

## Universities Must Equip us to Face Emerging Scenarios —President Buhari at BUK Convocation

**P**resident Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and Visitor, Bayero University, Kano has said that it was imperative for universities like BUK to take a lead in opening our minds to emerging scenarios and equipping us to face the challenges posed by these changes.

He said that Nigerians could not afford to be strangers in the new world being shaped by education and technological advancement. “Our universities must be in the fore front of generating and dissemination of knowledge and information to ensure our country’s participation in the global Knowledge Society.”

The President said that, we are living in the age of knowledge where education holds the key to our success as a people and as a nation and emphasised that



His Excellency  
Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR  
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces

education that is particularly produced in a good university could instigate scientific, socio-economic and technological changes needed to take us to the

future.

He maintained that education remained one of the strongest weapons in injecting hope in our youth and it could afford us the

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Reps. of the Visitor and ES NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (2nd R); Deputy Gov. Kano State, HE, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar; Chancellor, HRM King Alfred P. Diete-Spiff (1st R); Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello (3rd L); Mai Martaba, Sarkin Kano, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi (II); ,

ability to negotiate a better quality life for the people.

He also mentioned that government on its part would continue to encourage the universities and other tertiary institutions of higher learning to produce the necessary skilled manpower with a view to building a strong economy capable of sustaining the change agenda.



Representative of the Visitor  
Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

President Buhari said that in order to develop the nation's human capital and to show commitment to educational development, the Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu directed the National Universities Commission (NUC) to develop a blue print for effective revitalization of university education in Nigeria.

He assured that the blue print would be carefully developed by some of Nigeria's finest academics and university administrators, with inputs from relevant stakeholders to facilitate Nigeria's transition from a resource based to knowledge based economy.

On the part of government part, the President pledged that his administration would continue to ensure that universities are run more efficiently and more prudently and challenged the university councils and management to respect the

principles of good governance and rule of law in the administration of human, financial and reputational capitals of their institutions.

President Buhari also said that government was concerned about the incidences of financial recklessness in institutions of higher learning and universities and that government would act decisively in due course.



Chancellor  
HRM King Alfred P. Diete-Spiff







Pro-Chancellor  
Prof. Ibrahim Gambari

He congratulated the graduands and reminded them that society would assess their certificates by their actions and deeds.

He urged Nigerians to change the way they do things. “Nigerians must change their attitude towards education if they desire a new change and progress in the Country. Nigerians must change before it is too late”.

According to the President, Nigeria’s challenges were multiplying by the day and to tackle these challenges, would require a different and fresh perspective anchored towards education delivery.

He noted that, BUK was gradually becoming one of the prestigious universities in Nigeria and was emerging in its key discipline areas of Agriculture, basic and life Sciences, Social and Management Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology as well as Engineering, adding that getting to this stage in the life of the university was by no means a mere feat.

He congratulated the university Senate, Council, congregation and Management who work tirelessly to ensure the success achieved so far in the university.



Vice-Chancellor  
Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

He thanked the people and Government of Kano State for their support to the university which enabled it to create a conducive atmosphere suitable for teaching and research.

The President also used the occasion to thank all Nigerians for their tremendous support, prayers and Goodwill for his government



R-L: Prof. Rasheed (6th R), NUC Directors: DAP, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo and DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai (8th and 9th R) with other Management of the University





through which we shall overcome all challenges facing us as a nation, saying that he was encouraged by these prayers to change the nation to an economically prosperous nation.

He added that his administration was firmly aware of the promise it made to Nigerians to fight corruption, improve security and stimulate economic growth that would create more employment opportunities, “we shall continue to sacrifice our time and energy until we restore respect of all Nigerians.”

He explained that his administration will continue to work with honesty and dedication to change the fortunes of the nation and he said that he was confident that they would emerge victorious in their efforts to effect positive change in the lives of Nigerians.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said in



Cross section of Masters graduands

his address that the university awarded bachelor's degrees to 5,098 qualified candidates from 15 faculties and one school, with 76 of these graduating with First Class Honours and 2, 559 were conferred with higher degrees and post graduate diplomas. Of this number, 70 PhD degrees received.

The Vice Chancellor said that the university had witnessed appreciable progress in the last

one year with many projects completed and put to use, a number of new ones commenced. “One of the projects that was completed, commissioned and put to use is the Dangote Business School Building, constructed and furnished by the Dangote Foundation.”

The Vice Chancellor noted that BUK had continued to maintain its record of academic excellence as the entire programme presented by the university for accreditation by the NUC, during the year under review scored full accreditation. Senate approval for the introduction of a mechanism for continuous internal quality assurance is another achievement, he said.

He said that the university had also continued to be globally competitive in other areas, such as winning research grants. “Grants secured during the year included; \$500,000 from MacArthur



Cross section of PhD graduands





Foundation, for Aminu Kano centre for Democratic Research and Development (Mambayya House), \$1,000,000 from the USAID for the establishment of the Nigerian Centre for Reading, Research and Development; and two grants totalling about £1,000,000 from the United Kingdom (UK) won by a research group in the College of Health Sciences for research into snakebite and venom development.”

Professor Yahuza said implementations of earlier grants were progressing well and the Centre for Dryland Agriculture continued to make good progress in implementation of ACE grant from the World Bank.

“Similarly, implementation of \$400,000 DFID contributory grant to the Centre for Renewable Energy Research is about to be completed; with a one megawatt solar power

station about to be put to use on the Old Campus.”

He said that when completed, it would be the largest solar power plant in the country and that as one of the nine universities benefitting from the Rural Electrification Agency, contract had been awarded for a three megawatt power plant for the New Campus.

The Chancellor of the university, HRM King Alfred P. Diete-Spiff, OFR, JP, DF, Sariyan II, and the Amanyano of Twon-Brass in his speech traced the development of universities vis-a-vis population growth in the country, saying that both had grown astronomically.

He said that universities had grown in number from 4 universities in the 1960's to the coming up of BUK in the 70's and “today we are talking of about 184 universities.”

The nation's population, he said, had also grown from about 100 million in the 60's to about 180 million today, with the bulk of the majority making the youth, adding that the challenge facing the nation now was how to educate these youth who would take over the mantle of leadership.

“With numerous challenges facing the youth, it is incumbent for university like BUK to enlighten them on how to overcome it as well as face the future.”

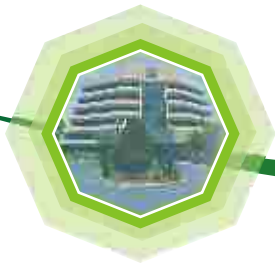
According to the chancellor, his vision for BUK was to be able to produce world class graduates that would contribute positively to the society while in competition with others for the benefits of humanity and to glory of God.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Professor Ibrahim O. Gambari, encouraged the graduates to step out into the world with a firm conviction that each had a responsibility and duty to become a part of the building block for a peaceful, progressive and prosperous country where everyone could give his place in dignity and hope.

Professor Gambari said he believed that BUK would be one of the best run universities under his Chairmanship and advised the graduands to see their certificates as the beginning of the beginnings and not as beginning of the end.



R-L: Profs. Rasheed, Yahuza and Danbatta



### ***Photo Gallery***

The Governing Council of BUK led by its Chairman, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari paid a courtesy call on the Emir of Kano His Highness Muhammad Sunusi II in his palace after the convocation ceremony. The ES NUC Prof. Rasheed and two management staff joined the council on the visit. The Emir received the delegation in his library and engaged his visitors in deep discussions on needed social and education reforms to catapult the country into knowledge economy.



The Emir of Kano, His Highness Muhammadu Sanusi II, the Pro-Chancellor BUK, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari (2nd right), VC BUK, Prof. Yahuza Bello (4th right) and some members of Council and Management of BUK.



The NUC team with the Emir



Prof. Rasheed (2nd left) Prof. Gambari (2nd right) Prof. Yahuza (1st right) and Prof. Sagir posed with the Emir







## Photo Gallery



The ES Prof. Rasheed receiving Copies of 2017 Annual Report from the VC, Prof. M.Y. Bello middle is the Chancellor



Visiting Vice-Chancellors in procession



L-R: Profs. Rasheed, Hafiz, Hon. Suleiman and Prof. Jega



L-R: Profs. Galadanchi, Danbatta



R-L: Reps. of the Visitor, Prof. Rasheed; Guest Lecturer and Chairman of Council, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari; Chairman of the Lecture, Alh. Shehu Malami; Dep. Gov. of Kano State, HE Prof. Hafiz; VC, Prof. Bello; Chancellor, Chancellor, HRM King, Diete-Spiff



## HME Commissions UNIPORT CEFOR Building

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Mallam Adamu Adamu, last Wednesday, commissioned the new building for the Africa Centre of Excellence in Oilfield Chemicals Research (CEFOR), University of Port Harcourt's (UNIPORT).

With the commissioning, the Centre relocated from its previous accommodation in the University's Emerald Energy Institute, an initiative jointly funded by the University and Total Exploration and Production and situated in the University of Port Harcourt's Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS).

In a keynote address, the Minister, who was represented by the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, MFR, commended the Management of the University of Port Harcourt for the achievements recorded by the University, especially in the performance of CEFOR, which, since inception, had graduated a total of 39 PhD students, more than any other ACE in Nigeria.

Mallam Admanu stated that there was a strong correlation between high quality knowledge and the economic growth of any country, adding that huge investments in education, especially tertiary education, are usually evident in a country's rate of development. Universities, however, should



The Executive Secretary and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Professor Ndowa E. S. Lale, sharing ideas during the CEFOR commissioning ceremony which took place, recently, in the University of Port Harcourt

not be saddled with the sole responsibility of national development, the Minister said. For this reason, there must be linkages between universities and the real world or industry, if the universities were to make any meaningful contribution to national development.

The Minister recalled the four pillars of the knowledge economy, as identified by the World Bank. According to the Bank, he said, "education and training of a skilled population, is key to creating, sharing and using knowledge. Also important, is a dynamic information infrastructure, ranging from radio to the internet, which is required to facilitate the effective communication, dissemination and processing of information."

Yet another "pillar is a regulatory and economic environment that enables the free flow of knowledge, supports investment in Information and Communications Technology

(ICT), and encourages entrepreneurship." The final pillar, Mallam Adamu said, was a network of research centres, universities, think tanks, private enterprises and community groups, necessary to tap into the growing stock of global knowledge as well as assimilate and adapt it to local needs and create new knowledge.

Declaring the CEFOR building open, the Minister expressed hope that the Centre would continue to achieve the goals for which it was established.

In his capacity as the NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Rasheed Stated that the decried Nigeria's low ranking in the Knowledge Economy Index, which he attributed, not only to inadequate investments in education but also a lack of faith in education as the centrepiece of development.

Cognisant of the importance of







Professor Rasheed, declaring the new CEFOR building open, while the Centre Leader, Professor Ogbonna Joel; the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, UNIPORT, Professor J. A. Ajienka; and World Bank Co-Task Team Lead, Ms. Aisha Garba observe with other staff of the University and guests

education, the Commission had embarked on a reform of the Nigerian University System (NUS). To effectively do this, he said NUC must reposition itself, to efficiently and effectively regulate the nation's universities.

The Commission was, therefore in the process of reviewing and reappraising its commitment to university education, prior to approaching the government for improved funding. He, however, noted that not all challenges in the system were dependent on funds and urged universities to also conduct an internal assessment, with a view to correcting attitudinal vices among staff and students.

Professor Rasheed commended the University's relationship with its partners, the university community and all stakeholders. He applauded the teamwork evident among staff and faculty of CEFOR as well as the

Centre's relationship with the University Management, adding that this was a key component in CEFOR's success.

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Ndowa E. S. Lale, recognised the impact of CEFOR on the University, adding that the practice of multi-disciplinary research became very effective because of the collaborative effort of staff. He stated that programmes under CEFOR and other institutes in the University were structured in such a way that students graduate within the stipulated period of time.

Professor Lale observed that CEFOR had also introduced the concept of shared resources and services among various Departments and faculties in the University, which, was expected, to minimise duplication of efforts and help to optimise the utilisation of laboratory

equipment and personnel. He noted the need to devise alternative means of funding CEFOR, in addition to the World Bank's grant, to guarantee its sustenance beyond the expiration of Bank funds and expressed optimism that the University's "can do" spirit would propel the Centre in the right direction.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Centre Leader, Professor Ogbonna Joel, for his vision and uncommon dedication to duty, noting that Professor Joel has proven that Nigerians can measure up to global best practices. The Vice-Chancellor commended the Academic Board, staff and members of the ACE steering Committee, for their commitment to achieving excellence in the Centre.

Giving a progress report of CEFOR, Professor Ogbonna Joel highlighted some of its achievements to include enrolling a total of 130 PhD students, since inception. Of the 53 students admitted in the first batch, 37 graduated in March, 2017 and about 90% of them, gainfully employed. The Centre had admitted 70 new PhD students during the 2016/2017 session, nine of which are regional students and were also expected to graduate within the target time.

In the past three years, CEFOR had also graduated 293 MSc. students, all within the target 12-month period. It had trained a total of 383 participants in short courses and internship programmes, while more than 200 participants had been certified as Environmental Professionals with the National



Registry of Environmental Professionals (NREP), USA.

Other achievements, Professor Joel stated, included attainment of NUC accreditation for 12 of the Centre's programmes; a gap analysis conducted in the Centre's Petroleum and Gas Engineering programmes, in June, 2017; publication of over 100 papers in reputable journals, from CEFOR students' research work and attracting more than 60 experts from both the academia and industry. He noted that CEFOR had also entered into partnerships with industry, professional bodies and foreign universities, as part of efforts to ensure that the Centre delivers on its mandate.

In a goodwill message, the World Bank Co-Task Team Lead, Ms. Aisha Garba, expressed pleasure at the progress recorded in improving higher education, through the ACE project, adding that the Nigerian ACEs were showing a

lot of promise in delivering on their mandate. She commended them for the results achieved, so far, particularly in the quality of education, relevant applied research and strong university-industry linkages. She commended CEFOR, in particular, for its progress in student enrolment and for graduating a significant number of MSc and PhD students within the specified time frame.

Despite the progress recorded by the Centres, especially in student enrolment, the increasing demand for higher education has doubled over the last five years, leaving access at five percent, a fifth of the 25% global average.

Ms. Garba noted that there were challenges of skills shortages in addressing development challenges and poverty reduction in Africa, particularly in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). She decried a situation where Engineering graduates amounted to less than 10 percent

of total graduates in the nation, while their counterparts in the social sciences, business and law programmes, accounted for more than 50 percent.

Ms. Garba stated that education remain a priority for the World Bank, because of its potential to transform the African continent. Africa must, therefore, must work together, to ensure the success of the ACE project. The ACEs, she said, must share resources and sustainable solutions as well as continue to train students across borders.

The Co-Task Team Lead informed guests that the Bank was preparing to scale up the ACE project, through the Africa Centre of Excellence Impact Project, which would enable universities in Africa to respond to the dynamics of the Africa labour market, by ensuring the production of quality graduates. The Bank, she said, recognised that all ACEs across Africa must work hard to resolve their challenges and ensure the success of the ACE project, by



Professor Rasheed and Ms. Garba inspecting facilities in the newly-commissioned CEFOR building, in the company of the Centre Leader and former Vice-Chancellors of the University, Professor Emeritus Nimi D. Briggs and Professor Joseph A. Ajiienka







educating the next generation of scientists, researchers, leaders and innovators.

Giving a reassurance of the Bank's commitment to supporting the Nigerian government in its efforts to transform the society and economy, by investing more in education, Ms. Garba stated that the Bank was also optimistic of a continued collaboration and partnership with the Nigerian government.

In another goodwill message, fifth Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Nimi D. Briggs, thanked the Choba community for accommodating

the University and ensuring an enabling environment for it to thrive. He explained that the decision to locate CEFOR outside the University was to guarantee that academic work progressed, unhindered.

He expressed appreciation to the University community, without which support and collaboration the successes recorded would have been impossible. He commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University as well as his successors, such as Professors Joseph A. Ajienka and Dom Baridam, for keeping the University's dream alive.

Immediate past Vice-Chancellor

of the Institution, Professor Joseph Ajienka, commended the NUC Executive Secretary for the proposed reforms in the NUS, describing the Executive Secretary as an erudite and committed scholar as well as a friend of the University. Professor Ajienka thanked Professor Briggs for believing in industry partnership and for the critical role he played in securing the land for the Institute of Petroleum Studies, which houses CEFOR. He also expressed appreciation to Professor Joel and the Deputy Centre Leader, CEFOR, Professor Onyewuchi Akaranta, for putting together the proposal that won UNIPORT the Centre of Excellence.

## Knowledge, Major Currency in Today's Economy - *Rasheed*

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, MFR, has described knowledge as the major currency in today's knowledge economy.

The Executive Secretary said this during the launch of the book "Internationalisation of Higher Education in Nigeria", which took place the University of Port Harcourt's Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS).

In a presentation, titled "The Brain Gain Policy and the Advancement of Higher Education in Nigeria", Professor Rasheed stated that a true university had a universal spirit, devoid of cultural, political ethnic and religious barriers.

He noted that in a true university system, members of the



E.S, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed holding up a copy of the book, "Internationalisation of Higher Education in Nigeria, during the book launch, which took place, recently, in the University of Port Harcourt.

community learnt to tolerate themselves, regardless of their individual differences.

He recalled that the oldest operating university in the world was the University of Al-Karaouine, in Morocco, the oldest operating university in

Europe was the University of Bologna, Italy, while the oldest operating university in the English-speaking world was Oxford.

Though these institutions started as religious centres, they were





Chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Professor Nimi D. Briggs, inviting the Executive Secretary to unveil the Book, during the book launch

operated under strict democracy and soon realised that if useful knowledge was to be generated it was imperative not to restrict the institutions. They were therefore opened up to people from different climes and creeds and this ultimately resulted in research and breakthroughs in science, mathematics, engineering, medicine and other important fields.

He said that globalisation had its origin in university education, adding that whenever a Professor of Nigerian extraction was, appointed to a Chair in a foreign university, it was not necessarily because the university could not find or nurture one of its own to the Chair but rather, to sustain the culture of universality of education and allowing for cultural co-habitation, bringing people of different backgrounds together to enrich the university community.

The Executive Secretary stated that Nigerian universities and graduates were not ranking high enough because they had forsaken the cardinal principles

of university education. He decried a practice in many Nigerian universities, where principal officers were appointed based on political, ethnic and religious inclinations, rather than credibility, potentiality and accountability. He added that, until the system embraced the universality of education, significant progress could not be made.

Professor Rasheed stated that a practice where Nigerian students travelled to other climes, in pursuit of education, was not necessarily an indication that the standard of education was poor. He noted that in the western world, it was normal and part of the internationalisation of education for Americans to seek educational pursuits in Europe and Asia and vice versa.

The NUC Scribe lamented the irregularity of the academic calendars in Nigerian universities, adding that no two universities in Nigeria had the same academic calendar. This, he said, was a major threat to internationalising education in the country.

He lauded the Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) project for its potential to attract foreign students to the Nigerian University System (NUS), as evidenced in the enrolment of regional students from West and Central Africa, across all 10 ACEs in Nigeria. He commended the University of Port Harcourt for its drive in reaching out to academics in the diaspora and for the University's efforts at sustaining the qualities of a universal university.

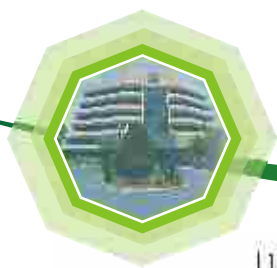
Earlier in a welcome address, the Chairman of the occasion and Emeritus Professor, Nimi D. Briggs, noted that the University had gathered momentum at the turn of the millennium, to take it to greater heights, under the guidance of the NUC. He commended the efforts of everyone who had contributed to the publication of the Book, particularly the scholars, who, he said, were carefully chosen academics from the diaspora.

Presenting the Book, Professor Joseph A. Ajienka expressed appreciation to all who had made the event possible, especially the scholars, for their immeasurable contributions. He informed guests that the University of Port Harcourt had a brain gain programme approved by the University's Senate.

Unveiling the Book, the Executive Secretary described it as "a well-researched publication" and recommended it to everyone who was passionate about university education. He congratulated the contributors for their input and wished them success in all their future endeavours.







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Each year undergraduate and masters' level students who wish to participate in the Competition submit written legal arguments for the opposing sides in a fictional dispute involving some of the burning human rights issues of the day. The teams with the highest scores from each of the five UN regions are then invited to participate in the final, oral rounds in the Human Rights Council Chamber in the Palais des Nations. The case is heard by a panel of eminent international jurists, including judges from international tribunals. Many participants have described participation in the Moot as the highlight of their studies.

In 2018 the Competition will for the first time be presented not only in English, but also in French. In future years the other UN languages, namely Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic, will also be used.

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Policy, Standards and Ethics	Technology policies, technology standards, ethics, culture, quality assurance, responsible wellbeing

**Northwest Uni. Kano,  
Now Yusuf Maitama Sule Uni.**

The National Universities Commission has been notified of the official change of name of former Northwest University, Kano, to Maitama Sule University, Kano,

The Commission therefore, wishes to notify all stakeholders in the Education sector, including Federal and States Ministries of Education, JAMB, NYSC, TETFund and other relevant agencies as well as the general public, of the change which took effect from 2nd August, 2017.

All stakeholders and the general public are to kindly take note of the change of name, to enable proper communication with the university.

Signed  
Management





# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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## NUC MAKES HISTORY IN RANKING OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

The National Universities Commission has made history in conducting the first-ever ranking of Open Educational Resources (OER) held in institutional repositories. It is the first exercise of its kind in the world and it was initiated by the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni/MFR for application in the Nigerian University System. The exercise showed that with 12,070 quality OER holdings presented by 50 universities for the inaugural exercise, Nigerian Universities are now among the best in Africa in OER. It is estimated that with full release of the OER holdings and participation by all universities, this number may quadruple in the next two years making the Nigerian University system the richest in OER in Africa. The OER ranking exercise is to be conducted twice a year.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium, digital or otherwise, that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adapt and redistribute by others with no or limited restrictions. They are technology-enabled, open provision of educational resources for consultation, use and adaptation by a community of users for non-commercial purposes. Materials that constitute OER include curriculum maps, course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, pictorial materials, multimedia applications, podcast, and any other materials that have been designed for use in teaching and learning environment.

The OER ranking exercise was conducted by the 12-member National Experts Group on OER Ranking (NEGOR) and a four-person team of external experts from outside Nigeria.

Fifty universities that participated in the inaugural edition were ranked by (a) ownership (federal, State and private) and (b) generation within ownership. The results are shown below.

### 2017 NUSOER RANKING

#### Federal-First Generation (out of 6 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Lagos	1244	25
2	University of Ibadan	1015	25

#### Federal-Second Generation (out of 9 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	522	19
3	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
4	University of Maiduguri	295	13
5	Umaru Dikko University	532	10
6	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0

#### Federal-Third Generation (out of 11 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Abuja	365	10
2	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
3	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0

#### Federal-Fourth Generation (out of 10 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	88	6
2	Federal University, Katsina	13	0

#### State Universities-First Generation (out of 21 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Lagos State University	375	16
2	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
3	Abia State University	53	1
4	Ekiti State University	9	0

#### State Universities-Third Generation (out of 12 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Eko University, Iyamba	563	25.1
2	University of Medical Science, Ondo City	679	19.4

#### Private Universities-First Generation (out of 23 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Covenant University	634	29
2	Redeemer's University	656	21
3	Knockout University	480	15
4	Crawford University	257	10
5	Afe Babalola University	223	5
6	Caleb University	92	5
7	Salem University	7	0
8	Al-Farooq University	0	0
8	Bells University of Technology	0	0
8	Joseph Ayo Babalola University	0	0
8	University of Niger	0	0

#### Private Universities-Second Generation (out of 20 universities)

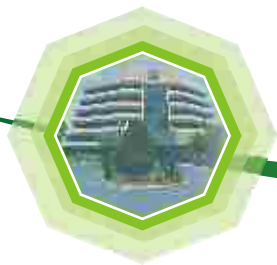
Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
2	Landmark University	724	16
3	Wellington University	131	6.9
4	Arthur Jarvis University	45	3.4
5	Adeleke University	117	2
6	Coast City University	69	1.1
7	Kings University	58	1
8	McPherson University	15	0
9	Edwin Clark University	2	0

#### Overall Ranking out of 160 Universities

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
3	Eko University, Iyamba	563	25.1
4	University of Lagos	1244	25
5	University of Ibadan	1015	25
6	Covenant University	634	29
7	Redeemer's University	656	21
8	University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City	679	19.4
9	Nnamdi Azikiwe University	522	19
10	Landmark University	724	16
11	Lagos State University	375	16
12	Knockout University	480	15
13	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
14	University of Maiduguri	295	13
15	Umaru Dikko University	532	10
16	University of Abuja	365	10
17	Crawford University	257	10
18	Wellington University	131	6.9
19	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	88	6
20	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
21	Afe Babalola University	223	5
22	Caleb University	92	5
23	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
24	Arthur Jarvis University	45	3.4
25	Adeleke University	117	2
26	Coast City University	69	1.1
27	Abia State University	53	1
28	Kings University	58	1
29	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0
30	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0
31	McPherson University	15	0
32	Federal University, Katsina	13	0
33	Ekiti State University	9	0
34	Salem University	7	0
35	Edwin Clark University	2	0

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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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**To: All Heads of TETFund Beneficiary Institution**

**From: Executive Secretary, TETFund**

**Subject: Disclaimer**

**Date: November 13, 2017**

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.

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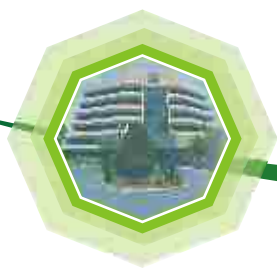
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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION



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;

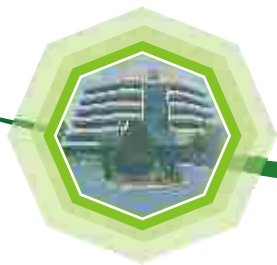
- Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Accounting & Reporting
- Knowledge & Resource Management
- Process, Technology & Infrastructure



### 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:

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

## 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

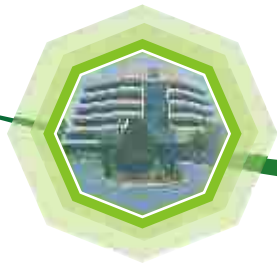
Eight universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

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







## 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

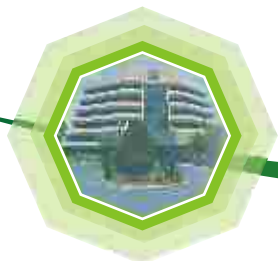
#### 3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

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**





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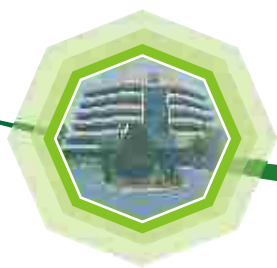
### FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
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, 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	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
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             | 18. Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu 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:**  
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## 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.
TEMITOPE CHRISTIANA OLAOYE	9 April	DIM
PASCHAL AIDOGHEDA ERUAGA	10 April	DESO
OGWU OKOLO	10 April	DPP
ODEGUA FLORA ONI	10 April	DIM
GABRIEL TIJANI SALIFU	10 April	DRI
PETER OTAMERE TOBRISE	11 April	DICT
IDACHUMA SAMUEL ATOKALA	11 April	DESO
HAUWA AMOS	12 April	DFA
TREASURE AGBENU OSAKWE	12 April	DMSS
SALIHU AZARE MUSTAPHA	12 April	DAS
CHIANU AKA EDEMODU	12 April	DPP
ALEX TERUNGWA UVAH	13 April	DICT
MARGARET AHUOIZA OYEDELE	14 April	DSSS
MUNET MARY IBADIN	14 April	DFA
ROSEMARY EGO ALU	14 April	DAS
DANIEL OJO AYENI	14 April	DAS
OCHUDO AGBENU AYI	14 April	DPP
SUNDAY EMMANUEL YAKUBU	14 April	DESO
MOSES YARO	15 April	DFA

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



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