

## Africans Distort Own History — Wole Soyinka

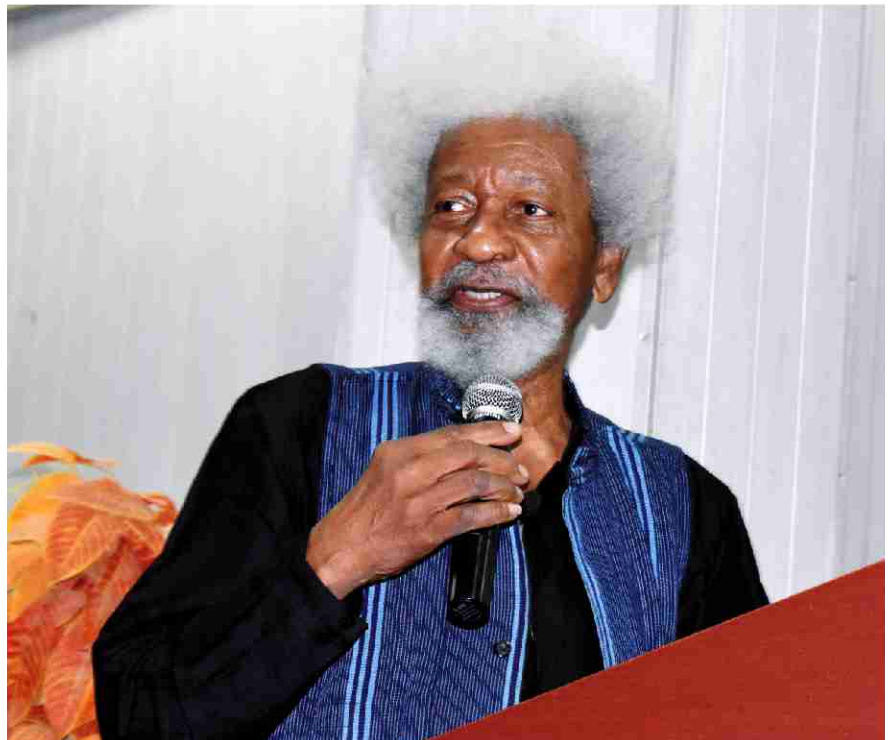
Nigeria's Nobel Laureate, Professor Wole Soyinka has said that African history had been "distorted and truncated by not only Europeans but by Africans themselves."

Delivering the 4th Regional Assembly of the African Humanities Programme (AHP) Lecture last week in Abuja, Professor Soyinka said that history was seen as dynamic by many while others saw it as a narrative already predetermined.

He said that African Leaders go into agreement with Europeans without thinking of their own people and eager to discard their history so easily and that this had always come back to haunt them, adding that: "the African continent had gone through the history of hell."

He identified some of the challenges confronting the African continent to include: Migration; Apartheid;

which he said, were all employed as a bid to re-write the African history.



Prof. Wole Soyinka

Xenophobia; Al-Shabab; Islamic State for West Africa (ISWAP); Herders; Boko-Haram and Ethnic Cleansing,

While highlighting the negative side of revisionism, which he described as denial usually motivated by racial

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desire and racial consideration, based on the will to dominate other people by first removing the evidence of the people's productivity, their creativity, and in fact, the totality of their culture.

According to him, through this, such persons create vacuum into which an invading force can conveniently and morally enter and fill.

Prof. Soyinka cited the example

these precipitates of human imagination where among the things that defined us as humanity," he added.

He noted that anytime history was distorted all one would end up hearing was fables sweeter than facts. "As with artificial sweeteners, however, some fables are usually generated with side effect including the cancerous and results to growth that plague the world we happen

He concluded with a lamentation that Africa's culture, geography and history were all embedded in countries outside Africa.

The Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba while declaring the workshop open said that the African Humanities Programme (AHP) had many things to get clear for us, including which



L-R: Prof. Sani Abba; Rep of ES, NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; (1st and 2nd Left); Makerere University, Kampala, Susan Kiguli (3rd left); Rhodes University, Frederick Henmdricks (4th left); University of Ghana, Nana Aba Appiah Amfo (3rd left); Representative of American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Dr. Andrzej Tymowski (2nd right) and Prof. Wole Soyinka (1st right) at the event

of the lost history of the ancient Nubian Civilization upon the building of the Aswan Dam. Drawing an analogy, he said, if the Nubians were considered a distinct culture and civilization, from that which destroyed their heritage, then obviously a case of external cultural aggression was made.

According to Prof. Soyinka, it was disdainful to offer an utter denial of others humanity. "All

to inhabit."

The erudite professor, also said that geography and culture shaped humanity. According to him, geography was part of humanity through which people travelled.

He submitted that by traveling people learnt a lot about people's history and what had happened in the past.

language should govern Africa, Swahili or Hausa?"

He said that Humanities offer human beings opportunity to look at themselves in terms of behaviors and interaction.

He urged participants to interrogate and advice the government on emerging issues especially capacity building.



He pledged Government support to the Association to achieve its goals.



**Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba**  
Honourable Minister of State for Education

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, commended the leadership of the AHP for promoting research in the field of humanities in Africa’s higher education.

Represented by the Director, Directorate of Executive Secretary’s Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Prof. Rasheed described as highly commendable the insistence of AHP that its awardees must spend their grant in Africa and work in the Africa higher education space. He acknowledged that such kind of posture would guarantee an

expected outcome and impact.

He noted that due to AHP’s activities and commitment in the continent, the subject ‘Humanities,’ had been reinvigorated to a point where International donors had become enthusiastic about funding its programmes. He stressed that such programmes would help the body to promote and share knowledge in the field.

The Executive Secretary said, “It is in respect of capacity building that we welcome the tremendous work of AHP in Nigeria in the last 12 years. We are delighted that so many Nigerians completed and won Ph.D’s and Post-Doctoral grants of AHP and we hope that



**Dr. Andrzej Tymowski**  
Representative of American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

more of our people would continue to benefit from this”.

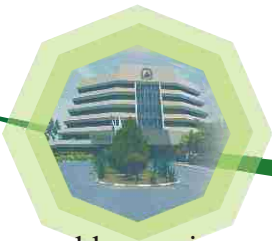
Professor Rasheed informed the participants that the NUS, comprised of 172 Universities and with an offering of a rich diversity of Humanities programmes, at first degree and post-graduate levels. He explained that, on the account of these programmes, there had been continued debates, discussions and contestations which had also produced a



**Mr. Chris Maiyaki**  
Representative of ES, NUC

vibrant and relevant background for the repositioning and reform of some programmes in the Humanities.

He further told the participants that the Commission would continue to play its role as the flag-ship of ensuring quality university education in Nigeria and



would remain committed to strengthening the humanities through systematic curriculum reviews and training of personnel in the NUS.

The Executive Secretary assured the AHP of NUC's interest to partner with the body in order to consolidate on the achievement recorded so far and replicate the benefits of the interventions to other programmes in the university system.

In his remarks, a representative of American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Dr.

Tanzania and Uganda. He said that AHP, which was now 12 years since its inception, started on a gradual note in 2008 and that at the time, the disciplines in the humanities were not really recognized but the body had changed all that.

He noted with pride, that humanities programmes were now the most productive and recognized in the continent. He emphasized that the next steps and centre piece of the programme was the distribution of fellowships to African Scholars in these five countries for landmark works

Dr. Tymowski asserted that over the last 10 years of hosting the Annual fellowship competitions (2008-18), ACLS efforts had stimulated the growth of a robust humanities community in Africa. He disclosed that more than 400 scholars had in their early careers received research support and more than 100 senior scholars at African universities served as peer reviewers and advisers.

He listed the goals of the AHP to include to: encourage and enable the production of new



Participant during the event

Andrzej Tymowski stated that through the Council, AHP had provided support to the study of humanities in five African countries including, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa,

on dissertations, research projects, and scholarly manuscripts. He said that the programme was being supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

knowledge and new directions for research, strengthen the capacity of early career researchers and faculty at African universities as well as advance the humanities by



establishing networks for scholarly communication across Africa and with Africanists worldwide.

The Conference, which is an annual gathering of scholars and all interested in the

Humanities, serves as a forum to review developments and rub minds on emerging issues in the field, was attended by the who is who in the

## ACU Activities Unknown to Most Nigerian Universities — Prof Rasheed

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has said that activities of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) is unknown to Nigerian universities and also identified communication gap as the major missing link in the participation of Nigerian universities in the activities and programmes of the ACU.

Professor Rasheed stated this last Monday when he received in audience the Senior Membership Officer, International for West and Southern Africa, ACU, Mr. Korede Bolade, who was in the Commission on enquiry about the priority programmes of the NUC in the year 2020 and ways to support it to carry out such activities in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He recalled that in his five-year stint as the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, (BUK), nothing much was heard about the activities of the ACU in the University, even as an affiliate member.

He told the Commonwealth universities representative that

the Commission would be willing to work closely with the Association but that one of the first steps was to start sending NUC its correspondences going forward to enable the Commission keep abreast of its programmes. He also urged ACU to provide the universities the necessary information that

using the forum where it interacts regularly with the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities to engage them.

While expressing his delight over the visit, the NUC Scribe described the ACU as a very strategic and important Association that foster



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the Senior Membership Officer, International for West and Southern Africa, ACU, Mr. Korede Bolade

would enable them to understand the benefits inherent in belonging to it. On the basis of this, NUC he stated could help the Commonwealth body to enlist other new members in the universities that had not joined

collaboration and cooperation among universities in the commonwealth. He said the delegate came at the right time when the Commission had just sought Government's approval



to discuss the greater benefits of Nigerian universities participating in the activities of such high profile bodies across the world.

He assured that the Commission would inform the Vice-Chancellors what they missed for not being part of the ACU, but stressed that the modalities for registration in terms of fees and participation in its activities and programmes should be well

vein, the NUC would be looking at how the Association could assist in providing adequate number of teaching staff in the universities and in the right quality too.

The Executive Secretary highlighted that NUC was established to ensure that Nigerian universities produced nationally relevant and globally competitive graduates. This, he said, meant that there was need to

Association. There was the need for ACU to create more avenues for active engagement between Nigerian universities and other commonwealth universities of the world. Under the UK-Nigeria relationship, Professor Rasheed also noted that the University of Sussex would be hosting a workshop on boosting academic capacity for over 50 staff of Nigerian universities by June this year.



Meeting session

publicized as NUC intended to double the membership in the NUS this year. The NUC, according to him, would also use the VCs forum as a platform to encourage those already in the membership to pay up the backlog of affiliation dues they owed. He noted that one of the areas the Commission expected support from the ACU was on the Sustainable Development Goal SDG (4) which when localised in Nigeria, harped on quality education for the higher education system. Towards this

refocus research output on solving local problems and some global issues alike such as Climate Change and Migration Crisis facing the world.

He called on ACU to help encourage universities to aspire to become members. He also recalled that under the auspices of the ACU, an Education Forum for Ministers of Education and Heads of Education Institutions was held in the month of last January, which helped to promote the activities of the

Earlier in his remarks, Mr. Kolade disclosed that ACU had over 500 membership institutions in its fold across over 200 countries. He said the essence of his visit was to build active relationship among members in the West and Southern Africa, especially Nigeria in the West African region. The ACU was interested in strengthening higher education systems in the societies and had influence in some countries such as Canada,



Cyprus, Asia and Africa. Nigeria, he said, has poor enlistment in the membership with only about 26 universities among the 172 potential member universities.

On the activities of ACU, he explained that since 2014, about 29 Nigerians have received the Queen Elizabeth Special Scholarship geared towards promoting scholarly research in critical emerging areas of knowledge that were encouraged to come back home and contribute to the development of

universities under the platform of the ACU. More Nigerians also get offers to study for MSc and PhD under the Commonwealth scholarship scheme.

Harping on the SDG initiative, Mr. Kolade said the ACU had been working on ways to forge better development around the world, including by establishing a network meeting in the Southern African region on Peace and Conflict Resolution, Good Governance and

high demand for learning especially in the offline. The ACU is interested in bringing this blended learning initiative in Nigeria to support academic development in Nigeria.

The ACU Senior Representative stated that the Commonwealth body would in collaboration with universities in Southern Africa look at issues affecting research landscape in their respective countries and employs the outcome to encourage



Group photo: Mr. Korede, Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Ramon Yusuf (4th, 5th, and 6th left) respectively with some members of NUC Management

Nigeria. The ACU is also involved in the Fellowship research work including the Chevene Scholarship which it moderates which many Nigerian students had benefitted from as well as the ACU Summer Schools taking place in the University of Cape Coast with over 58 Nigerians participating. According to him, about 65 Nigerian academics had received grants to undertake research works in various areas in the UK

Development, Climate Change, among others. He revealed that 20 universities in 11 countries were involved in the area of Climate Change studies.

The ACU, he further said, had a network in Human Resources that supported universities with one already in Jamaica, and another expected to take place in India this year. This year, the ACU intended to enhance blended learning to meet the

development in the region.

Other programmes executed by the ACU include Gender Development Studies in 39 universities across 20 countries for students to embark on MSc and PhD, in research areas relevant to their environment and take same back home to develop their society. The ACU has about 600,000Pounds support for studies to students. The body also established an



Endowment fund with 14 governments responsible for the funding including Australia and UK, while encouraging other countries to contribute in the scholarship and research funding scheme.

The ACU also boast of a training scheme in the form of capacity building aimed at producing the next generation of leaders in countries of the commonwealth. This scheme also support academic landscape researches which help academics build some structures around their career paths.

He submitted that the ACU

would need to know the priorities of NUC in the current year 2020 in order to build the right support system that would help it actualise same in line with the vision of the Association.

Both sides agreed that ACU would need to present its 2020 work plan for the NUC to understudy and see where the Commission could fit in.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; the Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi; Executive Secretary's

Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Human Resources, Mr. Boniface Odum; Acting Directors of Students, Mrs. Lauretha Achor; Research, Innovation, Information and Communication Technology, Mal. Farouk Lawan; and Establishment of Private Universities, Mal. Aminu Abba; the Deputy Directors of Internal Audit, Mrs. Rita Kenny-Ugwu and Corporate Services, Mr. John Mairafi as well as Chief Legal Officer, Barrister Pascal Eruaga.

## DSDE Holds Skills Workshop

To keep track of trends and ensure that an industry-engineered entrepreneurship and skills development agenda was set for the Nigerian University System (NUS), the Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship of the National Universities Commission (NUC) in partnership with the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) last Thursday hosted an In-House sensitization workshop to elicit the buy-in of the Commission's Management to its proposed programmes.

In a presentation, Head of Human Capital Commission, NESG, Mr. Tope Toogun stated that certain skills required no certification. He explained that

Universities should stop focusing on the hardware but on the software which represented the curriculum, stressing that

Giving insight on the nation's alarming population growth, he said the population of Nigeria was estimated at



Head of Human Capital Commission, NESG, Mr. Tope Toogun and Dr. Suleiman-Ramon Yusuf

research and innovation was not an end in itself.

200million with some people celebrating this large population which he described





as worrisome for few others like him compared to what the future portends, in terms of basic infrastructures hospitals, Schools , economy, among others. He stated that the reason behind China being a world power was because it was able to manage its large population, stressing that when not properly manage, it

to display its capability to create employment for graduates, noting that it is a misnomer for the citizens to be complaining of unemployment when we there were needs to be met, with the latest 3D artificial limb designer.

He observed that even the

capabilities so that even Vice-Chancellors would stop complaining of lack of funds. The truth he said was that government's spending would be on the decrease in the next 10years because its incomes might not commensurate with the growing population.



Cross section of NUC Directors at the training

could become catastrophic as in the case of Nigeria presently.

While picking hole on the employment situation in the country, Mr. Toogun explained that there were only 104,400 employees in the banking sector out of a population of 200million, 350,000 employees in the Oil sector with about 35% of this close to 36million, made up micro-finance enterprises.

He said the NUS should be able

volume of manufacturing of goods as a nation had declined, as we have recourse mostly to importation which was an evidence of a market and system failure. He said unavailability of electricity was the major cause of low manufacturing rate in the country. Unfortunately, he stated, there had not been any viable platform for the public and private sectors to liaise to solve some of these challenges.

He said the country need to build managerial and Organizational

He noted that a certain Private University in the country had set a good example as its tuition at present covered all its basic needs and was the reason it was necessary to build managerial and organisational capabilities of the Chief Executives.

Mr. Toogun explained that it was the duty of the Universities to provide developments to their host communities, as it would be difficult to have



technological Universities in Nigeria when the Universities lacked Technological Parks that produced Technologies.

Responding to some of the issues, the Executive Secretary acknowledged that the Universities have not been dynamic and responsive to its responsibilities as Nigeria could not now afford science for the

ground without idea on how to maximize the situation as Nigerian universities specializes more on producing only bottled water.

He said a competitive-based funding was the only way to correct these abnormalities. Such funds to reward Universities that adhered to this core values should be put in place, stressing

the skills that the nation required.

In his remarks at the workshop, the Executive Secretary represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf said that this Sensitization session was very important and strategic as knowledge was crucial to



**NUC Deputy Directors at the training**

sake of science or research for the sake of research.

He bemoaned the fact that a University of Agriculture was domiciled in Benue state described as the food basket of the federation, yet when there are plenty of mangoes wasting on the

that mechanism should be put in place both by the government and university managers to dismantle those forces that benefit from the status quo.

He said we need to find ingenious ways to recognise and reward those who come out with

carrying out of the vision of an Organization, which, he said, should also be disseminated to the staff in order to take ownership.

The Executive Secretary observed that part of the challenge in the NUS was that



individuals who were not in the vintage position or altogether do not possess the requisite qualifications criticize the System without empirical evidence. He explained that in those days when the quality of university education was at its Hallmark, universities produced graduates with critical thinking skills. But when teachers with outdated books and facilities engage in teaching, they fail to stimulate the students' critical thinking abilities.

The NUC scribe said the universities need to do more to upgrade and create a new sense of

awareness and while other stakeholders must make commitment to help change the narrative.

He further stated that people could hardly make a distinction between entrepreneurship and skill acquisition. According to him, Entrepreneurship was about a mindset and a value to be considered.

The host Director, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi thanked the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretaries and other Directors for the opportunity to present the

work plan of the Directorate to the management and the lead NESG Head for his support to the course of lifting the NUS to greater heights.

At the Sensitization were the Directors of Accreditation, Dr. Mrs. Maryam Sali; Human Resources, Mr. Boniface C. Odum; Acting Directors of Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Mallam Faruk Lawal; Students, Mrs. Lauretha .N Achor and the Establishment of Private Universities, Mallam Aminu Abba.



Participants



## New NDA Commandant Visits NUC

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed last Monday welcomed a delegation of the Nigerian Defence Academy led by its newly pointed Commandant, Major General Jamilu Sarham in his office.

In his welcome remarks, the Executive Secretary noted that the Commandant was very well prepared based on his previous experiences and noted in particular, the experience of the commandant in policy research and development and against which backdrop he stated that the commandant would steer the NDA to greater heights.

He further stated that this experience would contribute significantly to the Nigerian University system which was tilting further towards its research and development focus.

Giving an overview of the Nigerian university System, the Executive Secretary stated that the NDA as one of the specialized universities is uniquely poised to contribute to bridging gaps and giving concrete meaning to the military civilian relationship in the

country in the same way the Army University Biu is striving to do.

He also noted that the NDA is international in character and must strive to continue to internationalize. He enjoined the

stated that the quality of the NDA degrees were therefore high.

He noted further that in the last 30 years, the military had been the most trained and disciplined crop of Nigerians.,



Commandant, NDA, Major General Jamilu Sarham and Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed displaying some souvenir

NDA to continue to make the difference it is currently making in the Nigerian university landscape owing that due to its strict discipline and regular academic calendar, the NDA has for many years been the first choice for postgraduate training for many Nigerians. With the critical mass of academics working at the academy, he

adding that the rigour of training as an officer makes for very disciplined individuals and for a good reputation for the military. They are intellectuals in uniform. Military training are very valid and counts for so much

The Executive Secretary noted



also the physical developments ongoing at the new site of the Academy and the enlargement of the Academy's postgraduate study portfolio. He assured the

of the NUC without which he stated, the university system would have fallen into disarray.

He added that the business of the

with all NUC standards and regulations and would readily remedy any areas in which the academy runs foul of these guidelines and standards.



Maj. Sarham and Prof. Rasheed (6th and 7th left) in a group photograph with NUC Management and NDA delegation

team that the NUC will work with his leadership to ensure that the Academy in all ramifications is more robust and more responsive to the needs of the country.

Responding, the Major General Jamilu Sarham thanked the Executive Secretary for the warm welcome accorded to his team and for the support being enjoyed by the NDA from the NUC in the three months that he had been Commandant. He lauded the regulatory functions

Academy is critical and in the light of that, the academy had been challenging the younger generation of younger officers to take their education seriously.

He noted that today's security challenges called for intellectual warfare as much as hardware and artillery warfare. He stated that he aims to bridge gaps between the Academic and Non-academic branches of the NDA to ensure a fruitful synergy.

He stated that the true to its character, the NDA will comply

The Commandant was accompanied by the Acting Academic Provost of the Academy Prof. U. A. Mohammed who replaces Prof. A/S Nwankwo who completed a five year term of office. Other top ranking officers of the academy on the entourage of the Commandant were Cdre. C.D. Okehie, Brig. Gen. M.K. You SA, Brig. Gen. A.A. Ababa, Brig. Gen. M.O. Fakukunde, Major A. Abdullahi and Capt. G.Y. Rabi.



## **NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS**

### **COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS (NAL) CONVOCATION AND INVESTITURE OF NEW FELLOWS, AND SCIENTIFIC SESSION HELD AT THE J.F. ADE.AJAYI AUDITORIUM, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS ON THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 2019**

#### **PREAMBLE**

The Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), an autonomous, non-political body of scholars in the humanities, held its 21st Convocation and Investiture of New Fellows, and Scientific Session on Thursday, 8th August, 2019, at the J.F. Ade Ajayi Auditorium, University of Lagos. The theme of the Convocation was "Religion and Morality in a Secular State".

In attendance were 121 professors from different Nigerian and overseas universities. The President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters Professor Francis Egbokhare, FNAL, presided over the Convocation and investiture of New Fellows and the Vice President, Professor Duro Oni, FNAL presided over the Scientific Session. Thirty-six new members were inducted six new Regular Fellows (Professors Ademola O. Dasylva, Abdulkrasheed Na'Allah, Sunday Enessi, Ifeorna Mabel Onyemelukwe, Albert 'Lekan Oyeleye, and Jim Unah) and two Honorary Fellows Yemi Ogunbiyi, and Mr Olusegun Adeniyi) were admitted into the NAL College of Fellows, Other key dignitaries in attendance were Rt. Hon. Rotimi Amaechi, newly reappointed Minister of Transportation; Prof Rasheed Abubakar, FNAL, the Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC); Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, FNAL, Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board and Professor Obiajulu Emejulu, Executive Director of the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINLAN). The vice chancellors included Prof. Oluwatoyin T. Ogundipe, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos; Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja; Professor Eyitope Ogungbenro Ogunbodede, the Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Professor Andrew Haruna, the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University, Gashua and Professor Ozo-Mekuri Ndimele, the Vice Chancellor of Ignatius Ajuru University, Port Harcourt.

The Convocation Lecture titled, "Morality and the state". The Nigerian Experience, was delivered by Professor Emeritus Godwin Sogolo, FNAL. Two well researched papers on the Convocation theme were also presented at the Scientific Session by Professor Akin Alao of the Department of History, of the department of History and Professor Umar H.D. Danfulani of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Jos. In the course of this presentation, pertinent issues that need the attention of government and the general public were discussed. These formed the basis of the following observations and recommendations.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

At the end of the engaging Convocation Lecture and the stimulating Scientific Session, the following were observed:

1. The Nigerian state seems to pay scant attention to the education of youth on the ethos and the realities of cultural diversity;
2. There is a rapidly growing culture of moral apathy, especially among the Nigerian youth, due to failure of governance at all levels;
3. Poor attention is given to moral education in the national socialisation processes and, this has created





4. strained relationships and avoidable social distance between the state and the people;
4. The Nigerian Constitution (Section 15(2)) upholds the idea of a secular state but the document equally contains provisions that undermine this secular character;
5. The current absence of a distinction between the state and religion in Nigeria was partly created by the British colonial policies which made religion and ethnicity coterminous;
6. There is the systemic collapse of merit on the altar of religious bigotry and ethnicity, which promotes corruption and insecurity across the nation; and
7. The clear absence of a national philosophy is largely responsible for the palpable moral decay and cultural disorientation of our youth.
8. The running of university education in Nigeria has become so complex and difficult because of paucity of funding. Federal Government still pays lip service to funding of education, and it is most unfortunate; and
9. In recent times, politicians without requisite knowledge of the university system are appointed as Pro-Chancellors. This trend can hardly add value to the running of the University system in Nigeria. .

### RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the above observations, the following recommendations were: made in the course of the Convocation Lecture, the Scientific Session and the ensuing discussions:

1. There is an urgent need for a humanising education that could socialise our youth into Nigerian ethos and diverse cultural values; "
2. Government should put in place policies that would guarantee the preservation of our religious diversity, .as well as recover and propagate our waning cultural values, through curriculum review and proper reorientation on core national values;
3. The social distance between the people and the state can OIlly be bridged by a radical value reorientation that is championed by the humanities;
4. There is the need to review relevant sections of the Nigerian Constitution that contradict the secular state status and effectively separate religion from the state;
5. Deliberate efforts should be made to ensure a return to the traditional culture of reward for exemplary acts and punishment of'erring conducts;
6. Adherence to merit and professional ethics will significantly ensure that the funds entrusted to public servants are properly utilised for the benefit and common good of all citizens;
7. Government should expedite actions on evolving the needed national philosophy which would provide the framework for sustainable quality control and, peer review of professional ethics and conduct;
8. To fund university education in Nigeria, Federal Government should increase its, budgetary allocation to the education sector to 25% and progressively increase this annually to 40% within three years. The leaderships of universities are also encouraged to be innovative and creative in sourcing for additional alternative and sustainable revenue streams to enable them survive, thrive and compete well internationally; and
9. For effective university administration, Visitors to all universities in Nigeria should give priority to appointing experienced and knowledgeable people in university administration and similar institutions as Pro-Chancellors.

**Professor Francis Egbokhare, FNAL**  
**President, Nigeria Academy of Letters (NAL)**





## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 UNESCO KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA PRIZE FOR THE USE OF ICT IN EDUCATION**

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#### **Announcer-**

**Arc Sonny Echono**  
**Permanent Secretary**

### **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (PRESS & PR)** **SHAKE UP IN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

Education Minister, Adamu Adamu has approved the redeployment of eleven (11) Directors and Principals of Federal Unity Colleges in an exercise, the Minister said is designed to strengthen service delivery and also fill existing vacancies in the education sector.

Top on the list of Directors redeployed are Abdulkadir Binta (Mrs.), Principal, Federal Government College (FGC) Kwali, who is now the Director, Basic and Secondary Education Department in the Ministry.

Binta will take over from Dr. Lami Amodu, the current Director of Basic and Secondary Education, who will retire from service on the 14th of October, 2019.

The current Principal of Federal Science and Technical College (FSTC) Yaba, Dr. Ufoegbune Ogochukwu (Mrs.) has

now been moved to the Ministry's headquarters to fill the vacancy of Director, Federal Education Quality Assurance Services (FEQAS), while Mr. Omada David Idakwoji of the Federal Science and Technical College, Uromi, takes over from Dr. Ufoegbune Ogochukwu of the Federal Science and Technical College, Yaba, as Principal.

Similarly, Dr. Mrs. Yakubu Oyinloye of Queens' College, Lagos, is to take over from Akamo Esther (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government Girls' College, Shagamu, While Dr. (Mrs.) Essien Funmi of the Federal Government College, Ijanikin, is to take over from Dr. (Mrs.) Yakubu Oyinloye as Principal, Queens' College, Lagos.

Akamo.O. Esther (Mrs.) of Federal Government Girls' College (FGGC), Shagamu is to succeed Dr. (Mrs.) Essien Funmi as Principal, Federal Government College, Ijanikin, while Abdullahi Asmau Yakubu (Mrs.) of the Ministry's Tertiary Education Department is to replace Mr. Manko Kudu (who will be retiring from service on the 6th of September, 2019) as Principal, Federal Government Academy, Suleja.

Mrs. Stella Maris Ufuoma Omu, current Principal of Federal Government Girls College, Bwari (who will be retiring from service on the 10th of November, 2019) will be succeeded by Sodangi Jumai Binta (Mrs.) of Federal Government Girls College, Abaji.

Also, Offonkasi Ifeoma Scholastica (Mrs.), current Vice Principal, FGBC, Apo, is to replace Sodangi Jumia Binta (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government Girls' College, Abaji.

Mr. Shehu Dahiru of Federal Science and Technical College, Kafanchan, is to replace Abdulkadir Binta (Mrs.) as Principal, Federal Government College, Kwali.

Finally, Mrs. Oguah Florence of National Commission for United Nation Scientific and Cultural Organization (NATCOM-UNESCO) is now the Secretary General, NATCOM-UNESCO.

Handing over formalities are to be completed by Monday, 9th September, 2019, except where otherwise directed.

**Ben Bem Goong**  
*Deputy Director (Press & PR)*







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

**T**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 Eleven 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. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola.
7. Ladoké 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





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

#### 2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

##### A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

##### B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago- Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba- Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Eboyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

##### C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

#### 3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

##### A. Federal Universities

1. University of Lagos
2. University of Port Harcourt
3. University of Calabar
4. University of Benin
5. University of Abuja
6. University of Uyo
7. University of Jos
8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile – Ife
9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka



10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
1. Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Ekiti State
2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State
15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

#### C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo
9. Crawford University, Ogun State

**Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu**  
Director, Academic Planning  
For: Executive Secretary

### **GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES**

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

*Signed*

**Management**




**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	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	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	43	Nigerian Army University, Bui	2018
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011			
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe 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	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	23	Plateau State University, Bokokos	2005	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	44	Borno State University	2016
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
15	Odumegwu Ojukwu University Uli	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009			
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010			





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### PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

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





## List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

### Federal Universities :

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| 1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi         | 17. University of Calabar, Calabar                     |
| 2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria                    | 18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan                       |
| 3. Bayero University, Kano                           | 19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin                       |
| 4. Federal University of Technology, Akure           | 20. University of Jos, Jos                             |
| 5. Federal University of Technology, Minna           | 21. University of Lagos, Akoka                         |
| 6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri          | 22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri                 |
| 7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka                      |
| 8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola      | 24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt         |
| 9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.       | 25. University of Uyo, Uyo                             |
| 10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna                 | 26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto                |
| 11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka                  | 27. Federal University, Lafia                          |
| 12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife              | 28. Federal University, Ndufu-alike                    |
| 13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada                  | 29. Federal University, Dutse                          |
| 14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta              | 30. Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun |
| 15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi               | 31. Federal University, Oye-ekiti                      |
| 16. University of Benin, Benin City                  | 32. Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna          |

### State Universities :

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|---|--|
| 1. Abia State University, Uturu                             | 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island                       |
| 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi                           | 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye                           |
| 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko                | 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt |
| 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma                          | 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina                          |
| 5. Anambra State University, Uli                            | 21. Gombe State University, Gombe                                    |
| 6. Benue State University, Makurdi                          | 22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai                              |
| 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar            | 23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil           |
| 8. Delta State University, Abraka                           | 24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero         |
| 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki                       | 25. Kwara State University Malete                                    |
| 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti                       | 26. Kaduna State University, Kaduna                                  |
| 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu | 27. Bauchi State University, Gadau                                   |
| 12. Imo State University, Owerri                            | 28. Yobe State University, Damaturu                                  |
| 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba                          | 29. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni              |
| 14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho     | 30. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-ode                   |
| 15. Lagos State University, Ojo.                            | 31. Osun State University, Osogbo                                    |
| 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi                        |  |

### Private Universities :

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|---|---|
| 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja        | 17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)            |
| 2. American University of Nigeria, Yola                       | 18. Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State |
| 3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo                           | 19. Adeleke University, Ede                             |
| 4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City                      | 20. Veritas University, Abuja                           |
| 5. Bowen University, Iwo                                      | 21. Achievers University, Owo                           |
| 6. Covenant University, Ota                                   | 22. Al-Qalam University, Katsina                        |
| 7. Igbinedion University, Okada                               | 23. Baze University, Abuja                              |
| 8. Pan-African University, Lekki                              | 24. Bells University of Technology, Ota                 |
| 9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State                    | 25. Crawford University, Igbessa                        |
| 10. Caleb University, Lagos                                   | 26. Crescent University, Abeokuta                       |
| 11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State | 27. Fountain University, Osogbo                         |
| 12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja                   | 28. Landmark University, Omu-Aran                       |
| 13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State           | 29. Novena University, Ogume                            |
| 14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only)                 | 30. Salem University, Lokoja                            |
| 15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only)                      | 31. Veritas University, Abuja                           |
| 16. Madonna University Okija                                  | 32. Bingham University, Karu                            |

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through [webmaster@nuc.edu.ng](mailto:webmaster@nuc.edu.ng) and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: [www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)

Signed:

MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAPE3 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, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

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

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

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

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

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

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NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
JOHN	OJONIKO	ABBAH	17 February
BASHIRU	ATEIZA	OKINO	18 February
TIJANI	IDI	ADAMU	19 February
MUKAILA		AYINDE	19 February
FOLAKE	HALIMA	AJAYI	19 February
LOIS	AFAMEFUNE	EJEMIZU	19 February
LIVINUS	OKECHUKWU	ODUM	21 February
CLARA	OPEYEMI	ABU	22 February
CHUKWUEMEKA	CHRISTOPHER	NWUFO	22 February
YUSUF		AUTA	22 February
ESTHER	ODONMA	ODIGWE	22 February
UCHE	CHRIS	NWAMUO	22 February
THEODORE	TERRY	UNUAJOH	22 February
SANI	ALHAJI	BAFFA	23 February

*Wishing You Many happy returns! Best Wishes for the week.*



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