

NUC Holds Retreat for Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed delivering his address during the Vice-Chancellor Retreat held last Monday

The National Universities Commission (NUC), last Monday held a two-day retreat for Vice-Chancellors of all Nigerian Universities, public and private.

In declaring the retreat open the Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, *mni*, *MFR*, *FNAL* gave an overview on the operation of the commission, the level of reform, some changes introduced in the operation of the

NUC and current state of university education in Nigeria.

He reminded them of two earlier retreat he held with Vice-chancellors and Pro-chancellors last year and said the aim was to

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rub minds and find solution to problems in the NUS.

He explained during those earlier retreats, participants agreed that such retreats should be held regularly to critically assess the NUS and to have common goal.

He said that the Commission and the university system had embarked on an ambitious reform agenda as it was expected that the retreat would also serve as a forum for collaborations and partnerships among the universities, stressing that if the NUS was to remain relevant and have a greater future, such interactions were inevitable.

The Executive Secretary said that in the past few years, NUC had renewed its commitment towards strengthening its regulatory functions and repositioning the NUS to ensure quality and standards.

He stated that university education in Nigeria was still in its infancy as the oldest was only 70 years and most of the universities were less than 20 years, compared to those in other climes which had been in existence for thousand of years. He, however, said that the NUS was impressively growing with a total number of 164 universities and about two million students enrolment.

He noted that despite the progressive status, there was need to embark on radical approaches towards ensuring

that the NUS met the standards for global competitiveness.

The NUC Scribe further informed the retreat that as part of strategies to advance the NUS, last year, the Commission constituted an Advisory Committee chaired by former NUC Executive Secretary, Prof. Peter Okebukola and other distinguished academics to work on a comprehensive documentation of database for the NUS.

He said that the Committee had successfully come up with a compendium and directory on the NUS which had all the details of the NUS and information on full Professors as well as monographs on the university system. He however expressed dismay on the failure of some universities to be captured in the compendium.

He said that the publications would be reviewed annually for indepth information on the NUS, urging all universities and



Prof. Peter Okebukola

academics to ensure being part of the subsequent editions as it would provide the opportunity to be recognised both nationally and internationally.

The Executive Secretary also pointed out that the Advisory Committee under the auspices of NUC had come up with a blueprint on the rapid revitalisation of university education in Nigeria from 2018-2023, which he said was part of the Commission's contributions to the nation's Vision 2050 and to also serve as



Cross section of Vice-Chancellors at the retreat



means of portraying the relevance of academics and universities to Nigeria's development.

He therefore, solicited the cooperation of the academics towards the Advisory Committee members which might be contacting them for some information in the course of their assignments.

Prof. Rasheed decried the lack of access to university education for teeming qualified candidates due to limited spaces.

He said that with the increasing number of private universities, there were still daunting issues to be addressed and noted that though the private universities were focused and had the right mix, there was the issue of low enrolment, while the public universities lack the carrying capacity to accommodate all successful candidates.

According to him, the NUC was finalising quality assurance protocols to address the



R-L: DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; DSSS, Dr. (Mrs.) Maryam Sali and DESO, Mr. Chris Maiyaki

challenge of access by strengthening Open Education through collaboration with the University of London on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) models, as it had been practicing the system for over a century.

He said that the policy document on Open Educational Resources (OERs) had been completed and waiting for the approval of National Council on Education. He assured that NUC would not compromise quality and standards in the quest for

providing access, calling on the participants to support the protocol on Distance Learning in order to enhance access.

On major developments in the NUC and the NUS, he informed that the Commission was reviewing university curriculum, urging the participants to contribute to the exercise, as the draft was being sent to various stakeholders for contributions. He also revealed that the NUS had recently been enriched with new programmes especially on ICT-related courses and other fields that would address the nation's peculiarities.

He reiterated that NUC would continue to be supportive and flexible towards mounting of new programmes and not minding which faculties they were being domiciled in the universities. He further pointed out that in the last one and half years, NUC had conducted more accreditation exercises and resource verifications for new programmes in the NUS than what had been



DRI&IT, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, some Directors and other participants at the event



R-L: Chairmen, Committee of Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Joseph Ahaneke (Federal); Prof. Samuel Oye Bandele (State) and Debo Adeyewa (Private)

done in the past five years. He then announced that henceforth, accreditation of programmes in universities would only be conducted once a year from October to November.

He challenged Nigerian academics to develop more interest in research, being one of the tripartite mandates of the university system. He emphasised that the many postulations and statistical

reports on Nigeria's political and economic status had provided the basis for further research on those areas which would help the nation in developmental planning.

He stressed that it was the responsibility of universities to put some thoughts on key areas of development as they were catalysts of nation building and development. He also harped on the need to make convocation

ceremonies to be solemn events devoid of any political influence.

On NUC policy brief, Prof. Rasheed stated that the Commission in collaboration with University of London (UoL), was planning to establish one of the biggest libraries in the NUS, which he said would be enriched with the best books and resource materials especially on higher education which were lacking in the system.

He further informed that NUC was also planning to be organising a similar version of the British Council's Going Global which had been an impactful forum for academics and relevant stakeholders in the education sector. He further reemphasised that NUC had not done any ranking of universities in the NUS, but it was on the process of undertaking the exercise. The Executive Secretary then called on the Vice-Chancellors to use the forum as an opportunity to be on common ground towards



More Vice-Chancellors





rebuilding the NUS.

Earlier in a welcome remark, the Chairman of the organising Committee, NUC's Director of Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Suleiman Rahmon-Yusuf, commended the participants attending the retreat and wished them fruitful deliberations in the course of the retreat;

In a goodwill message, the representative of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) for State Universities, Prof. Samuel Oye Bandele appreciated the laudable performance of NUC, saying that the academia and the general public recognised the remarkable achievements of the Commission especially in

ensuring quality and standards in accreditation of programmes in a bid to move university education to greater heights.

The CVC Chairman for private universities, Prof. Debo Adeyewa noted that NUC had revolutionised the NUS and brought confidence and prestige to the system. He added that the Commission's principle of inclusiveness had given a sense of belonging and participation to all the universities and the will to move the system forward.

In the same vein, the Chairman, Association of West African Universities (AWAU), Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu thanked the Executive Secretary and the

entire Commission for the unflinching support to AWAU. He also used the opportunity to invite the participants to the 6th AWAU Conference coming up in November.

The CVC Chairman for Federal universities Prof. Joseph Ahaneku said that the appointment of the Executive Secretary at the helm of affairs of the Commission had come with many innovations and great expectations. He noted that those distinct programmes would enhance the operations of the NUS by motivating teaching, research and community service.

The two-day retreat covered all aspects of quality assurance and standards mechanisms in Nigeria University System.



Cross section of Vice-Chancellors



NUC-UOL Hold Capacity Building Workshop on Distance Education



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed (4th left); DG NTI, Prof. Dahuwa Azare (1st right); Former VC, NOUN, Prof. Jegede and DODE, Dr. Adesina with UoL Officials

In continuation of the partnership between National Universities Commission (NUC) and University of London (UoL), a 3-day capacity building workshop on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) was organised for academics in the Nigerian University System.

With the theme-“Making Open and Distance Learning happen: Planning, developing and delivering ODL programmes in Nigeria”, the workshop was part of the strategies towards expanding capacity within Nigerian Universities, widening access to ODL to meet the increasing demand for university education in Nigeria as well as assuring quality in ODL.

The workshop which was the third ODL capacity building activity between NUC and UoL was held at Baze University, Abuja and was designed by UoL’s Centre for Distance Education, with the aim of equipping participants with capacity to plan the next stages of development of ODL to meet the specific needs of the Nigerian University System (NUS) and to encourage them form networks that would continue to provide peer support.

The specific objectives of the workshop included impartation of in-depth knowledge and skills in ODL course materials development; exposure of participants to different ODL

quality assurance tools, instruments and mechanisms; exposure to employability; the job market and employment opportunities to products of ODL; use of ODL as a tool to address the challenges of industry and exposure of participants to ODL policy and practice.

Declaring the workshop open, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed who was represented by the Director, Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Suleiman Rahmon-Yusuf, welcomed the team from UoL and the participants to the workshop, expressing that NUC was pleased to partner with UoL on various activities which included joint workshops, symposia, seminars



Rep. of ES NUC, Dr. Ramon Yusuf delivering his address

and short courses.

He stated that the partnership would allow the NUS draw a lot from the rich fountain of knowledge and expertise which UoL had garnered since 1858 when it started providing opportunities for learners all over the world to obtain degrees from the prestigious institution without attending courses in persons on campus.

He pointed out that some progress had been made on the NUC-UoL partnership since the Commission's initial exploratory visit to UoL in May, 2017. He further assured of NUC's unwavering commitment to the provisions of the NUC-UoL Memorandum of Understanding.

The Executive Secretary reemphasised that the Commission had identified ODL as a means of providing access and meeting the

increasing demand for university education, stressing that NUC was determined to ensure that the delicate balance, enhanced access and quality assurance was maintained, which had made UoL's time-tested model of delivering quality education attractive.

He noted that with the calibre of resource persons for the workshop, ODL had a brighter position in Nigeria in the nearest future, as he wished the

participants fruitful deliberations.

The key outcomes of the workshop included setting out plans to develop and run high quality ODL programmes; development of a range of capacities to help participants achieve stated goals and fulfil their roles in the development and implementation of ODL in their respective institutions; making concrete plans to advance personal and institutional practice in ODL and the acquisition of knowledge and skills on planning, developing and delivering ODL programmes.

It would be recalled that similar NUC-UoL collaborative workshops had earlier been held aimed at building capacity of the NUS in ODL. The first in the series on ODL was the one-day symposium on "Policy and Practice in Open and Distance Learning", held in November, 2017 at the National Universities Commission Secretariat with the



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Some participant at the workshop

aim promoting in-depth understanding of the rudiments, operational modalities, and quality imperatives required for the attainment of global best practices in the delivery of degree programmes via the ODL mode in the Nigerian University System.

The second was a four-day ODL capacity building workshop which took place at the University of London in March, 2018, with the theme- “Developing and designing effective and high quality Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes at scale in Nigeria”.

With a view to achieving the aim of the workshop, the goal-oriented interactive approach was adopted with focus on developing plans and extending

individual and institutional capacities in ODL. The workshop was expected to among others, develop a critical mass of ODL experts in the NUS.

The workshop was attended by 71 participants drawn from Nigerian Universities including those already approved to offer degree programmes through distance learning mode, those at various stages of processing applications for approval and those aspiring to establish Distance Learning Centres (DLCs).

Other participants included the NUC and the National Teachers’ Institute (NTI). Among the participants were Vice-Chancellors, Directors of substantive and proposed DLCs, Directors of Academic Planning and other senior academics.

Resource persons at the workshop included Dr. Anthony David Baume, Fellow, UoL Centre of Distance Education; Prof. Stephen Brown, Emeritus Professor of Learning Technologies at De Monfort University and Visiting Fellow at UoL Centre of Distance Education; Ibrahim El Mayet, UoL Regional Business Development Manager in the Middle East and Dr. Akanimo Odon, UoL Africa Adviser and Consultant.

Resource persons from the NUS included former Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Peter Okebukola, NUC Director, Open and Distance Education, Dr. Olamide E. Adesina and Emeritus Professor of Distance Learning and former Vice-Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede.





University of Reading Honours Kano Deputy Governor with Doctor of Science



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, Sir David Bell, *KCB*, Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sanusi (II), Commissioner of Commerce, Kano State, Alh. Ahmed Rabi'u, the awardee, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar and Kano Commissioner for Finance, Aminu Mukhtar Dan'Amu after the ceremony

One hundred and twenty – six year old University of Reading, one of the Top 500 Universities in the world and the 32nd in the United Kingdom has honoured the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, MFR with an Honorary Doctorate Degree.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science was presented to Prof. Abubakar on Friday 6th July, 2018 at the 12 noon Convocation Ceremony at the London Road Campus of the University in Reading.

In a citation read by Professor Rajneesh Narula, Professor Abubakar was said to have obtained a PhD in Cereal Biochemistry in 1992 and a

Master of Science in Food Science in 1985, both from the University of Reading.

The citation said Professor Abubakar has over 30 years of Teaching and Research experience, has published five books and numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and presented papers at various National and International Conferences, Seminars, Symposium and Workshops.

According to the citation Prof Abubakar has served in various capacities at Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. He was Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Dean of Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Director of the Centre for Biotechnology

Research, Head of the Biochemistry Department, and member and chair of various university committees.

The citation also stated his involvement outside the University as a member of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Board of Trustees, Member of the Board of Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Chairman, Implementation Committee Northwest University Kano, Special Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Defence and the Kano State Commissioner of Finance. In addition, he was the National Coordinator of the FAO-UN Assisted-Food Security and Intervention Project, and Technical Coordinator of the Pilot



Phase of Special Programme on Food and Security in Nigeria.

The citation reckoned that Professor Abubakar was conferred with the National Honour of Member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (MFR) for services to the educational sector in 2014.

He is a Fellow and member of National and International Food Science and Nutrition professional bodies. Professor Abubakar has built and donated to many primary and secondary schools in his immediate community and beyond, and has sponsored numerous students to study at different levels of education in Nigeria and other developmental activities in Nigeria including activities for the promotion of the University of Reading.



Cross section of guests at the convocation ceremony, Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Bichi 1st and 2nd left first row

Earlier, on Thursday November 5, a meeting to discuss stronger links between Nigeria and the University of Reading was held at the university's Whiteknights Campus. The Nigerian

Delegation led by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, included the Deputy Governor, Kano State, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, Nigerian Deputy High Commissioner in London, Alhaji Kabiru Bala, the Executive Secretary TETFund, Dr. Abdullahi Bich Baffa and the Vice Chancellor Bayero University, Kano, Professor Yahuza Bello and others.



L-R: HRH, Emir of Kano State, Muhammad Sanusi (II); Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and Vice-Chancellor, BUK, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello outside the convocation hall

The University of Reading team was led by Mr. Vincenzo Raimo, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement and included two other Pro-Vice Chancellors for Research and Innovation, Professors Parveen Yaquoooh and Dominik Zaum, Deans and other Heads of Departments.

In a presentation on the University, Mr Raimo said that the



Prof. Rasheed (left) and Dr. Baffa (right) at the meeting

university's Research structure and philosophy centred on Environment, Food, Health, Heritage, Creativity, Prosperity and Resilience, adding that 98% of the university's Research was internationally recognised and that Reading was ranked 19th in the United Kingdom by Research Intensity.

He said that the university currently had 28 Doctoral students from Nigeria and that

Reading had been recording 98% examination success rate.

He revealed that the University has a population of 20,000 students and one fifth of the number was not located in Reading and 30% were outside the United Kingdom as the University's Global Footprint includes campuses in many countries.

The Dean of the University's

Henley Business School, Prof John Board said that the school was the only foreign business school in South Africa and had over 1,000 students on site in January 2017.

In his response, Professor Rasheed told the meeting that the Nigeria University System (NUS) consisted of 164 Universities: 42 Federal; 47 State and 75 Private.

He said that his Commission had initiated reforms of the NUS and a Committee on the Rapid Revitalization of University Education in Nigeria 2018-2023 had produced initial draft document, adding that part of the reforms included Comprehensive Curriculum Review.

Professor Rasheed extended a request to the University to open a branch in Nigeria as it had done in countries like Malaysia, China, South Africa and Ghana and assured that the Commission was willing to facilitate such a venture.



The Nigerian Delegation after the meeting on stronger links between Nigeria and the University of Reading, R-L: Ambassador Kabiru Bala, Ibrahim Yakasai, Alh. Mahe, Prof. Rasheed, Prof. Hafiz, Dr. Baffa, Prof. Yahuza and Dr. G. B. Kumo



At the Dinner organised for the Nigerian delegation after the meeting on Thursday July 5

He also called for more collaborations between the university and universities in Nigeria in the areas of joint researches, faculty and student exchanges, joint degrees and any other areas the university and any university in Nigeria decide to collaborate and assured that the NUC would be a

willing facilitator.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, requested the university to consider giving substantial discount to Post-graduate students sponsored under the TETFund Scheme to encourage

his organisation consider sending more students to the university.

Those who attended the Convocation ceremony from Nigeria included the Governor of Kano State, Alhaji Umar Ganduje represented by two Commissioners of Finance, Alhaji Aminu Mukhtar Dan-Amu and Commerce, Alhaji Ahmed Rabi, the Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, the former Governor of Kano State, Engr. Rabi Kwankwaso, Nigeria's Deputy High Commissioner, London, Ambassador Kabiru Bala, the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Yahuza Bello, two Directors of the NUC, Dr. G.B. Kumo and Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and friends and family of the awardee.



L-R: Prof. Rasheed, Mr. Sandford and Prof. Yahuza at the Dinner



Embassy Of The Islamic Republic Of Iran Abuja

Allameh Tabataba'i University (ATU) Persian Learning Summer School (2018)

The Persian Learning Summer School at Centre for Teaching Persian to Speaker of Other Languages (CTPSOL) is planned for those who learn Persian as a second/foreign language. This interactive program is for all various levels and helps Students become proficient in Persian by immersing them in a Persian speaking environment for one month.

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- 4- Regional studies,
- 5- History,
- 6- Or other related fields in humanities.

- ***All other students who has enthusiasm for learning Persian.***

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August 1 to September 1 (2018)





Call for Application for the ISESCO Research Grant for Young Scientists

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call notice from the Islamic Educational, scientific and Cultural organization (ISESCO), in Rabat, Morocco, inviting suitably qualified teachers from the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) for the ISESCO Research Grants for Young Scientists.

The Research Grant is for young Scientists under the age of 40 in the following scientific areas: Nanotechnology, Health Biotechnology, Agricultural Biotechnology, frontier areas of Science and Technology, Applied Sciences and Biological Sciences for Masters and PhD categories respectively. The value of the research grant is \$10,000 USD to be paid for a period of two years to Researchers who hold a position in Public Sector University or Government research institute where project is proposed to be executed. Women researchers will be given priority.

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- Recommendation letters from 2 Professors
- Clear coloured passport size photograph (2cmx2cm)
- Maximum age of 30 years for male and 35years for female applicant.
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required to have excellent knowledge of at least two of African Union's official languages (Arabic, French, English and Portuguese).

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Candidates must satisfy the following conditions:

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- Certified copies of relevant certificates, transcripts, and national I.D. card and passport personal details page.
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- Recommendation letter from 2 Professors;
- Clear coloured passport size photograph (2cmx2cm)
- Maximum age of 35years for male and 40years for female applicants.

N.B Interested Researchers are required to meet the criteria and submit their projects on the specified research grant application form using the electronic version of the form from which can be downloaded directly from the ICPSR's website at: <http://www.scien4innovation.org/index.php/followships/>.

In addition, universities are to forward their nominees project proposals to the office of the **Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education** while soft copies are to be sent to abooalamin@gmail.com not later than Monday, 16th July, 2018 for endorsement and onward transmission to ISESCO.

FG Renames FUNAI as Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike

The President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has approved the renaming of Federal University, Ndufu-Alike (FUNAI), as Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State.

In view of the above, the National Universities Commission wishes to notify all stakeholders in the Education sector, including JAMB, NYSC, TETFund and other relevant agencies as well as the general public, of the change of name of the University.

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





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Students from all universities in the world are invited to participate in the prestigious Nelson Mandela, World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in 2018. The year 2018 will not only mark the tenth year in the life of the competition, but it will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the 100th birthday of human rights icon Nelson Mandela. The final rounds will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva from 15 to 20 July.

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.

The teams that are selected to participate in the final rounds in Geneva are expected to cover their own traveling costs as well as accommodation and meals, although limited financial assistance is available.

The last day for submission of memorials is 16 April 2018

More information on the Competition is available at <http://www.chr.unhcr.org/worldmoot>





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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, Akwa	522	19
3	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
4	University of Maiduguri	795	12
5	Usmanu Danfodio 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	385	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	98	6
2	Federal University, Kashere	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	Edo University, Iyamho	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	25
2	Redeemer's University	656	21
3	Babcock University	480	15
4	Crawford University	257	10
5	Afe Babalola University	221	5
6	Caleb University	92	5
7	Salem University	7	0
8	Al-Hikmah University	0	0
8	Bells University of Technology	0	0
8	Joseph Ayo Babalola University	0	0
8	University of Mkar	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	Wellspring University	131	6.9
4	Arthur Jarvis University	46	3.4
5	Adeleke University	117	2
6	Coal City University	65	1.1
7	Kings University	50	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	Edo University, Iyamho	563	25.1
4	University of Lagos	1244	25
5	University of Ibadan	1015	25
6	Covenant University	634	25
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	Babcock University	480	15
13	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
14	University of Maiduguri	795	12
15	Usmanu Danfodio University	532	10
16	University of Abuja	385	10
17	Crawford University	257	10
18	Wellspring University	131	6.9
19	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	98	6
20	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
21	Afe Babalola University	221	5
22	Caleb University	92	5
23	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
24	Arthur Jarvis University	46	3.4
25	Adeleke University	117	2
26	Coal City University	65	1.1
27	Abia State University	53	1
28	Kings University	50	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, Kashere	13	0
33	Ekiti State University	9	0
34	Salem University	7	0
35	Edwin Clark University	2	0

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A. B. Baffa, PhD.**To: All Heads of TETFund Beneficiary Institution****From: Executive Secretary, TETFund****Subject: Disclaimer****Date: November 13, 2017**

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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

Northwest University Kano, Now Yusuf Maitama Sule University

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

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 Part-Time programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago- Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba- Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso

12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, 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
14. Federal University of Agriculture, Markurdi
15. Federal University, Lafia
16. Federal University, Dutsin-Ma

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.
19. Ladoke Akintola University of Science and Technology, Ogbomoso
20. Taraba State University, Jalingo
21. Gombe State University, Gombe
22. Bauchi State University, Gadau
23. Kwara State University, Molete
24. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai
25. Kaduna State University, Kaduna

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
9. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
10. Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State
11. Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo
12. Salem University, Lokoja
13. Madonna University, Okija
14. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji
15. Caritas University, Enugu
16. Rhema University, Aba
17. Crawford University, Igbesa
18. Adeleke University, Ede
19. Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
20. Bowen University, Iwo

Dr. Gidado B. Kumbo
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	42	Army University, Biu	2018

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	75	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano State	2018





List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

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

State Universities :

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

Private Universities :

1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja
2. American University of Nigeria, Yola
3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo
4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
5. Bowen University, Iwo
6. Covenant University, Ota
7. Igbinedion University, Okada
8. Pan-African University, Lekki
9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State
10. Caleb University, Lagos
11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State
12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja
13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only)
15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only)
16. Madonna University Okija
17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)
18. Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State
19. Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu
20. Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
21. Achievers University, Owo
22. Al-qalam University, Kastina
23. Baze University, Abuja
24. Bells University of Technology, Ota
25. Crawford University, Igbessa
26. Crescent University, Abeokuta
27. Fountain University, Osogbo
28. Landmark University, Omu-Aran
29. Novena University, Ogume
30. Salem University, Lokoja

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

Signed:

MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

Illegal Degree Awarding Institutions (Degree Mills)

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, 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.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

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, Arochuku, 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
GODSON U. OHAEKELEM	16 JULY
HUSSAINI MU'AZU	17 JULY
CHRISTIANA OLUFUNKE SULE	17 JULY
NSIKAK ISONG INYANG	17 JULY
ISHAKA AUDU ICHADO	17 JULY
IHEOMA ONYEGBULE ANYANWU	19 JULY
ATTAHIRU BATIRE	21 JULY
CHIAMAKA LOIS OPARA	22 JULY
FATIMA UMAR	22 JULY

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



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