

## Ag. ES Commends EPISON on Scientific Inquiry, Health Awareness

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris. J. Maiyaki, has commended the Epidemiological

Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society, held last Thursday, at the NUC Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, Abuja, with the

challenges posed by emerging infectious diseases.

While acknowledging the vintage and transformative role of One



L-R: The Representative of World Health Organisation in Nigeria, Dr. Kikiope Oluwarore; National President of Epidemiological Society of Nigeria (EPISON), Very Rev. Professor Lawrence Ulu Ogbonnaya; Representative of the Special Guest of Honour and Honourable Minister of Health, and Social Welfare, Dr. Godwin Itadoh; the President, International Epidemiological Association (IEA), Dr. Peju Adebisi; Member of EPISON Board of Trustees, Prof. Michael Asuzu and Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, during the 11th Annual Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society

Society of Nigeria (EPISON) for its steadfast commitment to advancing scientific inquiry, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and promoting public health awareness.

He gave the commendation, in his goodwill message at the opening ceremony of the 11th Annual

theme: One Health and Rising Prevalence of Zoonotic Diseases in Nigeria”.

He reminded the Epidemiologists that their dedication and expertise were invaluable assets Nigeria needed towards collectively addressing the complex

Health in tackling the plethora of health challenges in the communities, he urged the health professionals to remain steadfast in their resolve, united in purpose, and unwavering in the commitment to protecting the health and well-being of present and future generations in order to build a

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Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

safer, healthier, and more resilient Nigeria for all.

He said, Nigeria, like many countries around the globe, faced mounting challenges in mitigating the spread of zoonoses, which, not



Very Rev. Prof. Lawrence Ulu Ogbonnaya  
National President, EPISON

only endangered human health, but also compromised food security, economic stability, and ecological balance.

He noted that despite this adversity, opportunity existed through the One Health approach advocated by EPISON which offers a holistic framework for interdisciplinary cooperation, fostering synergies among health professionals,

veterinarians, environmental scientists and policy-makers.

He argued that by recognising the interconnected nature of health and embracing collaborative solutions, the nation would effectively prevent, detect, and respond to zoonotic threats, thereby safeguarding public health and promoting sustainable development.

He further stated that, as stakeholders in the pursuit of One Health, everyone has a pivotal role to play in shaping a healthier, more resilient future for Nigeria.

According to him, through knowledge exchange, innovative research, capacity building, and evidence-based advocacy, the country could collectively strengthen its preparedness and response mechanisms, enhance surveillance and monitoring systems, and promote sustainable practices that mitigate the risk of zoonotic disease transmission.

He used the platform to inform the Society that, as a Commission, the agency had been instrumental in several breakthroughs within the health sector through the instruments of accreditation and regulation of Medical and health-related programmes in Nigerian universities.

The essence, he stressed, was to ensure that these programmes meet minimum academic standards, for the production of high-quality healthcare professionals to effectively address the country's healthcare needs.

He also said NUC collaborates with universities to develop relevant and up-to-date curricula for health-related courses which ensures that medical graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills



Dr. Peju Adebisi  
The President, International Epidemiological Association (IEA)

necessary to excel in their respective fields and adapt to evolving healthcare challenges.

While wishing the participants fruitful deliberations and meaningful exchanges during the



Dr. John Oladole  
Director, Special Duties and Representative of  
Director-General NCDC

conference, he urged them to ensure that their discussions inspire actionable insights, foster lasting partnerships, and catalyze positive change in the nation's shared pursuit of a healthier world.





Prof. Michael Asuzu  
Member Board of Trustees, EPISON

In his welcome Address, the National President of Epidemiological Society of Nigeria (EPISON), Very Rev. Professor Lawrence Ulu Ogbonnaya said epidemiologists, are always at the forefront of protecting public health in Nigeria.

He described the professional association as one that had been pivotal in advancing the field of epidemiology, promoting research, and fostering collaborations that were essential for tackling the health challenges facing the nation.

He explained that EPISON remained committed to enhancing the capacity of its members to respond effectively to the ever-evolving landscape of disease patterns and health concerns.

He pointed out that Lassa Fever had become endemic in Nigeria and that since 2005, the incidence had been rising steadily and claiming the lives of health workers and patients.

He raised alarm that, from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) records, this year alone, the cumulative data showed a

suspected case of 2122 of Lassa Fever infections, with 411 already confirmed cases, Probable case 3, Death (from confirmed cases) 72, and case fatality rate of 17.5%. He said so far, 21 States of the federation and 78 LGAs have been affected.

Raising concern on the challenge of Zoonotic Diseases, Professor Ogbonnaya said it represented a significant and growing threat to human health, economic stability, and the well-being of the global communities.

He revealed that in Nigeria, the rising incidence of these diseases such as, Lassa Fever, Rabies, Ebola Virus Disease, and recently, the global pandemic of COVID-19, underscored the urgent need for a coordinated response.

He reminded the epidemiologists that Ebola Virus Disease came like a thunderbolt and caused many West African countries devastation in the years 2013 and 2014 and brought scare to Nigeria as well.



Dr Adebisi presenting the Award of Excellence to Mr. Maiyaki for his Humanitarian Efforts and Advocacy in Epidemiology

The EPISON President recalled that with the help of God, the nation mounted effective surveillance and



Representative of the Keynote Speaker,  
Dr. Parick M. Nguku

control measure that brought that epidemic to an end, but not without taking the lives of many health workers, especially that of the gallant heroine, Dr. Mrs. Ameyo Adedevo.

He further stated that the world was still trying to recover from the socio-economic devastation of the COVID-19, but argued that, that notwithstanding, there was certainty that other re-emerging

and emerging epidemic diseases of global impact were lurking around.

He, therefore called for robust epidemic preparedness and capacity for rapid response, both nationally and globally.

Harping on the one health approach, Professor Ogbonnaya explained that it was about a multi-disciplinary method that recognised the interconnectedness of human, animal and environmental health.

He noted that by adopting the approach, EPISON could create synergies and leverage expertise to achieve better public health outcomes.

He used the forum to appreciate everyone that made the event happen including sponsors like NUC, who gave its hall at no cost to the Society as well as the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the conference led by Dr. Matthew Ashikeni.

A keynote Address was also

delivered by the Regional Coordinator, AFENET, Nigeria, Dr. Patrick M. Nguku.

Other goodwill messages were also delivered by the Special Guest of Honour and Honourable Minister of Health, and Social Welfare, Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, CON, represented by Dr. Godwin Itadoh; the President, International Epidemiological Association (IEA), Dr. Peju Adebisi; World Health Organisation (WHO) representative in Nigeria, Dr. Kikioppe Oluwarore; Mandate Secretary, FCT Health and Social Services Secretariat, Dr. Adedolapo A. Fasawe; Director- General NCDC, Dr. Grace Olajide represented by Director, Special Duties, Dr. John Oladole; among others.

The programme later broke into a technical session featuring two plenary sessions involving two paper presentations with three scientific papers, poster presentations as well as question

and answer sessions handled by some resource persons.

The highlight of the event was an award of excellence given to the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki for his Humanitarian Efforts and Advocacy in Epidemiology.

The award was also in recognition of his exemplary leadership and role in ensuring that EPISON Conference was held without any hitches by offering the NUC Auditorium free of charge to the Society.

The Acting ES was accompanied to the ceremony by the Acting Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Ms. Offiong U. Edor; the Deputy Director, Public Relations in the Directorate, Mrs. Franca Chukwuonwo; Chief Information Officers (CIO), Mr. Francis Azu and Mr. Okoronkwo Ogbonnaya.



Mr Maiyaki displaying the award flanked from the left by Dr Godwin Itador; Dr Peju Adebisi; Very Rev. Lawrence Ogbonnaya and the Chairman of a LOC of the conference, Dr Matthew Ashikeni



## NUC Bemoans Funding Crisis in Nigerian Varsities, Calls for Reforms

The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) (Academics) of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, has highlighted the urgent need for improved budgetary allocations and subventions to address the chronic underfunding of Nigerian universities.

Dr. Saliu made the call in his lecture entitled: *The Nigerian University System and its Many Challenges: The Way Forward*,” which he delivered at the 7th Annual Registry Lecture of Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State.

He emphasized that insufficient funding remained a significant barrier to the effective growth and development of the nation’s higher education system.

He identified adequate funding as a critical solution to the issues of poor remuneration and inadequate research and development within Nigerian universities.

The NUC Deputy Executive Secretary called on private university owners to refrain from viewing their institutions as profit-making ventures for at least the first 10 years and urged them to employ qualified staff based on specific needs.

“There should be improved budgetary allocation and releases to public universities and improved subventions for private universities by their respective owners,” he stated.

He also highlighted the necessity for private university owners to provide more infrastructural facilities and employ qualified academic staff in line with institutional requirements.

Dr. Saliu further advocated for the review and strengthening of

System (NUS), including inadequate funding, infrastructural deficits, poor remuneration, insecurity, insufficient research and development, the proliferation of illegal degree-awarding institutions, and weak regulatory laws.



Dr Noel Biodun Saliu  
Deputy Executive Secretary Academics, NUC

NUC laws to enhance the regulation of the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He emphasized the importance of periodic curriculum reviews to reflect global realities and the expansion of access to university education through increased carrying capacity, the implementation of the Transnational Education (TNE) Policy, and the internationalisation of university education.

In the lecture, he identified several persistent challenges within the Nigerian University

“Funding, is very crucial to the growth and development of universities. The university system requires substantial funds for the effective discharge of its core mandates of teaching, research, and community service,” Dr. Saliu asserted.

He lamented that both public and private universities suffered from grossly inadequate annual budgetary allocations and releases from their respective proprietors.

According to him, studies have demonstrated that inadequate funding in Nigerian universities could be attributed to several



Prof. Adebisi Balogun  
Former VC, FUTA

factors, including poor government allocations, low internally generated revenue, low school fee charges for public universities, low enrollment in private universities due to high tuition fees, institutional corruption, poor planning, insufficient research income, and minimal contributions from the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and alumni.

“Inadequate funding leads to the under-performance of all aspects relevant to the quality delivery of university education in Nigeria, including the quality assurance activities of the regulator (NUC),” he explained.

He stressed that the annual budget for university administration remained insufficient to provide the necessary infrastructural facilities and human resources required for optimal functioning.

He also expressed concern about the appointment of inexperienced individuals to the governing councils of both private and public universities.

He stated the NUC frowned that some appointees see the positions as opportunities for financial gain rather than as a call to serve the university community.

Dr. Saliu criticized the politicization of the appointment process for the chairpersons and members of university governing councils in Nigeria.

He also pointed out that some private university owners were persisting in running their institutions as family businesses, thereby undermining the authority of the Vice Chancellor.

He said the dissolution of

governing councils by the President and Governors on the assumption of office was inimical to the growth of the university system.

He also emphasised that some Visitors to universities dictate the administrative operations of their universities without recourse to the law.

In his words: “Some Visitors to universities dictate the administrative operations of their universities without recourse to the respective University Law.

This scenario is mostly common with private and state universities. It has manifested in the dissolution of governing councils by new administrations both at the state and federal levels, and the arbitrary suspension or removal from office of Vice-Chancellors in some instances without regard to extant regulations.

“It is more worrisome in most private universities where some proprietors are unrepentant in the decision to run their universities as family businesses thereby usurping



The Chief Host Vice-Chancellor of Elizade University, Prof. Kayode Ijadunola welcoming guests to the 7th Annual Registry Lecture hosted by the Institution





Acting Director, Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), NUC, Mrs Lydia Imoroa (extreme right front row) with other guests at the event

the powers of the Vice-Chancellor.

The appointment of inexperienced persons into university councils also calls for concern as most of the appointees, particularly for the public universities see such appointments as political settlement for money making and not a call to service," he concluded.

In his remarks, former Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Professor Adebisi Balogun, echoed these concerns,

calling on the Federal Government to review the appointments to university governing councils.

Professor Balogun criticised the tendency to view these appointments as political rewards rather than genuine calls to service.

The Registrar of Elizade University, Mr. Omololu Adegbenro, noted that the lecture series, which began in 2016, was aimed at creating a suitable

platform for discussing critical issues affecting the university system.

Mr Adegbenro expressed optimism that the lecture would inspire new perspectives, spark meaningful conversations, and foster connections.

The DES was accompanied to the conference by the NUC Acting Director, Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), NUC, Mrs Lydia Imoroa.



Other participants at the event

## JAMB Releases Additional 3,921 Results

*...Reschedules Exam for 24,535 Candidates*

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has rescheduled a total of 24,535 candidates to sit for a supplementary Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) holding on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

The Board has also cleared and released 3,921 additional 2024 UTME results. This release brings the total results released by the Board to 1,883,350.

Public Communication Advisor of JAMB, Dr. Fabian Benjamin conveyed this in a statement made available to newsmen last Sunday in Abuja.

He, however, said the remaining 322 candidates have been migrated to the category of candidates under examination misconduct as a prima-facie case had clearly been established that those who had registered were not those who appeared for the examination.

He revealed that the number of examination misconduct had consequently been increased by 322 to 431.

The Board had also yielded to pressure to extend the period for the 2024 Direct Entry (DE) registration, noting that it had decided to bring the DE registration to a close on Monday, 17th June, 2024.

Dr. Benjamin disclosed in the statement that the Board had painstakingly analysed the process and conduct of the 2024 UTME in some centres where

Kwara State University (Kwasu), and about 20,550 UTME candidates whose results were up till now under investigation.



Prof. Ishaq Oloyede  
CEO/Registrar, JAMB

there were strong proofs of substantial non-compliance with the Board's standards.

"Consequently, 24,535 candidates have been rescheduled to retake the examination in their chosen Examination Towns on Saturday, June 22, 2024," he said.

According to him, the supplementary examination was scheduled for the candidates from Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies (CAILS) and the

Also to take the supplementary examination were 2,702 candidates whose fingers could not be verified and have been given the benefit of doubt to sit the 2024 UTME.

The statement read in part: "The Board having yielded in the last one month to the request and pleas of many stakeholders and authorities for the extension of the period for the 2024 Direct Entry (DE) registration has decided to bring the DE registration to a close on Monday, 17th June, 2024.



In order to facilitate the wrap-up of the registration, the DE registration points have been expanded beyond the Professional Registration Centres (PRCs) owned by JAMB in the following states where there is an upsurge of prospective DE candidates:

“Lagos State: (a) JAMB PRC, No 11, Ojora Road, Ikoyi Lagos; JAMB PRC, No 35-37, Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja Lagos.

(c) ETC Nig. Ltd, 229, JKK House Ikorodu, Road, Ilupeju.

“Oyo State: JAMB PTC, JAMB Zonal Office, Quarters 845, Agodi G.R.A, Ibadan, Oyo State; Federal College of Education (FCE) Special, CBT Centre, Oyo; JAMB PTC, Igboho.

“Kwara State: JAMB PTC, National Headquarters Annex, After Oyun Bridge, Old Jebba Road, Ilorin, Kwara State;

University of Ilorin CBT Centre, Mini Campus.

“Osun State: JAMB PTC, behind Technical College WAEC Road, Alekuwodo, Osogbo, Osun State;

(b) JAMB PTC, Block Y (Commercial) OSPDC, Oroki Estate, Service Area, Ilobu Road, Osogbo, Osun State; JAMB PTC, Gbongon.

It is our belief that all eligible candidates would take advantage of this opportunity to register as no further extension would be

entertained. The previously announced criteria for DE registration remain unchanged.

“Also, having held high-stake meetings with the principal officers of the Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies (CAILS) and the Kwara State University (KWASU), on the CAILS-KWASU Diploma programme, the Board has agreed to conduct a special registration exercise for the 3,633 prospective candidates, who did not participate in the 2024 UTME based on the assumption that they would be accommodated in the 2024 DE exercise.

“These candidates are, therefore, to register at any of the approved CBT centres in Kwara, Oyo or Osun State within the next one week (ending on Monday, 10th June 2024.) to register for the UTME.

“469 others among this category of UTME candidates who had already taken the 2024 UTME need not retake the examination. The one they have already taken suffices.

“This concession is to ensure that, while standards are being maintained, efforts are in place to support and promote the aspirations of qualified and willing candidates even if it requires bending over backwards.

Therefore, concerned candidates were urged to check their results from Saturday, 1st June 2024 by sending RESULT to 55019 or 66019 to ascertain their status as those cleared would have their results while those rescheduled would be told that they had been rescheduled.

“The rescheduled candidates are to print their supplementary Examination Notification Slip from Tuesday, 4th June 2024 to ascertain their designated examination centres.

“The rescheduled examination, which is taking place on Saturday, 22nd June 2024, two weeks from now, is to give affected candidates adequate time to prepare for the exercise.

“This notice does not concern candidates whose results have been released.

“Candidates with prima facie case (s) of examination misconduct, would be further interrogated to establish their culpability after which appropriate measures would be taken on them and announced,” he stated.

## NOUN Students Ineligible for Student loan- NELFUND

The management of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) has clarified reasons students of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) were not eligible for the loan facility put in place by the administration of the President and Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.

The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr, who stated this while addressing newsmen in Abuja explained that it was due to their inability to possess the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Number- one of the major requirements.

This clarification mean that although NOUN was listed as the 29th school among the 126 federal higher institutions to benefit from the scheme on the NELFUND web-site, they, however, would not be among the 1.2million beneficiaries in the first phase of the project.

The MD also revealed that 60,000 students had registered for the facility in one week, out of which 30,000, representing 50 per cent of the figure, successfully applied.

He said the agency had strict criteria and guidelines, and would not bend the rules for any institution or individual, no matter how highly placed.

According to him, the Fund would ensure due diligence, “protect taxpayers' money and safeguard the

scheme from frivolously handing out money without accountability

Mr. Sawyerr said: “We have strict criteria and guidelines around how people can access this loan opportunity.



Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr  
The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Fund

All of them are non-negotiable. JAMB (number) is non-negotiable using this application process.

Unfortunately, if an applicant hasn't got a JAMB number, and hasn't gone through the JAMB application process, it is going to be impossible to grant that individual a loan at this stage.

It would be recalled that the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu-led government had set up the loan fund to support indigent Nigerians in their higher education pursuit, while they pay back in instalments, two years, after completing their National Youth Service Corp (NYSC)

programme.

The disbursed loan would be paid directly to the institutions where the applicant's admission was domiciled to avoid diversion, while repayment of 10 per cent of

the loan would also be done by the employer of any beneficiary at source.

The repayment was made as flexible as possible as the Fund was not willing to criminalise beneficiaries who defaulted.

Meanwhile, the expected sources of NELF funding include; one per cent of all profits accruing to them Federal Government from oil and other minerals, one per cent of taxes, levies and duties accruing from the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigerian Custom Service (NCS), Education Bonds and Education Endowment Fund schemes.



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## POSTPONEMENT OF THE INAUGURATION AND RETREAT FOR MEMBERSHIP OF GOVERNING COUNCILS OF FEDERAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

Vice-Chancellors will, please, recall the approval of Mr. President for the appointment of Chairmen and members of the Governing Councils of Federal universities as published by the Federal Ministry of Education, of which the inauguration of and retreat for the Councils was initially scheduled to hold on Thursday, 30 and Friday, 31st May 2024, respectively.

However, following the Presidential directive, as communicated by the State House Press Release dated 23rd May 2024, calling for a comprehensive review of the membership of the Governing Councils of Federal Tertiary Institutions across Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Education has regrettably postponed the Inauguration and Retreat for Pro-Chancellors, Chairmen, and Members of Governing Councils of Federal Tertiary Institutions.

We understand the inconvenience and disruption the postponement may cause your schedules and plans for the event, and this is sincerely regretted. Further updates regarding the rescheduled dates and any additional information will be communicated to you in due course. Vice-Chancellors may, please, contact Mrs. Nkechinyere U. Nwaegbe by email: [nunwaegbe@nuc.edu.ng](mailto:nunwaegbe@nuc.edu.ng) or gsm: 0808093103373, 0803740559 for further enquiries, if any.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.

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### PRESS STATEMENT

#### POSTPONEMENT OF THE INAUGURATION AND RETREAT FOR MEMBERSHIP OF GOVERNING COUNCILS OF FEDERAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Federal Ministry of Education regrets to announce the postponement of the Inauguration and Retreat for Pro-Chancellors, Chairmen and Members of Governing Councils of Federal Tertiary Institutions, earlier scheduled for Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st May 2024.

This is as a result of the Presidential directive, as conveyed by the State House Press Release dated 23rd May 2024, for a comprehensive review of the membership of the Governing Councils of Federal Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.

We regret any inconveniences this may cause.

Further updates will be communicated in due course.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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## RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

I write, further to previous communication Ref. No. NUC/ES/138/Vol. 65/88 and dated 27 May 2024, to convey the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education, vide its letter Ref. No. FME/TE/CU/130/T6/458 and dated 28 May 2024 (copy attached), to the effect that Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities, who are rounding up their tenures, are to nominate, through the recommendation of their Senates, Deputy Vice-Chancellors that will oversee the Offices of the Vice-Chancellors, in a temporary capacity.

The Governing Councils, after their inauguration, will appoint Acting Vice-Chancellors for a period not less than 6 months, during which they will commence the process of appointing substantive Vice-Chancellors.

This Circular takes pre-eminence over our earlier communication on the same subject.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.

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The Executive Secretary,  
National Universities Commission,  
Maitama,  
Abuja,

### END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

Please refer to the above subject.

2. I am directed to inform you to kindly disseminate the following information to all the Vice-Chancellors whose tenure will be completed soon:
  - i. to nominate through the recommendation of the Senate a Deputy Vice-Chancellor that will oversee office of the Vice-Chancellor in a temporary capacity,
  - ii. the Governing Council after inauguration would appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor for a period not less than 6 months during which the Council will commence the process of appointing a substantive Vice-Chancellor.
3. Please, accept the assurances of my warm regards and consideration.

Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu  
Director University Education  
For: Honourable Minister





## 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.

# 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

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

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



NAMES		DATE OF BIRTH
ABDULLAHI	YA'U	10 June
OJOCHOGWU	MARY	11 June
DAVID	OLUSOLA	12 June
DAMILOLA	BALOGUN	13 June
NGADI	JAMES	13 June
NANA	MAIMUNA	14 June
JANET	MNENA	14 June
NYEME	WHOKNOWS	14 June
ABDULJALAL	ALIYU	14 June
ZAINAB	AJIBOLA	14 June
FLORENCE	NGOZI	15 June
AHMED	NAKAKA	15 June
AZIZAH	DAHIRU	15 June
INNOCENT	SUNDAY	16 June
AJETUNMOBI	JOHN	16 June
AMINAT	ELEOJO	16 June

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



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