

## Minister Tasks Governing Councils on Prudent Mgt. of Institutions' Finances

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, has warned the newly inaugurated

He also reminded them that the laws stipulated that as appointees, they were appointed on a part-time basis and not as full-time employees

the Governing Councils for Federal Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.



L-R: The Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) Prof. Paulinus Chijioko Okwelle; Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Minister of State for Education (HMSE), Dr. Tanko Yusuf Sununu, Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman; Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack; Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Arc. Sonny Echono; Registrar/Chief Executive Officer, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Prof. Idris M. Bugaje

Governing Councils of tertiary institutions against extravagant expenses in the course of discharging their duties as prudent management of the institutions finances would lead to their growth and development in line with the Federal Government expectations.

or managers of the institutions.

He made the clarifications last Thursday at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja during the inauguration of the newly appointed members of

Professor Mamman, who frowned at some reported cases of chairpersons of councils making extravagant demands like chartered aircraft to attend functions and a house in the capital city, among others, said these were beyond the jurisdictions of the council

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Prof. Tahir Mamman  
Honourable Minister of Education

members and they should thus, desist from such.

The Minister's concerns stemmed from the perceived conduct of some appointees of governing councils of institutions who reportedly compete with the institutions' management officials for the day-to-day management of the institutions.

He insisted that their activities as members of Governing Councils are on a part-time basis and that emoluments and benefits of part-time employment are defined across the country.

"I will mention with some hesitation but it's very important. Councils are on a part-time basis, they operate on a part-time basis not full time, either chairman or members," he said.

"We have reports of what happened in the past, where some Pro-Chancellors wanted chartered aircraft each time they wanted to go for functions, whether it's convocation, or a trip to Abuja," he said.

"They want to have houses in Abuja. This is a real report. The government has, for a long time, monetised - taken itself out of the provision of houses for staff - except, of course, on the campuses."

The Minister tasked the newly inaugurated councils to avoid such large expenses, noting that President Bola Tinubu has a habit of letting go of anyone found wanting immediately after they are reported to have committed infractions.

He said: "Please let us avoid these things because we have a President who has zero tolerance for corruption. I can tell you one thing I learned from my President, among other things, if something breaks out in the media and it is negative, you are out the following day.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
The Executive Secretary, NUC

"The President doesn't sit down waiting for evidence. Before you start arranging long papers, long evidence. No! He acts decisively. Usually, these kinds of things happen around

quarrels about money. So Councils should try to avoid that."

The HME said, there is a clear line of operations between the university management and the



Dr. Tanko Yusuf Sununu  
Minister of State for Education

Governing Councils of the tertiary institutions.

Also, he warned the councils against circumventing the university's establishment and miscellaneous Acts and other relevant laws in the appointments of the institutions' Principal Officers.

He said the process of appointing the Principal Officers for the institutions is clearly provided for by the laws.

"There is no grey area on how Principal Officers emerge. All you need to do is to apply those laws and I tell you you will sleep well. It is when you skip the regulations and the laws that you won't sleep well because you will be seeing series of petitions either to you or over your head to us. Either way, it's not good," he



Prof. Idris Mohammed Bugaje  
The Executive Secretary, NBTE

said.

He pointed out that accurate data was key to informed decision-making, resource allocation, research, and strategic planning in the education sector.

According to him, it is for this reason that DOTS, which addresses the learning crisis in the nation's education system is being implemented as a service-wide policy, aimed at attaining set goals

in the sector, which in turn would help the Ministry attain reliable, verifiable, and authentic data that are essential for interventions by Government and International development partners.

The Minister also tasked them to steer their respective institutions towards multiple sources of funding, saying the government cannot single-handedly meet the financial needs of all the tertiary institutions.

He asked them to explore diverse sources of funding, including partnerships with the private sector and international organisations, alumni, and through endowment and sponsored research.

He also listed other challenges ahead of the newly inaugurated councils including addressing



Prof. Paulinus Chijioko Okwelle  
The Executive Secretary, NCE

the grievances of staff unions based in their respective institutions, sexual violence, and unstable academic calendar.

He urged them to cultivate good relationship with the University-based unions, warning them against trying to stifle the activities of unions on the campuses as it is a constitutional and international right for both staff and students to unionise.



The Pro-Chancellors/Chairmen and members of the Governing Councils of the Federal Tertiary Institutions at the Inauguration held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC, Abuja

He further asked them to see the unions on their campuses as partners and engage in periodic conversations to find solutions to the challenges of their institutions.

"Don't treat them as if you have different aspirations. Treat unions as partners. That's the most important thing to understand. They are partners.

Let them know your aspirations are the same as their own. A lot of time the difference is about how to go about achieving the aspirations," he added.

The Minister also lamented that the education system has suffered the most, from the mass emigration of professionals abroad.

Though rarely acknowledged, no sector has lost more professionals to emigration, widely known as the 'Japa' syndrome, than the education sector, Professor Mamman, noted.

He said despite the brain drain in the tertiary education sector, more private institutions are springing up to compete with the existing ones for the few lecturers available.

The Minister noted that it takes at least 15 years to train a professional to the doctorate level, noting that when such a person emigrates, it's a loss for the country and the system that trained them.

"Many at times we talk about the medical personnel, but I can confirm to you that we have lost more teachers in Nigeria than any other sector, especially for teachers in the tertiary institutions," he said.

"In the face of this loss, we now have private universities coming up, competing for the same staff with the public universities."

He therefore, charged the

newly inaugurated governing councils "to rethink how we can bridge this gap, how we can bring back qualified people into the teaching profession and support them to provide the necessary manpower".

Speaking earlier, Minister of State for Education (HMSE), Dr. Tanko Yusuf Sununu, expressed confidence in the present crop of eminent, quintessential, well respected Nigerians in the councils, who have contributed immensely to the growth and development of Nigeria in their various fields of endeavour.

While congratulating them, he said that Nigerians have been yearning for quality functional education, fit-for-purpose and for sustainable development and that which would equip the citizens and make them competent to deal with global emerging issues.

He explained that the administration of President Bola



Aerial view of the newly Inaugurated Council Members at the Ceremony



The NUC Acting Directors with others at the Ceremony

Ahmed Tinibu was determined to give Nigerians the best education at all levels in his Renewed Hope Agenda, adding it was the reason government chose each of them as the right foot soldiers in achieving this laudable agenda.

In his goodwill message, the Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, praised the giant strides Nigeria Tertiary Institutions had taken and urged the universities specifically to embrace digital technology so as to be globally relevant and effective, to contribute to national development.

He lamented that the various events that were undertaken by the tertiary institutions in the past such as convocation ceremonies was no longer interesting, with some alien things being introduced these days, noting that the NUC would work with relevant stakeholders in order to establish the Minimum guidelines

for the conduct of Ceremonies in the nation's Universities.

He, however, urged the Governing Council members to restore sanity and bring back the old glory of tertiary Institutions.

The Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) Professor Paulinus Chijioke Okwelle, congratulated members of the Governing Council and expressed confidence that they would add value to the education system.

Also, the Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Professor Idris M. Bugaje, urged them to find a way to tame the intransigences of the staff union to stop the incessant strike actions so as to meet the President's vision for education.

He reminded the Governing Council members that education is about service and wished them the best while discharging their duties.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka, Chief Wole Olanipekun, who spoke on behalf of the appointees, appreciated the Federal Government for finding them worthy to serve the nation and pledged their commitment to the progress of the tertiary institutions.

He said that tertiary institutions should be made independent and productive through Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) and should be absolved from the Civil Service structure.

While going down the memory lane, he recalled as Chairman Governing Council, University of Ilorin, how the university was to generate funds from within.

Chief Olanipekun, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, however, appealed to the Minister to convey the councils' message to President Bola Tinubu that the institutions should be exempted from the Treasury Single Account (TSA).

“Education is so keen, so germane that it can’t generate revenue under such a structure of civil service, he said.

He pleaded for harmony between the university management and the members of the governing council and charged them to build and not to destroy.

He lamented that the learning delivery in tertiary institutions had been too theoretical and not beneficial to the country, stating that there should be a melting point between theories and practicals.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack, thanked God for using President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to approve the reconstitution of the Governing Councils.

She appreciated the Minister of Education for inaugurating the governing council and also for his role in making the event a success.

While thanking the members for accepting to serve because of their love for Nigeria, she urged them to serve with wisdom.

Among the Pro-Chancellors and Chairmen of the Councils of universities include: Nigerian statesman, Major General Ike Nwachukwu (Rtd) for University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN ); His

Excellency, former Governor of Bauchi State, Mr. Isa Yuguda the Chairman, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) Governing Council and the APC Governorship Candidate in the 2023 Kano State election, Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, for Bayero University Kano (BUK) as well as the Immediate Past Speaker of the Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Ibrahim Balarabe Abdullahi, as Chairman, Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic Damaturu Yobe State, among others.

At the Inauguration Ceremony were the Acting Directors of: Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs Lydia Imoroa; Finance and Account (DFA), Mrs Hauwa Amos; Students (DOS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo; Human Resources (DHR), Mrs Victoria Omorodion and Public Affairs (DPA), Ms. Offiong U. Edor.



Other Council Members at the event

# NUC Charges Varsity Councils on Service Delivery

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has charged the newly-inaugurated Governing Councils of 51 out of the 62 federal universities in the country

pedigree.

He singled out the likes of former Head of Service, former Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Governors, technocrats and teachers, as well

special events at the universities reiterated during the Retreat that NUC would work with relevant stakeholders in order to establish the Minimum guidelines for the conduct of Ceremonies in the nation's Universities.



L-R: The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; former Vice-Chancellor, University of Uyo, Prof. Enefiok Essien; the immediate Vice-Chancellor, BUK, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello; former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Emeritus Prof. Olufemi A Bamiro and Director of Procurement Practice, in the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Eugenia E. Ojeah

to work assiduously and ensure that they turned around the fortunes of their various institutions.

This, he said, was the basis for their appointments by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, under the Renewed Hope Agenda of the present administration.

He gave the charge in his keynote address at the opening of the One-Day retreat organised for the Pro-Chancellors/ Chairmen and members of the Councils to acquaint them with the rudiments of the task ahead of them as co-managers of the Universities.

He congratulated them for accepting to offer service to the nation at this auspicious time, having become statesmen in their own rights with great experience in service and

as Lawmakers, both at the national and state levels, as men of timbre and calibre with experience on valuable insight for the growth of Nigerian Universities.

He said that their roles in the management of the universities remained very crucial and germane in resource allocation, giving a hypothetical example of were government decides to give a 50billion Naira allocation say to a University like Lagos.

He queried what would happen to such funds without a proper management structure and governance system.

Mr Maiyaki who had earlier frowned at the decline in the conduct of Ceremonies and

He expressed deep concern about the qualitative decline in the conduct of ceremonies and special inaugural lectures which until this denigration hitherto constitute the hallmark of a university and the tertiary education system.

The Acting Executive Secretary lamented that unique occasions such as the Matriculation, Convocation and the Lectures that traditionally precede them as well as Inaugural Lectures, Distinguished Lectures, among others, have not only declined in quality, but have also lost the aura for which they were once known and cherished, because of the adoption of alien and unsavoury local mismatches.

He stated that, there was an urgent need to enthrone a legacy of good governance values, principles,



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

standards and best practices in the nation's institutions of higher learning. He called on the Governing Councils to demonstrate good leadership and stewardship towards the growth of their institutions.



Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu  
Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, NUC

In a technical paper entitled: “Roles and Responsibilities of Governing Councils: Navigating Expectations and Limitations”, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello stated that the functions of the Councils of each university were stated in the Law establishing the university.

He noted that there are lots of similarities in the laws establishing the various federal universities, with the laws of the seven second generation federal universities (the seven sisters), established in 1975, have served as templates for the laws of other subsequent federal universities.

He said, the functions of Councils specified in the individual university laws were further explained, and provided for in the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 and its various amendments (in 1996, 2003 and 2012).

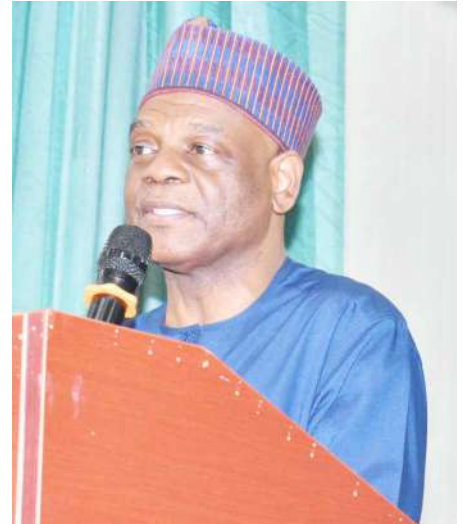
Professor Bello mentioned that Section 7 of the University Act defines the functions of Council and very clearly indicate from the sub-section (1) that the Council is responsible for the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances, and properties of the University.

He explained that, in terms of policy, Council is responsible for policy formulation as well as ensuring policy implementation by the Vice-Chancellor and his/her management team, stressing that being a public institutions, funded mainly with public funds, federal universities are accountable to the public and to the Government.

He said Council's role as the general superintendence is for accountability by Management through the Council that serves as a representative of the public and of the Government, pointing out that the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment Act) 2003 gives

autonomy to Council.

He informed the Councils that in the discharge of its functions, they shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the University complies



Arc. Sonny Echono  
Executive Secretary, TETFund

with the approved budgetary ratios for: Personnel cost; Overhead cost; Research and development; Library developments; and the balance in expenditure between



Prof. Lilian Salami  
The Chairman, CVCNU

academic vis-a-vis non-academic activities.

The Former Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the financial role of Council is ensuring prudence and



accountability by Management as well as resource mobilization, while also serving as the employer of all staff members of the University - including the Vice-Chancellor -as provided for in Sections 10, 11 and



Prof. Enefiok Essien  
Former Vice-Chancellor, UNIUYO

12 of the Third Schedule of the University Act (2015).

Against this backdrop, he said the Council has the sole responsibility



Mr. Chiadiadighi Ogu  
The Director, Compensation, National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission

of hiring and firing and in more specific terms, for the appointment, promotion, and discipline (including dismissal or termination of appointment) of all categories of staff members.

He added that the Council is responsible for the interpretation of establishment circulars to determine whether they are consistent with the Laws and Statutes of the University and the approval of the adoption of those circulars that are consistent with University Laws and Statutes.

While acknowledging that not much was given to the Chairmen and Council members, he said they were expected to make huge sacrifices of helping to ensure Revenue generation/mobilization for their universities.

He gave a lucid example of the United States of America, where the mantra for Council members appointment is “give, get, or get out.”

He said, even in Nigeria, some Chairmen and members of Councils were known to have used their contacts and connections to get additional funds and other resources for the university from governmental agencies, corporate bodies, and individuals. Some rich and generous ones among them were also known to have made substantial personal donations to the universities.

He cited the case of the University of Lagos, where Chief Afe Babalola who served as the Council Chairman (2000-2008) built and donated a large auditorium that still served as an important revenue source for the University.

Other issues demanding their attention included: Matters arising from last strike action by



Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello  
The immediate Vice-Chancellor, BUK

the university-based unions and high cost of power supply in the universities.

He charged the Councils to work on establishing harmonious working relationships between the various organs of their universities, which



Engr. Eugenia E. Ojeah  
Director of Procurement Practice, BPP

are essential for the development and growth of the University.

The Councils were urged to encourage the universities that have not developed Strategic Plans to start the process as soon as possible, as good harmonious relationship without proper planning would amount to nothing.



A cross section of the Universities Council Members at the Retreat

At the national level, he challenged the Committee of Pro-Chancellors to, as a matter of urgency, devise means of ensuring stability in the Nigerian University System, by serving as the bridge between the Federal Government and the various university-based unions.

In another presentation on: “Realistic and Alternative Funding Models and Resource Management for Nigerian Universities”, a former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Emeritus Professor Olufemi A. Bamiro outlined the problem with funding and revenue generation in Nigerian public universities.

According to him, “there is a high level of unsustainable dependence on government for funding which must be tackled through exploration of other sources of funding from other key stakeholders”.

There was also universities’ continuing over-reliance on government sources, fuelled by the ideological stance of the Academic

Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), in which education is portrayed as a public good, which is surely out of tune with a modernising nation state like Nigeria with the desire to take its rightful place in the comity of nations.

He said, contrary to die-hard opinions, Education remained both a public good and a private good, arguing that continuing reliance on government encourages apathy and laziness on the part of the individual universities, which results in their lukewarm attitude to the deployment of their intellectual endowment or potential to explore other sources of funding.

Professor Bamiro pointed out that the funding system is socially inequitable because of the absence (or near total absence) of tuition fees, whose payment has been largely politicised with the no-tuition policy of government denying the universities access to

the most important readily available additional source of funding.

He said the scrapped National Education Bank could be resuscitated in addition to the operation of scholarships, students’ loan schemes and bursaries to support indigent students.

He stated that the present situation calls for the preparation of needs-based budget for the consideration of government and also the management of the finances of the university in an optimal manner.

He also said, the funding mechanism by government requires the operation of a performance-driven system with well-articulated Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as basis of fund allocation.

He called for a revisit of the present system of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) as some of the commercial activities such as production of table water, bakery, rental of spaces, guest houses,



Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, Prof. Akeem Lasisi, seeking for clarification on Procurement Practice

among others, require management system that does not interfere with the academic functions of staff of the university.

The Director, Compensation, National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission, Mr. Chiadiadighi Ogu, who spoke on “Remuneration and Entitlements of Vice-Chancellors and Members of Governing Councils of Federal Universities,” said the Commission had observed that Registrars and

Bursars who are the custodians of the rules and regulations in the universities do not often advise the Vice Chancellors, Council Members and other Principal Officers appropriately, especially when they have personal interests.

He cited some cases where the advice was given, Council Members and VCs ignored them, while pressures and threats from staff and union members, fellow

Council Members on Vice-Chancellors contribute to the escalation of these infractions.

He explained that Infractions amount to abuse of office through which the Government loses lots of funds, noting that all Council members and other Principal Officers of the universities could face sanctions in addition to a refund if found guilty.



One of the Council Members asking question on emoluments for the Governing Councils

Mr Ogu advised the Council Members and Principal Officers to be properly fore-guided as they begin their tenures.

He enumerated the effects of the infractions to include, but not limited to: (i) distortion of internal and external relativities in salaries; (ii) over bloating of the wage bill; and industrial relations problems and strikes.

Another paper titled: "Understanding Public Procurement in Universities," was presented by the Director of Procurement Practice, in the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Eugenia E. Ojeah; which highlighted the Drivers of Public Procurement, the roles of the various Tenders Board on Procurement, and the composition of the Procurement Planning Committee (PPC), among others.

Other papers were delivered on the Legal Framework establishing the Universities by Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Uyo, Professor Enefiok Essien as well as on Funding Options for Capital Projects by the Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Architect Sonny Echono.

There was also a goodwill message delivered by the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), Professor Lilian Salami, on behalf of other colleagues, assuring the Councils of their support to ensure that they succeed in their assignments.

The Retreat was Chaired by the Acting Executive Secretary,

NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, who was assisted by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu.

At the retreat were top officials of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and some Acting Directors of the National Universities Commission.

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Emeritus Prof. Bamiro explaining some points during his presentation on Realistic and Alternative Funding Models and Resource Management for Nigerian Universities

## Ag. ES Receives Staff Manning Committee Report

The National Universities Commission's (NUCs) Committee on staff manning inaugurated about three weeks ago and Chaired by the Deputy Executive Secretary, (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, last Wednesday submitted the outcome of the exercise to the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, in his office.

Receiving the report from Dr. Saliu who was the Chairman, Mr. Maiyaki said some aspects of the structures of the Commission required re-jigging, while there was also the need to comply with the extant rules of the Public Service Reform Act of 2021, which stipulated that staff should be moved within Directorates after every four years in order to improve efficiency and build a reservoir of competent and knowledgeable workforce in the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

He added that there was also the necessity to build staff deployment and movement profile which made the Management Committee to decide to draw the membership of the Committee from the various Directorates.

He recalled that the Committee at inauguration was charged to be fair and objective, while ensuring that equity and balance was adopted in the manning process, noting that he tried to disabuse the

minds of Colleagues over ethnic sentiments, religious suasion and tribal affiliations in choosing who to work with.

He said what matters at this



The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki receiving a copy of the Staff Manning Exercise from the Chairman of the Committee and Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu

auspicious time was to ensure that the right thing was done in the interest of the National Universities Commission, especially by promoting professionalism in the various arms and Directorates as well as to avoid Heads of Divisions in the workplace environment to be dominated by a particular tribe or religion.

While noting that he had not seen the content of the report which he was going to keep close to his chest and study, the Acting Executive Secretary thanked the Committee members for discharging their duties creditably.

The Acting Executive Secretary promised that the

recommendation would be looked into with an open-mind while the outcome of the exercise would be fair to all in the process of reviewing the committee's report on the manning.

He also said, though, the staff of Lagos Office were consciously omitted in the movement exercise, there was also the need to revisit it at some point whether now or in future.

It is my considered opinion that those of them who have grown in the hierarchy as Deputy Directors should not be disenfranchised from vying to become Directors and should also be well deployed professionally in the system, he stressed.

All the senior Deputy Directors in the relevant 13 Directorates were part of the membership of the Committee.

# Don't Appoint Mediocrities to Varsities' Governing Councils -Prof Akinrinade

The President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), Professor Sola Akinrinade last Tuesday warned the Federal

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Professor Akinrinade said the Federal and State

to the system, not parasites or people that will come and be looking for money.

“The truth is that the university



The President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), Prof. Sola Akinrinade (4th right), with other participants at the workshop organized by the Office of Research and Innovations Management in conjunction with the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, NAL and Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)

Government against appointing mediocrities to the Governing Councils of tertiary institutions.

Professor Akinrinade issued the warning at the opening ceremony of the 2-day Proposal Writing and Grantsmanship Workshop for Early Career Researchers at Osun State University Osogbo (UNIOSUN).

The workshop was organized by the Office of Research and Innovations Management in conjunction with the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL) and

Governments must ensure that only those who understand the system and could add value were appointed.

He said: “The government has a role to play in the appointment of the Governing Council, by appointing the right people into the right institutions and if the Governing Council is full of mediocrities then there is a problem.

“They can help us by putting the people that are right, people that understand the system and that can add value

system, polytechnic system and college of education are not places for just anybody to be in the council, but people with an understanding of what the needs of our tertiary institutions are”.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Osun State University, Professor Odunayo Clement Adeboye, described research as the engine that drives progress both at national and global scales, through policy-making, economic, industrial growth as well as improving standards of living.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was

represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Research Innovation and Partnership, Professor Kehinde Adetunji, who expressed gratitude to the conveners and organizers of the workshop said: “I have personally observed the downward trend of research productivity and impact among universities in Africa compared to other continents of the world.



Prof. Sola Akinrinade  
The President, NAL

“Our Universities seem to be too much engulfed with graduate output but with decreasing focus and emphasis on research. Though increased manpower production has its role, it must be stressed that research is the engine that drives progress both at national and global scales.

“Investment in research comes with a lot of benefits and advantages. Individual researchers get a lot of fulfilment, reputation and reward from their research outputs. Nations benefit from research through informed policy-making, economic and industrial growth, and improved standards of living; while research leads to collaborative solutions to pandemics and climate change impact, sustainable development, and technological advancements at the global level.

Any nation that is poised for development must therefore invest enormously in research.

“As an institution that values research, we have consistently encouraged and supported our scholars for increased capacity building through workshop participation, professional networking, and academic partnerships and collaborations.

“The results of these efforts are evident in the volume of research grants scholars from this University have attracted in the last two years.

Some of these grants include the Bill and Mellinda Gates Foundation research grants, European Research Council grants, National Research Fund grants, and a host of others.

It is interesting to note that the grants attracted keep increasing on yearly basis. I am sure that in the next couple of weeks, some more will be announced.

“This workshop is particularly important for me and this University for two reasons. One, given the array of conveners and resource persons gathered here today, each of whom had at different times won different research grants, wrong perception in some quarters of the academia that research grants are scarce and more difficult to get for scholars in the humanities has started fading out.”

The Conveners, Professor Olukoya Ogen of the Osun State University and Professor, Insa Nolte, University of Birmingham, said there are numbers of things to do to ensure success for research proposal to think about issues and to be more aware of opportunities.

They noted that the workshop which was first held in 2011 succeeded in producing eminent scholars who are also into grantsmanship.

# Webinar: Enhancing STEM Teaching in Africa with Simulations

Reflecting the global priority on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, the Commonwealth of

Physics Educational Technology (PhET) simulations and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

institutional effectiveness in teacher education through Open Distance Learning.

Others were the Director of the



A cross section of participants at the STEM Workshop organised by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and the University of Abuja (UNIABUJA)

Learning (COL) and the University of Abuja (UNIABUJA) in Nigeria recently partnered to enhance STEM education outcomes in Africa and across the Commonwealth.

The Webinar shared the University of Abuja's experience in strengthening the capabilities of STEM teachers and educators.

It highlighted the effectiveness of

The idea was to make University of Abuja become a leading hub for advancing STEM education in Africa.

The following panelists explored some questions. Mr. Evode Mukama, a Technical Adviser on Teacher Education at the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), Burnaby, Canada, who is also an expert in enhancing government and

Institute of Education at the University of Abuja and leader in developing the Teaching Science with Technology (MOOC), Professor Hauwa Imam; as well as a Specialist in databases, intelligent systems, machine learning, and data mining, and Director of the Centre of Competence in Digital Education at the University of Abuja, Professor Olumide Owolabi.

## ...Resilience in TVET in Nigeria through Standards for ODL

In a related development, the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) also recently promoted the use of Open and Distance Learning (ODL)

approaches and technologies to build the resilience of Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) systems by supporting

ministries, regional and national authorities responsible for TVET.

It would be recalled that COL





Prof. Idris Mohammed Bugaje  
The Executive Secretary, NBTE

had been partnering with Nigeria's National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) in developing and implementing frameworks for the effective implementation of open, distance, and flexible e-learning (ODFeL).

Currently, 40 institutions in Nigeria have been accredited to offer TVET using ODFeL approaches and technologies, a testament to the importance of this partnership in the development of standards.

Recently, COL hosted a workshop at NBTE's Centre of Excellence in Kaduna for State Officers to develop its quality assurance standards for TVET offered using ODFeL approaches and technologies.

Tools for accrediting institutions, programmes, and trainers who

implement programmes using these approaches were also developed.

Representatives from the Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) in Zambia and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority in Kenya joined their counterparts at the workshop.

At the opening session of the workshop, the Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Professor Idris Mohammed Bugaje underscored the significant impact of the training in promoting digital transformation and fostering national development.

He highlighted the absence of a standardised evaluation tool for ODFeL, despite its implementation in the TVET sector since 2021, highlighting this workshop's crucial role in filling that gap.

He also thanked COL for its continued support and acknowledged the pivotal role played by the NBTE Centre of Excellence in coordinating and implementing the project.

COL's Adviser for Skills, Mr. Robert Okinda emphasised the collaborative efforts between Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia in building the resilience of TVET in Africa.

He highlighted the establishment of a community of state officers overseeing the quality and standards of open and distance learning where shared experiences, progress and lessons learned are discussed.

The Director, Development of TEVETA, Zambia, Mr. Phyllis Chibuye Kasonkomona, stated that "the workshop has provided valuable insights by highlighting the similarities in the systems of Zambia, Nigeria and Kenya.

Additionally, participants have agreed to adopt and adapt the best practices."

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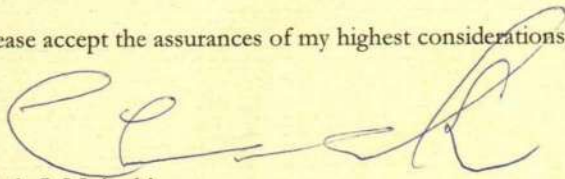
## POSTPONEMENT OF THE INAUGURATION AND RETREAT FOR MEMBERSHIP OF GOVERNING COUNCILS OF FEDERAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.



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### PRESS STATEMENT

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

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

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

We regret any inconveniences this may cause.

Further updates will be communicated in due course.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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. 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](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

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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, 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 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, Mbaize, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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

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

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochuku, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

*\* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

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# This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
IBRAHIM	OLAREWAJU	ADEBAYO	08 July
ESTHER	MAUYON	OGUNGBE	08 July
OGE	CHRISTOPHER	OKAFOR	09 July
HABIBA	JIBRIL	JUBRIL	11 July
GRACE	AINA	ALEGBELEYE	12 July
ZAHRAU		MAHMOOD	12 July
JOSEPHINE	CHIOMA	EZEMA	12 July
ZAKARI		MOHAMMED	12 July
SADA	RAWAYAU	HASSAN	12 July
EMMANUEL		ANAWO	12 July
ZULAIHATU		ZUBAIR	13 July
DAVID	OGBUDU	EJEN	13 July

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
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Respect.*

*Courtesy: Directorate of Human Resources*

**SHUN CORRUPTION.**  
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