

## NUC Committed to CNG Project in Nigerian Varsities...Ag. ES

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has said the Commission would do everything within its

are located.

He stated this last Thursday when the Commission played host to top officials of the Auto-mobile Assembly and dealership

vehicles even for its Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to reduce the impact of the removal of fuel subsidy which weighed heavily on the citizens, particularly, the vulnerable



The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr Chris J. Maiyaki and Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr Noel Biodun Saliu sandwiched from left by the NUC Consultant and Expert on Transportation, Prof. Samuel G. Adewumi with the Eggheads of the Buck Stalker Engineering Limited, an Auto-mobile Assembly and dealership company and some members of NUC Management during the Interaction on the proposal for the deployment of CNG and Electric- designed engine buses to Tertiary Institutions

mandate to support the efforts of Buck Stalker Engineering Limited, an Auto-mobile Assembly and dealership company to supply cheap and cost-effective Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Electric- designed engine buses to Tertiary Institutions aimed at ameliorating the impact of the subsidy removal on students, parents and guardians in and around cities where universities

company which came to follow up on a proposal it sent to the Commission seeking to supply Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Electric- designed engine buses to Tertiary Institutions.

He said supporting the initiative was appropriate and in line with the Presidential Initiative on purchasing of CNG powered

populace, among them the students of higher institutions in the country.

According to him, the subsidy removal has signalled the emergence of a new era where Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) and gasoline had become too expensive and no longer cost-effective to power buses for mass movement of students in and around the

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Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC

campuses.

Mr. Maiyaki asserted that the Commission was the gate-way to the Nigerian University System (NUS), stating that the NUC currently supervised the activities of 274 universities comprising 62 Federal, 63 State and 149 Private universities



Mr. Manasseh Joshua  
Chairman, Messrs Buck Stalker Engineering Limited

and still counting.

He argued that despite the current number, there was still a huge gap between demand and supply as the number of students seeking admission into tertiary institutions continue to increase astronomically in the country.

“Therefore, the onus is on us to ensure that we bridge the gap by increasing access to university education,” he said.

The Acting Executive Secretary, highlighted that some states had more than one university with one or two campuses within the state, adding that the removal of subsidy on PMS and gas had occasioned an unprecedented increase in transport fare which had in turn affected the movement of students who possibly relied on commercial buses for movement from one campus to another.

He stressed that the proposal submitted by Messrs Buck Stalker Engineering Limited to supply CNG/Electric-designed engine buses to Tertiary Institutions was a laudable gesture that was worth the attention of the Commission.

He added that upon receiving the proposal, the Commission had engaged the services of experts to analyse and give more insights as to its benefit to students and the entire university communities, a position that has enjoyed the endorsement of an expert and renowned Professor of transport planning and policy, Professor Adewumi Samuel.

Mr. Maiyaki urged the management of the Company to ensure that all relevant stakeholders, both in the Ministry of Transportation and the Presidential Committee were carried along in its quest to provide a cheaper alternative to PMS or Gas-powered buses, while the Commission would provide the necessary platform to bring the proposal to fruition.

The Consultant and Expert, Professor Samuel G. Adewumi, a foremost Professor of Transportation at the Lagos State University (LASU), in his remarks, noted that the nation’s quest to cushion the effect of the post-



Prof. Samuel G. Adewumi  
NUC Consultant and Expert on Transportation

subsidy removal regime had been through a hybrid approach as the Nigerian government was exploring every possible means to stabilize the adverse effect of the subsidy removal on the Nigerian economy.



Mr. Osita Okechukwu  
Member of the Company's Board

A major pathway identified as a positive changer was the utilization of alternative energy resources (Gas and Solar) which the country was abundantly endowed with.



R-L: Mr. Okechukwu; Mr. Joshua; the Director, Technical Services, Dr. Vincent Dogo; Director, Industrial Solutions, Mr. Jude Okocha; Director Operations, Mr. Thomas Ikpa and Accountant, Mr. Keghku Terna

He stressed that to engineer the application of alternative resources to curtail the rise in the prices of goods and services (inflation), the transportation sector was factored as a key variable associated with inflation cutting across all sectors of the economy, especially, in the education sector.

He added that, as a solution provider, Buck Stalker Engineering Limited proposed, through the NUC, to provide a comprehensive and cost-efficient transportation and auto-mechanic services to reduce the pressure of transportation fares on students, parents, and guardians.

The Professor of transport planning informed his host that the automobile engineering company was an indigenous company registered under the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and had been working in collaborations with automobile manufacturing giant, Sogou Motors of South Korea, and also has affiliation with Liaoning Haunghai Auto-mobile of China.

He noted that Buck Stalker has proposed to supply CNG- designed and air-conditioned engine Mass Transit Buses, Tricycle, Minibuses, Trucks, Ambulances and Kiosk for effective and seamless

transportation of students in Nigerian tertiary institutions and Universities.

The Mass Transit Buses (MTB) were intended to operate both intra-campus services and shuttling between hostels and cities.

Professor Adewumi explained that the proposed category of buses was designed for fuel efficiency and durability- GREEN ENERGY.

Beside the fact that they are electric motorized vehicles, they are adaptable and convertible to either Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) or Gas, pointing out that the company finds it appropriate to propose the supply of Mass Transit Buses through the NUC for onward distribution to universities and other tertiary institutions of learning in Nigeria.

He opined that the only challenge was the lack of infrastructure for auto-gas distributions in about 27 states currently not served by gas or electricity dispensing outlets, stating that it was critical to build either a gas or electric charging stations in university campuses before considering the

procurement of CNG and Electric vehicles for tertiary institutions.

He added that other factors inherent in the effective implementation of the project were maintenance and training needs, regulatory framework for CNG/Electric Buses, procurement and funding options, evaluating suppliers and manufacturers.

Other necessary issues to be considered included, financial assistance programmes, monitoring and evaluation of CNG and Electric vehicles, performance metrics and key indicators, data collection and analysis going forward.

In his remarks, the Chairman, Messrs Buck Stalker Engineering Limited, Mr. Manasseh Joshua, noted that his company has a long standing experience spanning over three decades in the business of auto - mobile assembly, modifications and supply.

He also disclosed that the Company's foreign partners were ready to provide the funds to ensure the execution of any large-scale project, a move he said, was approved by the Federal Government.



L-R: Acting Directors of Open, Distance and E-learning (DODeL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; Public Affairs (DPA), Ms. Offiong U Etor; Human Resources (DHR), Mrs. Victoria Omorodion; the representatives of the Acting Directors of Academic Planning and Deputy Director, Curriculum Development, Dr. Esther Mmeka and Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Ms. Nora Itoro

Mr. Joshua assured that his company had the capacity to provide CNG outlets where necessary as well as provide solutions to other concerns raised by the expert.

He assured that his team would consult widely as well as carry all critical stakeholders along in order to ensure the success of the project.

He, therefore, solicited the continued backing of the NUC through the provision of the enabling environment as the foremost regulatory agency of universities in the country.

In the Messrs Buck Stalker

Engineering Limited delegation were: the Director (Technical Services), Dr. Vincent Dogo; Director, Industrial Solutions (INDSSOL), Mr. Jude Okocha; Director Operations, Mr. Thomas Ikpa as well as the Accountant, Mr. Keghku Terna.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; the Acting Directors of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia T. Imoroa; Human Resources (DHR), Mrs.

Victoria Omorodion; Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mr. Ashafa Ladan; Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Mohammed Faruk Lawal; Open, Distance and E-learning (DODeL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; Accreditation (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu, Public Affairs (DPA), Ms. Offiong U Etor as well as the representatives of the Acting Directors of Academic Planning and Deputy Director, Curriculum Development, Dr. Esther Mmeka and Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Ms. Nora Itoro.



Dr Saliu; Mr Joshua; Mr Maiyaki Mr Okechukwu and Prof. Adewumi (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th left), with other members of the Buck Stalker Engineering Limited and some members of NUC Management

## Brigham Young Varsity Delegation Visits NUC

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last Monday received in audience a team of officials from Brigham Young University (BYU), based in the United States of America, led by its President, Mr. Brian K. Ashton, in his office.

The team came to show interest in establishing a Branch Campus in Nigeria, in line with the NUC's Transnational Education (TNE), Policy,.

In his remarks, the President of BYU, who thanked the Acting Executive Secretary for the warm reception accorded them, informed him that BYU is a private university, located in Provo and Utah, both in the United States of America.

He further disclosed that it was founded in 1875 by a Religious Leader named Brigham Young and sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS Church).

Mr. Ashton said the institution offers variety of academic programmes including those in the Liberal Arts, Engineering, Agriculture, Management, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Nursing, and Law.

He added that the institution boasts of 186 undergraduates Majors, 64 Masters and 26

Doctoral programmes, explaining that the institution had been broadly organized into 11 Colleges or Schools at



The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki handing over copies of the TNE Guidelines to President, BYU, USA, Mr. Brian K. Ashton

its main Provo campus, with some colleges and divisions defining their own admission standards.

The team leader also said the university administers four satellites campuses, all of which are in Jerusalem, Salt Lake city, Washington D.C and London, while its parent organization, the Church Education System (CES) sponsors schools in Hawaii and Idaho.

According to him, the University is accredited by a body known as the Northwest Commission on issues relating to Colleges and Universities.

He further told the Acting

Executive Secretary that students pursuing both undergraduate and postgraduate studies were required to

undertake courses in LDS Religious Education before graduation regardless of their courses of study.

He said that is partly due to the Church's emphasis on missionary services as everything about student life is centered on religion and responsibility at BYU.

He revealed that the institution has a total undergraduate enrolment of 31, 401, with a campus size of 560 acres and ranked among the best universities in the world, yet with a very affordable tuition fee.

Mr. Ashton stated that the purpose of the visit was to



The Meeting of the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC and his Management Team with the BYU, USA delegation in session

establish BYU's presence in Nigeria since the institution had been floated successfully in 185 countries already.

He asserted that they have students from African descent and that Nigerian students, particularly from a nucleus of those studying at BYU in the United States of America, adding that BYU was ready to collaborate with NUC and Nigerian universities in the area

of exchange programmes.

Responding, the Acting Executive Secretary thanked them for the visit and gave a run-down of the historical background of NUC and the Nigerian University System (NUS).

This, he said, began with the University College Ibadan, now University of Ibadan, (UI in 1948); to the establishment

of first indigenous University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) in 1960; to Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU), Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; University of Lagos (UNILAG) in 1962 and later University of Benin (UNIBEN) in 1970, which formed the First Generation Universities.

Mr. Maiyaki highlighted that the States also started their own



L-R: The Acting Directors of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIT), Mal. Mohammed Faruk Lawal and Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa

universities with the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST), Port-Harcourt blazing the trail in 1979, and subsequently the establishment of first private universities in 1999 bringing the total number of universities in Nigeria today to 274 and still counting.

He stated that NUC had always laid emphasis on quality and as the sole regulatory agency of university education in Nigeria, its mandate remained to ensure the orderly development of a well-coordinated and productive university system that would guarantee quality and relevant education for national development and global competitiveness.

The NUC scribe listed the Commission's main functions to include; granting approval for all academic programmes run in Nigerian universities; granting approval for establishment of all

higher educational institutions offering degree programmes in Nigeria and also ensuring quality assurance of all academic programmes offered in Nigerian universities.

He assured the BYU delegates of NUC's support and described BYU as a strategic partner of the Commission, expressing his delight that the BYU team had keyed into the Transnational Education (TNE) Policy guidelines which NUC had always championed.

He, therefore, assured the team that the NUC would do everything possible to see that BYU succeeds in Nigeria.

After the interaction, the Acting Executive Secretary directed the Acting Director, Open Distance and E-Learning (DODEL) to bring up a status report on the proposed Brigham Young University in Nigeria.

He encouraged the BYU delegation to submit their application forms and relevant documents before the close of work by Friday 28th of June 2024.

In the BYU Team were Joseph Bayo; Chidi, Victor and Michael.

At the meeting were NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Director Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; the Acting Directors of: Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Acting Director, DODEL, Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Mohammed Faruk Lawal and Accreditation (DA), Mr. Abraham Chundusu.



Mr. Maiyaki and Mr. Ashton (8th and 9th right); the Deputy Executive Secretary Academics, NUC, Dr Noel Biodun Saliu (5th right), in a group photograph with other members of the BYU, USA Delegation and some members of NUC Management

## NUC, Other Stakeholders Brainstorm on Safe Schools

Stakeholders in the university education sub-sector, comprising the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), National Universities Commission (NUC) and the University-based Unions, especially the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) gathered last Wednesday,

with a view to changing the narratives.

He stated that being the regulatory agency responsible for the development of curriculum of universities in Nigeria, the Commission had brought to the front-line issues of

encourage the universities to ensure that those who are appointed into their Ethics Committees discharge this responsibilities with a sense of integrity.

According to him, the Commission's central focus had



The Executive Director, Alliances for Africa, Mrs Iheoma Obibi setting the tone for the One-day Stakeholders' consultative meeting while participants from the National Universities Commission and Federal Ministry of Education watch with keen interest

at a one-day residential consultation organised by the leadership of Alliances for Africa (AFA), a non-governmental organisation, in partnership with the Centre for Gender Studies in Nigeria to brainstorm and come up with sustainable and systemic solutions that would foster a safe learning environment in Nigerian Tertiary Institution.

In a message of solidarity at the event held at Bolton Hotels, Abuja, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki commended AFA for its laudable initiative of bringing stakeholders' to the round-table to discuss the menace of sexual harassment suffered by all strata of gender in the nation's tertiary institutions,

sexual harassment of students both (male and female) to the attention of university administrators to address same.

The Acting Executive Secretary, whose message was delivered by the leader of NUC team and Acting Director, Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo informed the organisers that the Commission was also putting together a draft policy on sexual harassment with the aim of mitigating the recurring decimal of these menace in the nation's tertiary institutions.

He disclosed that NUC had through its quality assurance visits to the universities embarked on advocacy to

always been on the students to be given opportunity and a channel to expose these issues of sexual harassment without fear of victimisation.

He said NUC had in its bid to show its serious concern, based on the understanding of the critical role gender issues play in balancing the society, partnered with UNESCO to develop Gender Studies curriculum for the Nigerian University System (NUS) both as a General Studies (GST) and specialised programmes, way back in June, 2016.

He stressed that the rationale behind the curriculum development was to help the youths in critical thinking on





Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo  
Ag. Director, Students

governance and politics, while its main-streaming was meant to ensure and guarantee women's and the girl child participation in leadership and governance.

He expressed delight that partners like AFA was interested in gender related issues, noting that NUC was willing to partner with the NGO to ensure that Nigerian graduates become equipped with



Prof. Emmanuel Osedeke  
Chairman, ASUU

the required knowledge and skills that would engender in them equal opportunity and non-discrimination as well as empower them towards national development and global competitiveness.

Speaking in her own capacity, Ms Rita Okonjo, elaborated on the efforts NUC, through her Directorate had been making to ensure the main beneficiaries of the education sector were given all the necessary support.

She stated that the DoS regularly holds meetings with Deans of Students Affairs to rub minds and provide solutions to matters that affect students in Nigerian universities, explaining further that it carries out regular visits to universities to assess facilities, services and living conditions of students in all universities because apart from programme related services, there were other aspects that compliment the academic aspect put in place for better learning.

She re-echoed that NUC is working assiduously to reform its law to empower the Commission to be able to prosecute sexual harassment offenders without waiting for universities to do so, as well as carrying out a review of the benchmark for students support services document.

She added that the Commission will soon launch an on-line platform that would enable victims or whistle-blowers to report such cases anonymously, that way victimisation would be reduced drastically and protection assured for those that use it.

Lending her voice, the NUC Director, Open, Distance Education and e-Learning

(DODeL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise commended the timely event by AfA, citing it's relevance to national development as a key factor because it is a crucial component in the mission the NUC seeks to achieve.

She said sexual harassment to the girl child has a lot of implications on the victim ranging from



Dr. Funmilayo Morebise  
Ag. Director, DODeL

psychological, health to social consequences.

Dr. Morebise said the focus of AfA to strengthen the system would have more impact because when systems sanction offenders, it rids from the system issues of bias and forces everyone to conform with rules and regulations since there is no fear or favour.

She added that the topic of sexual harassment cannot be over-flogged because it is a recurring decimal which must be tackled head-on before its menace consumes everyone eventually.

She called on the parents to ensure they raise children that are well-behaved and Law abiding and that

will grow to be adults that are well rounded both in character and learning.

She assured the organisers that NUC was always prepared to collaborate with well meaning individuals or groups to ensure quality is maintained in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Earlier, while setting the pace for the event, the Executive Director, Alliances for Africa, Mrs Iheoma Obibi said, the organisation's proposed initiative on addressing gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment was conceptualized in response to the growing incidences and long-term impact of sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination happening in the nation's universities.



Mrs Blessing Duru  
Director of Programmes, Alliances for Africa

She said the ultimate goal was to contribute towards creating a safe learning environment in Nigeria where discrimination based on gender would be totally eradicated.

Mrs. Obibi added that it was necessary to remind stakeholders on the importance of the role that



Ms. Offiong U Edor  
Ag. Director, DPA

education played in building upright members of the society and how ensuring their safety in the process of gaining knowledge was very essential.

She called on the relevant agencies responsible for checking the universities housing the students and the university community especially the unions to rise to the occasion in order to mitigate against the constant embarrassment the issues of sexual harassment bring to the educational system.

While giving an overview of the project using graphic illustrations, Director of Programmes, AFA, Mrs. Blessing Duru, depicted the efforts of the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) towards addressing sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination in 12 Universities in Nigeria, which, she stressed, painted a horrible picture of the sordid experience of victims of sexual harassment across the institutions.

The universities, according to

her, where AFA was currently conducting a baseline survey were listed as Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO); Kaduna State University (KASU); University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT); Imo State University (IMSU); Nasarawa State University, kEFFI (NSUK); Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University (COOU), Uli, Anambra State; Bayero University Kano (BUK); University of Ibadan (UI); University of Jos (UNIJOS); Lagos State University (ILASU), Ojo; Delta State University (DELSU), Abraka and University of Abuja (UNIABUJA).



Mrs Iheoma Obibi  
The Executive Director, Alliances for Africa

She explained that Alliances for Africa's proposed initiative on addressing gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment was conceptualized in response to the growing incidences and long-term impact of sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination in Nigeria.

Mrs. Duru said the ultimate goal of the project is to contribute towards creating a safe learning environment in Nigeria, while the objectives was hinged on

entrenchment of equality and non-discriminatory university, federal and state level policies that creates an environment that is void of sexual harassment and discrimination and advances women's leadership and a culture of equality and respect.

The aim was also to advocate for the adoption of gender studies as a General Study (GST) course in Nigerian universities to promote women's agency, participation, and representation in leadership as well as foster foundational reorientation that would bring changes in behaviour and responsiveness to issues of sexual harassment in the university system.

She further informed the meeting that it was pertinent to engage the NUC in this laudable cause being the foremost institution whose mission remained to ensure the orderly development of a well-coordinated and productive university system that would guarantee quality and relevant education for national development and global competitiveness of which ensuring safe and inclusive learning environment was key.

Harping on the strategies for addressing sexual harassment which was identified as a serious pandemic and problem in the society, she pointed out that it required a holistic and multi-sectoral approach which involves Systems change, Foundational education, Creating inclusive systems that are gender sensitive, as well as Policies that protects and deter victimization or recurrence



One of the delegates of ASUU

of same, which will be led by women in select institutes and up scaled to the national level.

She expressed the willingness of the Civil Society Organisation to work with other identified constituencies such as Gender Units in universities, other Civil society networks and coalitions and the media, University based



Another delegate of ASUU

academic and non-academic unions and several other groups that would be needed in the course of this initiative to support initiatives that make systems just and inclusive.

She also envisaged that a sustained, galvanized effort for

the duration of the initiative would birth the systems shift and institutional change needed to end sexual harassment in Nigerian universities.

While dwelling on the key statistics and findings from recent studies, she outlined alarming statistics on the prevalence of sexual harassment in Nigerian tertiary institutions, with the prevalence rate put at over 60% of female students, who have reported being victims of sexual harassment during their time in tertiary institutions.

She raised alarm that, the perpetrators of these molestations were Faculty members and that fellow students were seen as the primary perpetrators, with the faculty members accounting for nearly 40% of reported cases.

She, however, decried the fact that despite this prevalence situations, only about less than 10% of victims reported the incidents due to fear of stigmatization, retaliation, and lack of trust in the reporting mechanisms.

She similarly lamented the spate of institutional responses to matters related to sexual harassment as many lacked effective policies and enforcement mechanisms, leading to a culture of impunity.

On the impact of this on victims, she disclosed that most of them often suffer from psychological trauma, academic under-performance, and a sense of

insecurity within the educational environment.

These findings, she argued, underscored the urgent need for comprehensive measures to combat sexual harassment and support victims in Nigerian tertiary institutions.

She suggested that addressing the issue required a coordinated effort to create awareness, educate the community, and implement robust measures in order to protect and support victims while holding perpetrators accountable.

During the Panel discussions on developing a multi-sectoral approach to tackling the menace of sexual harassment, the NUC team specifically proposed the creation of an on-line platform where students can log-in for complaints

and report issues relating to sexual harassment discretely; create awareness on multi-faceted reporting systems to include Parents, friends and colleagues of those who are sexually harassed, among others.

The ASUU team led by the President, Professor Emmanuel Osedeke agreed with the organisers that concerted efforts should be made by all to ensure that cases of sexual harassment be expunged in the university system, citing that, one of the major challenges that brought about the issue was the abandonment of the long cherished recruitment process which threw into the system today all manner of persons as lecturers since the late 90's.

They, however, listed some of the strategies that would tackle the issues to include that: Students and the University should be sensitised periodically through lectures, symposium and discussions on sexual harassment; and sanctions should be placed on defaulters in tandem with extant laws and university regulations on sexual harassment, among others.

The NUC team was led by the Acting Director, Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo and has Acting Directors of: Open Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; Public Affairs, DPA, Ms. Offiong U Edor; the Deputy Director, e-Learning in DODEL, Mrs. Funke Sule; among others.



The Programme Facilitator and Co-organiser from the Centre for Gender Studies, University of Abuja, Ms Kobi Ikpo responding to some issues at the Consultative Meeting

## NUC Participates in IPPIS HR Sensitisation Prog.

Staff of the National Universities Commission (NUC) were among the 40 participants from the Ministries, Departments and Agencies MDAs that took part in the one-

to deliver E-business solutions capable of integrating the components of organizational delivery.

She said the IPPIS/HRMIS is

enrolled in 2009, explaining that the mission of cascading it to the IPPIS - Service Wide Department was to maintain comprehensive and credible Human Resource data in respect



L-R: The Deputy Director, Human Resource Management Information System, Mallam Bashir Bello Shagari; the Deputy Director IPPIS Service Wide Department, Mr. Francis Ekeyenge; Permanent Secretary, Service Policy and Strategies Office (SPSO), Dr. Bako Deborah Odoh and the World Bank Consultant on the IPPIS/HR Module Project, Mrs A.I Attah, at the sensitisation programme

day Integrated Payroll Personnel Information System (IPPIS) Service-wide Human Resource (HR) sensitisation Programme held last week, for Officers on Grade Level 12 and above organized under the Fiscal Governance and Institution Project (World Bank-Assisted) by the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHSCF), in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, the World Bank Consultant, Mrs A.I Attah said IPPIS /HR Management Information System (MIS) were an on-line based system designed

an ICT-based Public sector reform initiative of the Federal Government under the IPPIS project which was embarked upon by the Federal Government of Nigeria in the year 2007 with the view to attaining transparency, accuracy, safety and reliability in the management of personnel records while curtailing avoidable personnel cost.

She said the pilot phase commenced with seven MDAs in 2007 followed by nine additional ones that were

of all Federal Government employees on the IPPIS Platform.

In his remarks, the Deputy Director IPPIS Service Wide Department, Mr. Francis Ekeyenge disclosed that 559 MDAs have been enrolled from 2011 to date, stating that this was necessitated by the then urgent need to curb the growing trend of ghost workers penetrating into the Federal Government wage bill.

He said the World Bank had stepped into the scene to support

the implementation process aimed at improving controls and efficiency in payroll management through full deployment of the HR module.

He disclosed that all payments to employees including monthly salary, allowances and arrears are processed on IPPIS through the automated payroll process coordinated by the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF).

Mr. Ekeyenge said automated payroll process would guarantee prompt payment of salaries and allowances, transparency and uniformity in payments in line with set goals and objectives of the IPPIS project.

The Deputy Director, Human Resource Management Information System, Mallam



Mallam Bashir Bello Shagari  
Deputy Director, Human Resource Management  
Information System, OHSCF

Bashir Bello Shagari, in his presentation, said each MDA is expected to have an IPPIS Unit headed by an Assistant Director Administration reporting to the Director, HRM, while the unit should comprise of the HR, Payroll and Audit Desk Officers charged with handling all IPPIS related responsibilities.

He stated that the self-service Module enables employees to access and use the IPPIS platforms and afford the employees some defined access and options to make request via the system thereby abolishing some of the old paper work within the public service.

He said, all employees in the various MDAs are entitled to limited access to the IPPIS platform to carry out activities directly affecting them or their subordinates through self-service. The employees are issued with login credentials, user-name and password to enable them carry out the under listed self-service.

Some of these self -services included, viewing employee records; leave plan, application



Participants at the World Bank Supported Service Wide Sensitisation Programme on IPPIS/HR Module for Grade Level 12 Officers and above

for leave, employee special request, generation and printing of pay slip and incidence reporting.

He said, the soft service desk is an application that helps users to make timely responses on issues and matters arising from all the IPPIS solutions which borders on (oracle EBS) employee on-line records updates and verification portals as well as employee enrolment registration portal.

Also speaking, Assistant Director IPPIS Service-Wide Technical Division, Mr. Emeka Ugodo, said employees could easily generate and print both previous and current pay slips

from the comfort of their offices, stressing that applying for leave had never been easier as employees could now do so with a few clicks from their computers and mobile phones.

He added that employee could now actively view their real-time record without the risk of carrying and sometimes losing personal files and also employee could formally report emergencies from their locations without necessarily having to go to their offices.

He explained that migration of salary entails the movement of officers' salary payment alongside other career status records such as cadre position

grade levels, among others.

He said the IPPIS agency responsible for migration of salary is the Office of the Head of civil Service of the Federation.

While all payments to employees including monthly salary, allowances and arrears are processed on IPPIS through the automated payroll process coordinated by the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF).

Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and clarify same during the sensitisation programme.



Other Participants at the event

## PTDF, UNN train Geology Lecturers in Oil, Solid Minerals Expertise

The Petroleum Technology Development Fund, in collaboration with the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, has trained young Geology and Geosciences lecturers from universities in the South-East zone.

Speaking at the three-day training event in Enugu, the Executive Secretary of PTDF, Mr. Ahmed Aminu, stated that one of the mandates of the Fund was the development of the capacity of Nigerians in the field of Geology and Geosciences.

He added that the essence of the workshop was to train young academics who would stand in the gap as experts in the field of discovery of both oil and solid minerals.

Represented by the Head of Research and Development, PTDF, Dr. Neeka Jacob, the Executive Secretary noted that UNN did well by bringing in young experts in the geological space to solidify the future of the profession.

He said, “The purpose of this is to ensure continuity because lack of manpower results when there is no sustainability. Sustainability is what we are looking for in organising this workshop.

“You can see young academics coming together, sharing knowledge, and expanding their scope of ensuring that the geology of

saying the Fund had been empowering security agencies through its private-public partnership programmes to ensure that geologists had peace



Mr Chris J. Maiyaki  
Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC

these basins is well documented. Those who have laid the foundation are here training and retaining the younger generation to have what it takes to build this geology field.

“That alone is a huge contribution to knowledge from the PTDF and the Chair Professor in Geology from UNN,” he stated.

On the security of geologists in their field surveys, he observed that without security, it was difficult to carry out concrete surveys,

and tranquillity while on the fields.

He added, “It is part of what we do as Corporate Social Responsibility which is key in any field of work. It’s not enough for us to have teaching and learning in the classroom, it’s equally important to go to the fields and that requires that you have security personnel.

“Steps we take after field surveys include exploration, and that’s why you see today that most Inland Basins are beginning to produce. Nigeria is now going more for oil and





Mr. Ahmed Galadima Aminu  
Executive Secretary, PTDF

gas and it's the work of geologists sponsored by PTDF.

Now, we have Anambra producing oil, while Lagos, lower Niger Delta Basin and even the Lake Chad Basin are now producing hydrocarbons.

We have also seen so many states in the federation producing hydrocarbon now and it's because we've gone beyond exploration to production, and that is what the PTDF stands for, expanding the reserve of this country in a larger measure so that we can all see the reserve proliferation of this country."

The Chairman of the PTDF Endowment on Geology, Professor A. W. Mode of UNN, disclosed that there were a minimum number of days required to train a geologist at a Bachelor of Science level.

Professor Mode enthused, "The

regulating body the National Universities Commission (NUC) stipulates at least 100 days of fieldwork, and that is what they gauge will be enough to give the trainees the experience, but you know it's the lecturers that train the students and what we noticed over the years is that there is a knowledge and skill-gap,



Prof. A. W. Mode  
Professor of Geology, UNN / Chairman of the  
PTDF Endowment

especially those that are young in the academic profession and the older generation.

"So the main target of this workshop is to, first of all, get the young academics in the institutions and to share our own experience with experts to transfer their skills and knowledge to them with the workshop that includes practical fieldwork experience."

Participants at the three-day event, titled, 'Knowledge Sharing and Field Training Workshop organised by PTDF Chair in Petroleum Geology and the University of Nigeria Nsukka,' were drawn from Nnamdi Azikiwe University (NAU) Awka; Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO); Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT), Agbani; Ebonyi State University (EBSU) Abakaliki; Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (FUNAI); Michael Okpara University of Agriculture (MOUA), Umudike; and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN); among others.

The workshop featured Geology experts such as Professors C.S Nwajide and Mode; the Fund's officials and a host of other senior and young lecturers in the region.

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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: 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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## 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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28<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

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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-six 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	Mepheron University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2007	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, Imopé-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 Rabiun University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023	148	Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2024			
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023	149	African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja	2024			
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udo Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 56) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 57) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, 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
BISI		OLANIYAN 01 July
SAMUEL	AKPENPUUN	AKUSE 01 July
OBINNA		WACHUKU 02 July
DOMINIC	OBIORA	CHUKWUANI 02 July
MOHAMMED	ANAS	SHETIMA 03 July
OLANREWAJU	EBENEZER	AYENI 03 July
RITA	EBOSETALE	EBEHIKHALU 04 July
OGOCHUKWU	BIBIAN	ONYEANISI 05 July
TUNBOSUN	CYRIL	DOMINGO 06 July
PEACE	CHIKA	EMEANURU 06 July
MATTHEW	IHENJIAWUNZE	ANYANWU 06 July
IDRIS	DANJUMA	IBRAHIM 07 July
CHUKWUEMEKA		OFFOR 07 July
SARAYA		DAUDA 07 July

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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*Courtesy: Directorate of Human Resources*

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