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# **ASUU Urges FG to Implement UTAS**

he Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, on Friday, called on the Federal Government to fast track the adoption of the University Transparency Accountability Solutions, (UTAS), as a reliable payment system for the Union.

ASUU equally said that it was worried over Federal Government's (FG), inability to release funds for the revitalisation of public universities, and the May 2021 tranche of Earned Academic Allowances (EAA), adding that the Union would consider the option of resuming its suspended industrial action should FG continue with its delay tactics in fulfilling the already signed agreement.

The Coordinator of Nsukka Zone of ASUU, Comrade Raphael Amokaha, disclosed these issues at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, (UNN), during a press briefing at the end of the zonal meeting of the that ASUU rejected the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System,



Dr. Chris Ngige Minister of Labour and Employment

Union where it also deliberated on proliferation of universities by state governments without requisite funding power.

Comrade Amokaha, explained

IPPIS, from inception because of its failure to cater for the peculiarities of the Nigerian University System (NUS) and called on FG to adopt UTAS, which, he said, had been

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subjected to series of tests, including demonstration to the "End-Users," drawn from the bursary and registry units of federal universities and proven to be suitable for Nigerian University System.

He also said ASUU, therefore, cannot understand the continued delay by government in adopting and deploying UTAS as an alternative to IPPIS which has failed in all ramifications. It is to be noted that this government has been advocating for local content in every percept of Nigerian development efforts. UTAS therefore, is a home grown programme that has been shown to be a viable solution to a Nigerian University System problem.

There is no rational consideration why government should be foot-dragging instead of adopting and deploying UTAS with excitement that its own academic industry has come up with a cutting-edge solution," he declared.

"On the issues of funding for revitalisation of public universities and earned academic allowances, ASUU-Nsukka Zone is aware that letters were to be written by 3rd August, 2021 from the Ministry of Education to CBN to transfer funds for the revitalisation of public universities to the NEEDS Assessment account; and same Ministry of Education was to write another letter to the

Ministry of Finance to release the May 2021 tranche of Earned Academic Allowances and copy the Ministry of Labour and Employment."

The Coordinator stated that "Actions are still being awaited on these issues. Efforts were also to be made by the Ministry of Finance to release 10.9% of N203 billion (22.127 billion) already appropriated in the budget of 2021, this too is yet to be done."

The Zone was worried that the urgency in writing inter ministerial letters only comes to play when meetings between Government and our Union was scheduled. He expressed apprehension that ASUU has given government the benefit of doubt and any further delay may portend returning to the industrial action.

The Union also said that its national officers had commence the process of working with the NUC to submit to the National Assembly, a bill to amend the NUC Act which would empower it to reduce the level of proliferation of universities by state governments.

On the renegotiation of the 2009 FGN-ASUU agreement, the Union said "The Zone is concerned about the intentions of government because, the draft Agreement was ready as at May, 2021, and by 2nd

August, 2021 (two months later), the Minister of Labour and Employment is merely hoping that the Inter-Ministerial Committee would have concluded work on the draft agreement for submission to government by the end of August, 2021. Alas! We are already in the second week of September and no actions have been taken yet."

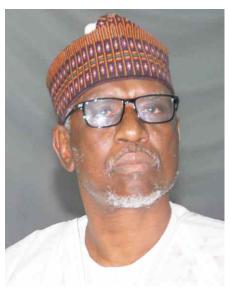
The Union also said that the speedy conclusion and signing of the draft agreement would enhance industrial harmony in the Nigerian University System, and create an enabling environment for improved academic activities and competitive research.

The Union equally called on the FG to expedite action on the resolution of the pending/contentious issues in the December 2020 Memorandum of Action (MoA).

The ASUU-Nsukka Zone comprises the Union branches at Benue State University, Makurdi; Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu; Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi; Federal University, Lokoja: Federal University, Wukari; Kogi State University, Anyigba; as well as University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN).

## **NUC Applauds Newly Appointed Secretary** General of African Universities

he National Universities Commission (NUC) has expressed confidence in the



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed ES. NUC

ability of the newly appointed Secretary-General of the 54-yearold Association of African Universities (AAU), Professor Olusola Bandele Oyewole, to excel in office in the overall benefits of the universities in Africa.

Oyewole's appointment was announced last month by the outgoing President of AAU, Professor Antonio Orlando Quilambo - the Rector of Eduardo Mondiane University, Mozambique - at the virtual extra-ordinary general conference of the association.

The new Secretary-General, who is the immediate past vice chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), and will resume on October 1, 2021, is

replacing an Ivorian scholar, Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile who served for nine years. The AAU headquarters is in Accra, Ghana.

The NUC in a letter signed by its Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, stated that with Oyewole's wealth of experience "as a visionary leader, a seasoned administrator as well as a scholar of international repute," his tenure would witness the much-needed reforms in higher education in Africa.

"I am confident that with your wealth of experience, you will succeed in taking Africa's Higher Education portfolio, to enviable heights," the Commission said, stressing that Oyewole's appointment was in recognition of the professor of Food Science and Technology's sterling qualities as a visionary leader, a seasoned administrator as well as a scholar of international repute.

Professor Rasheed said: "I have received with utmost pride and a deep sense of fulfilment the good news of your recent appointment as the Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities (AAU).

"This appointment, I believe, has been made in recognition of your sterling qualities as a visionary leader, a seasoned administrator as well as a scholar of international repute.

"This is also an indication that your huge contributions to the development of university education in Nigeria and the African continent have not been in vain."

He pledged the unwavering commitment of the commission in partnering with the association in "those cross-



Prof. Olusola Bandele Oyewole Secretary-General, African Universities (AAU)

cutting areas that would be mutually beneficial to both the NUC in particular, and the NUS in general."

Oyewole, a specialist in Food Microbiology and Biotechnology, had at the virtual meeting commended the association's governing board on the confidence expressed in him to serve.

He declared: "My vision is to amplify the relevance of the Association of African



Universities as the voice of higher education in Africa.

"Without strong partnerships and collaborations, the association would be unable to achieve her grand mission of improving the quality of African higher education."

## Mal. Yakasai Bows Out Gracefully

he Pioneer Director of Public Affairs and Chairman of the Monday Bulletin Editorial Board, Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, last Friday, gracefully bowed out after 23 years of service to the National Universities Commission (NUC).

At a brief ceremony organised by the staff of the Directorate of Public Affairs (DPA) at the NUC new Boardroom, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, who stood in for the Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR. FNAL. described Mal. Yakasai as an excellent Public Relations (PR) guru, who used his knowledge of Public Relations to manage information flow which greatly stabilised the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He recalled that the pioneer Director started his job when the Nigerian University System had less than 50 universities and the NUC was less visible and scantily reported in the media to the current reality of excellent visibility for the NUC which now supervises more than 200

universities.

Mr. Maiyaki noted that he had shared numerous personal moments with him and wonderful camaraderie, adding that handling several national assignments together had of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi, Acting Director of Research. Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Faruk Lawan, in their separate remarks, noted that Mal. Yakasai would be



Mal. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai The celebrant

enabled him to recognise Mal. Yaksai as someone on top of his job. He prayed that God would keep him in good health and sound mind in his future endeavours.

Similarly, the Directors of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi; Establishment

remembered for his hard work, commitment and passion for his job.

The Director, Universities, Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. Rabi Iliyasu simply described Mal. Yakasai as family.

Others who spoke, including his immediate staff and friends unanimously described him as someone very smart, tough and yet frank and straightforward no matter whose ox is gored. They all prayed for his good health and God's protection as he leaves the Commission.

In his response, the pioneer Director, who was visibly ecstatic, thanked the staff for considering it appropriate to

opportunity to ask all those he offended in the course of discharging his duties not to harbour ill feelings and to forgive him as he had also forgiven, as no evil was intended ab initio.

He specially acknowledged the impactful role Mal. Sadiq Abubakar had played in his career in the commission. "I started with him and I am leaving him behind."

graduate of Mass Communication from Bayero University Kano (BUK) in 1985.

He is an experienced Journalist, a Public Relations expert and an Administrator per excellence who spent 35 years of his work experience in both the Private and Public sectors in Africa and Europe before finally joining the NUC.



The celebrant (5th left) with other well wisher cutting the cake

celebrate his last day in NUC, praying that the goodwill they had shown him would follow them when it was time to leave the commission.

He described his sojourn in NUC as fruitful and pleasant with fond and indelible memories acknowledging that Allah (SWT) had also been extremely merciful to him as He endowed him with contentment and self-fulfilment.

The Director used the

Other highlights of the ceremony included a toast by the NUC Deputy Director, SERVICOM, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji, for God's continued good health, sustenance and enlarged riches for the celebrant and the reading of his citation by the Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu.

He was born on the 5th of September, 1962, in Kano Municipal Local Government Area of Kano State. He is a He had his mandatory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) with the New Nigerian Newspapers in Kaduna as a Reporter, between 1985 and 1986. He had a brief stint with Today Newspapers in Kaduna as Features Writer in the later part of 1986. He thereafter moved back to New Nigerian Newspapers (NNN) as a Sub-Editor and later a Reporter between 1986-1988. He was a Reporter with Zimbabwe Herald and Bulawaya Chronicle, on Exchange

Programme between1988 and 1989. He returned to the NNN where in 1990 he was despatched to Liberia as War Correspondent to report the Liberian Civil War. His last beat in the NNN was

first Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations (I&PR) in the Executive Secretary's Office in 2008. A position he maintained until his appointment as Pioneer



Mal. Yakasai receiving a copy of the Glorious Qur'an from Mal. Haruna Ajo as a present from the staff

Diplomatic Correspondent.

His career in the media covered both the Print and the Electronic Media having worked for local and international media organisations that included the New Nigerian Newspaper, Nigeria; the Zimbabwe Herald in Harare, the Bulawayo Chronicle, Zimbabwe and the **British Broadcasting Corporation** (BBC) in London.

Institute (NIT) in 1991. Between 1993 and 1996 he was a producer with the BBC Radio in London. He returned to NTI before joining the services of the NUC in 1998 and rose through the ranks from Principal Public Relations Officer to became the

He moved to National Teachers

Director of the Department of Corporate Communications in 2016. The Department was renamed. Directorate of Public Affairs (DPA) in June 2019.

In the course of his stay in NUC,

line with changing Public Relation needs of the commission. He had also participated in several Ad-hoc assignments and Committees where he distinguished himself creditably well. These include as representative on national assignments such as Accreditation, Curriculum Development, Monitoring of Private Universities and was at one point a desk officer in the Academic Planning Department.

This laudable achievements and accomplishments earned him accolades in the Nigerian University System and the NUC community.

Another key highlight of Mal. Yakasai's service in the NUC



... and a congratulatory card

Mal. Yakasai had worked under four Executive Secretaries handling Public Relations activities very distinctively in was the privilege of being the first to attain the post of Deputy Director in the PR division and the Pioneer Director of the new Directorate.

He is a member of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) and the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) and Associate Member of Public Relation Association (IPRA) UK.

The Pioneer Director, Public Affairs is a man of faith, deeply rooted in the Muslim faith, who is unapologetic in projecting his religion. He exhibits great dedication to his Public Relations duty and versatility.

technical knowledge of Nigerian university education environment.

He is married with five children.



The representative of the Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki (5th right) with the celebrant, Mal. Yakasai (6th right) and some Management Staff, friends and well wishers in a group photo

A widely travelled personality whose work had taken him to all the States in Nigeria and over 30 countries in Africa, Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Americas. The Director, who is moving after putting 23 years service in the NUC, is a PR. Guru within the NUS, with a sound

The Staff of the Directorate wish him well, in his future endeavours as he exits the NUC.



The Celebrant (5th left) with his staff



### ASSOCIATION OF WEST AFRICA UNIVERSITIES (AWAU)

Association des universités de I Afrique des I'Ouest (AUAO)

#### In Collaboration with:

COMMITTEE OF VICE CHANCELLORS OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES



Presents

A 3 DAY TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGISTS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

Theme: Repositioning University Technologists for Excellence Date: 24th – 27th October, 2021 Venue: No. 4, Parakou Street, Wuse II, Abuja - Nigeria.

#### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Scientific research in Nigerian Universities and Research institutes is considered insufficient, therefore demand for quality research and research output from Nigerian Universities has continued to increase. The COVID-19 pandemic further exposes the weak research infrastructure (human resources and research facilities) in Nigerian Universities. Participation in international research projects by Nigerian Universities is very limited due to weak institutional capacities and resources. Therefore, Nigeria like many other African countries does not benefit from the tremendous financial windfall that can accrue to countries where scientists produce more research and patents. An estimated 1% of World total scientific knowledge is produced from Africa despite comprising 12.5 percent of the world's population. Additionally, STEM research makes up only 29% of Sub-Saharan African's research output, leaving a gap in many critical fields with potentials for rapid national development. Although there is increased awareness on the role universities can play in economic development through quality research, strategic effort is required to identify areas of intervention. Core to improving research output in Nigeria is the need to improve capacity of Laboratory Technologists to deliver on their mandate as well as become better equipped and exposed to new techniques and methodologies.

TARGET AUDIENCE Senior Laboratory Technologists from Universities, other Tertiary Institutions & Research Institutes

#### SOME KEY QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED ARE:

- 1. What is my role as a technologist and how can I contribute to national research output
- How can Technologists contribute to scientific knowledge generation?
- How can ICT be deployed to improve services and augment infrastructural deficit?
- 4. How can I network and collaborate for improved performance?
- 5. What new techniques are available in my field and where can I get more information?6. What are the health and safety concerns of a laboratory technologists?

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING**

- I.Enlighten laboratory technologists on their role in Scientific research and knowledge generation
- ii.Promote ethical research
- iii.Understand procurement process and maintenance of laboratory equipment iv.Identify and be able to deploy ICT as a tool for research v. Understand the need for networking and collaboration for improved efficiency in the laboratory

#### MAIN TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE:

I. The Role of a Professional Technologist in a Laboratory

ii.Laboratory Management, Health and Safety iii.Procurement and General Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment

iv. Professional Code of Practice for General Laboratory and Workshop Activities

v.Networking and collaboration

vi.ICT as a tool for research support

vii.Ethical Issues in Research (including The Use of Laboratory Animals)
viii.Herbalism, Drug Discovery and Evaluation: Strategies and Basic Techniques for Laboratory Technologists ix.Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences & Medicine, Physical Sciences & Engineering, Education x. Approaches to Trouble Shooting

#### TRAINING MATERIALS

All participants will be provided with the following; i.Training Folder containing all Training Materials ii.Reading List iii.Tea break and Lunch for 3 days iv.Participation Certificate

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Arrival: 24th October, 2021

Closing & Departure: 27th October, 2021 Opening: 9:30am 25th October, 2021

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15th March, 2021

The Vice-Chancellors. All Nigerian Universities

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARM. D) PROGRAMME IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

The attention of the National Universities Commission has been drawn to the anomaly identified with the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) and Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D) programmes in some Nigerian Universities.

The Executive Secretary has therefore directed that I convey to the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities as follows:

- 1. The B. Pharm and Pharm. D are two separate degrees programmes awarded in the Nigerian University System. The duration for the award of the B. Pharm degree is 5 academic sessions and 6 academic sessions for Pharm.D through the UTME entry mode. Prior to 2015, Universities have been awarding the B. Pharm which is still obtainable and approved by the NUC. However, in a bid to expand the Pharmacy profession to incorporate pharmaceutical care and accommodate clinical demand within the Nigerian educational system, the Pharm. D programme was introduced.
- 2. The Philosophy behind the establishment of Pharm.D programme in Nigerian Universities is

"to provide students with a broad balanced foundation in all the areas of Pharmaceutical Knowledge to further equip them with the ability to apply Pharmaceutical knowledge in health care delivery system; acquire professional skills to identify and resolve drug related problems and to impact to the students, a comprehensive knowledge of Pathophysiology, Therapeutics, Pharmacokinetics and Toxicology among several other aims and objectives".

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- 3. To this end, it is necessary to clarify to all Nigerian Universities that;
  - B. Pharm and Pharm. D are the two distinct degrees awarded under the Pharmacy discipline and not to be interchanged;
  - B. Pharm and Pharm. D are both undergraduate programmes; ii.
- B. Pharm does not serve as a bridge to the award of Pharm. D; iii.
- Conversion programmes or top-up aimed at upgrading B. Pharm to Pharm.D is not iv. approved by the Commission; and
- 4. In view of the foregoing and for the avoidance of doubts, it is illegal for any University to run conversion programmes from B. Pharm to Pharm. D.
- 5. The table below shows the Universities the National Universities Commission has granted approval to run the Pharm D. program.

S/N	UNIVERSITY	YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT	
1	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti	2019	
2	Bauchi State University, Gadau, Bauchi State	2020	
3	Bayero University Kano, Kano State	2015	
4	Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2019	
5	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2019	
5	University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State	2019	
6	University of Calabar, Cross River State	2020	
8	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019	
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State	2019	
10	University of Jos, Plateau State	2018	
11	University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State	2018	
12	University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	2020	

Please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's best regards.

Dr. N. B. Saliu

Director, Academic Planning

For: Executive Secretary



### OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION)

#### RE: VACANCY ADVERTISED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter Ref: MC/ST.0012/X/V<sup>IV</sup>, dated 28th June, 2021 from the National Frequency Management Council, Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy. Also attached to the letter are circulars from the Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), informing all Member Administrations of the vacant positions at the ITU office in Santiago, Chile and ITU Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland.

The circular letters from ITU are for the following positions:

- Programme Administrator at Santiago (Vacancy Notice No. 25P-2021/BDT-DDR/EXTERNAL/P2); and
- Head, Procurement Division at ITU Headquarter Geneva (Vacancy Notice No.26P-2021/SG-FRMD/EXTERNAL/P5).

Consequently, the vacancy notices are being brought to the attention of all qualified and interested staff of the Commission (especially women) to apply for the above positions on the ITU web site: http://www.itu.int/employment/Recruitment/index.html not later than 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, for the post of Programme Administrator at Santiago and 9th August, 2021 for the post of the Head, Procurement Division in Geneva.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

Cc: Executive Secretary

Deputy Executive Secretary (Acad)

Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin)

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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 22<sup>rd</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

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#### THE PRESIDENCY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE, SHEHU SHAGARI COMPLEX, THREE ARMS ZONE, ABUJA

W.1/S.22/XVI/751 Ref No:-

22nd October, 2020

Telegrams SECFEDGOVT:

The Hon. Minister Federal Ministry of Education Abuja

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.

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

Aliyu G. Mohammee 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.



## **Approved Open University and** Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

he 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.
- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning. 5.
- 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.

- Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
- Interview of prospective proprietors
- Collection of application forms
- Submission of application forms and relevant documents
- 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
- First site assessment visit
- Finalisation of document
- Second (final) site assessment visit
- Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
- Approval by NUC Management
- Approval by NUC Board
- 14. Approval by FEC

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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 Maritine 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, Biu	2018
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, 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, Bokkos	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,	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	43	Ogboko University of Africa,	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	44	Toru-Orua  Borno State University	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	<u> </u>	Moshood Abiola University of	2017
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006		Science and Technology, Abeokuta Gombe State University of Science	
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	46	and Technology, Kumo	2017
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
13	IZ ' C4 - 4 - I I - ' ' 4	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	49	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	50	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	51	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
1,	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	52	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011			

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Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State

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### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- Christians of Charity American University of Science & 2) Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses 3)
- University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, 4) Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses 5)
- Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its 6) other campuses in Nigeria
- Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or 7) any of its other campuses
- Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other 8) campuses
- United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of 9) its other campuses.
- United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any 10) 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.
- Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or 13) 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
- Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria 16)
- Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria` 17)
- London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria. 18)
- Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria. 19)
- 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
- Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in 24) Nigeria.
- St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in 25)
- EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre. 26)
- Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of 27) its campuses in Nigeria
- Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its 28) campuses in Nigeria
- Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in 29) Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in 31) Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State 34)
- Open International University, Akure 35)
- Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo 36)

- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja 38)
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, 41)
- Temple University, Abuja 42)
- Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in 43) Nigeria.
- National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State. 44)
- 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.
- Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, 48) Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study 49)
- 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
- Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State 54)
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- West African Union University, in Collaboration with 57) 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.

- National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- Volta University College, Aba, Abia State. 7)
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
  - 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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