

ODL Degrees Same as Regular Varsity Degrees-HME

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, has announced that degrees obtained

was established years ago to close the widening gap created by limited admission spaces in the conventional universities which was and still being

Tuesday, reaffirmed that ODL system had come to stay, adding that it had served and continued to serve the purpose for which it was established.



The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Prof. Tahir Mamman (2nd right front row); The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr Chris J. Maiyaki (extreme right), with other officials of the Federal Ministry of Education and participants at the Opening Ceremony of the Three-day Stakeholders' Roundtable for the critique and adoption of the draft stand-alone National Policy on Open, Distance and e-Learning in Abuja

via Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system of education in Nigeria from accredited institutions have same and equal value with the ones issued at regular/conventional university system.

The Minister further explained that ODL system of education

experienced in Nigerian University System (NUS).

The Minister, speaking at the opening ceremony of a three-day stakeholders' Roundtable for the critique and adoption of the draft stand-alone National Policy on Open, Distance and e-Learning in Abuja, on

He said: "Sadly, only limited number of qualified students (about 25%) who applied for admissions into tertiary institutions are able to secure admissions in a particular admission year. What happens to the rest of hundreds that are interested in university

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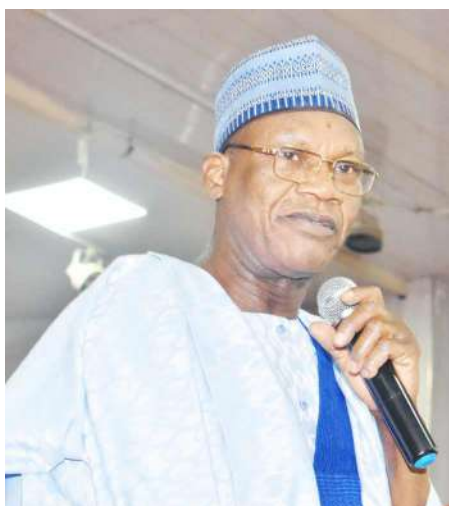
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Prof. Tahir Mamman
The Honourable Minister of Education

education? ODL has closed that gap.

National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) has been doing amazingly well, growing in leaps and bounds over the years. Several universities have also been accredited recently to run dual mode system of education under close and strict monitoring of the National Universities Commission (NUC)."

The Minister admitted the concerns of some Nigerians and employers of labour about the quality of education in ODL, but assured that there's a strong quality assurance system in place to checkmate the content and delivery system of the ODL operators.

"Evidently, ODL is the future of accessing university education and we have to embrace it wholeheartedly.

Government has developed robust policies to address the challenges being witnessed in the

ODL system of education particularly, the issue of quality assurance of the system.

"To this end, more advocacy is required, and being done to correct that misconceptions. We are aware that some ODL students have been unable to participate in law school and NYSC scheme. These issues are being addressed and would be resolved sooner than expected."

The Director of ICT, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr Abubakar Isah who represented the Honourable Minister of State for Education (HMSE), Dr. Tanko Sununu, in the event, commended the move to strengthen the ODL system of education as alternative to the regular and



Emeritus Prof. Olugbemi Jegede
Lead Resource Person/Former Vice-Chancellor, NOUN

conventional university system.

He said: "The focus of ODL in Nigeria has in recent years shifted from being something which is just desirable to

becoming a reality with the establishment of NOUN and the emergence of a number of conventional Universities and Polytechnics with the approval



Mr Chris J. Maiyaki
The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

of the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), respectively, to operate ODL centres.

"We must acknowledge the significant challenges which have to be overcome, relating to financial resources, intellectual capital and sustainability as well as the standard and quality of ODL delivery. This is where the development of sustainable policy on ODL becomes critical to realign national strategies with emerging educational challenges."

He added that the National Council on Education (NCE) had, in 2021, approved that the Federal Ministry of Education collaborate with relevant stakeholders to develop a stand-

alone National Policy for ODL, hence the stakeholders' Roundtable that provides a great opportunity for participants from the academia, government agencies and private sector to share experiences on technical



Mr Abubakar Isah

The Director of ICT, representing the Honourable Minister of State for Education

issues that confront us in the operation of ODL in Nigeria.

“It will also broaden our perspectives and enable us to forge ahead in our journey to

strengthen ODL in Nigeria from the basic, post-basic through tertiary education sub-sector,” he said.

In his remarks, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, said that 2020 COVID-19 pandemic reawakened the consciousness of the world to the importance of online activities, thus forcing several nations including Nigeria to give considerations to online education system through the ODL aided by technology.

He congratulated the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Open University of Nigeria for nurturing the laudable project and the huge success it had achieved so far.

He said in line with the NUC regulatory mandate of laying down Minimum Academic



Prof. Paulinus Chijioke Okwelle
Executive Secretary, NCCE

Standards it recently consummated and activated the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) in the NUS.

According to him, the finalised CCMAS took into consideration the need to inculcate 21st century skills and global best practices including digital literacy.

He stressed that contemporary events such as the revolution in



Some of the participants at the Shareholders' F



Other participants at the Shareholders' Round

ICT and Covid-19 pandemic have provided compelling reasons for Nigerian universities to align their teaching and learning processes to these new developments.

He re-echoed that Professor Emeritus Olufemi Jegede, himself the father of ODL, had spoken globally about the potential, benefits as well as the unique and flexible learning offered by ODL.

The Commission, he said, and other stakeholders had come into agreement that there was no hiding place for ODL and what Technology could bring to the learning table.

He explained that it was on this backdrop that the NUC in 2009 rolled out the guidelines for ODL and went ahead to establish a directorate dedicated to ODL, known as Directorate of Open, Distance and e-Learning

(DODEL).

He also highlighted that the NUS now have 5 open Universities, one of them being NOUN and 4 others-private open universities.

He said NUC had also facilitated the development of guidelines on Trans National Education (TNE), which was launched by the Hon Minister of Education and his British counterpart, in November 2023 at Edinburgh Scotland. He added, it took India 18years to produce its own guidelines while it took Nigeria barely 18months.

He said NUC went on to produce the guideline on e-learning during the pandemic to streamline the activities in the universities. The commission also produced the guideline for Open Education Resources (OER) and finally the guideline on the establishment of private

universities with inputs from several committees of experts and academies drawn from within and outside the shores of Nigeria.

He tasked the participants to bring their wealth of experience to bear and to synergise by looking at the global scenario and matching its relevance to the Nigeria higher education system.

In a presentation, the Lead Resource Person in ODL Education in Nigeria, Emeritus Professor Olugbemiro Jegede, who is considered the father of ODL in Nigeria, highlighted the quick transformation that could be witnessed in the education sector through efficient and effective implementation of ODL system of education.

He said: "ODL is the future of education in the world. With the increasing access and penetration of internet to more communities, medical,



The Special Adviser to the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr Rukayat Gurin alongside other dignitaries at the Stakeholders Roundtable

education, commerce and several other services are being redefined by technology. We can't afford to be left behind."

He made reference to notable names in Nigeria like Emeritus

Professors Pai Obanya and Afe Babalola, who passed through the ODL system of education to become the best in their different callings.

He said, the time had come for

the country to embrace the ODL system, while also having a comprehensive ODL Policy in place.



Prof. Mamman and Mr Maiyaki (7th and 8th left front row) pose for photograph with other dignitaries at the Stakeholders' Roundtable

NiCFoST Delegation Pays Advocacy Visit to NUC

A delegation from the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology (NiCFoST), led by its Registrar/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mrs. Veronica Nkechi Ezeh, last Tuesday paid an advocacy visit to the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, with the mission to introduce the newly established Council and also inform the Commission of its recognition as one of the member institutions of Government in the Governing Council.

In her remarks, Mrs Ezeh told the Acting Executive Secretary that NiCFoST wrote a letter in that regard sometime in 2023 for the NUC to nominate a representative to the Council.

She added that the Council had requested from the Commission for input into its technical operational documents without response, despite a communication to that effect.

The Registrar disclosed that the Council was established by the NiCFoST (Establishment) Act, 2019, with the mandate of regulating the practice and profession of Food Science and Technology in Nigeria.

She said it is domiciled in the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science, Technology.

While in Pursuant of the Act, the Council has the responsibility for the development of curriculum and

Accreditation of Food Science and Technology programmes and its variant Disciplines (Food Technology, Food Science, Food Science & Nutrition, Food



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki handing over copies of the Guidelines for Transnational Education (TNE) Policy to the Visiting Registrar/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NiCFoST, Mrs. Veronica Nkechi Ezeh

Science and Biotechnology, Brewing Science & Technology, Brewing & Beverage Technology, among others,) in the tertiary institutions.

The leader of the delegation stated that both activities were not to be carried out solely by it but in partnership with NUC (for Universities) and National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) (for Polytechnics and Monotechnics).

She further stated that the Council was empowered to grant practice licence to qualified Food Scientists and Technologists and approve the business locations for their practice.

According to her, the development and promotion of the food profession remained the Council's mandate and that included training, practice and conduct as

enshrined in the establishment Act.

She said: "This visit marks a major step as we commence the implementation of an area of our core mandate which is the regulation of the training of Food Science and Technology professionals in Nigeria.

"We recognise the unrelenting emerging challenges of training a science and technology professional in a changing world. The intensification of changes in scientific fields of practice calls for a robust and profoundly guided system of responding to the training aspects in order for the graduates to remain relevant," she



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

stated.

Mrs Ezeh disclosed that the Council was aware that working in close partnership with the NUC was a sure means of achieving the best outcomes for the future Food Science and Technology professionals.

She expressed the hope that from the meeting, number of issues that have remained of great concern to the Council from inception would be resolved in order to reposition the Food Science and Technology profession for best contribution to the much-desired food security for the country.

The Registrar outlined the issues of concern to include, the Council's Inputs towards the development of the CCMAS for the training of the students of the Food Science and Technology profession; Revision of the current curriculum to enable the Council make some proposed critical adjustments in both the 70% and 30% sections of the current curriculum as well as creation of a separate Faculty/School/College for the Food

Science and Technology department and its variant disciplines.

She pointed out that the Council was aware of the recently released Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for undergraduate courses in Nigerian universities, but viewed issues of curriculum development as a continuous activity and had resolved thereto, to bring up salient ones to the Commission via a position paper after its conference slated later in the year.

The CEO informed Mr. Maiyaki that NiCFoST would also through the conference, soon, submit a documented package and thereafter interface with NUC to deliberate on the way forward, especially on the urgent need to expand the local content of the curriculum in order to address the teaching needs for a food professional that would practice in Nigeria.



Mal. Ashafa Ladan
Acting Director, Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE)

She used the forum to re-echo for

NUC to commence the process of creating a separate faculty for Food Science and Technology and its variant disciplines.

This, she alluded, would primarily solve the problem and ensure a focus on resource management on



Mrs. Veronica Nkechi Ezeh
Registrar/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NiCFoST

food post-harvest and food value-addition matters and improved resource allocation as well as open opportunities for career growth opportunities and improved resource utilization and management.

In his welcome remarks, Mr. Maiyaki went down the memory lane to recount the evolution of University Education in Nigeria which began as offshoot of the Premier University College, London, now University of Ibadan (UI), in 1948; followed by first indigenous University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), 1960; and subsequently the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; University of Lagos (UNILAG) in 1962.



An Aerial view of the Roundtable discussion between the NUC Management Team and the Visiting NiCFoST delegation

The University of Benin (UNIBEN), later emerged in (1970), and the six of them constituted the First Generation Universities.

He said the universities had continued to grow in number, with Nigeria today having 62 Federal, 63 States and 148 Private Universities, making 273 universities and still counting.

The Acting Executive Secretary explained that the present number was insufficient to meet the population density when compared with the number of applicants, which yearly reaches 2 million, with only merely 600 to 700,000 being absolved, showing over-subscription.

He further said compared to countries like USA with 200million population and 5,000 universities as well as Brazil with Nigeria's comparable size having over 1,500 universities, Nigeria remained under-subscribed in terms of available universities.

He informed the team that NUC remained the flagship regulatory agency for university education with the sole responsibility of laying down Minimum Academic Standards, through the instruments of regular revision, update and re-engineering of the curriculum of Nigerian Universities; Resource Verification of new programmes in universities to ascertain their preparedness to commence such, Accreditation of programmes that are due, as well as approval and licencing of new universities.

While responding to the issues raised by the NiCFoST team, Mr. Maiyaki said NUC would respond duly to the nomination of a representative for the Nigerian University System (NUS) in the Governing Council.

He, therefore, directed the Deputy Director, Corporate Services in the Directorate of Executive Secretary's Office

(DESO), Mr. Adewale Bakare, who represented his Director to follow up on the matter with him.

On partnering with Professional bodies, he said the Commission was more attuned to working together with them even though the issues of accreditation of academic programmes was the residue of the Commission, in order for the bodies to complement its role rather than seeking to substitute its functions.

While reacting to the re-engineering of the CCMAS, the NUC Scribe, who had the Acting Director, Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan stood in for him, said the document was fine-tuned through a multi-stakeholder collegiate and launched precisely in December, 2022, by the then Vice-President of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, GCFR, SAN, and had also been activated effectively since last September 2023 in the Nigerian Universities. He, however, noted that the

Commission is ever ready to harvest inputs from stakeholders to ensure that the curriculum becomes updated to meet the needs of the 21st Century teaching and learning delivery and global competitiveness.

Responding to issue bordering on accreditation, the Acting Executive Secretary noted that the NUC recently concluded a defence process of the accreditation exercise carried out in November/December 2023.

On how to engage members of the professional body on the NUC panels, he promised that the issue would be channelled to the Management so as to deliberate on the appropriate modalities.

He reminded the team that Commission only uses those at the Professorial levels and advised the Council to ensure that their nominations when considered meet this minimum criteria.

At the meeting, the Directors of relevant NUC Quality Assurance Directorates took turns to brief the delegation on their workings, including those of: Accreditation, Academic Planning, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Inspection and Monitoring, Open, Distance and e-learning, Establishment of Private Universities and Students.

Both parties agreed to explore opportunities to work together in the promotion of Food Science and Technology programmes in the universities.

In the NICFoST delegation were the Assistant Director, Dr. Onyekachi J. Ikegwu; CFSTO, Mr. Kabiru Bello; PFSTO Officers, Dr. Peter Ome; Mr. Charles Egbedike; Jeffrey O.S Ituma and Ngozi Oledimma; Admin. Officer I, Mrs Salami B. Rashidaat; Legal Officer I,

Maryam Ele Hassan; PPA, Nzotta C.Obinna; Information Officer, Ujunwa R. Anaedum; (IMD, FSTOT), Obiayo Nkemdirim Phina and Internal Auditor, Mr. Salisu Iliyasu.

At the meeting were the Acting Directors of: Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Mohammed Abubakar Girei; Accreditation (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu; Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Offiong U Edor; Open Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Dr Mrs. Funmilayo Morebise; Director, Executive Secretary Office (DESO), represented by Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Mr. Adewale Bakare; Students (DoS), represented by Deputy Director, Mrs. Funmilayo Ajileye; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), represented by Ms. Nora Itoro.



L-R: Acting Directors of: Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE) Mal. Ashafa Ladan; Accreditation (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Mohammed Abubakar Girei; Open Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Dr Mrs. Funmilayo Morebise and Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Offiong U Edor

IEE Team Woos NUC on RECP Project

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki last Thursday, received in audience a team from the Industrial Energy Efficiency (IEE) and Resource Efficient Cleaner Production (RECP) Project led by the National Project Coordinator, Mr. Jacob Oladipo, in his office.

The aim of the visit was to seek proper guidance on the best way to create significant impacts through the project, which already had four identified universities for the pilot exercise.

The selected universities are: University of Lagos (UNILAG); Bayero University Kano (BUK); University of Abuja (UNIABUJA) and Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun (FUPRE).

Welcoming the delegation, the Acting Executive Secretary, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, gave a brief background of the evolution of Nigerian University System (NUS) in 1948, with the University College Ibadan, in affiliation with the University College in London, to the five first generation universities in 1960 to 1970 to now an impressive number of 273 fully functional Universities in the country.

Dr. Saliu, listed the distribution as 62 Federal, 63 state and 148 private Universities, all under the tutelage of the Commission, adding that the

NUC is always ready to partner with individuals and corporate bodies that are interested in the growth of University education in Nigeria.

He commended the universities



The Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, NUC, Dr Noel Biodun Saliu, giving copies of the guidelines on TNE Policy, to the Visiting National Project Coordinator, IEE and RECP, Mr. Jacob Oladipo

involved in the project for taking this laudable initiative to further strengthen the relationship between the government, universities and the industries, regarded as the triple helix model which had always been advocated by the Commission.

He assured that NUC is willing to provide the necessary support to the development of a rich curriculum in that aspect especially now that there is opportunity provided by the new Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) to add innovative courses whenever the need arises.

He clarified however, that the

stakeholders involved would only be expected to follow due process which included bringing all other necessary stakeholders on board for their inputs where necessary.

He expressed his delight for the

timely visit by the stakeholders and informed them that the NUC being a multi-stakeholders body recently opened its doors to the international community to come in and provide quality university education to its teeming population.

This, he said, was carefully consummated by the Commission after establishing the appropriate guidelines for Transnational Education (TNE) and developing six distinct models that suit the country in order not to short-change Nigerians, who were always in the quest for knowledge at different levels.

He reiterated that the main



The meeting of the NUC Management Team with the IEE and RECP Project Team in session

mandate of the Commission as the only regulatory agency responsible for the orderly development of University education in Nigeria was ensuring that quality was maintained in the NUS at all times, a feat it does with all sense of responsibility since its establishment as an Advisory Body in the then Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister in 1962.

In his presentation, the Project Coordinator, Mr. Jacob Oladipo

said the project is titled: “Improving Nigerians industrial Energy Performance and Resource Efficiency through a Pragmatic Approach and the Promotion of Innovation in Cleaner Technology Solutions in Nigeria.”

According to him, the supervising agency is the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), while the funding agency is Global

Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Project has a life span of 48 months.

He further stated that the executing partners included the Federal Ministry of Environment (FMoE), Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN), Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and Federal Ministry of Industry Trade and Investment (FMITI).

The key stakeholders includes the



L-R: Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr John Mairafi Ahmadu with some members of the Visiting IEE and RECP Project Team

Bank of Industry (BOI,) Federal Ministry of Power, (FMoP), Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON), National Universities Commission (NUC) and four selected universities (University of Lagos, Bayero University Kano, University of Abuja and Federal University of Petroleum Resources

The targeted sectors included wood and furniture, textile, petrochemical, basic metal, iron and steel and the food and beverage sector.

He added that the main objective for embarking on the project was

companies, deep understanding of IEE and RECP methods as well as for trainees to have the capability to assess and practice IEE and RECP on site projects for resource efficiency, reduce environmental impact and cost of savings.

For its impact on industries, it is



Some of the NUC Management Team with the delegation from IEE and RECP at the meeting

Effurun).

Others are National Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, (FMST) Nigerian Environmental Society (NES), a non- governmental organisation, International Centre for Energy Environment and Development (ICEED).

Mr. Oladipo listed the objective of the project that would accelerate the adoption of industrial energy efficiency and to improve enterprise environmental performance under the wider umbrella of resource efficiency and cleaner production best practices and innovative approaches within some selected industries in Nigeria.

to draft a curriculum for certificate courses on industrial energy efficiency and resource efficiency clean up and production methodology in selected universities in Nigeria.

This, according to him, would provide hands on enterprise and advanced training on the application of integrated IEE and RECP methodologies to professional trainers and company staff and demonstrating the benefits and the opportunities brought forth by IEE and RECP in the selected industries.

He said, the outcome of the training is to develop skills to conduct IEE and RECP assessment in industrial

meant to develop a basis to understand physical IEE and RECP measures tailored to each case and aimed at reducing cost and environmental impact, increasing awareness, understanding and motive among companies to adopt IEE and RECP projects.

Mr. Jacob also informed the NUC Management team that the visit was to update the Executive Secretary on the progress of the project and discuss the next steps as well as obtain the buy-in of the NUC team.

He said since the NUC had been part of the project from inception, the stakeholders needed its guidance in the development of the

curriculum as well as resource verification visitations when the universities decide to upgrade to degree programmes, adding that in the meantime, the project would start with only short professional courses.

He further stated that the project laid emphasis on benefiting industries through the production of sufficient resources and thinner production in order to reduce cost, and also emphasises on hands on training, which would be taken care of in the curriculum development.

Analysing the training mode, Mr. Jacob said this would include training obtained from the industries which would be far beyond those of the classroom and ensure the preparation of the requisite manpower to be employed from the universities.

According to the representative of UNIDO in Nigeria, Mr Oluyomi Banjo, the knowledge sought from

the project should be preserved even after the project expires since it is not renewable.

This informed the decision to bring on board Nigerian Universities spread across 5 geopolitical zones to ensure every region gets involved in spreading the knowledge base.

He added, that already, experts from outside the country had been brought to work with MAN and the five universities involved in the project to develop a curriculum for the short courses that would be taught in the universities.

He assured the Acting Executive Secretary that with the blend of national and international capacity already on ground, Nigeria would definitely be able to compete favourably with its counterparts anywhere in the world.

In the visiting team included, Dr. Olutayo Oluwasegun; Professor L.E Tudararo Aherobo; Dr. Abayomi Akeem; Professor Nasir Isa F and Mrs. Clara Nwamaraihe.

At the meeting were NUC Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Acting Directors of: Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Malam Ashafa Ladan; Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Abubakar Girei; Accreditation (DA) Mr. Abraham Chundusu; Public Affairs (DPA), Ms. Offiong U Edor; as well as representatives of Acting Director, Research , Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Dr. Bashir Dauda and Open, Distance and e-learning (DODeL), Mrs Funke Sule.



Dr Noel Saliu (Middle) in a group photograph with the Visiting IEE and RECP delegation and some members of NUC Management in session

Extend Students Loan to Private Varsities - NAPPU

The Interim Coordinator of the National Association of Proprietors of Private Universities (NAPPU) Engineer Dr. Johnson B. Adewunmi last Thursday led his executives to meet with the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities

He said the Commission is always proud of Proprietors of Private Universities due to their zeal to bridge the gap for access to quality University education which the Nigerian University System (NUS) is continuously grappling with.

with 62 being Federal owned, 63 State owned and 148 privately owned which makes the private sector the greatest cohort in proprietorship of universities in the country.

He, however, lamented that,



The meeting of the NUC Management Team with the National Association of Private Universities (NAPPU) ongoing when the later visited the Commission to canvass for extension of Students Loan to Private Universities

Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, to discuss how the Federal Government could extend the newly approved Students loan to those studying in private universities.

Receiving the team, the Acting Executive Secretary, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, commended their laudable initiative and reaffirmed that coming together as an association to speak with one voice would give their position more weight and importance whenever they bring forth any pressing matters.

Dr. Saliu reminded his visitors that the NUC remained the regulatory agency charged with the responsibility to ensuring the orderly development of quality university education in Nigeria, a function it had carried out since 1962 as an Advisory Body in the Prime Minister's Cabinet Office until it became a statutory body in 1974.

He said, the growth of University education in the country has been astronomical since the establishment of the first indigenous university in Nigeria to date, mentioning that there are a total of 273 universities existing presently

judging from the number of enrolment in private universities today, the public universities were still the ones with the highest carrying capacity for students seeking University education.

This drops the bulk of providing access on the private universities who are still at different stages of growth and the role which the private universities play cannot be taken for granted and the Commission is ever ready to render its support for a steady growth of private universities in Nigeria.

The Interim Coordinator thanked the NUC for the unique role it has



Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu
Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, NUC

been playing in guiding and shaping the private universities to come up to a level it could be at par with its public counterparts in the education industry.

He said the association has been in operation for a couple of years now and has interfaced with the Commission in various ways.

He stated that private universities play a very significant role in the development of University education in Nigeria and its Proprietors are attuned to be one of the best citizens for offering social

services to the Nigerian populace in a very important sector of the country.

Engineer Adewunmi explained that the association saw the need to move closer as a body to the Commission to foster a more formidable relationship which will keep the private universities waxing strong and not crumble.

He said the efforts of the private institutions at providing quality education has contributed immensely in keeping a large number of the youths back home in Nigeria instead of travelling outside the shores to seek knowledge and probably losing them forever to the outside world.

He asserted that running a private University is a selfless venture unlike the wrong perception many have that it is mostly for profit, stressing that lot of communities they operate in, depended on the private universities for all their social amenities and now most

especially for security, considering the current state of the nation.



Engr. Dr. Johnson B. Adewunmi
Coordinator, NAPPU

A member of the team commended the recent initiative by the Federal Government to provide access to loans for Nigerian students.

He said, considering the nationality of students in all private universities as fellow Nigerians, the Association deemed it very necessary to seek the magnanimity of the government to extend that access



A cross section of the delegation and the NUC Management Team at the meeting

to them too.

This, he opined would give the students a sense of belonging and detract them from feeling disadvantaged because they study in private universities.

Most of the students, according to him, were not from rich homes, it was due to their quest for knowledge, proximity, access and programmes they might not get in the public universities made them enrolled in private universities.

He further underscored the need for the Federal Government to stop the obvious discrimination against private institutions in the area of research and development interventions through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) because even as private individuals, they run businesses that add to the educational funds remitted to TETFUND and therefore, should be allowed to have access to the funds as well.

He said, when private institutions

were allowed to operate at their fullest capacity and compete with public universities, their existence had helped immensely in reducing incessant strikes, cultism and entrench more discipline in the institutions and foster peace in the country while also contributing positively to national development.

The visitors informed the Acting Executive Secretary and his team that their Association would soon come up with a constitution guiding their existence which was drafted in tandem with the vision and plan of the NUC, but, were at present operating in interim capacity, pending a proper election that would usher in its first Executive Committee members.

Among the members of the Interim team that visited included: Senator Emmanuel Obok Essien, FNSE; Barr. Dr. Collins Aimuan; Engr Dr. Johnson Adewumi; Evangelist

Hon Jones Tagban; Ruth Aimuan; Engineer Chief Simon Nwakaoha; Samuel Maduka Onyeshi ; Sir Dr. Arthur Jarvis A; Rebecca Clarke Okorodudu; Christopher Eze; Abraham Ogbodo AND Dr. Emmanuel T. Abraham.

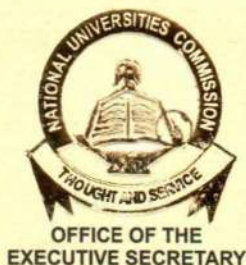
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Dr. Saliu and Engr. Dr. Adewunmi (12th and 13th right), pose for photograph with the visiting delegation and some members of NUC Management Team

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Vice-Chancellors
All Federal Universities

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 or gsm: 08093103373, 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.

Folasade Boriowo

Director (Press & PR)

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27th May 2024

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Vice-Chancellors
All Federal Universities

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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28th May, 2024

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. Iyasu
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. Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: 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 30th 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 2nd 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
2nd 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, Owhode, 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	Mcperson 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

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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						



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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
BASHIR	KUNYA	IBRAHIM	17 June
BRIDGET	ENE	AUDU	18 June
ONUWA	ANGELA	BAKARE	18 June
PETER	KWAGGA	WILLIAM	19 June
MUSIBAU	AYINLA	DOSUNMU	19 June
UHUNOMA		AIMIENWANWU	21 June



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