

NUC Holds Maiden National Summit on Private Universities

The National Universities Commission (NUC), last week held a two-day National Summit on Private Universities, at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium of the National Universities

Government to allow private involvement was to give room for Private Universities to complement government's effort at providing quality university education in Nigeria.

to the establishment of 26 Private Universities in the Country.

He however, stressed that the motive behind the establishment of these Private Universities was



Permanent Secretary of Education, Arch. Sunny Echono (middle); Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (2nd right); Board Chairman, NOUN, Prof. Peter Okebukola (1st right); Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (2nd left) and Fmr. Gov. River State and Proprietor, Pamo University of Medical Sciences, Dr. Peter Odili (1st left)

Commission (NUC) Secretariat, Abuja.

In a keynote address, the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Mallam Adamu Adamu said that the deregulation of University Education by the Federal

Giving a historical insight into the development of Private Universities in Nigeria, he recounted that the journey began in 1983, when the Supreme Court granted legal backing to the proprietor of Imo State Technical University. The action of the Supreme Court, he said, resulted

based on monetary gains; as a result, Decree No. 19 of 1984 was promulgated prohibiting the establishment of private universities, which also retroactively closed down existing ones and stipulated punishment for any person, including corporate bodies that contravened its

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provision.

Mallam Adamu Adamu, noted that government then later realised that the thirst for higher education had reached such a level that it became a social responsibility for both government and well-meaning private organisations to rise to the challenge and provide access to higher education for the ever-increasing number of candidates seeking opportunities for self-improvement.

According to him, government quickly identified the potentials of the private sector in the areas of developing tertiary institutions and took bold steps to allow companies/organisations incorporated in Nigeria or individuals to own Universities.

stipulating new guidelines on establishment of private universities, adding that the need



Arch. Sunny Echono;
Permanent Secretary of Education,

for the Nation to allow constructive efforts by private sector organisations to provide quality university education was rekindled, considering the quality

Education, Dr. Sonny Echono, stressed that since the promulgation of Decree No.9 of 1993, Nigeria had witnessed a surge in the number of private universities from the first three established in 1999 to 79 today, and still counting.

He opined that private universities had the key to the revolution of higher education in Nigeria, through expansion of access and bridge of gap thereby providing the much needed spring-board for socio-economic transformation of the nation.

Mallam Adamu lamented that even with the current 79 Private Universities in the country access to university education was still limited, due to the perceived high cost of fees charged by private universities. He advised all



L-R: Proprietress, Michael and Cecilia Ibru University, Mrs. Cecilia Ibru; Proprietor of Al-Hikma University, Alhaji AbdurRaheem Oladimeji Igbaja and Prof. Akanren Essien at the Summit

The Hon. Minister added that it was a welcome development when the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) (Amendment) Decree No. 9 of 1993 was promulgated repealing Decree No. 19 of 1984 and

and magnitude of development oriented university education that must be made available to the Country.

The Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of

proprietors that a university at its incubation stage was not a profit making venture, adding that they should see the role they play in the sector as that of complimenting the efforts of government in providing quality university education to the society.



Explaining further, the Minister said that other problems limiting private universities from achieving their potentials included: staffing, poor or non implementation of University Governance arrangements, excessive proprietor influence, inadequate funding as well as student admission quota.

He tasked the proprietors and the management of the NUC to take advantage of the Summit to address these challenges in order to reposition private universities for optimal delivery of their mandate.

He congratulated the NUC and all participants for successfully



Prof. Is-haq Oloyede
Registrar, JAMB,

convening the first National Summit on Private Universities, which, he acknowledged, underpinned the multi-stakeholder nature of private university education management presently in dire need of being repositioned to play its role as the bases for national development. The Minister expressed hope that the participants would at the end of

this Summit be stimulated and inspired to implement all recommended strategies towards taking private university



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (2nd right);
Executive Secretary, NUC,

education delivery to the next level.

The Executive Secretary, (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, min, MFR, FNAL, while presenting the lead paper titled, “Regulating Private University Education Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of the National Universities Commission” said there was need to review the requirements for establishment of private universities in line with current realities.

He stressed that it was no longer visible for individuals or corporate organisations to own land up to 100 hectares in present day Nigeria, where land had become a scarce resource due to the increasing population growth and urbanisation. He insisted that with well over 1.5 million candidates, who sat for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) seeking admission into higher institution, there was need

for government to continue to seek ways of expanding access.

The Executive Secretary hinted that the Commission was currently processing well over 300 applications for the establishment of private universities. He assured that the Commission would scale down its requirements on land acquisition to enable prospective proprietors with less than the required 100 hectares invest in the sector.

He said, “last year, we licensed a private university in Kano. The University currently run at its take-off Campus, with a 17-storey story building. The space in the building had been well managed, with good lecture rooms and well-equipped laboratories and lectures offices. NUC, he said, know clearly that there could be small universities with few programmes unlike the bigger Universities, with a concentration on specialised programmes within available smaller spaces in the City.



Alh. Abdullahi Hamza
NUC Director, Establishment of
Private Universities

The NUC scribe assured that the Commission in collaboration with development partners was





working to provide finance as a loan scheme, where students with admission who could not afford their school fees could borrow from the scheme and pay upon graduation. He added that the scheme when fully established would be all inclusive for both students of Public and Private Universities. He assured that the scheme would be of immense benefit to Private Universities as it would enable students with admissions in these universities pay their fees with ease thereby increasing access.

Professor Rasheed lamented the increase in the number of illegal universities in Nigeria, adding that the Commission was doing all within its powers to stem the activities of these individuals establishing degree mills and defrauding unsuspecting parents and students. He called on

they are currently facing prosecution by the law enforcement agencies and we know there are more of them out there that we are not aware of.



Arch. Echono with Prof. Rasheed

Kindly partner with us to rid our educational system of these fraud stars. On our part we will continue to inform the public of their activities as we continue to publish their names on our weekly

unlocking the socio-economic potentials of the nation. He assured NUC within its regulatory mandate would reposition the private university for optimal delivery of quality higher education in Nigeria.

In his good will message, the Registrar, Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Isha'q Oloyede lamented that in a bid to solve the problems of higher education in Nigeria, government had created new problem within the system with the emergence of Private Universities. Although these problems are not insurmountable, he said, "We only hope that this Summit would be a fertile ground for us to share ideas on how we can solve these problems".

He called on the proprietors to seize the opportunity provided by the NUC to find lasting solutions



Participants at the event

participants at the Summit to continue to partner with the Commission to expose the activities of such fraud stars.

He said: "we have identified 68 degree mills in the country and

bulletin and website" he said.

He expressed hope that despite the present challenges limiting private institutions from achieving their full potentials, they still remained the key to

to the problems limiting the growth of Private Universities in Nigeria.

The proprietor of Pamo University of Medicine, Dr. Peter Odili, who





spoke on behalf of the proprietors, thanked the management of the NUC for creating such a platform for proprietors of Private Universities to dialogue with government on issues affecting the development of Private Universities in the country.

The former Governor of Rivers State assured that proprietors of Private universities would

continue to do their best to partner with government in the delivery of quality higher education in Nigeria.

Other papers were presented at the Summit including those of Former ES NUC, Emeritus Professor Munzali Jubril on Good Governance in Private University Education Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of the Proprietor, Board of Trustees, Governing Council

and the Senate, among others.

Also present at the event was the former Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Peter Okebukola, Co-founder of Michael and Cecilia Ibru University, Owhrode, Delta State, Mrs Cecilia Ibru; Country Director, Agence Francaise De Developpement, Alice Ribes; host of other Proprietors of Private Universities, their Vice Chancellors as well as Directors and Staff of NUC.

Nigeria Has Robust Quality Assurance Mechanism in HEIs —— HME at ISESCO Regional Seminar

The Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu has stated that Nigeria had made remarkable progress in higher education by establishing effective systems for assessing performance and enhancing quality and standards in its

sharing the mechanism of Key Performance Indicators (KPI), for accreditation in African universities, held from 15 to 16 April, 2019, at the National Universities Commission Secretariat.

was in tandem with the deliberate efforts towards achieving national and international agreed targets.

He said that Nigeria had always been committed to implementation of the resolutions adopted by ISESCO conferences of Ministers



L-R: ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed; Perm Sec. FME, Arch Sunny Echono; NUC Director, DRI&IT, Dr. Ramon Yusuf; and ISESCO/FUIW, Dr. Ismail Diallo

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through the relevant agencies.

He made the assertion while declaring open, a two-day Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) regional seminar on

The Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Architect Sonny Echono, pointed out that among the pillars of strategy for development of education sector in Nigeria were quality assurance and access to higher education. This initiative, according to him

of Higher Education and Scientific Research as well as other specialised ministerial conferences, experts meetings and workshops.

He noted that with the increasing number of Nigerian universities admitted into the Federation of





Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) and recent re-election of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), as one of the 15 members of the Executive Council of the Federation, Nigeria's commitment to ISESCO goals and objectives was assured.

Malam Adamu expressed optimism that the seminar would provide the opportunity for participants to acquire more knowledge on KPI and the measuring mechanism to improve the performance of African universities.

with strategic action plans for raising awareness and adoption of the performance measurement mechanism to improve the quality and accreditation of universities in African member states.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Professor Abubakar Rasheed explained that the Commission was one of the quality assurance agencies in Nigeria and had the overall mandate of coordinating university education.

Open and Distance Learning, affiliate and part time by panels of professionals. He added that Institutional accreditation was carried out only once but the Commission was planning to embark on a comprehensive institutional accreditation before the end of the year.

He said that the Seminar was very apt to NUC as it would contribute to enriching its regulatory role, where he also expressed appreciation to ISESCO for its commitment towards enhancing quality and standards in



Nigerian Delegates at the Regional Summit hosted by the NUC

“It is my hope that sharing your experiences and best practices as well as exchange of ideas and suggestions on university performance criteria, quality assurance and accreditation, will assist in developing strategies for implementation of performance measurement mechanism in African universities”.

He charged the participants to work with renewed commitment and enthusiasm towards ensuring effective quality assurance systems in tertiary institutions. He also urged them to come up

He explained that in Nigeria, there were legal procedures for establishment of universities and the Nigerian University System (NUS), had 170 universities comprising of 43 Federal, 48 state and 79 private as well as 102 affiliate institutions comprising of some Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and Seminaries that run degree programmes.

The NUC Scribe further stated that one of the mandates of the Commission was accreditation of programmes including undergraduate, postgraduate,

universities. He said that NUC had been working with other quality assurance organisations internationally to be in line with global trends.

Presenting the summary of the Guidebook for quality and accreditation of universities of the Islamic world, the representative of ISESCO Director-General and Programme Specialist, Dr. Ismail Diallo, said that the guidebook was a review of the efforts and contributions of OIC Members States and its institutions towards the promotion of higher education systems and improvement of





universities' performance in order to achieve excellence in education.

He said that it also built partnerships towards promoting the harmonization of existing procedures and mechanisms in international standards.

In its approach, the Guide aimed to contribute towards strengthening global teaching and research capacities and improving quality, while taking into cognisance the differences among higher education systems in Islamic World universities.

He said that ISESCO was structured into Arab, Africa and Asia while encouraging regional seminars so as to encourage harmonisation of quality and standards as well as keeping abreast of trends and best practices in university education.

He pointed out that Nigeria was chosen to host the regional seminar due to its experience and professionalism in providing vibrant quality assurance mechanism in university education. He said that ISESCO also expected that Nigeria would assist African universities on accreditation and quality assurance issues.

On the historical review of the document from 1997 to 2017, he said that ISESCO urged Member states to prioritise the KPI mechanisms by organising seminars and sensitisation workshops while facilitating the

establishment of quality assurance systems in higher education to promote excellence, taking advantage of scientific and technological innovations.

He said that ISESCO had adopted the Islamic International University of Malaysia (IIUM) Project of Universities' Performance Measurement Mechanism on KPI where it requested the university to develop a Guidebook for publicising and implementing the Mechanism.

He added that the KPI to be considered for quality assurance included teaching and learning; research and publication; students; academics; financing; infrastructure and facilitations; institutional assessment; internationalisation; Systems values, ethics and culture as well as impact of university on societal development.

According to Dr. Diallo, the Guidebook was divided into three parts of Key issues; key principles and Tools description in order to facilitate understanding and use. He heightened the key issues to include the need for an integrated universities' performance Mechanism; need for a Guidebook; integrated universities' performance tool and dimensions of universities' performance measurement such as comprehensive quality, rating and ranking. He expressed optimism that the document which was under review would be widely shared and enriched with observations and comments for a comprehensive and improved implementation.

He asserted that adoption of the document would impact among others, ranking of universities; job creation and employability, Socio-economic development; Diversification of university functions; Building Self-capabilities and Enhancing Quality of Universities; global networking and partnerships as well as creating harmonised framework for quality assurance and accreditation of universities among members.

He said that the challenges of quality assurance especially in African member universities, the ISESCO Specialist harped on the need for improved and finalised guide harmonising all KPI initiatives on quality assurance, calling for innovative steps taking into account the values and ethics of the global Islamic notion of Halal (acceptable ethics and code) which were applicable and acceptable in all fields.

Giving an overview of the Nigerian Tertiary Education System report, NUC Director of Accreditation, Dr. Noel Salu traced the development of higher education to the establishment of Yaba Higher College in 1932 and then University College Ibadan, in 1948 and to the present 170 universities, 95 Polytechnics, 27 Monotechnics and 83 Colleges of Education. He said that quality assurance issues in the NUS involved establishment of universities, programmes establishment, curriculum development, accreditation exercises, research and innovation, Open and Distance Education as





well as physical planning and development.

He said that part of the legal framework of NUC was the empowerment to lay down Minimum Academic Standard (MAS) for Nigerian universities and to accredit their degrees and other academic awards.

He listed the tools for accreditation to include Self-Study Form (SSF) to be completed by universities for every programme to be

holdings and resource materials; Financing and Employers' rating.

The instruments for Institutional accreditation include institutional vision, mission and strategic goals; governance and administration; resources; quality of teaching, learning and research; efficiency and effectiveness; extension services and consultancies; transparency, financial management and stability as well as general ethos.

He further clarified that NUC had

which projected that by the period the NUS would be the best in delivery of quality university education in Africa.

He added that the Document had been perfected and some stakeholders' comments including UK QAA, Egypt QAA and Nigeria Economic Summit Group had been received and would soon be launched.

The Director concluded that University education was very dynamic, stating that though



Representative of the Minister and Perm. Sec. Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonnie Echono (3rd right, front row); ES NUC, Prof. Rasheed (2nd right) in a group photograph with other participants after the Regional Summit

accredited; Manual of Accreditation Procedure; Programme Evaluation Form (PEF) for each Panel member to score and Accreditation Panel Report Form (APRF) to be completed by accreditation panel for each programme.

Explaining the KPIs for programme accreditation, Dr. Saliu said that they included Academic matters; Staffing; Physical facilities; Library

been encouraging universities to have Internal quality assurance mechanism which he said, was the processes of self-evaluation, maintenance and promotion of quality within the university.

As part of efforts towards repositioning the NUS, Dr. Saliu said that the Commission had set up a Strategy Advisory Committee which came up with Blueprint on the Rapid Revitalisation of University Education in Nigeria 2019-2023

Nigerian universities started very well but due to some challenges, could not sustain the tempo. This, he said, called for revitalisation of the NUS adding that through effective and efficient collaboration Nigerian universities could take their rightful place in the global comity of universities.

He said that NUC was desirous to work with relevant agencies to positively change the narrative of Nigerian Universities.



Country reports were also presented by representatives from Cameroun, Senegal and Niger, where the forum agreed that there was need for harmonisation of KPI mechanisms among members for effective quality assurance in their respective universities.

Among the issues to addressed were establishment of universities without following

norms and standards; need for capacity building in universities and subscription to resource materials; peer review of quality assurance; use ISESCO platform and other advocacy agencies to leverage quality assurance and to embrace culture of polity, embark on train-the-trainer workshops in countries without effective quality assurance mechanism as well as ensuring internal IQA.

At the end of the seminar, a seven-man committee was set up to draw up action plan for effective partnership, resource sharing and harmonisation of quality assurance mechanism at regional level in line with ISESCO guideline and global best practices.

Participants at the seminar were drawn from four member countries including Cameroun, Gambia, Niger, Senegal and host country Nigeria.

NUC Recognises Third State University for Imo

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last Thursday presented to the Imo State Governor, Rochas Okorocha the Certificate of Recognition for the University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences as the Third State University in Imo.

Presenting the Certificate the NUC scribe said, “What is before us today is an application for recognition of a University with its entire strategic document presented to us in line with our laid down requirements.

We shall recognise this institution because it has fulfilled the entire requirement for establishing a University. It is going to be a University fully owned by Imo State Government”.

Reading from the Certificate, Professor Rasheed said, “Consequently upon the receipt of

University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Umuagwo, Imo State, as well as the



Governor of Imo State, Rochas Okorocha and the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, displaying the Planning documents for the Imo University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, holding mic is DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

your letter dated 27th March 2019, notifying the NUC of the State Government intent to establish the

submission of strategic document including the University Law, Academic Brief, Master Plan and



the Act of Parliament that approved the establishment of the university.

“I write on behalf of the NUC to inform your Excellency that with effect from Thursday 18th April 2019, the University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagbwo, Imo State

Trust Fund (TETFund) and the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), would be informed accordingly of the establishment of the University for the purposes of admission and NYSC mobilisation for its students and graduates.

Responding, Governor Okorocha

Matriculation Examination (UTME) seeking admission into universities presently and based on this circumstance, the State Government is building more universities to cushion this challenge and provide more universities for our students to attend.”

He added that the State had



L-R: Prof. Rasheed, Governor Okorocha and some NUC Directors

has been recognised as the 49th State University and 171st university in the Nigeria University System. The NUC therefore pledge its support to the University which is the Third State University owned by the Imo State Government.”

He further stated that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Tertiary Education

remarked that following the increase in the number of applicants from the State seeking for placement in universities across the country, it became more imperative to establish more universities in order to curb the challenges of access to tertiary education in the State.

In his words: “We have over 600,000 students of Imo Origin, who sat for the last Unified Tertiary

perfected plans to partner the private sector to help sustain the institution.

According to him, this would enable the institution charge minimal fees because the state government would provide the infrastructure while the administration of the institution would be driven by other private partners.



“The University is one of the new six universities built by the Rescue Mission Government in the state, led by Governor Rochas Okorocha. The administration has, in addition to these new universities, also built four new polytechnics and two new colleges of education.”

The governor added that with the arrangements and facilities on the ground for the operation of the new tertiary institutions, there would not be any problem for the successive governments in the state to operate the institutions.”

Governor Okorocha noted that

beside the Eastern Palm University, others like University of Creative Technology, University of Medical Sciences, Marine University and a higher institution on Theology Studies would soon be established in the state.

He thanked the NUC for its commitment to expand access and ensure quality of higher education in the Country. He promised to do his best to ensure the goals for establishing the new university were met.

In the entourage of the Governor was the Technical Consultant to the State Government on the new

University, Rev. Fr. Linus Madu.

Present at the meeting were NUC Directors of Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Ramon Yusuf; International Cooperation and Liaison, Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Quality Assurance, Dr. N.B. Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities, Mallam Hamza Abdullahi; Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Adesina; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Information and Corporate Communication, Mallam Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, as well as Inspection and Monitoring, Mr. B.C. Odum.



NUC Directors (1st and 2nd left), Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Mr. Chris Maiyaki. 1st and 2nd right are members of the Governor's entourage



ES Commends New Bingham University Board

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has commended Bingham University Karu, Nasarawa State, for bouncing

attain academic excellence, noting that he was impressed by the quality of persons in its Board that included Lt. Gen (rtd.) Martin Luther Agwai.

He acknowledged that Bingham

plays in the treatment of the blind in Nigeria.

In his speech, President of ECWA, said the delegation was overwhelmed with the warm reception given to Bingham



ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed (2nd right); Board of Trustees of Bingham University, Lt. General Martin Luther Agwai (1st right) Vice-Chancellor, Bingham, Prof. Qurix (1st left) and

back to academic excellence and reckoning after suffering some self-inflicted problems.

Receiving the new Board of the University on a courtesy visit to the Commission last Thursday, Professor Rasheed said the readiness of the warring parties to sheath their sword, accept blame and move forward was in the interest of the stakeholders, even though he admitted that there was still financial challenge which had bedevilled the institution.

The Executive Secretary said a University like Bingham has the knowledge and wherewithal to

had now graduated from been an intimidated University to that which intimidates others. The Executive Secretary said the Vice Chancellor of Bingham was an experienced administrator, who also shared his experience through his speech at the just Concluded Summit of private Universities. This, he said, give the reality that the University was making Progress.

Professor Rasheed said the problems been faced in our Country can be solved by proper Education he noted that no country can develop without education. The Es NUC suggested for the University to introduce Optometry given the role ECWA

University by the NUC.

He expressed his delight that the Executive Secretary was conversant with the contributions of ECWA in the area of eye treatments in Nigeria.

He said they were grateful for the support of NUC to Bingham University, acknowledging that during its turbulent times the institution was functioning like a sinking ship, but if not for the timely intervention of the Commission, it would have gone down the drain. He said the University was grateful that even after the turbulent times the NUC was willing to offer it guidance.



The ECWA President said it was true that the University made some terrible decisions and mistakes. Explaining that since assuming office, he had been going round to stakeholders to apologise for the errors committed and promised that what happened in the past would not be repeated.

The President said the University was more like 'Oliver Twist' that had come to ask for addition of courses which may not have been offered in Nigerian Universities, while also soliciting for other ways they could co-operate with the NUC to move the NUS to greater heights.

a very successful tenure, praying that the NUS would experience unprecedented progress in his time.

Speaking, Lt. Gen Martins Luther Agwai said discipline of students was the utmost priority in the mind of the present board, adding that the University was still banking on the encouragement, guidance and advice of the NUC, being the regulator of university education in Nigeria. He also applauded what he described as the strides of Professor Rasheed towards sanitizing the NUS.

Responding, NUC scribe said his attendance of the last Convocation of the University was a signal of the rebirth of Bingham.

to project its vision to greater height being one of the universities established without profits-making in its agenda, alluding that it had charges one of the lowest tuitions among all private universities in the country.

Professor Rasheed said usually NUC chose the option of suspending admission in programmes to outright closure of universities because most infractions were not fault of students.

The Executive Secretary said NUC appreciate the fact that the university came for advice and promised that the Commission would continue to synergise with Bingham to ensure it recorded



Prof. Rasheed and Lt-Gen. Agwai (7th and 6th right) with other members of Bingham University delegation and some members of NUC Management

He thanked the Executive Secretary for his keen interest in the affairs of Bingham, stressing that the University would remain grateful to the Commission for the work done in resuscitating it during its time of need. He wished the Executive Secretary

He thanked the University for honouring the past NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, with an honorary doctorate degree. NUC, he said, would continue to work closely with Bingham University

more successes.

He expressed satisfaction with the present governance structure of the University, stressing that the church did well to establish the University.



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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 Eleven 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.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

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

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

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

A. Federal Universities

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

B. State Universities

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

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

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

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

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

A. Federal Universities

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





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

C. Private Universities

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

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For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed

Management



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owode, Delta State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
						79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019





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) 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, 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.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

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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