

UI Convocation: President Buhari, Others, Appeal to ASUU to Stop Weaponising Strike

The President and Visitor to the University of Ibadan, Muhammadu Buhari; the Chancellor and Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar III; as well as the Pro-

using strikes as their bargaining chip.

The President, who was represented by the Executive Secretary of the National

negotiation table to make their demands.

The trio spoke at the 74th Foundation Day and convocation ceremonies of the University of



R-L: Chancellor of the University of Ibadan and the Sultan of Sokoto, HRH Sa'ad Abubakar III (1st right); Rep. of the President and Visitor to the University/Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (middle) and Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Governing Council, Chief John Odigie at the 74th Founders Day 2022 Convocation Ceremonies

Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council and former National Chairman of the ruling All Progressives Congress, Chief John Odigie-Oyegun, last Thursday, urged all trade associations and workers' unions in tertiary institutions to stop

Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, and the other eminent Nigerians, said it is more honourable for such unions, particularly the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), to use the

Ibadan (UI), Oyo State.

The President described as "disheartening" the situation that saw all the universities' trade unions declaring protracted trade disputes in the outgoing year.

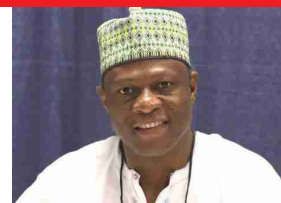
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He said: “I salute the University for its Leading Role in the production of the much-needed academic workers for tertiary institutions within and outside Nigeria.

“As we are all aware, the university system holds the key to the future for any nation. Therefore, there is the need for discipline and stability in our universities.

“It is disheartening that in the outgoing year, virtually all the university trade unions – ASUU, the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) and National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) – declared protracted trade disputes with dire consequences for our economy; unnecessary disruption of the academic calendar of our universities and the consequent feelings of frustration and insecurity among our youths.

“I must state clearly that there is need for the trade unions, especially ASUU, to shun the weapon of strike action as a tool for pressing home their demands. Strike actions only compound the already poor state of our Education sector and erode the national and international reputations of our public universities

“I, therefore, wish to appeal to our unions to always show restraints and seek their goals

through negotiation and mutual respect at all times.

“Let me assure all stakeholders in the Education sector that the Federal Government remains committed to the welfare of all staff and students. We shall continue to deal with the many contending issues in our various



Prof. Kayode Adebawale
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan

institutions within the limit of the resources available to government.

“On their part, the university workers and other stakeholders need to appreciate the fact that our national economy, like the economies of most countries of the world, has not been in good shape since and even before the creeping COVID-19, but my government’s commitment to education remains unshaking.

“We recognise that education in general and university education in particular is fundamental to

the success of knowledge economy and a stable society. Nations worldwide depend on tertiary education through its traditional roles of teaching, research and community service to develop human resources and disseminate relevant knowledge that is needed for industries and other sectors of the society.”

The Chancellor of the University, Sultan Abubakar, said, although the feats recorded by the university gladden everybody’s heart, the situation could be better if there was better harmony between the workers’ unions and the government.

He said: “According to the Times Higher Education ranking for the Year 2022/ 2023, UI was ranked first in Nigeria, seventh in Africa and among the first 500 universities in the world.

“The feat gladdens my heart as

this prestigious university has forged through decades of achievements and maintained a tradition of innovation.

“I must remind us that outstanding performance requires outstanding facilities. We, therefore, solicit for more funding to sustain our cutting-edge research and remain the best.

more harm than good to the tertiary education sector.

“In spite of the fact that our university is today a centre for excellence in scholarship and human capital development, yet, over the years, the university has been passing through challenging times which demand the dedicated efforts of all stakeholders in repositioning the institution for success.

ensure for the future a crisis-free and uninterrupted academic session in the university in the interest of our youths who are the future generation.”

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Adebowale stated that the University had continued to lead the pack in the production of PhDs as a total of 153 candidates from various disciplines were



Cross section of the undergraduates

“At this juncture, I must plead with our unions to shun the weapon of strike action as a tool for pressing home their demands. As strike actions, though potent, only compound the already poor state in the Education sector.”

The University’s Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Chief Odigie-Oyegun said protracted strikes had done

“After a long period of industrial action embarked upon by the various unions in most of our universities, we are happy to note and state that academic activities have been fully restored.

“May I at this juncture plead with all unions that it is important we sheathe our swords and

awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degrees.

Out of this number, he highlighted that Faculty of Education leads 29 Doctoral graduands, followed by Faculty of Arts with 24 graduands.

The others he listed were: Faculty of Agriculture-22; Faculty of Multi-disciplinary

Studies-14; Faculty of Science-12; Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences-10; Faculty of Technology -7; Faculties of Renewable Natural Resources & Law-6 each; Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences-5; Faculty of Clinical Sciences & Institute of African Studies -4 each; Faculty of Pharmacy & Institute of Education -3 each; Faculty of the Social Sciences -2; as well as Faculties of Public

nation, which had energised the management under his leadership to continue to invest in its Faculties for quality teaching and production of quality research and researchers, as part of the institution's time-tested academic culture and tradition over the years.

He noted that though the times were tough as in the world over, UI had weathered the storm to

University System and the University by extension, UI had remained the first in the country, in West Africa and now moved to the seventh in the ladder among Universities in Africa, while also among the 401-500 category by the Times Higher Education for 2023.

He stressed that the ranking was the new highest in the world (83.5%), which was a testimony



Cross section of the PhD graduates

Health & Veterinary Medicine-1 each.

Prof. Adebawale also disclosed that a combined total of 5,196 graduands received first degrees in various Faculties and disciplines, with about 233 bagging first Class Honours.

He said, the University occupied an important position in the higher educational development of the

maintain its reputation as a world-class institution for academic excellence geared towards meeting societal needs through improved research output, graduation statistics, awards and collaborations.

On the ranking of the University, the Vice-Chancellor affirmed that despite funding the challenge facing the Nigerian

to the excellence of plan and hard work of the previous Vice-Chancellors, administration and staff. He therefore, used the opportunity to congratulate and appreciate the University's dedicated and ingenious Faculty, Senate, Governing Council and other stakeholders in the UI project who have made these achievements possible.

The Vice-Chancellor applauded the Visitor, His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, whose support to the Premier University had kept it energised and inspired; the Governor of Oyo State, Engineer Seyi Makinde, who had been supportive of the University in diverse ways; the Chancellor, His Eminence Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar III, CFR, mni, the Sultan of Sokoto, who had also been a great pillar of support; the Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu; as well as the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, for their support to higher education in Nigeria.

He also thanked His Imperial Majesty, Oba Mohood Isola Olalekan Balogun, Alli Okunmade II, the Olubadan of Ibadanland, for the peaceful and cordial town-gown relationship that was being enjoyed by the University and extended his appreciation to the Governing Council led by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Chief John Evboyomwan Kenneth Odigie-Oyegun, CON; the Management and staff of the Institution.

Prof. Adebowale congratulated all the graduands for attaining an important milestone in their lives and charged them to be good ambassadors of the University of Ibadan, while making positive contributions to the growth and

development aspirations of the Nigerian State.

In spite of the lean resources available to the University he stated that the University had continued to improve on its staff development and welfare, both locally and internationally, to improve staff capacity for enhanced performance.

On some of its outstanding achievements, he noted that the Department of Virology, College of Medicine, was serving as one of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) network of laboratories for surveillance and testing of viral infections including COVID-19, Haemorrhagic fever viruses, among others.

Through this collaboration, the Department has processed over 40,000 samples for COVID-19 and had also received funding from University of California, Los Angeles, USA for strengthening inter-professional education on HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 in Nigeria. The project was in collaboration with 13 other institutions in Nigeria and the University of Buea in Cameroon.

The University, within the period also completed and commissioned various projects including, Construction of a new Lecture Hall for the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics; Deployment of an

E-Classroom funded by the First City Monument Bank (FCMB), complete with an innovative platform to deliver a hybrid (both virtual and physical) classroom experience; University Health Service OPD Extension; University Health Service Pharmacy Store and University of Ibadan Vocational Training Hub, donated by the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board.

Others were Borehole project at the Students' Union Building; commissioning of a Digital Billboard and Signage in the Faculty of Agriculture, and The Multipurpose Centre Building for the Faculty of Science: A 2018 TETFund- Zonal Intervention Project which was commissioned in March, 2022 by the Executive Secretary of TETFund, among many others.

The convocation was attended by imminent personalities from all works of life, including Senators, House of Assembly Members, Vice-Chancellors from other universities, spiritual and traditional rulers, revered friends of the University, proud parents and guardians of graduating students as well as well-wishers.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, was accompanied to the Convocation Ceremony by the Director, Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Chukwubechukwu Odum.

ES Inaugurates Two Committees to Check Excesses in NUS

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu

June 2022 and 15th of August, 2022, respectively.

At the inauguration ceremony

and called for scrutiny to safeguard the integrity of the Nigerian University System (NUS).



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (middle); sandwiched left by the Chairman, Committee on the Development of Guidelines for Mentoring New Universities, Prof. Muhammed Yahuza Bello; and the Chairman Committee on the Review of Submissions on the Procedures, Criteria and Records of Professorial Promotion, Prof. Ribadu Abdullahi after the Committees' Inauguration

Rasheed, Mni, MFR, FNAL, last Tuesday, inaugurated two committees namely-Committee on the Review of Submission on the Procedures, Criteria and Records of Professorial Promotion by some Non-Degree Awarding Institutions in Nigeria as well as the Committee on the Development of Guidelines for Mentoring New Universities.

Both committees had earlier been constituted on the 8th of

which was held simultaneously, the Executive Secretary told the Committee on the review of submissions on the procedures, criteria and records of professorial promotion by some Non-Degree Awarding Institutions in Nigeria that NUC had found it as nauseating the manner in which some academics were now desperate to be addressed as Professors. This, he said, has been rampant among lecturers in private universities

According to him, to stem the tide, the Commission had to send a list of Professors to Vice-Chancellors of Universities for verification so as to ascertain who actually qualified as Professors in the system.

Prof. Rasheed also mentioned the case of some agencies such as the Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies (NIALS); National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies

(NIPSS), Nigeria Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) as well as the Institute for Peace

Professorship on their members.

be proactive in their approach to save the Commission from entertaining any court cases against it. He promised NUC's assistance in whatever capacity possible in order to aid the committees to fulfill their assignment and also to avoid them dragging themselves for too long.

He also advised the Committee members to brainstorm even if it means setting up zoom meetings and explore other meaningful ways to write to the agencies to stop such nefarious activities. He pointed out that while carrying out their duties, they should define clearly who qualify to be addressed as Professor, explaining that even the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) would be interested in the matter.



Prof. Ribadu with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

and Conflict Resolution (IPRC) who conferred Professorial title to some of their members and resource persons.

He said the Nigerian French Language Village, Topo Badagry and the National Institute of Nigerian Languages (NINLAN), Aba, were both guilty of this act as they conferred Professorships to their members.

He wondered how it was possible for some people to run away from the Universities and without anything in the academics by sheer joining of these agencies becomes Professors.

He lamented that some Institutions and Agencies go as far as the National Assembly to get a law that will endorse fake

The NUC Scribe charged the committee members to follow due process in their assignment to diligently bring to fore and advice NUC on international best practices and guidelines on the promotion of professorial titles to deserving



Prof. Yahuza Bello with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

Academics.

He advised the Committee to

He expressed confidence in the teams, and hoped that what

they would submit to the Commission at the end of their exercise would be of immense benefit to the universities and the country at large.

Harping on the second Committee on the Development of Guidelines for Mentoring New Universities, Prof. Rasheed stated that it had become obvious that NUC in the

them.

Against this backdrop, he informed the team that the Commission frown at such situation where the bigger public universities exert such undue pressure on mostly newly established private universities by as far as demanding a number of Professors they must have.

guidelines and advise appropriately on how the mentor and mentee university relationship should subsist.

In their separate remarks the Chairmen of both Committees, Profs. Ribadu Abdullahi and Muhammed Yahuza Bello, respectively, thanked the Commission for the privilege accorded to them to carry out the assignment and also for



The two constituted Committees at the inauguration ceremony

process of issuing licenses to private university operators also outlines 14-step procedure they were to follow which most public universities do not seem to have clear have understanding. This, according to him, had affected their relationship as mentoring institutions to some of these private universities and now exerting much pressure on

The expectation of the NUC was to supervise the new private universities and properly mentor them to fruition. The Executive Secretary Stated that a good private university can mentor another new university.

He urged the Committee to help NUC by looking at the current private universities

finding them worthy to serve the country at this time. They promised the Executive Secretary that they would do their utmost best to deliver a quality assignment stressing that the issue of quality assurance remains sacrosanct in the delivery of quality education for nation building.

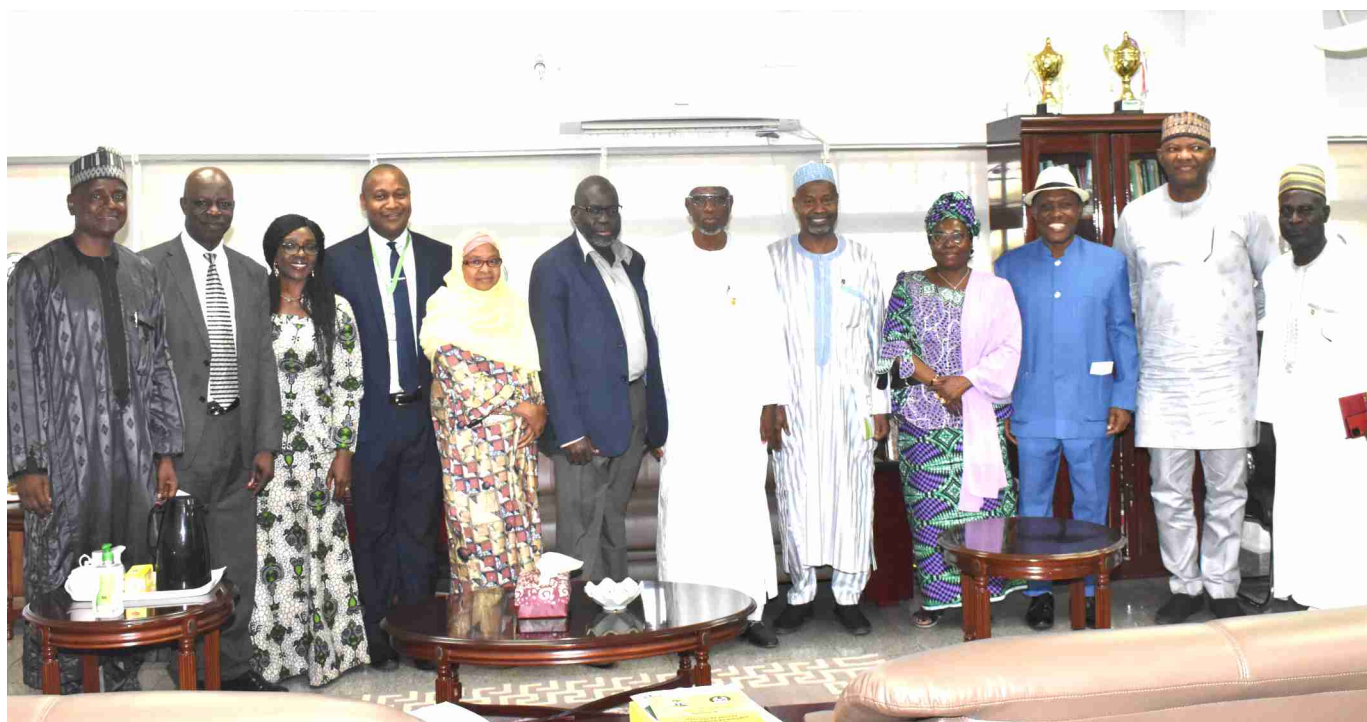
Meanwhile, in the constituted

committee on the review of submissions on the procedures, criteria and records of professorial promotion by some Non-Degree Awarding Institutions in Nigeria are; Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu – Chairman; Prof. Chinedu Nwajiuba; Prof. Adebola Ekanola; Prof. Joseph Ahaneku; Prof. Angela Freeman Miri; Prof. Fatima

Academics to the rank of a Professor, as well as the Institutions laws; Carefully review the guidelines on visiting, sabbatical and adjunct appointment in Nigerian universities and advise the Commission as appropriate; and Make any other recommendations that would further improve the process for the promotion/

–Nnadi; Mrs. Lydia I. Imoroa and Barrister Pascal Eruaga, as Secretary.

Its Terms of Reference included: Critically review the commission's extant policy on monitoring newly established private universities in Nigeria, taking into consideration global best practices; Develop standard guidelines for



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Batul Mukhtar and Prof. Mohammed Yahuza Bello as member/Secretary.

The Committee's Terms of Reference include to: Critically review the various submission by the identified Institutions and advice the Commission as appropriate, taking into consideration extant guidelines on the promotion of Nigerian

appointment of Professors, as well as sabbatical/ visiting adjunct appointments in the Nigerian university system.

The other Committee has their membership as Prof. Mohammed Yahuza Bello-Chairman; Prof. Alhassan Gani; Prof. Adebola Ekanola; Dr. Noel B. Saliu; Mrs. Constance Goddy

monitoring newly established universities in Nigeria, irrespective of proprietorship; and Make any recommendations that would engender harmonious relationship between the newly established universities and their mentoring Institutions, towards the realization of the stated objectives.

FG Takes Over, Renames David Umahi Varsity Uburu

The Federal Government of Nigeria has taken over and renamed the newly established King David Nweze Umahi University of Medical sciences Uburu, Ebonyi State.



His Excellency,
Engr. David Nweze Umahi
Executive Gov. Ebonyi State

This followed a letter of notification written by the Vice-chancellor, David Nweze Umahi University of Medical sciences Uburu, Ebonyi State and addressed to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL.

The letter dated 15th September, 2022 had informed the NUC of the take-over of the institution by the Federal Government, including the documents relevant to the take-over such as Institution Take-Over Agreement between the

Federal Government of Nigeria and the Government of Ebonyi State, as well as the approval of Mr. President for the take-over of the Institution.

In a response letter to the notification dated 5th October, 2022, the Executive Secretary, on behalf of the NUC conveyed to the Executive Governor, His Excellency, Engr. David Nweze Umahi, that with effect from Friday 7th September, 2022, the David Nweze Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, has been recognised as the 50th Federal University and 219th University, respectively, in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

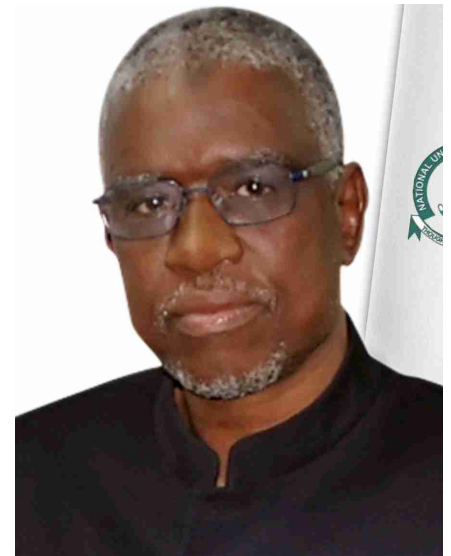
The letter signed personally by Prof. Rasheed also noted that the institution is also the 8th Specialised University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria.

The letter further reads: “The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), are being notified of the take-over and

renaming of the University, as appropriate.”

Elaborating on the take-over, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Jesse Uneke, had through a Press Conference at the University Campus recently, told journalists that the University is now to be known and addressed as David Nweze Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu.

Prof. Uneke said the renaming



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

of the school was part of the taking over agreements between the School and the Federal Government.

He further disclosed that the Federal Government has concluded plans to establish six new universities of health

sciences across the six geopolitical zones of the country, adding that King David Nweze Umahi University of Medical Sciences Uburu, had been chosen for the South East.

He also announced reduction of tuition fees of the institution from N3million to N1million for major courses including Medicine and Surgery, and Pharmacy.

According to him, Nursing Sciences which was N2million will now be N700,000 while Industrial Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Biotechnology which were N1million, have been slashed to N500,000 each.

“Following the approval of the Executive Governor of Ebonyi

State and the recent take-over of the David Nweze Umahi University of Medical Sciences by the Federal Government, the Management of the University hereby announces the reduction in the school fees payable by students of the University.

“What we are looking at is that we want as many people to be able to afford the university and now that it has been taken over by the federal government, if the Federal Government takes over our salaries, bring capital project fund, why should we keep the tuition fees so high even though I can tell you that to manage the facilities in this university is not a joke.

“We are trying to make the university affordable. If you look at the fees and you want to be very considerate, you cannot compare it with what is happening in other Universities.

“We have done the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As I am talking to you, the bill establishing the University is already in the National Assembly and we are hoping to conclude that within the next few months.

“Once that is done, you have the university law, which would show that the university has taken-off. We are getting more support from the federal government to strengthen what is happening”, he concluded.

UniAbuja Spends Over N10million on Undergraduate Research

About 10million Naira has been committed by the authorities of the University of Abuja (UniAbuja) as research grants for undergraduate students in the last three years, the University's Director, Centre for Undergraduate Research (CUR), Dr Taibat Adebukola Atoyebi, disclosed this recently.

Dr Taibat, who made this known at the university's third undergraduate research day, which was held last Wednesday, said UniAbuja aims to key into the quadruple helix model-academics, government, industry and society-to foster growth in its community by investing in undergraduate students.

She said, “10 students got N3, 772, 000 at the third edition. This is the first time we are having 10 researchers present their proposals, and we have almost 50 people who indicated interest before we arrived at 10. Over N10,000,000 million for research grant given to undergraduate students.”

“We are calling on the private sector to come into our activities so that they can help promote our research. This result will also be published in journals,” she said, adding that students are more innovative as undergraduates.

The Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Abuja, Prof. Ukertor Gabriel Moti, who was the guest speaker, urged students to be creative and innovative in their research so as to enhance Nigeria's economic development.

While delivering a paper with the theme, 'Research and mentorship: A pathway to economic growth', he urged students to find viable solutions to the nation's predicament.

He said, creativity and innovation were germane to research, adding that students should be able to bring new solutions or methods of doing things to society through their research.

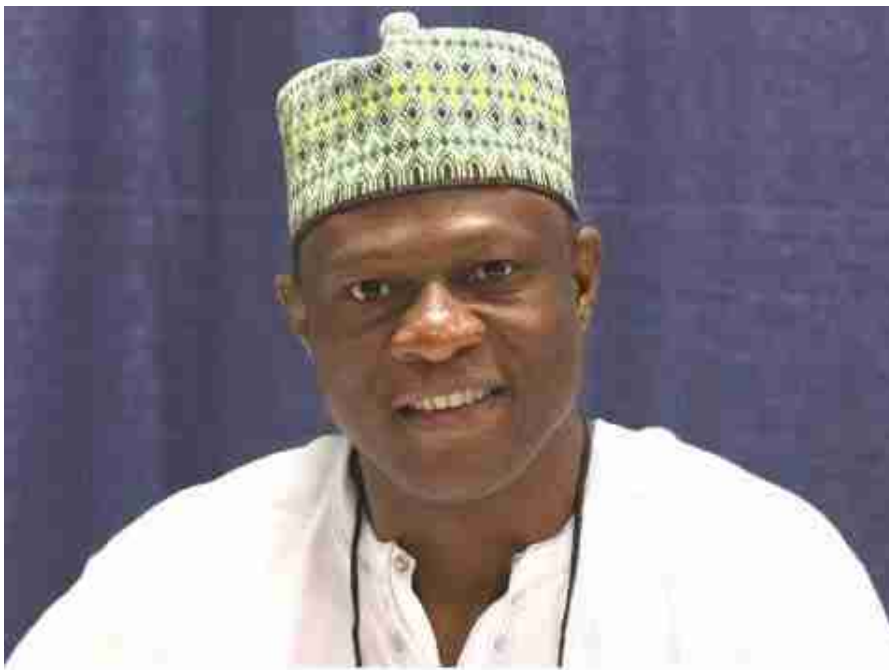
“Your research must be able to be used by industries and

businesses where it can lead to a change of attitude; so those in the social sciences are to lead in this venture,” he said.

He said any student as a

being critiqued, it enhances your knowledge,” he said.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rasheed Na-Allah, who was represented by the chairman of



Prof. Rasheed Na-Allah
Vice Chancellor

researcher willing to make an impact should be able to discuss and present their research findings.

“Ensure you discuss your research findings, put them on the Web, let others critique them, share them with other stakeholders, and exhibit them everywhere you find opportunities. Don't be ashamed whenever you're

the university's research council, Prof. Baba Yusuf Abubakar, said the aim of the programme was to expose the students to research and development early.

Three students presented their findings, including Ochem Uzochukwu Michael, who researched depression and academic performance.



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Unapproved Regional Office of AAU in the United States of America

The attention of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Accra, Ghana, has been drawn to a purported incorporated Association of African Universities-NA, (AAU- NA), by three individuals who have no authorization from the Association of African Universities to represent its interest in the United States of America.

The Association of African Universities (AAU) wishes to inform the public that the only organization approved to represent her in the United States of America, is the North America Office of the Association of African Universities (NAMO)

All our stakeholders are directed to note that the so-called 'Association of African Universities-NA'(AAU-NA), has been illegally incorporated without due authorization and do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities. "NAMO" is not equivalent with "AAU-NA".

The Association of African Universities has not given any authorization to the said "AAU-NA" to solicit for funds, organize activities in the name of AAU, or represent its interests in the United States of America. Whoever is involving in whatever activity under that name of AAU-NA is doing so illegally and with no knowledge of the Association of African Universities and without the permission, or authority of the Association of African Universities.

Necessary legal actions are being initiated to terminate the illegal incorporation of the 'AAU-NA'. In addition, the Directors and the Board Members of the AAU-NA do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities and no approval has been given to them to act on behalf of the Association of African Universities.

The Association of African Universities will continue to be committed to its Regional Offices program through its North America Office (NAMO) in North America, the North Africa Office (NARO) and the East Africa Regional Office (EARO)

Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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FME SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

- 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, Seventeen Universities in the NUS, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. 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.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education..

Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

7. Interactive meeting of DEPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	43	Nigerian Army University, Bui	2018
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuoke, Benue State	2020
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011			

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



PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	77	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	78	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State	2001	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	79	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	80	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran., Kwara State	2011	81	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyea University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	82	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	45	Mcpherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, State	2012	83	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	84	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	85	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	86	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom Cross River State	2021
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	87	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	88	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	89	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	90	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	91	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	92	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	93	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	94	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015	95	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	96	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	59	Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	97	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	98	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT 2006	2006	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015	99	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	100	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016	101	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016	102	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	65	Crown-Hill University Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016	103	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabi University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022
29	Obong University, Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	104	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022
30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	105	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016	106	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017	107	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022
33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017	108	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra Stat	2022
34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2007	71	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017	109	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022
35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2007	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017	110	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022
36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017	111	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017			
			75	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018			



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

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

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



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EMENIKE	MARTIN	CHUKWUJEKWU	23 NOVEMBER
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ADEWALE	SHAKIRUDEEN	BAKARE	26 NOVEMBER
ALISSABATU		BALOGUN	27 NOVEMBER
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ADEMILUYI		DOSUNMU	27 NOVEMBER

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