. We are also commencing postgraduate studies shortly".

He specially thanked the NUC for its supervisory roles, direction and support and for approving College of Medicine and School of Postgraduate Studies, adding that FUNAI was encouraged by the Executive Secretary, NUC for his love and resolve to take the system forward.

The Vice-Chancellor lamented the challenges facing the University that included:

"shortfall in salaries which has led to paying only 80 percent of salaries since February this year. Despite the 2017 appropriation act by which personnel approvals stood at N2,678,628,663 billion, representing monthly releases of N223,219,055,25 million, the actual release was N2,037,017,799.96. This means N169, 751, 483.33 million each, leaving a monthly shortfall of N53,467,571.92 million".

He was hopeful that as the year rolls to an end, the government will release this shortfall to empower the University to pay the outstanding 20% to the owed staff.

He seized the opportunity to thank the state governor, His Excellency, Engineer Dave Umahi for his gift to FUNAI staff (N2 Million) and student (1.5 million) at the maiden convocation last year, appreciating also the warm relationship with host

community.

The Vice-Chancellor drew the attention of the state governor to the incursion being faced by the former owners of the land in FUNAI Campus who were well remunerated by government early in the life of the University. He stated that "interference by land owners has become more serious, the latest being their resorting to legal action against the university. This is an urgent matter and our development is being hampered".

Professor Nwajiuba concluded by soliciting for contribution and support of everyone to contribute to her development, adding that the University's endowment committee would continue to reach out. The endowment would be used to build hostels, classrooms, office blocks, workshop, laboratories, vehicles, chairs, tables, stools, bookshelf, etc.



Graduands procession







## Prof. Okebukola Writes on Education in Nigeria in 2017 and Outlook for 2018

If we took Nigeria's educator sector for "health check-up" at the close of 2017, there are at least 45 indicators that can be reported on. Data inadequacies inhibit such comprehensive report, so we must pick from the menu, those indicators that we can conveniently derive some passable data. This check-up also shuns the tendency of focusing only on what the federal government does in the education sector leaving the over 80% of the sector that is constitutionally covered by state and local governments. It will highlight the success and failure stories of the sector in 2017 and telescope into expectations for 2018. We begin with the success stories.

Nationally, literacy rate (15 years and older) made slight gain from 67.3% to 68.1%; primary gross enrolment ratio also improved from 94.32% to 96.14%; secondary gross enrolment ratio increased from 58.21% to 63.4%; and tertiary gross enrolment also increased from 11.9% to 12.3%. On the quality front as measured by the percentage pass in public examinations, there was notable improvement in the senior school certificate examination (SSCE) results conducted by WAEC and NECO. The universities recorded 18% increase in the number of

graduates that made first class.

The number of academic programmes that earned NUC's full accreditation status increased by 9.2% in 2017. Quite striking also in 2017 is that JAMB processed within a month, admission into the Nigerian higher education system of 1.7



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million candidates compared to 1.6 million in 2016. This is the highest in 40 years! In 2017, the Nigerian university system added eight new universities (2 state-owned, 6 private). Our research group documented a 12% drop in reported cult cases on university campuses in 2017 and a significant improvement in the use of technology for teaching, learning and research.

In September 2017, NUC launched the first-of-its-kind in Africa Nigeria University System Open Educational Resources with a draft national policy to back it up.

What about performance in the education sector at the state level? Overall, notable gains were recorded in the 36 states and

the FCT. Let us see a few illustrative examples. With UNIDO support, Anambra State established Learning Initiative For Entrepreneurs (LIFE) programme in 41 senior secondary schools across the three senatorial zones of the state to bolster employability of secondary school graduates and reduce crime rate. Bauchi State allocated 18% of its 2017 budget to the education sector, the highest of any sector in the 2017 budget. In Borno State, 7,169 primary and junior secondary school teachers were trained in modern methods of teaching.

The state also built a large number of modern schools and remodelled a number of existing ones. A total of 15,197 out-of-school IDPs were provided access to education in 304 non-formal learning centres. At least 3,000 teachers were promoted and the Volunteer Teaching Scheme increased the number of





teachers. Education sector had the highest provision in the 2017 budget of the state.

Ekiti State was outstanding in the 2017 SSCE and improved on its already praiseworthy teacher welfare scheme. Lagos State significantly invested in modernising, beautifying and resourcing its schools for effective teaching and learning and improving teacher welfare. It is finalising its 2017 policy on education which will be the model for other states in the federation.

In Kano State over 40,000 girls were granted scholarship to encourage girl-child enrolment and retention. About 3,000 schools were repaired to enhance learner-friendliness.

Ogun state recorded an unprecedented 23% budgetary allocation to education and elevated the Moshood Abiola Polytechnic to a university of science and technology. An ultramodern Ogun State Polytechnic, Ipokia is being developed. Rivers State government established several ultramodern schools and shut 1,886 illegal schools to maintain standards. To increase funding for education, the Sokoto State government established 1 billion naira annual levy for education with the administration to be overseen by the Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'ad Abubakar III.

Let us stretch our analysis outside our national boundaries and make global comparisons of

the performance of the education sector with other countries in the world. At the 2017 UNESCO General Conference where the education report cards of over 190 countries were rendered, keen watchers from other countries applauded the remarkable strides made in basic and higher education in Nigeria relative to other countries in Africa. Malam Adamu Adamu, Nigeria's minister of education was roundly commended and spurred to stay on the trajectory of making Nigeria the beacon of education success story in Africa especially the march to attain Sustainable Development Goal No. 4 on quality education.

In spite of these gains, a number of dark spots blighted the education firmament in 2017. At the state level, in at least 16 states, teachers were owed upward of five months' salaries. Universities were shut for at least six weeks by "aluta" action at different times by different categories of staff unions. Closure of polytechnics was for longer duration induced by strikes by polytechnic staff.

In many states, strikes by teachers led to pupils staying at home for months. Corruption in education in all its forms is yet to abate including those perpetrated by parents, teachers, students and government officials. Teacher quality still remains a vexed issue and the large number of out-school-children is still a national and global embarrassment.

What about outlook for 2018 in the education sector? One of the epochal events in the sector in 2017 was the convening by President Buhari of the ministerial summit on education in November. The implementation of the recommendations of the Retreat with a high degree of fidelity should be the direction to turn in 2018. A few of these are worth highlighting.

The Federal Government working with state and local government actors should vigorously implement and sustainably act on the ten pillars of the Ministerial Strategic Plan by i) addressing the out-of-school children phenomenon, ii) strengthening basic and secondary school education, iii) prioritising teacher education, capacity building and professional development, iv) promoting adult literacy and special needs education, v) reviving technical and vocational education and training, vi) driving Basic and Secondary Education Curriculum and Policy Matters, vii) ensuring quality and access in higher education, viii) institutionalising education data and planning, ix) promoting Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Education and x) boosting Library Services in Education.

The Federal Government should henceforth commit not less than 15% of budget to education and encourage other levels of government to do so.







## Flashback

### Study Tour of Egyptian University System

In 2017, the Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR, FNAL* pioneered an initiative to foster more collaborations amongst African Universities with a view to encourage joint Researches, Faculty and Students Exchanges Sabbatical and Visiting Appointments and Post-Graduate Trainings.

The initiative is primarily aimed at making universities in Africa sign more MoUs, amongst themselves in view of their shared interests, developmental challenges and common research interests.

In line with the new initiative, Prof. Rasheed hosted the Egyptian Ambassador to Nigeria HE, Assem Hanafy where they discussed extensively on collaborations between Egyptian and Nigerian Universities.

During the discussions, the Egyptian envoy extended an

invitation to the NUC to send a delegation to visit Egypt and interact with the Egyptian equivalence of the NUC and tour some Egyptian Universities both Public and Private to initiate some discussions on collaborations.

Following from this, the Executive Secretary constituted a seven-man committee headed by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Malam Ibrahim Dan'ya, three Directors of the commission, DAP, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo, DODE, Dr. Esther Adesina and DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; two Professors from the Nigerian University System, Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed and Prof. Muhammad Mabrouk and the Egyptian Cultural Attache in Abuja, Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim. The team toured Egypt between September 21st-October 3, 2017.

The seven-man delegation visited three government

agencies; Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Supreme Council for Universities (SCU) and the National Authority for Quality assurance and Accreditation in Education (NAQAAE), as well as nine universities consisting of six Public: Universities of Cairo, Kafrelsheikh, Alexandria, Monsuora, Ain Shams and Al-Azhar University and three Private Universities: British University in Egypt, Future University and 6th October University.

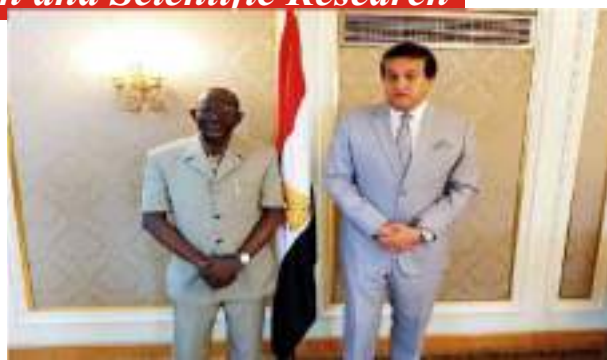
The NUC team explored several potential areas of partnerships and collaboration in all the Universities visited for which a comprehensive report was submitted to the Executive Secretary for implementation.

Below are some photographs from the study tour.

#### At the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research



NUC Team: L-R Prof. Muhammad Mabrouk, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo, Dr. Esther Adesina, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'ya, Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim and Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed



DES, Mal. I. Dan'ya and the Egyptian Minister of Higher Education and the Scientific Research, Prof. Khaled Abdal-Ghaffar



The NUC team in a group photo with the Minister



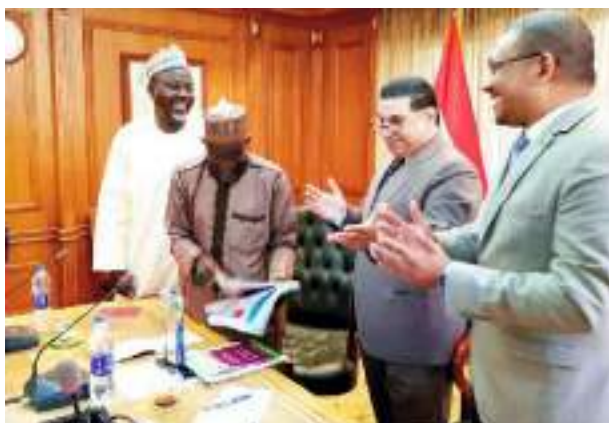
DES, Mal. I. Dan'ya explaining the functions of NUC to Prof. Hossaina Isma'il, Under-Secretary for International Student Affairs



The Under-Secretary for International Student Affairs (3rd left) presenting a souvenir to the Head of NUC delegation (2nd right)



The NUC team in a group photo with the Under-Secretary



Ag. President, Supreme Council of Universities (SCU) Dr. Youssef Rasheed (2nd right) welcoming the NUC delegation to his office, second left is DES, Mal. I. Dan'iya, Mal. Yakasai is far left while first right is Dr. Ibrahim, Egyptian Cultural Attache in Nigeria



The Ag. President SCU (1st right) and the leader of the NUC team next to him



L-R: Prof. Ibrahim, Ibrahim Yakasai and Prof. Mabrouk at the SCU Conference Room







## Photo Gallery

### *Kafrelsheikh University (Public)*



Entrance of Kafr Elsheikh University



Inside the University



Faculty of Pharmacy



Faculty of Nursing



The team at the Nano Technology Institute



One of 67 ICU rooms in one of the Teaching Hospitals of the university



## Photo Gallery

### *Kafrelsheikh University (Public)*



Drug making equipment at the Pharmacy faculty



Sample of medicines produced in the Pharmacy Department of the university



Fish Pond at Faculty of Agric



Fish Canning machine



The DES and Prof. Ibrahim examining some canned fish





## Photo Gallery *Kafrelsheikh University (Public)*



Some students of the University



More hospital facilities



Inside the campus



At the reception area of the University Teaching Hospital



Commercial Pharmaceutical products made in the University



Inside one of the typical large lecture halls





## *Kafrelsheikh University (Public)*



Prof. Ibrahim interacting with a student in class



A group photo with the President, Prof. Majed el-kemary (5th left) in front of the Nano Science and Nanotechnology Institute of the University







## Photo Gallery

### *British University in Egypt (Private)*



Front view of the British University in Egypt



The team in a group photo with the President,  
Prof. Ahmed Hamad



Inside the Reference Section of the University's library



Tour of the campus



Tour of the campus





## *British University in Egypt (Private)*







## Photo Gallery

### Alexandria University (Public)



Group photo with the President Alexandria University, Prof. Essam A. Elkordi (4th right)



The NUC Team discussing with the President and other officials



The President (fingers crossed) and his Vice







## Photo Gallery

### *Future University, Egypt (Private)*



The President, Future University, Prof. Ebada Sarhan receiving an NUC Publication from the leader of the team, DES, Mal. I. Dan'iya



The NUC team in a group with FUE officials



Entrance to Senate Building



The delegation touring the campus of Future University



Inside the Dentistry theatre of the University



Another Dentistry theatre







## Chilling out at the Pyramids of Giza







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- ♦ Exploration Geophysics
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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### **ADVERTORIAL ON 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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Nigerian Universities

## 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.

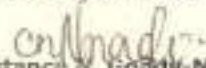
In the same vein, the postgraduate scholarship award which commences in 2019 is specifically for Masters Degree level and is opened to applicants from Public and Private sectors as well as Civil Society Organisations. The Scholarship is aimed at providing high quality training for talented Africans who 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.australiawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiawardsafrica.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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**To:** All Heads of TETFund Beneficiary Institution  
**From:** Executive Secretary, TETFund  
**Subject:** Disclaimer  
**Date:** November 13, 2017

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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

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### 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/VOLI of 23rd October 2014, the composition of the Commission's IPSAS Implementation Committee include:

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

## Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

### List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

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

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

##### C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

##### A. Federal Universities

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







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

**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 UNIVERSITIES

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 UNIVERSITIES

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, Ogbomoso	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 UNIVERSITIES

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., Owode, 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 Cornerstone 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 :

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

### State Universities :

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

### Private Universities :

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

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through [webmaster@nuc.edu.ng](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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Executive Secretary, NUC  
Announcer







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAPE3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The "Universities" are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
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# This Week's Birthdays

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

## Seasons Greetings

*The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Abuja, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL, wishes, all staff of the Commission especially the christian brothers and the entire Nigerian University System as well as the nation, a peaceful and happy christmas. He prayed for Joy, Love, Hope and high spirit to be with you this season.*

*May the Lord direct our noble course, accept our offerings, deeds, forgive our shortcomings and make the Commission and the system more prosperous and successful.*



**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**  
DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

*Dress Well and Earn  
Respect.*

*Courtesy: Directorate of Management Support Services*

**SHUN CORRUPTION.**  
*It Does not Pay*

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