

ES Inaugurates Reconstituted Committee on Degree Mills

In a bid to mitigate the upsurge in the proliferation of unapproved degree-awarding institutions in Nigeria also known as degree mills, the Management Steering Committee (MSC) of the National Universities Commission (NUC), at one of its meetings, considered and approved the resuscitation of the Committee on illegal Universities.

To this end, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last week Tuesday, inaugurated the reconstituted Committee, charging them to fight and win the growing incidence of Degree Mills, which the Commission had continued to battle with. He explained to the Committee, that its major responsibilities was to implement the decisions of management as well as follow up on reported cases of degree mills.

Among other things, the Committee, he said, should keep him abreast of its activities through formal and

source of concern because of the embarrassing position it continued to portend for the nation's education system.



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

informal briefings, including periodic reports.

Prof. Rasheed told the members that degree mills had been a recurring challenge bothering the NUC, government and policy makers, describing it as a

He, however, observed that lack of access and equity as well as too much attachment to paper qualification had remained the reason behind degree mills springing up everywhere.

According to him, this craze for university paper degree had led

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to desperation among Nigerians who go the extra mile to patronise unauthorized degree mills. He recalled that NUC used to have a virile Committee on illegal Universities that was very active which worked hand-in-hand with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Nigerian Police.

He pointed out that the disbandment of the Committee five years ago was ill-conceived,

persons succeed in cajoling innocent students to get unrecognised degree (Paper degree) by all means.

This, according to him, had placed a huge task on the committee to be active in order to deliver on their assignment, reminding them that Nigerians were looking up to NUC to bring sanity into the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He argued that degree mills

students would acquire.

He encouraged the Committee to be bold and discreet in their strategy and expressed optimism that in a year or two, the monster called “degree mill” would be conquered.

He reiterated that it was in the light of the menace of degree mills that the NUC Management decided to put together a Committee to tackle it. He stated that NUC would



The Executive Secretary, Prof. Rasheed in a roundtable with members of the NUC Committee on Illegal Universities

as evidence showed that the proliferation of degree mills had remained unabated due to activities of fraudsters who daily take advantage of desperate Nigerians.

The Executive Secretary stated that the dynamics of a changing world had also witnessed a new twist in the activities of degree mill operators, who were now bold and daring. He expressed dismay on how these daredevil

were very dangerous to the society, stressing that some universities in and outside Nigeria were awarding degrees within two years or less, which some Nigerian students attend. The Executive Secretary lamented that one particular University in Uganda award's degree within two years and another one in Benin Republic does so within six months, wondering the quality of degrees such

not remain onlookers when the nation's university certificate was going down the drain, stressing that the Commission would continue to deploy all within its arsenal to banish degree mills in Nigeria.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Committee, Visiting Professor Enefiok Effiong Essien thanked the Executive Secretary for the confidence reposed on them to carry out the

assignment and promised that they would discharge the assignment creditably well. While acknowledging the enormity of the assignment, he noted that NUC, as a body, was blessed with credible people that had worked hard and were ready to do more to stem the tide of degree mills.

He agreed that operators of

activities of such degree mills to ensure effective prosecution of the promoters as well as closure of the facilities;

- collaboration with relevant security agencies, including the Nigerian Police Force (NPF), Department of State Security Services (DSSS), Economic and Financial

the proliferation of degree mills in Nigeria.

Others in the Committee include: Visiting Profs. Angela Freeman Miri and Rufa'i Ahmed Alkali; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Deputy Director, Curriculum Development in the Directorate of Academic



L-R: DD. Institutional Accreditation, Mr. Adam Ibrahim Muhammad; Profs. Angela Freeman Miri and Rufa'i Ahmed Alkali; Enefiok Effiong Essien, Rasheed, DES (Admin.) Mr. Chris Maiyaki Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; DD, Academic Matters, Mr. Abubakar Girei; Ag. Head of Legal Division, Barr. Pascal Eruaga; DD, Curriculum Development, Dr. Esther Mmeka; and Secretary of the Committee, Barr. Aaron K. Zamani

degree mills were desperate as such that the committee would always be on the watch to ensure that any degree mill that raises its head was tackled headlong.

The terms of reference of the committee include to:

- identify institutions operating as degree mills in Nigeria, by whatever name through investigation or in response to complaints from stakeholder;
- undertake diligent investigations on the

Crimes Commission (EFCC), (ICPC), in the discharge of its mandate;

- sensitise and provide information to the public on the activities of degree mills; and
- make any other recommendations that would assist NUC in the discharge of its responsibility of ensuring the orderly development of University Education in Nigeria, thereby mitigating

Planning (DAP), Dr. Esther Mmeka; Deputy Director, Academic Matters, in the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mr. Abubakar Girei; Deputy Director, Institutional Accreditation in the Directorate of Accreditation (DA), Mr. Adam Ibrahim Muhammad; Ag. Head of Legal Division in (DESO), Barrister Pascal Eruaga, and a staff of the Legal Division, Barrister Aaron K. Zamani as the Secretary.

Prof. Rasheed Tasks SERVICOM Office to Institute Recognition Award

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR, FNAL*, has tasked the National Coordinating Office of SERVICOM, Presidency, to strategise on instituting an award that would recognise individuals, offices and institutions doing excellently well in keeping faith to the ethics of service delivery while dealing with their customers.

He threw the challenge while receiving in audience the National Coordinator, SERVICOM Office, Presidency, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli, accompanied by Chair of the NUC, Parastatal Servicom Committee (PSC) and Deputy Director, (SERVICOM), Mrs. Bukola Olatunji and other representatives of the Committee and Focal Persons from the Universities, last Tuesday, in his office.

The PSC meeting was hosted by the NUC to discuss salient issues in the delivery of better, efficient and timely service to students.

Prof. Rasheed cited the example of recognising some outstanding universities that treat their customers well in the efficient and timely publishing of students' annual results and even certificates in record times as a good omen and stressed that such would serve as a motivation for them to do more. He made a proposal for NUC to collaborate with the

SERVICOM Office in the Presidency, for a National Conference that would attract all nodal officers in the Nigerian University System (NUS).



R-L: Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli and Chair Ministerial Servicom Committee (MSC), Mr. Sunday Ogunkunle

He expressed the hope of seeing the proceedings of the proposed conference published into a book and be dedicated to the National Coordinator, as part of her legacies.

Prof Rasheed also remarked that if the universities were working normally the way they should, as the epitome of ethics, character and transparency, for which the Ivory Tower were known in the past, there would have been no need for SERVICOM.

He said the universities and NUC should not find anything strange in the SERVICOM Charter as everything about

their operations had being part of the hallmark of the system.

He, however, expressed concern that SERVICOM evolved because

universities joined the bandwagon of institutions that no longer do the right things, noting that its launch in the NUS was based on need to protect the powerless from those who exhibit power in the course of seeking services. Harping on its relevance to the universities, he said, it had helped to moderate the relationship between staff and students, especially with rising rate of sexual abuse, rape and intimidation, He stressed the need to also ensure that students in particular receive optimum service as major stakeholders.

The Executive Secretary stated that due to recorded successes of SERVICOM in reinventing better

service delivery within the government-controlled university setting, the NUC would soon come up with a memo that would make it compulsory for even private universities to institute the SERVICOM charter in their own domain.

He commended the efforts of the National Coordinator of SERVICOM Office in carrying out the message of encouraging good ethical conduct and change of attitude in government offices, adding that though she operated

He gave her kudos that a lot of person's psyche and attitude had been altered to understand that while in office they were been watched by the instruments of Servicom.

While wishing the participants a successful meeting, Prof. Rasheed pointed out that NUC and JAMB had been doing well in refocusing the universities to be thorough in their admission processes, which they were reasonably adhering to, and in the area of processing results.

Speaking, Mrs. Akajemeli, expressed appreciation to the Executive Secretary on his kind words and encouragements over the modest contributions of her office to improving work ethics and values.

She re-echoed that SERVICOM came about in government business due to need to cater for customers because the customer-service arm was the missing link in service delivery, for which purposes MDA's execute their mandates. The quality of



The meeting in session

under lean resources, she had done well. He acknowledged that her job was a thankless one that required consistency, as people would not just accept the virtues of transparency, good conduct and attitudinal change in spite of the fact that they daily throng religious worship centres.

Prof. Rasheed urged her not to be discouraged as the impact of job done might not be measured, physically, but in intangible ways.

He expressed disappointment that more needed to happen in the area of convocation ceremonies, which many universities had reduced to mere carnivals. He observed that many universities now give attention to honorary awardees for pecuniary reasons, instead of devoting convocations to students, who spend time going through the rigours of academic degrees.

performances, she stressed, could only be measured by how well public service providers were able to attend effectively to the needs of those customers, in the case of the universities majorly students.

The SERVICOM National Coordinator emphasised that any university that does not have a vibrant and functional customer service unit, meant that they would have service failure, since they would not receive

appropriate feedback on the quality of duties performed. She said that as simple as wrong information could lead to depression in the course of service delivery. She mentioned the case of a student in Alex Ekwueme Federal University of Ndufu-Alike, who nearly took her life over issue of misinformation of having poor grades and failing exam, but for the prompt intervention of the University's SERVICOM Unit.

She recalled that in the good old days, students did not need to

customers- the students.

She added that the NUC, as an agency, could use its SERVICOM Unit to draw an appropriate feedback between management and staff, to know areas where improvements were required in governance and enable them own the process too.

Earlier in her introductory remarks, Mrs. Olatunji, informed Prof. Rasheed that the first meeting of the Committee was held in July 2012, and

Executive Secretary and members of his Management had given absolute support to the course of the NUC PSC programmes which enabled the SERVICOM Charter to be produced.

In a vote of thanks, Chairman of the Ministerial SERVICOM Committee (MSC), Mr. Sunday Ogunkunle, expressed appreciation to the Executive Secretary for accepting to host the meeting and for all the good works which had helped the NUC PSC to be more visible



ES, NUC, Prof. Rasheed (7th left) flanked by Mrs. Akajemeli and DES (Admin.) Mr. Chris Maiyaki with other members of NUC Management and PSC Representatives from Universities

search for their exam grades as this was usually dispatched to them through credible means, noting that the issue had become worrisome. This, according to her, was part of the reason her office had been advocating that Vice-Chancellors be in the frontline in managing universities' Service compliance procedure. By so doing, issues like e-processes in exam grades would sink in easily and position the universities well to meet the needs of their

conceived to be rotational every three months. She recounted that several of such meetings had been hosted by Vice-Chancellors and Directors of SERVICOM of various universities, which continued until early last year, when NUC was to host but got botched due to the advent of Covid-19 that paralysed the entire world.

The Chair recounted that despite the situation, the

among their peers.

At the event were NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. Noel Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi and Human Resources, Mr. Boniface Odum.

...Hosts 3rd Quarter PSC Meeting, Unveils SERVICOM Charter

Meanwhile at the third quarter meeting of the Parastatal SERVICOM Committee (PSC), hosted by the Commission, the Prof. Rasheed, along with others, unveiled the SERVICOM Charter, signalling the Commission's total

NUC established its SERVICOM in July 2005, and subsequently mandated all federal universities and Inter-University Centres (IUCs) to do same in order to drive the government's initiative and

for instituting appropriate measures to mitigate the pandemic, in line with the Ministerial taskforce guidelines in their institutions. He informed the participants that the Commission also developed a Blueprint for the



L-R: Deputy Chairman, NUC PSC, Prof. David Ogbeifun; NUC, Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin.); Mr. Chris Maiyaki; DRI&IT, Mal. Faruk Lawan; Rep of Perm Sec. FME, and Chair Ministerial SERVICOM Committee, Mr. Sunday Ogunkunle; NUC PSC Chair and Head of SERVICOM, Mrs Bukola Olatunji and National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli during the launching of NUC SERVICOM Charter

commitment and faith to the tenets of the Service-wide contract and compact with all Nigerians for better service in carrying out its mandates.

Addressing the delegates, the Executive Secretary represented by Deputy Executive Secretary (DES, Administration), Mr. Chris Maiyaki, recalled that the Federal Government launched Service Compact with All Nigerians (SERVICOM), on the 31st of March 2000, as part of efforts of public service providers to deliver quality services, in a timely, honest, efficient and transparent manner. He noted that in response to this,

ensure that it got rooted in the Nigerian University System (NUS). He stressed that the NUC PSC was inaugurated in March 2012, as a forum for networking and sharing of ideas and addressing major challenges across the member institutions.

Prof. Rasheed noted with pride, that the meeting of the NUC PSC had been going on consistently ever since until the advent of Covid-19. While urging the universities to maintain the best protocol of the non-pharmaceutical measures against Covid-19, he commended Vice-Chancellors

Revitalisation of Nigerian University Education, achieving greater access to education among Nigerians before the year 2030. He explained that experts in different disciplines were currently engaged in curriculum re-engineering which outcome would soon be unveiled to the citizens for better informed and up-to-date curricula delivery.

The essence, he said, was to prepare ahead of envisaged population explosion, with a view to tackle headlong issues like health challenges, insecurity and access to quality food.

The NUC scribe further stated that the Commission had continued to



Mr. Chris Maiyaki
NUC, Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin.)

develop quality assurance mechanisms beyond the use of accreditation instruments to ensure effective monitoring of the universities and to keep them on the path of implementing best



Mrs Bukola Olatunji
Chair of NUC PSC and Head of SERVICOM

practices in their domain. He reminded the Focal officers that the international week of customers' service would begin on Monday 4th October to 7th October, 2021, with the theme: Power of Service, which underscored the importance of the customer in the place of service

delivery. He, therefore, urged them to remain committed to the ideals of the SERVICOM Charter to which they need to provide personal touch to the customer.

In her goodwill message, National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli, appreciated all Vice-Chancellors that released their Focal officers to attend the meeting as it signaled endorsement and ownership and believe in the SERVICOM processes, as well as the Nodal officers from the Ministry and NUC and members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and her support staff She particularly applauded the Executive Secretary for his fatherly advice as an experienced university administrator and promised that all his advices would be put into good use in the course of its assignment.

She reminded the participants that the essence of the meeting beyond the launch of the service charter was to connect, engage in robust exchange of ideas and best practices so that they could learn from one another and avoid pitfalls in the discharge of their functions. She said they were foot soldiers that needed to be encouraged, as their assignment was a difficult one that could make them earn undue enemies because of doing the right thing.

Mrs. Akajemeli commended the management of NUC for entrenching the culture of sustained and continuous improvement in the delivery of quality service in the NUS.

According to her, the promise of establishing SERVICOM Units beyond the federal universities by



Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli
National Coordinator, SERVICOM,

the Executive Secretary was the dream of her office, stressing that working with the NUC assured her that it would be actualised.



Mr. Sunday Ogunkunle;
Chair, Ministerial SERVICOM Committee,

She said the reason for her advocacy was to ensure more sensitivity and improvement in service delivery to the people by

public service providers, so as to touch more lives from the quality of services rendered.

She also commended the NUC for the innovation it had introduced in service delivery, especially the Blueprint on Revitalising University Education in Nigeria and the curriculum review, which would ensure improved delivery of quality services. She explained that as the Commission render support services to the universities, it was

Servicom was very important because those who run government businesses must seek regular feedbacks on how well they were delivering their services.

Mrs. Akajemeli noted that quality services were those rendered from the hearts as they truly touched lives and reminded the PSC that their duty was to spearhead the delivery of excellent services. She pointed

charter in a timely and efficient manner in the universities and ensure that commitment and promises are kept and report same to the appropriate authorities. She called for identification of those who are doing exceptionally well and recommend them for rewards to the university management as it would encourage healthy competitions.

The coordinator also expressed her delight that the NUS



Mr. Maiyaki, Mal. Faruk, Mr. Ogunkunle and Mrs. Olatunji displaying the SERVICOM Poster, while Mrs. Akajemeli watches on

helping to ensure that students and parents get value for what they desire.

The SERVICOM National Coordinator applauded Prof Rasheed for his show of energy and exemplary conduct on the pivotal role of servicom in the NUC and universities, noting that some Chief Executive Officers lacked courage and energy to drive the process in their offices. She noted that

out that the difficulty required tenacity as people hardly appreciate the kind of jobs they do compared to Engineers whose building construction could just stand tall for everyone to see.

Despite this, she encouraged them to realise that as facilitators, they were saddled with the task of monitoring the implementation of the service

maintained and active network, as an education community, among the PSC members, explaining that she had tried to do same for the hospitals without much success. She agreed with the suggestions of the Executive Secretary and noted that the PSC would sit down to harmonise all the issues and come up with an implementable programmes and timelines, at the end of their deliberations.

The representative of the Permanent Secretary and Chair of the Ministerial SERVICOM Committee (MSC), Mr Sunday Ogunkunle, whose paper was his personal opinion and not that of the Ministry, was thought-provoking hinged on the happenings around the society and how youths have almost lost it in terms of moral values and pricked the conscience of stakeholders to think and ponder about how to arrest the situation.

lecturers that were supposed to be their custodians encouraged them by awarding them fictitious grades in exchange for gratification in kind or cash. Some live double standard lives by staying together with their opposite genders (as if married in school) and to pretend to be nice children at home, some abuse drugs, among other issues.

Earlier, in her remarks, NUC

While praying for the repose of their souls, she noted that NUC was ready for the meeting as at last year, but for the Covid-19 pandemic that disrupted the world and expressed her elation that the meeting could hold after all that the world went through.

Other highlight of the meeting was a technical paper presented by the National Coordinator and the launch of the NUC SERVICOM Charter by the NUC



Cross section of participants

He lamented on what the future held for the country with the evils that the social media had tried to impose on teenage boys and girls.

Mr Sunday explained that some students sent to the universities to study were now living the opposite carrying out internet fraud, swindling unsuspecting citizens to indulge in flamboyant lifestyles in the campus beyond their means.

While in some cases, some

Head of SERVICOM and PSC Chair, Mrs Bukola Olatunji, recalled that a lot had happened since the last meeting of the Committee held in Nigerian Police Academy, Wudil, Kano, in December 2019, with the loss of two prominent members and Focal Officers of the Nigerian French Language Village (NFLV), Badagry and Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Mrs. Funke Adelaja-Odetoyinbo and Dr. Yomi Olugboji, respectively.

Executive Secretary, the National Coordinator and Chair of the MSC, Mr.Ogunkunle as well as the decoration of the NUC DES, Administration and Academics, Mr. Chris Maiyaki and Dr. Suleiman B. Ramon-Yusuf, as Deputy Grand Patrons and Ambassadors of SERVICOM in the NUS, and the Director of Research, Innovations, Information and Communication Technology (DRIIT) as Ambassador of SERVICOM.

Prof. Rasheed Attributes Poor PhDs to Avoidable Factors

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, has expressed concern over the poor quality of PhD researches being churned out by Nigerian universities and huge copyright infringement, attributing them to some avoidable factors.

He stated this in his keynote address at the inauguration of the Doctoral Academy of Nigeria and training workshop on PhD research supervision with the theme: “Enhancing the capacities of doctoral supervisors for research supervision”, organised by the Committee of Provosts and Deans of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools in Nigerian Universities.

Prof. Rasheed, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES, Academics), Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, also expressed disappointment in what he described as “meddlesome interlopers” in disciplines which they were not competent, thereby making PhD students “victims of interminable doctoral programmes” and frustration.

According to him, being a Professor does not mean that the

person could supervise very well.

Professor does not mean that he can supervise very well. We have issues of people who may



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

He said, “A litany of problems have been identified, ranging from poor quality of doctoral thesis occasioned by the fact that a lot of the PhD thesis were sponsored by staff who themselves are underpaid. We wonder how somebody who is not well paid will use part of his salary while his wife watches him to go and do PhD research.

That was found as one of the major problems. One big elephant in the room is the issue of supervisors. In Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa, there is an assumption which has proven to be wrong – Because somebody is a

be described as meddlesome interlopers in fields they are not competent to supervise. So, when you find such supervisors, students are victims of interminable doctoral programmes. You spend one year searching for a topic because the Professor is not grounded in the field and is not humble enough to say he does not understand the methodology because he doesn’t have time to read it before.

“So all of these problems lead to frustration and at the end, the product or quality of the school is not what it should be. And of course, if you put this against the backdrop of the critical role

which doctoral research is expected to play in terms of innovation, creating new relevant knowledge by generating knowledge that is marketable for goods and services converted to goods and services, all of these have an effect in terms of establishing of nexus between doctoral training and national development as a whole.

“For us at the NUC, this step being taken by the committee is long in coming and it is very important because we hope that this will be the beginning of disaggregating the issues and challenges of post-doctoral education in Nigeria, doctoral supervision in terms of the timeliness, quality, and relevance of research projects.

“Of course, we are in the Committee of Vice Chancellors, which is leading in terms of dealing with the issue of plagiarism. So, most of the theses these days, if you check, there is a huge problem of copyright infringement.

“We are very hopeful that with this committee in place, we expect better output in terms of postgraduate and post-doctoral thesis, greater output in terms of quality of relevant research findings that are good entrepreneurs and impact on national development.

“I am delighted to hear that the

academy would not just be training postgraduate students because the supervisors themselves require continuing training. I am aware that a very robust programme exists output.”



Dr. Suleiman Ramon Yusuf
NUC, DES (Acad.)

in at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa, where they have acknowledged that you can be a Professor and published in this area 10 years ago, your knowledge is definitely outdated.

“To avoid this transfer of obsolescence and outdated ideas, both the teachers and the students will continue to engage in constantly moving the frontiers of knowledge.

“It is on this note that we want to wish you well and to assure the NUC is solidly behind you in terms of taking this initiative forward and we are looking forward to a very tangible



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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

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3. How can ICT be deployed to improve services and augment infrastructural deficit?
4. How can I network and collaborate for improved performance?
5. What new techniques are available in my field and where can I get more information?
6. What are the health and safety concerns of a laboratory technologists?

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

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

MAIN TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE:

- i. The Role of a Professional Technologist in a Laboratory
- ii. Laboratory Management, Health and Safety
- iii. Procurement and General Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment
- iv. Professional Code of Practice for General Laboratory and Workshop Activities
- v. Networking and collaboration
- vi. ICT as a tool for research support
- vii. Ethical Issues in Research (including The Use of Laboratory Animals)
- viii. Herbalism, Drug Discovery and Evaluation: Strategies and Basic Techniques for Laboratory Technologists
- ix. Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences & Medicine, Physical Sciences & Engineering, Education
- x. Approaches to Trouble Shooting

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 - ii. Reading List
 - iii. Tea break and Lunch for 3 days
 - iv. Participation Certificate

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The Vice-Chancellors,
All Nigerian Universities

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

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

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

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

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

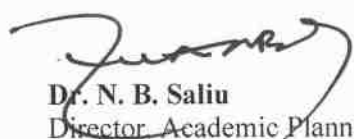
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3. To this end, it is necessary to clarify to all Nigerian Universities that;
- i. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are the two distinct degrees awarded under the Pharmacy discipline and not to be interchanged;
 - ii. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are both undergraduate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

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

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



Dr. N. B. Saliu
Director, Academic Planning
For: Executive Secretary



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION)

RE: VACANCY ADVERTISED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

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

The circular letters from ITU are for the following positions:

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

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

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

Cc: Executive Secretary

Deputy Executive Secretary (Acad)

Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin)

Directors

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

All Nigerian Universities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

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

NUC also wishes to advise state,

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

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

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

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

IBRAHIM USMAN YAKASAI
DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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All Vice-Chancellors
Nigerian Universities

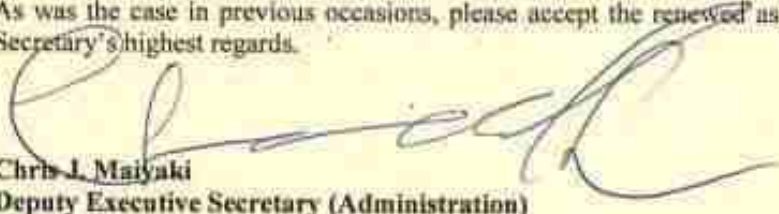
RE: SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19: STAY-AT-HOME DIRECTIVE TO GL 12 OFFICERS AND BELOW

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

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

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

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


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

**THE PRESIDENCY**

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

Ref No: W.1/S.22/XVI/75122nd Date: October, 2020

Telegrams SECFEDGOVT;

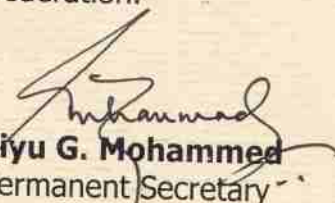
The Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
Abuja

The Executive Chairman
National Universities Commission
Abuja

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

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

2. Consequent upon the foregoing, you may wish to kindly consider flagging the University as unaccredited and as well advise prospective Nigerian students against seeking admissions into the University.
3. Please, accept the assurances of the high regards of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.


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



FME SAFETY GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

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



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twelve Universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
8. Distance learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute.
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning.
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning.
12. Federal University of Technology Minna, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.

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

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

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

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

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



FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

STATE UNIVERSITIES

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



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

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



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 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 Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo

- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
IKECHI	SAMUEL	ONYEMATA	11 OCTOBER
OLUTIMI	ANTHONY	AWOGBILE	12 OCTOBER
AGNES	CHINYERE	OGBUAGU	12 OCTOBER
ONYINYE	VIVIAN	AKAUBA	12 OCTOBER
OPUNINGI	IGONI	KINGS	13 OCTOBER
MARY	CHARITY	OJEH	13 OCTOBER
OLUWABUKUNMI	ADEOLA	ADENIYI	13 OCTOBER
DAMILOLA	DEBORAH	DANIEL	13 OCTOBER
PATRICK	OHANU CHINASA	NJOKU	14 OCTOBER
RACHAEL	EGBERANMWEN	OSAGIE	14 OCTOBER
AMUDA	ADEOYE	AFOLABI	15 OCTOBER
USMAN	SHEHU	ABDULLAHI	15 OCTOBER
DOMINIC	ODIOU	ODION	15 OCTOBER
BLESSING	NJIDEKA	AKABA	16 OCTOBER
BILKISU	UMAR	OZIGIS	16 OCTOBER
VERONICA	SYLVANUS	UMEH	16 OCTOBER
GABRIEL	OBHO	ABORELE	17 OCTOBER
YVONNE		AISABOR	17 OCTOBER
EZINNE	UKACHI	ORISAKWE	18 OCTOBER
ABDURRAHMAN	BASHIR	UMAR	18 OCTOBER
SHEREEN	BASHIR	HAMMA	18 OCTOBER

Wishing You Many happy returns!

Best Wishes for the week.



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