

## FG to Flush out Fake Certificate Holders- HME

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, has vowed to flush out persons in public and private organisations working with fake certificates.

Professor Mamman made this known while speaking in Abuja last Friday when he received the report of an Inter-Ministerial Investigative Committee on Degree Certificate Milling from the Chairman of the Committee, Professor. J.D. Amin.

The Monday Bulletin had reported that the Honourable Minister of Education on the 9th January, 2024, inaugurated an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine the veracity of allegations of degrees racketeering within both foreign and local private universities.

The Committee was mandated to review the role of any MDA or its officials in facilitation of the recognition and procurement of fake certificates in question.

Professor Mamman, who expressed sadness over what had been uncovered during the investigations, said that the Ministry would work with relevant agencies to sanitise the

carrying fake certificates in public and private organisations who needed to be flushed out. This report is a product of a thorough investigation.



Prof. Tahir Mamman  
Honourable Minister of Education

education sector and rid it of any fake tendencies.

“We can’t afford to have the integrity of our education soar by some few persons.

“It is possible that some are

He said that automating the entire education system was a way to go in such a way that you could sit in your office and monitor what is happening in all tertiary institutions.

According to him, in the course of

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our investigation, we realised that the present programme of accreditation and evaluation of results were inadequate.

The Minister emphasised on the need for more universities in the country, stating that more universities to train PhD holders would help a lot rather than Nigerians going outside in search of certificates while ending up getting fake certificates.

He, therefore, urged the National Universities Commission (NUC) to pay more attention to institutions offering part-time or sandwich programmes so that the country need not have a repeat of 2017 saga of centres offering unaccredited courses.

“People go and get fake degrees and we have been to those countries and we know what a proper degree looks like, we know what the fake ones look like.

“We have mandated the Ministry to scrutinise anyone presenting a certificate from those institutions

and anything short of that is fake.

“It is up to the Ministry to find out people with fake certificates and deal with them in whatever way they deem fit,” he said.

“It is sad that someone who should come out from a Nigerian institution with a 2:1 or 2:2 is now parading an international certificate of first class.

“The Ministry is determined to take steps to sanitise the system,” he said.

He pledged to take decisive role to ensure standards were enshrined in the system saying that ‘we can’t afford to let down our country when it comes to standards’.

Presenting the report, Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee, Professor J.D Amin, decried the horrible standards of education in those schools saying that many of those schools awarding degree certificates were an eye saw.

Professor Amin said the problems at hand required speedy intervention, recommending that all agencies in the sector must digitise/automate their system.

The six-man Committee, headed by the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOTs) Committee of Vice-Chancellors, Professor J.D Amin had as members the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Universities

Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and representatives from the Office of the National Security Adviser, Ministry of Youths, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the committee were to examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria.

The Committee also reviewed the role of any Ministry, Department and Agencies (MDA) or its



Prof. J. D. Amin  
Chairman of the Committee on Fake Degree Allegations

officials; including identifying such officials in facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question.

The committee’s terms of reference also included reviewing existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue:



Other terms included to, “Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education.

“Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form with their identities and locations, if any.

“Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

officials;

“Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of

recognitions, accreditations, and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria

“Examine the extant rules procedures and processes for granting of provisional licences to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);

“Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by the NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes,”

## Acting ES Receives PIC of Proposed Abuja City Varsity

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last Friday received in audience, members of the Planning and Implementation Committee (PIC) of the Proposed Abuja City University, which came to express the bid of the Promoter’s desire to establish a Private University, to be located in Abuja.

Welcoming the team on behalf of the NUC Management at the NUC Secretariat, Abuja, the Acting Executive Secretary chronicled the history of the NUC, and University education in Nigeria, which began in 1962 as an administrative unit in the Cabinet Office and became a statutory agency in 1974.

He also highlighted the evolution of University education in Nigeria, starting from the establishment of University College, Ibadan (now

University of Ibadan, UI,) in 1948; followed by the first indigenous University, the University of Nigeria, Nsukka



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with the leader of the Planning and Implementation Committee of the Proposed Abuja City University, Dr. Emeka Umeogi

(UNN) in 1960; the emergence of three others that were established in 1962, namely, Ahmadu Bello University

(ABU), Zaria, University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos; Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; and later the

University of Benin (UNIBEN), in 1970, which make up the First Generation Universities.



Mr. Maiyaki and Dr. Umeogi (6th and 7th left) with other members of the PIC of the Proposed Abuja City University and some members of NUC management team

Mr. Maiyaki gave a run-down of the Second-Generation Universities, which came up in the mid-70s and the subsequent emergence of the first State-owned University, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt in 1979, and Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, in 1980, respectively.

He noted the milestone achieved in the Nigerian University System (NUS), with the liberalisation of university education for private participation in 1999, leading to the establishment of the first set of Private Universities: Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo, Ogun State; Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State and Igbinedion University Okada, Edo State.

He informed the delegation that Nigeria now has a total number of 274 universities, comprising 62 Federal Universities, 63 State Universities, and 149 Private Universities.

The Acting Executive Secretary congratulated the Promoter for embarking on the noble venture of establishing a Private University

and emphasised its significance, not only for the family but for the entire nation.

He assured the PIC members of NUC's commitment to partner with the Promoter towards realising the dream while ensuring adherence to the established process.

Recognising the interaction as a crucial stage in the 14-Steps-Process, Mr. Maiyaki encouraged the PIC to leverage on the technical expertise available at the Commission to facilitate the process.

He reiterated the Commission's open-door policy and expressed hope that the members of the PIC were men well-versed in the system and processes involved in establishing a Private University in Nigeria.

In his contribution, Barrister Samuel Adejoh, Who is superintending over the Directorate, Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), expressed reservations regarding

the proposed Abuja City University's decision to solely offer postgraduate programme.

While acknowledging the potential for the University to carve a niche in this area, Barrister Adejoh suggested that it could also consider incorporating undergraduate programmes.

After drawing inference from past experiences, he cautioned that few Private Universities initially licensed as postgraduate institutions had later sought NUC approval to include undergraduate programmes and advised the PIC to reconsider their decision before proceeding with their request.

The Acting Executive Secretary acknowledged Barrister Adejoh's concerns, affirming that the purpose of the interaction aligned with the Directorate's observations.

He encouraged the visitors to carefully consider the suggestions put forth by the NUC Management.



While acknowledging the challenges faced by Private Universities that initially focused on postgraduate programmes, he stressed the importance of patience for growth and expansion.

He clarified that the Commission's intent was not to discourage their ambitious endeavour but to share valuable insights and experiences, pledging NUC's support towards facilitating a smooth process for the proposed university

The Representative of the Promoter and Leader of the PIC delegation, Dr. Emeka Umeogi, expressed gratitude to the Acting Executive Secretary and the entire Management team of the NUC for the warm reception extended to them.

He disclosed that the Proposed Abuja City University would exclusively offer Postgraduate Programmes and operate as a

multi-campus institution, with its primary Campus located at Apo Legislative quarters, Abuja.

Highlighting the University's mission, Dr. Umeogi emphasised its commitment to developing expertise in critical fields, particularly administration, given the high concentration of civil servants in the Federal Capital Territory.

He underscored the significance of the Proposed University in providing convenient educational opportunities for civil servants to advance their studies.

Dr. Umeogi outlined the Proposed University's strategic focus which hinged on practical, real-world policy solutions, with an emphasis on local content.

He outlined detailed plans for specialised centres, including

those for creative leadership, entrepreneurship, a business school, and a digital education hub, reflecting the institution's commitment to addressing contemporary challenges and fostering innovation.

In the PIC team were: Professors Abdulhamid Ozohu-Suleiman and E. O. Nwosu, Mr. Ezendaba Austin, Mr. Adegboye Adewale, Mr. Chigbu Solomom, Dr. Arinze Onyia, Mr. Jude Okeke Esq and Comrade Uzo Agu.

At the meeting were the NUC Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), National Universities Commission, (NUC), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu (DESO); the Acting Directors of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mr. Ashafa Ladan and Accreditation (DA) Engr. Abraham Chundusu.



Mr. Maiyaki and Dr. Umeogi (6th and 7th left) with other members of the PIC of the Proposed Abuja City University and some members of NUC management team

## NUC Appoints Acting Directors for DODel, DEPU

Following the recent retirement of two Directors and vacuum created in the positions in the affected Directorates, the duo of Dr. Mrs. Funmilayo Jumoke Morebise and Barr. Samuel Sardana Adejoh have been appointed Acting Directors of Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODel) and Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), respectively, in order to provide stable leadership in the system.

The appointments followed their recommendations by the Management Committee chaired by the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki.

Their separate letters of appointment signed by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki dated 3rd May, 2024, for both Mrs. Morebise and Barr. Adejoh reads inter alia, “The appointment is in recognition of your performance, loyalty, commitment to duty and high sense of responsibility.

“While congratulating them on their appointments, the letter further read: “the Commission look forward to your sustained interest and proactive service in the collective efforts at moving the Nigerian University System forward.”

In the letter of assignment, Mrs. Moberise is the Acting Director, DODel while Barr. Adejoh takes charge of the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities.

The release signed by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki, declared that the posting of both officers take effect from 2nd of May, 2024. The letters of appointment were handed over to the new Acting Directors by Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, on behalf of the Acting Executive Secretary.

### ... Profile of Dr. Mrs. Morebise

Dr. Mrs. Funmilayo Jumoke Morebise graduated with a Bachelor degree in Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) with distinction from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-ife in 1998 and later obtained a Master and PhD in Public Health, 2008 and 2018 respectively, from the University of Ilorin.

She joined the services of the National Universities Commission in January 2010 on transfer of Service from the Health and Human Services Secretariat, Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) as Principal Academic Standards Officer, in the then Department of Academic Standards (DAS) now Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP). While in the Academic Standards



Deputy Executive Secretary Academics, NUC, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, Presenting the Appointment Letter to new Acting Director, Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODeL), Dr. Mrs. Funmilayo Morebise

Department, she gained vast experience, traversing the various academic activities of the department and units.

While in the then Academic Standards Department her responsibilities included the design and planning of undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum of

Nigerian Universities, resource verification and accreditation activities. To her credit, she was responsible for ensuring the arrangement of all undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of all the disciplines in the Nigerian University System (NUS) and also used her experience to redesign and develop the new B.Pharm programme, currently in use in Nigerian universities.

Dr. Morebise was promoted to Assistant Chief Academic Standards Officer in January 2013 from where she also rose steadily to become a Deputy Director in January 2020. She was then posted to the Directorate of Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT) as Head of Resource Planning and Administration.

In the course of her duties in DRIIT, she was in charge of the coordination and administration of research activities in the Department as well as liaising with the universities on their research programmes.

Following her dedication and loyalty to the course of various assignments and the experience she garnered, She was at some point deployed to the Directorate of

Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), where she was assigned as Deputy Director in charge of the administration of the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Administration between (Jan and July, 2021) and was later posted back to DRIIT in July 2021 where she continued to serve as Head of Resource Planning and Administration.

Following a commission-wide posting of Deputy Directors in 2023, she was moved again to the Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP) as Head of Resource and Strategic Division, a duty she discharged quite creditably.

While in the Directorate of Academic Planning, Dr. Mrs. Morebise also served as a representative of NUC at the National Council on Education, the highest decision making body on education in Nigeria at the reference, plenary, technical and ministerial meetings.

She also held many ad-hoc positions in the course of her public service career, including Secretary, Federal Government's Visitation Panel to French Language Village, Badagry, in 2021.

Her last position was as Deputy Director, Resource and Strategic Planning Division of the Directorate of Academic Planning, which she occupied since 2023, until her new elevation as Acting Director, Directorate of Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODEL) on the 2nd of May, 2024.

The new Acting Director Open, Distance and e-Learning, Mrs. Moberise, who hails from Akinyele Local Government Area of Oyo State, is also a consultant Pharmacist and fellow of the West Africa Post-graduate College of Pharmacists (WAPCP) where she obtained her fellowship in social and administrative pharmacy with special award, and currently a fellow of Africa Institute of Public Health Professionals (FAIPH).

She is a very energetic and team player, problem solver and resource mobiliser as well as lover of youths, women and children. She has presented papers and attended conferences, both internationally and locally. Her ability to multi-task, work with different people and drive result was recognised by the Osun State Government, where she was recognised amongst her fellow central facilitators in 2014. She is married with children.

### *---Profile of Barrister Adejoh*

**B**arrister Samuel Sardauna Adejoh, started his educational career in 1974 from Army Children School, Kakuri, Kaduna/Qua Iboe Mission Primary School, Okpo, Kogi State, where he obtained the Certificate of Primary Education: (1974 - 1979) and moved to Government

Secondary School, Okpo, Kogi State for his Secondary School Certificate between 1980 and 1984.

He later proceeded to the School of Basic Studies, Makurdi in 1985 and by 1986, he gained admission into the University of Jos, where

he obtained his first degree in Law, 1990. He went for the mandatory Nigerian Law School at Victoria Island, Lagos for his (Barr Training: 1990-1991) and later obtained Masters Degree (LL.M) in 2010, from the same University of Jos, Plateau State.



He had a brief stint in the private sector working briefly as a private legal practitioner in the legal firm of Isaac Okpanachi & Co. Neighbourhood Centre, Zone 3, Wuse, Abuja before joining the services of the National Universities Commission on 1st June, 1994 as Academic Planning Officer II (Law).

The appointment made him to be designated as the discipline officer for Law in Nigerian universities. While in the NUC, he rose through the ranks to become Deputy Director, Resource and Strategic Planning in 2011, as well as the Coordinator, University System Annual Review Meetings (USARM).

Barr. Adejoh's entire work life in the Commission was literally in the Department of Academic Planning (DAP) or Department of Academic Standards (DAS) up till January 2013 as known then before it was renamed at some point. He was thereafter deployed briefly to the then Department of Open and Distance Education and then redeployed back to Department of Academic Standards DAS in November 2013.

He served as the pioneer staff of the then newly created Strategic Planning Division in 2001 and he held various positions including Acting Head, SIWES, Ag. Head, and later Deputy Director, in charge of Resource and Strategic Planning; Strategic Planning as well as Undergraduate Curriculum Development and Planning, all in the Directorate of Academic Planning.

He became the Deputy Director,



Dr. Saliu handing over the Appointment Letter to new Acting Director, Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Barr. Barrister Sardauna Adejo

Academic Matters Division in the Directorate for Establishment of Private Universities in July 2023, a position he held until his elevation to the rank of Acting Director, Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

Barr. Adejoh has held so many ad-hoc positions in the course of his service at the Commission including as Secretary to Committee on Monitoring of Private Universities that visited Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State and Pan African University, Lagos (2003); Assistant Secretary, Presidential Technical Committee on Consolidation of Tertiary Institutions [Oct. 2006 – Feb. 2007] and Secretary, Presidential Visitation Panel to University of Agriculture, Makurdi, 15th February – 14th March, 2011.

He had also served in the Membership of: Standing Committee on Establishment of Private Universities (SCOPU) [June 2007-April 2010];

Ministerial Investigative Committee for Nigerian French Language Village, Badagry, 2001 – 2009 and Governing Council, McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Abeokuta, Ogun State–16th October 2012 – 2023 and was Member/Secretary, Presidential Visitation Panel to University of Ibadan (April - June, 2021).

He has attended several workshops, seminars, conferences and short courses within and outside Nigeria.

Barr. Adejoh, born on 15th January, 1966 at Ugbologidi, Okpo in Kogi State, is a qualified Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and a non-active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

Barr. Adejoh is happily married and the father of two sets of twins.

*Monday Bulletin wishes the new Acting Directors success in their new positions.*



# ‘Nature Holds the Cure for All Diseases’

- *Prof. Omeje*

**A** Professor of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Edwin Omeje has asserted that nature offers a cure for all human and animal diseases through its biosynthetic laboratories.

Professor Omeje made this statement during the 203rd Inaugural Lecture of UNN, titled “Nature as the Unmatchable and Incontrovertible Chemist: Evidence from Research in Natural Product Chemistry,” held at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium.

He described nature as a unique creation of God that provided an unlimited repository of everything humans need (or would ever need) on Earth. He emphasized that the law of divinity and doctrine of signature stated that plants and other natural resources grew where they were needed for food, nutraceutical, and healing purposes.

“This means that every healing need of humans and animals has been provided for in nature’s complex synthetic bio laboratories, as long as environmental equilibrium is

maintained,” Professor Omeje explained.

“Despite the challenges facing Africa, especially for

Professor Omeje, who also serves as the Dean of Student Affairs at UNN, noted that our ancestors lived longer and



Prof. Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe  
Vice-Chancellor, UNN

emerging natural product chemists, my research experiences have provided solid evidence that nature has more than we can ever discover,” he added. “All the trees, plants, and grasses in our environment are typical evidence of what nature has provided humans with, but proper research is needed to identify which diseases or ailments each plant or combination of plants can cure.”

healthier lives due to their consumption of natural foods and substances containing natural chemicals.

“Our forefathers relied on natural foods, fruits, and other things that contain natural chemicals within their environments to live,” he said. “Today, we load our bodies with foods that contain synthetic chemicals.”

“Once we start dealing with genetic modifications of



Prof. Edwin Omeje  
Professor of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry, UNN

anything, we are trying to alter the original creation, and it may result in cancer or other incurable diseases,” he warned. “Research findings so far provide evidence that God perfectly and completely signed His Autograph in nature.”

The inaugural lecturer also noted that Nigeria and Africa have a rich repository of herbal medicines but expressed concern that some African herbal practitioners associated their practice with spiritism and occultism.

“It is disheartening that some herbal practitioners would link their practice of using natural herbs to cure diseases to one evil (spirit) or the other, by telling their supposed patients to sacrifice one thing or the other to activate the potency of the herbal drug,” he said.

Professor Omeje commended the Vice-Chancellor of UNN, Professor Charles Igwe, for his continued confidence in him and the opportunity to serve as the Dean of Student Affairs under his administration.

He also expressed gratitude to his wife, Mrs. Confidence Omeje, and his children for their support, and extended special thanks to religious leaders, traditional rulers, his friends, and well-wishers who came from far and near to witness the lecture.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of UNN, Professor Igwe, stated that the Inaugural lecture remained a significant occasion in an academic staff

member’s career at the university.

He added that it provided professors with the opportunity to share their research works and teaching activities with the University community and the general public.

The VC described the UNN 203rd Inaugural Lecturer as one of the pillars of his administration due to his commitment and dedication to work.

Professor Igwe noted that Professor Omeje had stood firmly behind his administration physically and spiritually, stressing that the unprecedented crowd that the 203rd lecture witnessed was an eloquent testimony of the inaugural lecturer’s dedication and commitment to duty at UNN.



## Igbinedion Varsity VC Emerges IEPN's First Chairman

The Vice-Chancellor, Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State and an Environmental Expert, Professor Lawrence Ikechukwu Ezemonye has emerged the First President and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (IEPN).

While relishing this in his acceptance speech, Professor Ezemonye said that his coming on board as IEPN President and Chairman, Governing Council marked the beginning of a new era in Environmental Governance and Ecosystem Management in Nigeria.

“It is with great joy and gratitude to Almighty God that I stand to respond and formally accept the responsibility of shepherding this significant Institute saddled with the responsibility of regulating the activities of its members in the protection of the Nigerian environment.

Professor Ezemonye remarked that it was not an easy task going through the process of signing the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria Establishment Act into Law.

He said: “This new dawn which is heralded by the inauguration of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (IEPN) is driven strongly by the passion for corporate environmental stewardship and justice.

“The mission of the Institute is very clear, interrogating ecological evaluations, ecological integrity, environmental management, restoration, remediation,

sustainability projects in the country.

The Professor of Ecotoxicology and Environmental Forensics, however, expressed appreciation



Prof. Lawrence Ikechukwu Ezemonye  
Vice-Chancellor, Igbinedion University

protection, sustainability and stewardship as the Nigerian environment is in dire need of our intervention.”

The President and Chairman of Governing Council of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria, Professor Ezemonye commended the Federal Government for signing the IEPN Act into Law.

He also hailed Ex-President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Her Excellency, Senator Oluremi Tinubu for their contributions towards environmental

to other stakeholders for their roles in driving sanity and sanctity in the practice of environmental protection, conservation, remediation, and restoration of the Nigerian environment.

In his brief remarks, the Minister of Environment, Malam Balarabe Lawal, represented by the Director Pollution Control and Environmental Health in the Ministry, Dr. Olubunmi Olusanya, assured that his ministry would unlock all the potential in the environment sector and regulate environmental professionalism.



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### A REBUTTAL ON KADUNA BUSINESS SCHOOL ENLISTED AS DEGREE MILL IN NUC MONDAY BULLETIN

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that investigations by the National Universities Commission (NUC), have revealed that the Kaduna Business School does not operate a degree mill.

Accordingly, the name of the Kaduna Business School (before now, enlisted as number 55 in the list of degree mills in Monday Bulletin) has been removed from the list of Illegal Universities operating in Nigeria.

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
Acting Executive Secretary.





## INTER-MINISTERIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ON DEGREE CERTIFICATE MILLS

**Federal Ministry of Education  
Federal Secretariat, Phase 3,  
Abuja.**

**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

### CALL FOR MEMORANDA FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Following the recent publication of allegations of certificate racketeering involving some foreign institutions, especially in Cotonou, Benin Republic and other countries, the Federal Ministry of Education has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to investigate the allegations with a view to providing lasting solutions to the problem. The Committee was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 with the following Terms of Reference:

- I. Examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria;
- ii. Review the role of any MDA or its officials (including identifying such officials) in the facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question;
- iii. Review existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue;
- iv. Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education;
- v. Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form with their identities and locations if any;
- vi. Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, and processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;
- vii. Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognition, accreditations and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria;
- viii. Examine the extant rules, procedures and processes for granting provisional licenses to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);
- ix. Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes;
- x. Without prejudice to the periodic accreditation exercise of the NUC, examine whether or not Private Universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, requisite staff (nature of staff – full-time, contract, adjunct, visiting, other types).

2. Memoranda from the general public are, therefore, solicited to provide information to the Committee to help it make appropriate recommendations to address the menace in line with its Terms of Reference and any other information that will be useful to the Committee. Submission should be forwarded in soft copy to the Committee's email: [fakcertcommittee@education.gov.ng](mailto:fakcertcommittee@education.gov.ng) not later than 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

3. Thank you.

Prof. J.D. Amin  
Committee Chairman



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA



## RE: ABOUT 100 FAKE PROFESSORS JUST UNCOVERED IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES – NUC A REBUTTAL

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to news items, circulating on the social media, some national dailies and television stations, to the effect that the Commission has just “discovered over 100 fake Professors in Nigerian Universities”. The NUC wishes to deny these media reports categorically and unequivocally. They are fake, untrue and a figment of the imagination of the author(s), all happening at an unsuitable time, when the nation is awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the fake certificate saga from universities in some neighbouring countries. The Commission therefore finds this development as unfair to all stakeholders.

Specifically, the fake news items have been circulating in two forms – (i) as a link to a 2019 online news item; and (ii) as a separate list of names of the alleged fake Professors in various Nigerian Universities, which was not the case. We consider these unfounded publications as ill-conceived and a ploy by unscrupulous persons to create in plausible a tone, disquiet, panic and provoking outcries at both the national and international levels.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission can confirm that it initiated in 2019 a laudable project, with the intent of compiling and publishing a list of full Professors in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) through the use of an online portal to collate the requisite data. During the exercise, the NUC found anomalies, such as Associate Professors being listed as full Professors. It is essential to also state clearly that the Commission as a responsible Federal Government Agency, does not engage in half-baked exercises capable of tarnishing the image of Nigeria and the NUS. That was why the Commission deemed it necessary to share the collated data with the Nigerian Universities for the purpose of authentication by the competent authorities as to who qualifies to be a full professor. Based on the verified data, the Commission then in a landmark accomplishment, first published the list of full Professors who participated in the exercise in 2019. It was understood that this



would be succeeded by a continuous process of updating the list of full Professors. It is important to state at this point that all the issues pertaining to the 2019 verification of full Professors in Nigerian Universities were concluded in 2019. Since then, the Commission has entrenched a more reliable system of generating the list of full Professors in the NUS. The Commission is also conscious of the fact that some of the academics not captured in the 2019 exercise may now have matured and progressed to become full Professors; this being the reason why it continuously updates the list of full Professors in the NUS.

The National Universities Commission questions the rationale behind recycling this stale 2019 news of an activity it initiated, conducted and laid to rest in the same year. The purpose and objective of resurrecting in 2024 (more than 4 years later) this-no-longer-fresh news, is clearly intended to generate unnecessary controversy at an unsuitable time, whilst lacing it with a false list of fake Professors.

The National Universities Commission owes it a solemn duty to protect and guard the integrity of the many hardworking and committed academics in the NUS, who have earned national and international respect and recognition. Therefore, the Commission has been saddled with the vital and strategic responsibility by its enabling laws, to uphold the sanctity of quality in all aspects of our University Education delivery.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to advise Government officials at all levels, members of the NUS, the international community, and the public, to please disregard these items of fake and stale news which have long been laid to rest in 2019. All information concerning the role of the NUC in the regulation of the NUS can be found on our official website [www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng). Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: [info@nuc.edu.ng](mailto:info@nuc.edu.ng)

Please be assured of our highest considerations, at all times and best wishes for a much more fulfilling and prosperous 2024.

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki  
Acting Executive Secretary  
National Universities Commission



## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

### Press Release

#### **SUSPENSION OF EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE CERTIFICATES FROM THE BENIN AND TOGO REPUBLICS.**

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to the commendable work of investigative journalism that led to the publication by the Daily Nigerian Newspaper dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 titled "UNDERCOVER: How DAILY NIGERIAN reporter bagged Cotonou varsity degree in 6 weeks, participated in NYSC scheme". This was also carried in various social media.

2. This report lends credence to suspicions that some Nigerians deploy nefarious means and unconscionable methods to get a Degree with the end objective of getting graduate job opportunities for which they are not qualified.

3. The Federal Ministry of Education vehemently decries such acts and with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is suspending evaluation and accreditation of degree certificates from Benin and Togo Republics pending the outcome of an investigation that would involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and the two countries, the ministries responsible for Education in the two countries as well the Department of State Security Services (DSSS), and the National Youths Service Corps (NYSC). The Ministry therefore wish to call on the General Public to support its efforts, show understanding and provide useful information that will assist the Committee in finding lasting solutions in order to prevent further occurrence.

4. The Ministry has also commenced internal administrative processes to determine the culpability or otherwise of her staff for which applicable Public Service Rules would be applied.

5. The issue of degree mills institutions, i.e institutions that exist on paper or operate in clandestine manner outside the control of regulators is a global problem that all countries grapple with. FME has been contending with the problem including illegal institutions located abroad or at home preying on unsuspecting, innocent Nigerians and some desperate Nigerians who deliberately patronize such outlets. Periodically, warnings have been issued by the Ministry and NUC against the resort to such institutions and in some instances, reports made to security agencies to clamp down on the perpetrators. The ministry will continue to review its strategy to plug any loopholes, processes and procedures and deal decisively with any conniving officials.

6. The Ministry had always adopted the global standard for evaluation and accreditation of certificates of all forms which relies on receipt of the list of accredited courses and schools in all countries of the World.

7. The Ministry wishes to assure Nigerians and the general public that, it is already putting in place mechanisms to sanitise the education sector, including dissuading the quest for degree certificates (locally or from foreign countries) through a re-invigorated focus on inclusivity: reliance on all skill sets as directed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.

8. The Federal Ministry of Education is committed to collaborating with stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to consistently enhance the Nigerian education system and we value the public's understanding and patience as we strive to address these issues.

9. The Federal Ministry of Education wishes all Nigerians a happy new year. A year in which we would all work together to strengthen our education sector.

Signed

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2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

### Open Universities in Nigeria

List of approved Open Universities in Nigeria, Five Open Universities currently operating in the NUS are as follows:

1. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide
2. Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT
3. Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State
4. West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twenty Universities in the NUS, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. Ladoko 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.
12. Federal University of Technology Minna, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education.
18. Usmanu Danfodio University Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), Sokoto
19. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Agbani
20. University of Benin Centre for Distance Learning, Edo State
21. Igbinedion University, Okado Centre for Distance Learning
22. Federal University Akure, Open and Distance Learning Centre
23. Mountain Top University Centre For Open Distance and e-Learning
24. University of Port-Harcourt Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
25. University of Calabar Open and Distance Learning Centre
26. Covenant University Ota, Centre for Distance e-Learning

### 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 the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

7. Interactive meeting of DEPU 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

**Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki**  
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC  
Announcer



**LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA****FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES**

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	52	Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State	2023
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	53	African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, FCT	2023
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	54	National University of Science and Technology, Abuja, FCT	2023
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	55	Federal University of Agriculture, Bassam-Biri, Bayelsa	2023
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	56	Federal University of Health Sciences, Kwale, Delta State	2023
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	57	Federal University of Health Sciences, Kastina	2023
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	58	Federal University of Agriculture, Mubi	2023
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	59	Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State	2023
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	60	Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, Imo State	2023
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	61	Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State	2023
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	62	Adeyemi University of Education, Ondo State	2023
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013			
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018			
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018			
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	43	Nigerian Army University, Bui	2018			
21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020			
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020			
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021			

**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	15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	22	University of Cross River State, Calabar	2004	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	38	Technical University, Ibadan	2012
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016



43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021	61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023
44	Borno State University	2016	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021	62	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023
45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021	63	AbdulKadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State	2023
46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017	55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022			
47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018	56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022			
48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019	57	Shehu Shagari University of Education Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022			
49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019	58	State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022			
50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020	59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022			
51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022			

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owode, Delta State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	29	Obong University Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State	2001	31	Wesley University, Ondo State	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2009	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	65	Ojaja University Ilorin, Kwara State	2016
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	69	Spiritana University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyege University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	45	Mepheron University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2006	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	79	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
						82	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021



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83	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021	120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023			
84	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021	121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023			
85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021	122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021	123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023			
87	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021	124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021	125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imopè-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023			
89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021	126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023			
90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021	127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023			
91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021	128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023			
92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021	129	Wigwe University Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023			
93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021	130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021	131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023			
95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021	132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023			
96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021	133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	North-Eastern University (Formerly Pen Resource), Gombe, Gombe State	2022	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023			
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabi University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023	148	Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2024			
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023	149	African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja	2024			
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						



# 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 CAP E3 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 Udo 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) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
AARON	KAJANG	ZAMANI	06 May
ADETUNJI	RASHEED	SOWUNMI	06 May
MOSES	ODIANOSEN	EHIBOR	07 May
JEOL	OLUWASEUN	ADELUSI	07 May
ULONNA	ODOCHI	INYAMA	08 May
NKECHINYERE	UKAMAKA	ASOGWA	09 May
JAMILA	ABDURRAHMAN	DAHIRU	10 May
FRANCIS		SASA	10 May
OLUWADAMILOLA	DEBORAH	OSEGHAE	11 May
AKUNNA	BERNADINE	OSUAGWU	11 May
SALAWU	OKUKU	MUSA	11 May
DAMILOLA		ADEDIPE	11 May
ALIMOT	FUMILOLA	BABAYODE	12 May
KENECHUKWU	KENNETH	CHINEGWU	12 May
ADAM	GARBA	ABUBAKAR	12 May

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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