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NUC Gets New Executive Secretary

A former Visiting Professor in the National Universities Commission (NUC),

Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu has been appointed the substantive 9th Executive Secretary of the Commission, with effect from Friday 6th December, 2024.

According to the statement which read in part issued by the President's Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Mr. Bayo Onanuga: "President Tinubu appointed Professor Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu, an erstwhile Visiting Professor at the NUC and an expert in veterinary reproduction, as the organisation's Executive Secretary."

The new Executive Secretary is to take over from the current Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J.



His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR

Maiyaki, who had been on Acting appointment since 1st July, 2023, following the voluntary resignation from office of the then 8th Substantive Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR,

FNAL, on the 30th of June, 2023. It would be recalled that Professor Rasheed, a former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano (BUK), who was reappointed for another five-year term of office in 2021 by former President Muhammadu Buhari, resigned his appointment in 2023, to continue his teaching job at the University.

The new Executive Secretary (born on 2nd September, 1960) is a Nigerian academic and professor of Veterinary Reproduction. He was the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Yola, Nigeria (from 2004 to 2009).

He also served as the pioneer



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The Immediate Past Ag. ES of NUC Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

Vice-Chancellor of Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa, Jigawa State, Nigeria (from 2013 to 2018).

Professor Abdullahi had his primary and secondary education in Song and Mubi, respectively, in Adamawa State. He went to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, where he studied Veterinary Medicine.

In 1984, he performed the compulsory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme in Ilorin, Kwara

State. He studied for his master's degree in Veterinary reproduction (Theriogenology) between 1986



Presidential Spokesman Mr. Bayo Onanuga

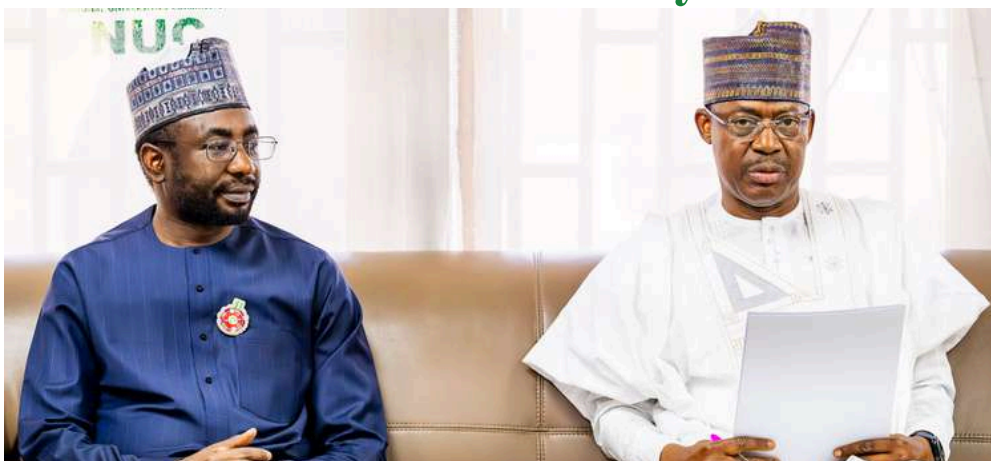
and 1988 at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

In 1990, he was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to study in the University of Liverpool, where he had his PhD in 1994. He was also awarded a Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Fellowship for a Postdoctoral Study at Rakuno Gakuen University, Ebetsu, Hokkaido, Japan from 1997 to 1999.

He worked as a lecturer in the University of Maiduguri from 1985 to 2004 until he became the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Yola on that same year 2004.

Among Professor Abdullahi's recognised scholarship include a Commonwealth Scholarship for a PhD degree at the University of Liverpool and also a Japanese post-doctorate fellowship that was sponsored by the Japan Society for the promotion of science. He was the first Nigerian to benefit from that programme.

NITDA, NUC Collaborate on Digital Literacy Expansion in Varsity Curriculum



The Immediate Past Ag. ES of NUC Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with the NITDA DG Mal. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi

A delegation from the Agency (NITDA) led by its Director National Information General, Malam Kashifu Inuwa Technology Development Abdullahi, last Tuesday, visited the

Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Mayaki and his management, to explore the possibilities of further expanding aspects of digital literacy programmes in the curriculum of Nigerian universities.

Receiving the team, the Acting Executive Secretary acknowledged that innovations in ICT and the digital space is one that comes with the speed of light and that NUC recognised this factor and it formed the basis for embedding some soft



Cross Section of NUC Officials and NITDA Delegations at the Meeting

skills such as digital literacy, communication, numeracy and entrepreneurial skills in its recently developed Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for Nigerian universities. He said a collaboration with NITDA would not be out of place, considering the rapidly changing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) space as well as the dynamics of the digital economy ecosystem.

Mr Mayaki said this visit is timely when NUC has just unveiled the Transnational Education (TNE) policy guidelines which has 6 models such as the Branch Campus, Acquisition, Open and Distance Learning (ODL), among others, which allows foreign education providers to come and establish or acquire a university in Nigeria.

While noting that there is the need to embrace best practices and emerging trends, which NUC had never shirked away from, he informed the team that the consummation of the CCMAS was consistent with the Commission's mandate of reviewing curriculum

from time to time, stressing that from 13, the NUS now has 17 disciplines.

He added that for the first time the Universities have the latitude to input 30% to reflect their peculiarities while NUC inputs 70% of the curriculum.

He stated that the Commission has also unbundled Mass Communication, Architecture, Computing and Agriculture, disclosing that every university is a creation that responds to societal issues and so they must demonstrate those attributes that makes them unique.

On the issue of digital literacy he said, "we have infused element of digital literacy in our CCMAS, its nearly impossible to be a graduate if you don't demonstrate digital literacy. We have critical thinking, soft skills, hard skills, and communication skills.

"We have also inputted some element of entrepreneurship and ability for students to grow businesses and capital to make profit. He said we want our graduates to compete with their

peers internationally and that's why we value collaborations with strategic partners like NITDA," he added.

Mr. Maiyaki agreed with the Information Agency on the need to work out strategies and modalities for the continuous inclusion of cutting-edge issues and digital literacy programmes in all 275 universities across the country. According to him, for the Nigerian University System (NUS) and its products to remain relevant and competitive globally, the university curriculum has to be scaled up to meet international standards and best practices.

He said Nigeria's 149 private universities, 63 Federal Universities, and 63 state-owned



DG of NITDA Mal. Kashifu I. Abdullahi



The Immediate Past Ag. ES of NUC Receiving NITDA Strategic Document from the DG of NITDA

universities cannot be left behind in the pursuit of improved digital literacy, stressing that the collaboration was necessary if Nigeria would meet its target of building a knowledge-economy.

The NUC scribe said Nigeria with over 200 million population is yet under-subscribed with 275 universities compared to the United States of America with about 5000 universities, Brazil with over 1,000, and Indonesia with over 2,000.

He said there is a huge gap in the number of universities needed in Nigeria to accommodate over 1.2 million vibrant students who seek admission into universities every year, stressing that the gaps in the education sector in terms of infrastructures, human capital resources, and funding needed to be addressed for the country to take its rightful position globally.

Mr. Maiyaki further stated that NUC took dynamic steps to address the gaps by ensuring that some courses such as Mass Communications, Computer

Science, and Agriculture were unbundled in the university systems, explaining that this was necessary given the far-reaching latitudes/opportunities offered by the disciplines.

The NUC is the flagship regulatory body for Nigerian universities and we are determined to ensure strict compliance with the minimum standards for curriculum planning and development. Though 30 percent of the curriculum is developed by the Universities...but we all cannot work in isolation.

“Like Yale University, MIT, and others, Nigerian universities should be recognized as top-notch for cutting-edge technology, Innovations, and inventions especially in areas of cyber security, software engineering, soft skills, critical thinking, and entrepreneurship as soon as possible”, Maiyaki stated.

He said NUC will support NITDA but also advised for clarity of Intent and sincerity of purpose which had always been the guiding

principle in NUC, stressing that both agencies must key in together to be part of the digital revolution taking place globally.

In his remarks, the Director General of NITDA, Malam Kashifu Abdullahi said in 2001 when NITDA was created there were about 500,000 Nigerians who had access to computers, stressing that today over 132 million Nigerians have access to computers, the Internet, and digital platforms to undertake their daily businesses. He said the increase in usage of computers and digital platforms was made possible by the policy of the Federal Government in 2019, adding that since the digital economy and innovation.

became integral parts of government policy, the nation’s policy thrust on the digital economy has been recalibrated.

Mallam Abdullahi said: “We are here to seek partnership and collaboration with the NUC to ensure that university curricula are recalibrated to include digital literacy, digital innovation, development of soft skills, and entrepreneurship amongst others.

“We have concluded arrangements for 15 million Nigerian pupils and students to be trained in digital literacy and skills in our primary and secondary schools. A pilot study has been carried out at Nasarawa State University on how this can be implemented and included in the University curriculum. The Programme was being implemented by CISCO in collaboration with NITDA.

“We believe that with your support,



Cross Section of NUC Directors in the Meeting

this can be replicated and embedded in the curriculum of our universities. This would promote digital inclusion, and financial inclusion and deepen economic inclusion for all Nigerians irrespective of their locations across Nigeria.

The 8 Strategy pillars developed for Nigeria's transformation in Digital Economy and Literacy would bring about job and wealth creation, reducing poverty and

“ensure that Nigeria benefits from the 85 million jobs that would be available in the digital skills sector all over the world,” Malam Abdullahi stated.

At the meeting were the Acting Directors of: Research Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Faruk Lawal Mohammed; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Abubakar Girei; Accreditation, (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu; NUC

Coordinator, Special Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah; Representatives of Directorate of Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca E Chukwuonwo; Students (DoS), Mrs. Titi Ajiloye; Deputy Director in the Office of the Acting Executive Secretary, Ms, Chinyere Ekechukwu and Chief Information Officer in the DPA, Mr. Okoronkwo Ogbonnaya.



The Immediate Past Ag. ES in a Group Photograph with the NITDA Delegations and some NUC Officials

ASR Africa Invests N250m in Petroleum Varsity Research Centre

The Abdul Samad Rabiou Africa Initiative (ASR Africa) has commenced the construction of the Abdul Samad Rabiou Center for Corrosion Research at the

Federal University of Petroleum Resources (FUPRE), Effurun, Delta State.

The Centre is being constructed with a N250 million grant to the

university as part of ASR Africa's Tertiary Education Grants Scheme (TEGS) in support of higher institutions in the country to improve the quality of their



Chairman of ASR Africa and the BUA Group, Abdulsamad Rabiu

education services.

At the ground-breaking ceremony, Dr Ubon Udoh, MD/CEO, ASR Africa, reiterated the commitment of the Chairman of ASR Africa and the BUA Group, Abdul Samad Rabiu, to giving back to the African continent and making a lasting impact in the education sector.



VC of FUPRE, Prof. Akpofure Rim-Rukeh

He further stated that the selection of the university is in recognition of



MD/CEO ASR, Dr. Ubon Udoh

the quality of educational services it provides, and its notable contributions to research and development in the oil and gas sector. Vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. Akpofure Rim-Rukeh, extended his deepest

gratitude on behalf of the University to the Chairman of ASR Africa and BUA group for his generous grant of N250 million towards establishing the Abdul Samad Rabiu Center for Corrosion Research.

In his speech, the Vice Chancellor stated that the center will empower researchers with technology for preventing corrosion, strengthen oil and gas industry practices, and provide cutting-edge training opportunities for students.

He disclosed that the center will contribute to local and international industries, positioning Nigeria as a leader in addressing global corrosion challenges.

“ASR Africa’s investment represents a remarkable commitment to advancing scientific research, supporting technological innovation, and addressing critical challenges within the oil and gas sector”. He thanked ASR Africa and its chairman for believing in the institution’s vision and its unwavering support in driving sustainable development.

Number of Universities in Nigeria Insufficient – NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has asked the Federal Government to establish more universities to reduce the number of people seeking admission into higher institutions.

The Acting Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, made the request on Monday during a public hearing, organised by the Senate

Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFund, where stakeholders supported the proposed Federal University, Okigwe in Imo State.

Mr. Maiyaki empathised that the number of public and private universities in the country is not enough to accommodate all admission seekers on a yearly basis. He emphasised the need for the establishment of more universities in Nigeria to address the rising



The Immediate Past Ag. ES of NUC, Mr. C. J. Maiyaki



Chairman Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFund, Senator Muntari Dandutse demand for tertiary education. Speaking at the hearing, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFund, Senator Muntari Dandutse; the sponsor of the Federal University Okigwe Bill, Senator Patrick Ndubueze; and the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, all underscored the

urgent need for more universities in Nigeria.

Mr. Maiyaki highlighted the dire shortfall in Nigeria's higher education infrastructure. He noted, "There are 275 universities, both public and private, available for over two million prospective students seeking admission annually.

"The implication is that on a yearly basis, only 500,000 to 700,000 students are admitted, leaving about 1.3 million frustrated and unable to pursue university education."

The Executive Secretary further compared Nigeria's situation to other nations, stating, "Nigeria,

with a population of 200 million, has only 275 universities. "In contrast, Indonesia, which has a similar population, boasts about 2,000 universities, while countries like Russia, Brazil, and India have hundreds of thousands of higher institutions."

To address this gap, Maiyaki assured stakeholders that the NUC was working on expanding regulatory frameworks and enhancing capacity building to support the establishment of additional universities.

Senator Dandutse also pointed out the potential impact of the proposed Federal University, Okigwe.

According to him, it would "significantly improve access to university education for Nigerians, particularly those in Imo State, while contributing to national educational development."

Similarly, Senator Ndubueze stressed the transformative potential of the institution for Okigwe, noting that the town had long been deprived of federal presence.

"Okigwe remains the only province from the past era without federal recognition or a state capital status," he remarked.



Senator Patrick Ndubueze

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All Federal Universities

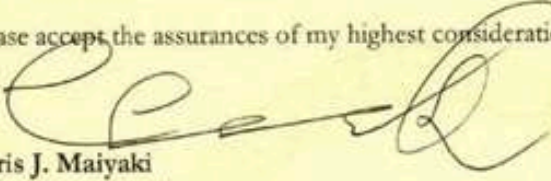
RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

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

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

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.


Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary



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FME/TE/CU/130/T6/458

28th May, 2024

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

END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

Please refer to the above subject.

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

Mrs. R.G. 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. Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: info@nuc.edu.ng

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

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Acting Executive Secretary

National Universities Commission



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

Mrs. Augustina Obilor-Duru
Acting Director, Press and Public Relations
2nd January, 2023



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distant Learning Centres in Nigerian

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	1948	24.	Michael Okpara University of Agricultural Umudike	1992	47.	Federal University of Technology, Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
2.	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	25.	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	48.	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
3.	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	26.	National Open University of Nigeria, Abuja	2002	49.	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
4.	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	27.	Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	50.	David Nweze Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu	2022
5.	University of Lagos	1962	28.	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	51.	Federal University of Transportation Daura, Katsina	2022
6.	University of Benin	1970	29.	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina	2011	52.	Admiralty University Ibusa, Delta State	2023
7.	Bayero University, Kano	1975	30.	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	53.	African Aviation and Aerospace University	2023
8.	University of Calabar	1975	31.	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	54.	National University of Science and Technology, Abuja	2023
9.	University of Ilorin	1975	32.	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	55.	Federal University of Agriculture Bassam-Biri, Bayelsa	2023
10.	University of Jos	1975	33.	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	56.	Federal University of Health Sciences Kwale, Delta State	2023
11.	University of Maiduguri	1975	34.	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	57.	Federal University of Health Sciences, Katsina	2023
12.	University of Port-Harcourt	1975	35.	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	58.	Federal University of Agriculture, Mubi	2023
13.	Usunanu Danfodiyo University	1975	36.	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	59.	Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State	2023
14.	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	37.	Federal University Gashua, Yobe	2013	60.	Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, Inno State	2023
15.	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	38.	Federal University, Bimin Kebbi	2013	61.	Federal University of Education, Kano	2023
16.	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	39.	Federal University, Gusau Zamfara	2013	62.	Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo	2023
17.	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	40.	Nigeria Police Academy Wudil	2013	63.	Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State	2024
18.	Nigerian Defence Academy Kaduna	1985	41.	Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018	64.	Federal University of Education, Pankshin, Plateau, State	
19.	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	42.	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018	65.	Federal University of Education, Kotongora, Niger State	
20.	University of Abuja, Gwagwalada	1988	43.	Nigerian Army University Biu	2018			
21.	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	44.	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020			
22.	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi	1988	45.	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020			
23.	University of Uyo	1991	46.	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021			

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- Conventional Universities:
- Specialised Universities:
- Military Universities:

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1.	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	24.	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State	2008	47.	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
2.	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	25.	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	48.	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
3.	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	26.	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	49.	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
4.	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	27.	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	50.	Bamidele Ohumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020
5.	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	28.	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	51.	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
6.	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	29.	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	52.	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
7.	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	30.	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	53.	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
8.	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	31.	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	54.	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
9.	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	32.	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	55.	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/ Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022
10.	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	33.	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	56.	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022
11.	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	34.	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	57.	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
12.	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	35.	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuoluneni	2010	58.	State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022
13.	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	36.	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	59.	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022
14.	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	37.	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012	60.	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022
15.	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	38.	Technical University, Ibadan	2012	61.	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023
16.	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	39.	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	62.	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023
17.	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	40.	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	63.	AbdulKadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State	2023
18.	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	41.	Edo University, Iyamho	2016			
19.	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	42.	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadive University, Imo State	2016			
20.	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	43.	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016			
21.	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	44.	Bomo State University	2016			
22.	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	45.	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017			
23.	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	46.	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017			

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1.	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	65	Crown-Hill University, Etiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
2.	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
3.	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Emigu State	2009	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
4.	Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State	2001	36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
5.	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	37	Oodua University, Ipetunodu - Osun State	2009	69	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
6.	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
7.	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017
8.	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	72	Ariba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
9.	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
10.	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
11.	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
12.	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyega University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
13.	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	45	Mcpherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, State	2012	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
14.	Caritas University, Enugu, Emigu State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
15.	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	79	Topfath University, Mikpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
16.	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
17.	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	49	Gregory University, Unaru, Abia State	2012	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
18.	Kwararafa University, Wikari, Taraba State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	82	Ave-Maria University, Priyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
19.	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	51	Christland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	83	AL-Isiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
20.	Renaissance University, Enugu, Emigu State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	84	Mudiame University, Irna, Edo State	2021
21.	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itete, Ogun State	2015	85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
22.	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
23.	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	87	Karl-Kunmi University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
24.	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2006	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
25.	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpen, Akwa Ibom State	2015	89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
26.	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	58	Sunmit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
27.	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	59	Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
28.	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Unmudi, Imo State	2015	92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
29.	Obong University Obong Niak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016	93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
30.	Tansan University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
31.	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	63	Clifford University, Oweminta, Abia State	2016	95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
32.	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	64	Coal City University, Emugu, Emigu State	2016	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021

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97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023
99	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022	119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gado / Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State	2022	124	Mira Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023
105	Saisa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023	146	Al-Mulubbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023	147	Al-Bayan University, Anikpa, Kogi State	2023
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	128	Phoenix University, Agvada, Nasarawa State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	129	Wigwe University, Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023	131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023			
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023	132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023			
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023	133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			

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