

Nigeria Has Highest Number Of Out-Of-School Children In Sub-Saharan Africa

— Minister

The Minister of State for Education, Mr. Chukwemeka Nwajiuba, says Nigeria has the highest number of out-of-school children in sub-saharan Africa.

Nwajiuba stated this during the inauguration of 'Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA)' in Katsina recently.

He announced that Nigeria has an estimated 1-,193918 children, who are out of school.

According to him, the current challenges affecting the Nigerian education system has left much to be desired, saying that the system was characterized by high illiteracy level, infrastructural decay and deficits.

The minister stated that BESDA focused on 17 states, 13 of

which are in the North-West and North-East geopolitical zones, and Niger, Oyo, Ebonyi and Rivers state.

Education Commission for their foresight and commitment in evolving laudable programmes for the



Mallam Adamu Adamu
Hon. Minister of Education

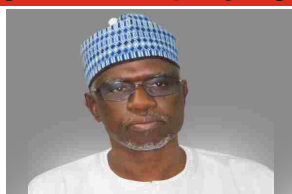
In his remarks, Governor Masari commended the Federal Ministry of Education and the Universal Basic

development of the education sector in particular and the development of society in general.

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Sirika Present Concept Note on Aerospace, Aviation Varsity to NUC

The Honourable Minister of Aviation, Malam Hadi Sirika last Thursday, submitted a Concept Note to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *nni, MFR*, on the Ministry's plan to set up an African University of Aerospace and Aviation, to be located in Abuja.

Speaking shortly, before presenting the Concept Note to the Executive Secretary, the Minister said that the establishment of the university was one of the strategic policies of the Ministry approved by President Muhammadu Buhari towards repositioning the sector, adding that already the sum of one billion Naira was provided in the 2021 budget for the takeoff of the new university.

Malam Sirika said that the special university would be dedicated to research and development in civil aviation and aerospace technology and disclosed that Nigeria would be the first country on the African continent to establish such an institution and that is why the name "African University of Aerospace and Aviation."

The Minister noted that aerospace and civil aviation had been expanded with new frontiers that "need the

is producing aircraft, and we aren't producing a pin. So I think we should be able to have this university that is dedicated to aerospace and



Honourable Minister of Aviation, Malam Hadi Sirika and the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

attention of experts that Nigeria will begin to play a role and participate effectively."

He said: "An example is the development of drones or unmanned vehicles that have now taken over the space delivering cargo, delivering mails, delivering things and very soon delivering human beings and robots."

He explained thing at "This is a new frontier in civil aviation that needs to be developed," adding: "We started with Brazil is producing in the area of civil aviation, today Brazil

aviation in addition to the production of high-level manpower required across the globe.

He said Mr. President gave the approval for it about four years ago and this number of years had been devoted into the process with a crack team led by the Permanent Secretary, Engr. Musa Abdullahi, himself a seasoned Engineer and technocrat, working it out with the support of the NUC.

In his words: "We have been working three to four years now into this and we developed a concept note

based on the advise by Executive Secretary NUC for critique and that will fast track the process of setting up the University. We come up with concept note of what will be the focus of this University”, he explained.

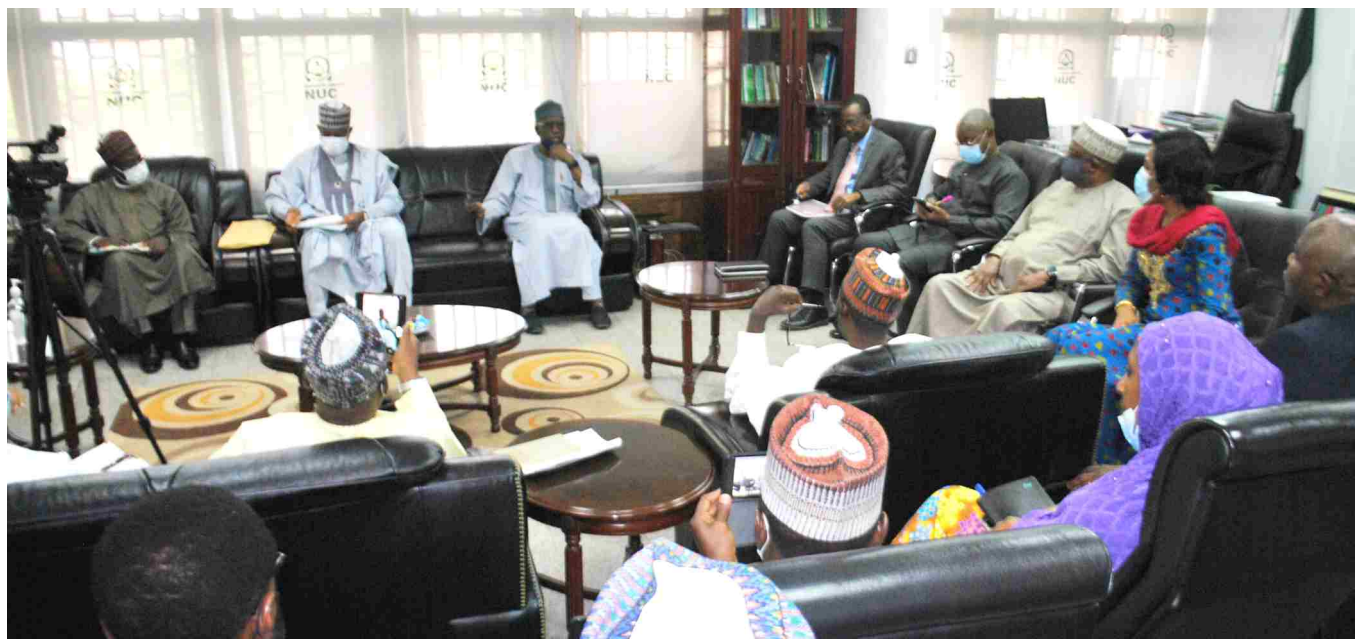
He also said the graduates of the university would venture into all aspects of civil

only help to address gaps in Aviation research, as it would primarily be a centre of aerospace and civil aviation matters, but add to the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), in terms of earnings from its patented products.

To facilitate the achievement of the roadmap in building our capacities and resources in

boundary.

“It is unfortunate that we lacked dedicated centres for R&D in a fast developing venture like Aviation which keeps interconnecting the world and breaking all forms of barriers. We have touched other bases around the world to tap the expertise of renowned Aviation magnets”,



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aviation and aerospace, as the conception was quite distinct with that of the present Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria, which currently specialises in skills training for Pilots, Cabin Crew, Aeronautics Maintenance Engineers, Air Traffic Controllers, among others.

While noting that aviation had gone beyond skill acquisition, the Aviation Minister stressed that the University would not

aerospace technology, Mr. Sirika said his team had sought the intervention and collaboration of Ivy League Universities in USA and Ukraine, with tack records in Aviation Studies and Management to glean from their best practices.

In his words “I have a personal emotion towards setting up the Aviation University. I realised that education is one instrument that can unbundle knowledge beyond a limitless

he said.

He argued that the university would serve as a single market of civil aviation and aerospace in Africa, being the first of its kind with the capabilities to provide robust research and development services in the ever dynamic and changing sector like aviation.

Mr. Sirika expressed gratitude to Executive Secretary and his team for guiding the process leading to the submission of

the concept note and the assurance that it would be expeditiously concluded.

In his response, the Prof. Rasheed described the Minister as an adventurous person and knowledge seeker all his life. He said NUC was ready to assist government and private agencies interested in establishing universities especially specialised ones that would address specific needs.

He reiterated the commission's commitment to ensure that the guidelines for establishing any higher institution in the country were adhered to before granting approval. As an interim measure, he promised to engage some professors to perfect the concept note for immediate approval.

Prof Rasheed said: "I can assure you that by the end of the month (July), we are going to have a brand new University, the first African University dedicated to aviation and aerospace study in the country".

The Executive Secretary stated that the value of such university could hardly be quantified and commended the Minister for his boldness and courage.

"This aviation under your guidance will be the first to show the way that we can support the establishment of specialised university with the ideology of a 'trans-national education system', that won't only serve us but serve the African region and the international community." He said.

Also in the Minister's entourage were some Senior Directors in the Ministry, his Chief of Staff, Director-General, Nigeria Meteorology Agency (NIMet), Prof. Mansur Bako Matazu as well as Director, Public Affairs, Mr. James Odaudu.

At the meeting were NUC's Deputy Executive Secretary, (Administration), Mr. Chris Maiyaki; the Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. Noel Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities, Mrs. Constance Goddy- Nnadi; Public Affairs, Mr. Ibrahim Yakasai; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. John Mairafi as well as the Deputy Director, Academic Matters in the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities, Mal. Abubakar Girei.



Hon. Minister, Sirika (7th left) with the Prof. Rasheed (7th right) in a group photo with the Minister's entourage and the NUC Managements

NUC Assigns Directorates to Three New Directors

The trio of Engineer Kayode Sunday Odedina, Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu and Mr. Sunday Bassey Essien have been assigned portfolios, following their recent elevations as Directors respectively, by the Board of the National Universities Commission at its 94th Statutory meeting of 25th March, 2021, sequel their recommendations by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL.

Their separate letters of appointment signed by the Executive Secretary reads inter alia, “The appointment is in recognition of your performance, loyalty, commitment to duty and high sense of responsibility.

“While congratulating you on the appointment, I look forward to your continued, efficient and dedicated service in the collective effort at moving the Nigerian University System forward.” He said.

In the letter of assignment, Engineer Odedina is to take charge of the Directorate of Open Distance and e-learning

The directive further indicates that three others would retain their existing positions in acting capacity. Those in this



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

(DODeL); while Mr. Mairafi oversees the Directorate of Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Essien is the Director of Students, (DoS).

The release signed by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, declared that their positing takes effect from 1st July, 2021.

category are: Mr. Lawal Mohammed Faruk, Acting Director, Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT); Mr. Ashafa Ladan, Acting Director, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE) as well as Mrs. Lydia T.K. Imorua, Acting Director, Inspection and Monitoring, (DIM).

— Profile of Engr. Odedina

Engr. Kayode Odedina holds a Higher National Diploma (HND) of Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro in Electrical Engineering (Electronics Option) with Upper Credit in 1985 and later obtained an M. Eng. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering (with specialisation in Telecommunication Systems Engineering) of Anambra State University of Technology, Enugu in 1991.

He also possesses an MBA in Technology Policy and Management of Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye in the year 2000 and a B.Sc. Degree in Information Technology of the National Open University of Nigeria as well as a Diploma in Management of Higher

Education Institutes at the Galilee International Management Institute, Israel.



Engr. Kayode Odedina
Director, Open Distance and e-Learning

He had a brief stint in some agencies, starting with Ogun State Television Corporation (OGTV), Abeokuta, in 1990 as

Broadcast Engineer and later joined the services of the National Universities Commission in April 2002 as an Assistant Chief Hardware Engineer.

He rose through the ranks to become Deputy Director, ICT in January 1, 2010 and was appointed the Acting Director of the Directorate of Open, Distance and e-Learning in March, 2020.

In the course of his career, Engr. Kayode Odedina held vendor specific ICT certifications such as Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Cisco Certified Network Associates (CCNA), among others.

---Profile of Mr. Mairafi

John Mairafi Ahmadu holds a B.A degree of Public Administration from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, with Second Class Upper, in 1991 and had thereafter received extensive specialized training in the areas of Civil Service Efficiency and Effectiveness; art of human resource

management; leadership enhancement and capacity building as well as on Public Service Reforms.

He began his career in NUC in 1993 as Personnel Officer II, in the Establishment Division. In the course of his career in the Commission, he traversed the various administrative

departments and units – Departments of Personnel Management and Committee Division as Personnel Officer 1 between Jan 1998-Jan 2000.

He was also at a time the Administrative Secretary, Nigerian Universities Network (NUNet). While he was Principal Personnel

Officer in August 2002, he went for secondment upon request to the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) and Ministry of Police Affairs in a space of three years, ending in August 2005.

He became Deputy Director and Head, Establishment and Staff Matters between January 2014 and June 2017 and later redeployed as Head,

Corporate Services, June 2017-Date, before his elevation as Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO).

He is an Associate member of the Institute of Personnel Management Professional. Born in Gwantu in Sanga LGA of Kaduna State on 23 December, 1964, the new Director is married and blessed with children.



Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi
Director, Executive Secretary's Office

.... Profile of Mr. Essien

Sunday Bassey Essien graduated from the University of Calabar with a (B.Sc) Political Science) in 1989 and later obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Jos in 2010.

He joined the services of the NUC in 1991 as Personnel Officer II, in the then Department of Personnel Management. While in the Personnel unit, he gained vast experience, traversing the various administrative departments and units. By dint of hard work, he was promoted to the rank of Personnel Officer 1, which he occupied between Jan 1996-Jan 1998. His responsibilities included

coordination of administrative activities in the Department of Physical Planning as well as hiring of



Mr. Sunday Essien
Director of Students

houses for NUC staff and allocation of houses and

settlement of utility bills on behalf of the Commission.

In the course of this duty, he received extensive specialized trainings relevant to the performance of his core duties such as in areas of Team Building for Peak Performance, Basic Human Resources Management and Manpower Planning.

He is an Associate member of the Chattered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria. Mr. Essien was born at Ididep in IbionoIbom LGA of Akwa Ibom State on 24 October, 1962 and blessed with children.

Monday Bulletin wishes the new Directors success in their new assignments.

BudgIT Foundation Seeks Data on University Management

A delegation from BudgIT Foundation led its Programme Officer, Ms. Chinwe Umeh, last Wednesday met with the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *Mni, MFR, FNAL*, in his office, to seek data relating to Nigerian institutions.

Welcoming the team, the Executive Secretary said that BudgIT was a serious organization and expressed the readiness and willingness of the Commission to honour requests from such serious organization like theirs interested in collaborating with NUC.

He informed the team that the functions of NUC as it concerned the Nigerian University System (NUS) include: advising the executive on the financial needs of universities, coordinating the development of universities in Nigeria, allocating and disbursing federal grants and external aids to universities, researching and advising government on topics relating to higher education

development in Nigeria.

He said that NUC helps to foster partnership between the

that dwelt more on skills development, which the major stakeholders, including gleanings from American and



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with Programme Officer, BudgIT Foundation, Ms. Chinwe Umeh

Nigerian Universities and the private sector, while the commission also sends members of its staff accreditation exercise in different Universities across the country to verify the human and material resources they claimed to possess on ground.

Prof. Rasheed added that NUC had continued to ensure that quality assurance was practiced in the Universities and would soon come out with a well-developed curriculum

United Kingdom institutions, were involved in its development.

He reiterated that the curriculum when fine-tuned would meet the challenges of the 21st century as the nation's degrees become more competitive. NUC wants a situation whereby a University first degree holder in Nigerian University can fit into a master's degree programme in any European and American Universities.

On data requested, he told the team that NUC does not keep the larger volume of materials of the Universities in the commission, stressing that the Universities keep 99% of its own materials. He also explained that the Commission had established a guideline for transnational education.

appointed from any part of the country. Notwithstanding the challenges, he revealed that many more universities would be established to cater for admission of students.

He pointed out that he was an advocate of having more women in Universities and had continued to champion

System (NUS) who would be conversant with information on data relating to Nigerian Institutions.

She disclosed that BudgIT was founded in 2011 as a civic social advocacy organization that applied technology to simplify public information, particularly on public



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He, however, lamented about the challenges Nigerian institutions were going through, especially in the areas of research due to poor electricity supply, water, security, brain drain, among others. He said that the nation's universities had been tribalised unlike what obtained in the 60's when Vice Chancellors could be

and encouraged female education and looked towards a day Nigeria would have an all-female degree awarding institution.

Earlier in her remarks, the team leader, Miss Umeh, had informed the Executive Secretary that they came to meet him as the custodian of the Nigerian University

spending, stimulating a community of active citizens and enabling their right to demand accountability, institutional reforms, efficient service delivery and equitable society.

The team leader revealed that BudgIT's methodology was deploying refined data mining skillsets to creatively represent data and empower citizens to

use the resulting information. Most emblematic was its project-tracking tool (Tracka), created in 2014.

According to her, the Tracka was functional now in 20 states, and allowed Nigerians post pictures of developmental projects in their communities, with BudgIT's project officers aiding citizen's offline to communicate with their elected representatives as well as demand completion of the government projects in their neighborhoods.

On its relevance to NUC, She said that correct information shared with BudgIT could also improve public awareness and engagement with the activities

of the NUC locally and internationally. This, according to her, could be further deployed with the increasing numbers of universities in the country with some unscrupulous elements trying to exploit any gaps in information to cause damage to the system. The Commission, she noted, might also wish to leverage on the reach of BudgIT to draw more attention to the preponderance of degree mills and illegal degree awarding institutions.

In respect to government funding of universities, she said BudgIT would become great partners by assisting in ensuring that correct information was in the public

domain about how much government was already investing and how far the funding goes towards achieving the stated aims for the good of the system.

Present at the meeting were NUC's Deputy Executive Secretary, (Administration), Mr. Chris Maiyaki; the Directors of Finance, Mr. Samuel Onazi; Accreditation, Dr. (Mrs.) Maryam Sali; Establishment of Private Universities, Mrs. Constance Goddy- Nnadi and the Acting Director of Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Lydia Imorua.



Prof. Rasheed (6th from right) and Ms. Umeh in a group photo with some members of NUC Management

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION**

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24th June, 2021**Vice-Chancellors**

All Nigerian Universities

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING OF HIV SERVICES

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter dated 21st June, 2021, from the Embassy of the United States of America, Abuja in respect of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Coordination Office, which is organising an open competition for targeted organizations to apply to carry out a Community-Led Monitoring Programme (CLM).

The Community-Led Monitoring is a community initiated, client-centered, evidence-based approach which seeks to expedite a continuous and convenient access to HIV services for people living with HIV. The goal of the project, among others, is to develop a shared understanding of the enablers and barriers to accessing and utilizing

HIV services, in a manner that is productive, collaborative, respectful, and solutions-oriented, toward improved service delivery and client outcomes for end users at the facility and community levels.

Consequently, I am to bring the above for the urgent attention of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities for information and wide publicity, as appropriate. Interested institutions are encouraged to apply on or before 30th July, 2021.

The detailed information about the programme including eligibility criteria can be obtained from: https://ng.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/177/NOFO_PEPFAR_SmallGrant.pdf and <https://ng.usembassy.gov/education-culture/ambassadors-small-grants-program-2/>.

As always, please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

Cc: Executive Secretary
Deputy Executive Secretary (Academic)
Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)
All Directors
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF ILLEGAL UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS OF AL-NAHDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA

The attention of the National Universities Commission, NUC, has been drawn to the illegal operation of a so-called Satellite Campus of AL-NAHDA University, Niamey, in Gusau, Zamfara State purportedly awarding undergraduate Degrees to unsuspecting Nigerians.

The illegal AL-NAHDA Satellite, campus is located adjacent to the Zamfara State House of Assembly and has a Polaris Bank Account No. 4091289549, through which payment for its fees in Nigeria are made.

Further investigations by the NUC into the Operation of AL-NAHDA International University revealed that in Niger Republic, the University has campuses in Niamey and Maradi.

The NUC is, by this notice, alerting the general public to the Illegal operations of this institution and wishes to state categorically that all certificates obtained from it will not be recognized or be accepted in Nigeria for the purposes of NYSC, employment and or further studies.

NUC also wishes to advise state,

governments and the private sector to always cross check with the NUC before patronizing any institution purporting to award degrees in any part of Nigeria to avoid embarrassment.

For the avoidance of doubt, AL-NAHDA International University, Niamey, Gusau Satellite Campus is not known to the National Universities Commission which is the sole regulatory agency for all categories of degree awarding institutions in Nigeria and any Cross Border Education model operating in Nigeria.

Their activities violate the Education National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions Act Cap E3 2004, an act which mandates NUC to close down all unapproved degree-awarding institutions.

Consequently, the Proprietors and Promoters of this illegal degree mill are by this notice directed to close down their illegal activities within 30 days. They are also to give the National Universities Commission notice of compliance within the stated period or be ready to face the consequences of their illegal operations.

IBRAHIM USMAN YAKASAI
DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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23rd December, 2020

All Vice-Chancellors
Nigerian Universities

RE: SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19: STAY-AT-HOME DIRECTIVE TO GL 12 OFFICERS AND BELOW

I write at the behest of the Executive Secretary to inform the Vice-Chancellors of all Nigerian Universities, that the Federal Government has, vide the attached Circular HCSF/3065/Vol.1/47 and dated 22nd December, 2020, issued by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, directed that Officers on Grade Level 12 and below should stay at home for a period of five weeks, effective from Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020.

Vice-Chancellors are to please note that the directive is part of the measures approved by Mr. President to mitigate the second wave of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in the country. The affected Officers are expected to perform their duties from home while those on GL 13 and above should strictly adhere to the extant preventive measures including maintenance of physical distancing, regular washing of hands and/or sanitizing of hands, wearing of face masks and reducing the number of visitors to offices. A copy of the Circular is attached for proper guidance and for Vice-Chancellors to ensure full compliance with the directives of the Federal Government, as appropriate.

I am to add that, in line with the directives of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 on Monday, 21st December, 2020, all academic activities, involving large crowds (e.g. classrooms, hostel accommodation, conferences and seminars), should be suspended whilst the Universities remain closed during this intervening period, pending further directives by the Federal Government on the reopening of schools.

As was the case in previous occasions, please accept the renewed assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.


Chris J. Maiyaki
Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)
For: Executive Secretary

**THE PRESIDENCY**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION
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The Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
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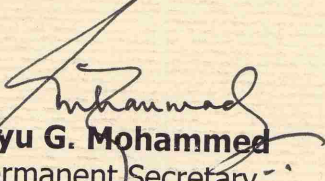
✓ The Executive Chairman
National Universities Commission
Abuja

**LIBERIAN AUTHORITIES DESIGNATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITY
ILLEGAL FOR OFFERING UNACCREDITED GRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAMS**

I wish to draw your attention to a report which informed that the Liberian Ministry of Education has designated Gamaliel Christian International University as illegal for offering twelve (12) to sixteen (16) weeks long graduate degree programs without requisite accreditation and extorting money from unsuspecting students, mostly foreigners including Nigerians.

2. Consequent upon the foregoing, you may wish to kindly consider flagging the University as unaccredited and as well advise prospective Nigerian students against seeking admissions into the University.

3. Please, accept the assurances of the high regards of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.


Aliyu G. Mohammed
Permanent Secretary
for: Secretary to the Government
of the Federation



FME SAFETY GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

- Safe distancing procedures
- Develop and display at schools, simple context-specific reference protocols on day to day actions to be operated in each school.
- Conduct risk assessment with a view to understanding the gaps in the system that can increase the risk of transmission and make recommendations for addressing the gaps
- Safety and hygiene in all stages and phases of the school reopening process, which promotes behaviors that reduce spread, such as school commutes (to and from school traveling), safe distancing, frequent hand washing and the use of facemasks.
- Other guiding frameworks include sensitization and monitoring procedures.
- Ensure adequate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities across the school premises
- Encouraging the use of open spaces for gathering and promoting outdoor activities.
- There should be regular temperature checks For all the visitors coming into the schools using infrared thermometers.
- Establish a staff/students committee for regular surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twelve Universities in the Nigerian University System, 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. Ladoke 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.

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 SCOPU

7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU 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

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR, FNAL*
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	43	Nigerian Army University, Bui	2018
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuipo, Benue State	2020
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020

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	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	23	Plateau State University, Boko	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	49	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	51	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	52	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010			
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011			

LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	39	Rhema University, Aba	2009	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	80	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa Ibom State	2021
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	81	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko Irese, Kwara State	2021
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	82	Maranatha University, Mgbidi, Imo State	2021
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	83	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	84	Al-Istqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	85	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	86	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	87	Claretian University, Nekede, Imo State	2021
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itale, Ogun State	2015	88	Karl Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015	89	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015	90	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
22	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015	91	Maryam Abacha American University Of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015	92	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	93	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	94	University Of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	95	Mewar International University Nigeria, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016	96	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	97	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016	98	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021
30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016	99	Anan University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016			
32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016			
			69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017			



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List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAPE 3 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 Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo

- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) 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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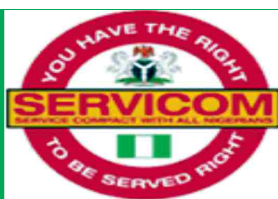
This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
OGOCHUKWU	BIBIAN	ONYEANISI	5 JULY
TUNBOSUN	CYRIL	DOMINGO	6 JULY
PEACE	CHIKA	EMEANURU	6 JULY
KOLAWALE		ALEBIOSU	6 JULY
MATTHEW	IHENJIAWUNZE	ANYANWU	6 JULY
IDRIS	DANJUMA	IBRAHIM	7 JULY
CHUKWUEMEKA		OFFOR	7 JULY
SARAYA		DAUDA	7 JULY
FESTUS	OMALE	OGWU	7 JULY
ISMAILA		YERIMA	7 JULY
IBRAHIM	OLAREWAJU	ADEBAYO	8 JULY
ESTHER	MAUYON	OGUNGBE	8 JULY
HASSAN	YAKASAI	ADAMU	10 JULY
MATHEW	CHUKWUMA	ODOH	10 JULY
HABIBA	JIBRIL	JUBRIL	11 JULY

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