

NUC Host Maiden NPPRC Meeting of ACE Impact, PPPRC Review for SPESSE Project

The National Universities Commission (NUC), last Wednesday, hosted the first National Project Performance

(SPESSE) Project.

While declaring the meeting open, Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu

especially with the Covid-19 pandemic and the strike of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), which had in one way or the other set the



From Right: The Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed ; Director, Finance and Accounts, MR. Sam Onazi and Deputy Director SPESSE, Dr. Joshua Atah

Review Committee (NPPRC) meeting of the second African Centres of Excellence (ACE) Impact and the Pre-project Performance Review Committee (PPRC) meeting of the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement

Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, who expressed his delight at the presence of the Project Coordinators and Vice-Chancellors of the benefiting universities apologized for the many challenges the ACE Project Coordinators had faced,

project backward.

He stressed the need for acceleration but noted that Nigeria has a long way to go to measure up with other African countries that had gone far ahead, due, largely to ASUU strike. He, however, state

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d that since funds had been released for the ACE Projects, there should be no more delays.

He expressed confidence that with commitment and determination a lot could be done, remarking that NUC had done its part in the area of resource verification and accreditation which was very good for the ACE Centres since they would still go through international accreditation.

Prof. Rasheed commended the

On the review, the Project Coordinator, ACE on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology of the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Prof. Y.K.E Ibrahim stated that during the key period of 2021 they had admitted 35 M.Sc. students and 12 PhDs. They had also organised several training workshops, while new programmes came on board and many of the programmes had been accredited, the learning had improved and three new

NUC for help in order to realize their project objectives.

In a related development, the ACE Coordinator on Reproductive Health and Innovation of the University of Benin, Prof. Friday Okonofuo, gave an overview on the progress made so far and the challenges which had been hampering their progress.

He reported that they already had 85% in PhD enrolment likewise



Cross section of some SPESSE Centre leader at the occasion

Universities' management for their work and for the zeal they had shown towards the project and urged them not to relent despite the ongoing strike. He said that NUC was currently processing the reports of the Resource Verifications and Accreditation Exercises as international accreditation was being considered seriously. He, therefore, urged the project coordinators to work hard and follow strictly the financial regulations.

laboratories developed including the general design Laboratory, Covid 19 and the clean room research Laboratories.

He asserted that grants had been released for research into infectious disease but that they faced lot of challenges in the areas of funds released which was delayed by the Central Bank of Nigeria. According to him, most students had not gone for internship due to security challenges and he pleaded with

for the M.SC Programmes, while the Programme accreditation had been very excellent and thanked the NUC for the support. He noted that revenue generation had been positive, which stood at 98% as at March the teaching and research environment building was very much in progress, while funds were generated from research grants, although, Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) remained far more certain. He said that grants had been received from Harvard University, the Carnegie

foundation, World Bank (WB), Tertiary Education Trust fund (TETFund) and Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) through the Covid-19 grant.

According to Prof. Okonofua internship was very poor and only 52% was achieved due to ASUU Strike, the challenges facing the success of the project was the Lecturers strike and covid 19. He said the Vice Chancellor was doing all she could to curb the challenges.

main diseases identified and drugs that would cure the diseases were in progress, while drugs for Covid-19 was in the process of production, after which it would be commercialized. She reported that they were in partnership with the National Agency for Food Drugs, Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and some Pharmaceutical Companies.

She explained that like, all other

ACE on Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACE-GID) Redeemers University (RUN), Ede; ACE Centre for Dry land Agriculture (ACE-CDA) Bayero University (BUK), Kano; ACE Centre of Excellence for Innovation and Transformative STEM Education (ACEITSE), Lagos State University (LASU); Centre for Oil Field Research (ACE-CEFOR), University of Port Harcourt. Others were ACE Centre for Excellence on Knowledge Park (OAU-Park)



Meeting session

Similarly, the ACE Coordinator on Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science (ACEDHARS) of the University of Lagos, Dr. Bola Ade Ademilua reported that 11 programmes had been accredited, while international accreditation was yet to take place, adding that the facilities were in good shape for new students, resource verification had been done by the NUC and reiterated that Diabetes and hypertension were the two

ACE Centres, they had challenges ranging from lack of school of postgraduates studies to admit students, NUC resource verification exercise and procurement bottlenecks from contractors.

The ACE centres that participated in the meeting were those of ACE on Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACE-MFS) Federal University of Technology, (FUT)Minna;

Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; ACE on Applied Informatics and Communication (CAPIC-ACE) Covenant University Ota; ACE FUELS of Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO); Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Power and Energy Development (ACE-SPED) University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN); and Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy, Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

They all submitted the summary of the activities at their respective centres, their relationship with the World Bank, how they utilized the grants that were given to them, relationship with regional bodies and foreign students, admission processes and the number of M.SC

and PhDs students produced, building of new projects and access to funds.

The Centre Coordinators also enumerated their challenges that centred mostly on the ongoing ASUU strike and the Covid-19 pandemic as well as access to

funds from the CBN which was due to bureaucratic bottlenecks.

The meeting was coordinated by the NUC National Coordinator of ACE Impact and SPESSE Projects. Dr. Joshua Atah.

ES Leads NUC Team to Innovation Hub Centre Abuja

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last Monday, led some members of the NUC Management to the Innovation

the Centre Coordinator, Mr. Dagan Meir, explained that the IHC was an innovation start-up driven organization with a mandate to groom generations of innovations, inventors and researchers.

into innovations, inventions into solutions, solutions into enterprise.

Mr. Meir said, through different programmes and initiatives, the Centre had been able to bring



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (2nd right) in a group photograph with some NUC Officials and the Innovation Hub Centre Officials

Hub Centre (IHC), a centre established about one and half year ago, meant for aspiring investors and researchers, located at the Airport Road, Abuja.

Receiving the NUC delegation,

He stated that it was also a focal point for innovations start up, incubation, technology transfer, knowledge and skill impartation, prototype development and fabrication, and remained a hub for those seeking to transform their ideas

together brilliant minds and gifted hands from across boards, by providing them access to mentoring, expertise, enabling environment and cutting-edge facilities needed to make their dreams come alive.

While taking the NUC team on a tour of facilities, Mr. Meir disclosed that Israelis were some of the industry experts actually helping the programme participants to develop prototypes

(TETfund).

Also speaking, one of the Israeli mentors in the I-FAIR programme's Practical Makelab, Mr. Saron Paz, said

Laser Laboratory Technology, product Design Laboratory, Robotic and Coding, Electronics Laboratories and equipment for Hardware Laboratories.

The team also visited the Wole Soyinka studio, Leather Craft workshop, Creative Art, Wood and Welding, Metal and Painting workshops as well as Bio-technology and Drone Technology Laboratories.

In his remarks after the tour, Prof. Rasheed, who dwelt more on the aspects of research and technology, thanked the Innovation Hub Centre for their innovations and designs. He acknowledged that Information Technology (IT) and innovations were needed in Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Bio-medical Engineering and other related fields of science and technology.



Prof. Rasheed taking a tour around the centre

and transform their ideas into inventions. He said, there was no alternative to innovative thinking which had made it imperative to support innovation as it was the key to development and poverty reduction.

The Innovation Fair (I-FAIR) Programme Manager, Ms. Neta Hanien, informed the team that the initiative was apt, as it had encouraged more Nigerians to develop local content.

She took the team round the various facilities and laboratories where component parts were designed before development by Israeli engineers in Nigeria. She explained that they have been running lot of programmes with I-FAIR in partnership with the Office of the Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Tertiary Education Trust fund

it had become important to prioritize innovative education in order to encourage Nigerians to become more creative.



Prof. Rasheed inspecting other learning materials at the Centre

The NUC team was exposed to the various Laboratories and workshop which included;

While commending them for such huge investments, he promised that NUC would

advertise the Innovative Hub Centre to Nigerian Universities, as the country already has 23 Centres of Excellence, being funded by the World Bank, with diverse areas of specialization that could profit from their venture. He expressed optimism that besides this, universities in Nigeria have a lot to learn from the Centre in the areas of research.

research and technology. He said that Genetics in medicine had changed the way the world does things due to technology. He noted that Nigeria had hundreds and thousands of well-trained graduates and that TETFund had sponsored so many brilliant minds outside the country.

He reiterated that universities would benefit more from

as academics and research activities have worked differently and proposed the need to strengthen technology in the Nigerian University System (NUS). He said, setting up effective technology hub in the higher institutions would solve lot of problems as units like the innovation hub model could be established since entrepreneurial centres already exist in the higher institutions.



Meeting with the NUC Team and the Innovation Hub Centre

He assured the managers that NUC would constitute a committee to deliberate on innovation hub while the Commission would also strive to influence TETFund in terms of funding and other people in related Laboratories within the country to have a discussion.

The Executive Secretary stated that everyday lives of Humans is being controlled by IT, with the world now globalised, adding that a country like Israel thrives on

innovation hub as their creativity would flourish with the major profits being, to develop the human mind. He thanked the coordinators and staff of the innovation center for their services to humanity, Africa, sub Sahara Africa and Abuja.

A Director in the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG), Mr. Tope Toogun, lend his voice by saying that what was missing was research

The Executive Secretary was accompanied by the Director in the Directorate of the Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy- Nnadi; Acting Director of the Directorate of Research Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Farouk Lawan and the Head of Special Duties in the Executive Secretary's Office, Ms. Ulonna Inyama.

NUC Reviews Cross Border Education Policy

-Prof Rasheed

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last Monday, disclosed that the Commission has reviewed the nation's Cross-Border Education (CBE) Policy, in line with global best practices, in order to promote linkages and Internationalisation of University education.

He revealed this while receiving in audience a delegation from Babes-Bolyai University, Romania, who were on an exploratory mission to seek collaboration with the University of Port-Harcourt (UNIPOINT) and other interested universities in the country.

Prof. Rasheed, informed the team that there were currently 206 universities in the country among which 99 were privately owned, some specialised, and others conventional universities, with substantial interest in almost all academic programmes available in the university system. He stressed that investment in private universities could only account for 5.6% of the total students population in the university system while public universities accounted for about 95%.

He added that the demographical distribution of universities in the country was such that all 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) had at least one Federal and one state university. These, he opined, was needed in order to increase access

to university education and to accommodate the teeming youth population seeking admission to earn university degree.



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with the Director, Conflict Study Centre and Head, School of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania, Professor Christian Chereji

The NUC Boss stated further that the Commission had continued to carry out its regulatory mandate through approval of new programmes and conduct of accreditation exercises to ensure that quality of degree programmes was maintained. The Commission had also in the last seven years partnered with the World Bank to host special projects in some selected universities such as the African Centres of Excellence (ACE) and the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) to the tune of USD350million.

The Executive Secretary added that the Commission was

aware that some universities in the country had Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with some universities in the United Kingdom (UK) but that this was the first from Eastern Europe

and with particular interest in Social Sciences and Humanities.

According to him, “your interest in this area shows there is hope for programmes in the Humanities.”

Prof. Rasheed assured the delegation that the Commission was open to support MoU entered with any foreign university, be it for research collaboration, exchange programmes, among others, aimed at promoting academic excellence, provided it would be of mutual benefits to all parties involved. He stressed that it was also the duty of the Commission, to ensure that all MoU signed by universities in the country were strictly followed and

implemented to the later.

In his remarks, the Director, Conflict Study Centre and Head, School of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania, Professor Christian Chereji, said his University was on an explorative mission to Nigeria to seek academic collaboration in Political Science, Communication, and Conflict Studies with UNIPORT.

Dr. Chereji, noted that with the pronouncement by leaders of European Union (EU) announcing an investment package of EUR 150 billion to support a common ambition for 2030 and the Africa Union (AU) Agenda 2063, which seeks to build more diversified, inclusive, sustainable and resilient economies including education in Africa, the Romania Government

sought to redirect its educational collaboration focus on West Africa and Nigeria in particular. He acknowledged that Nigeria was far ahead in education delivery compared to other African countries, hence there was more to learn and benefit from the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He stated that the visit to the NUC was to leverage on the fact that the Commission was the regulatory body of universities in Nigeria and the anchor point to drive collaboration in the system.

He assured the Executive Secretary that though Romania was not an English speaking country, students from English speaking countries like Nigeria were given the options to write their thesis in English language.

In his words “Language and religion isn't an issue to worry about, as English is also widely spoken and we have both Christian and Muslim population living in harmony. We look forward to opening a new chapter in our international collaboration,” he said.

In the entourage of the Babes-Bolyai University delegation was a Scholar, Dr. Charles Wratto.

At the meeting, were the NUC Directors of Finance and Account, Mr. Sam Onazi; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi as well as the visiting Deputy Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano.



Profs. Rasheed and Chereji (5th and 6th right respectively) in a group photo with the Romania delegation and some NUC Management staff



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Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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- 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, Fourteen 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.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance 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 the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

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

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

STATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	23	Plateau State University, Boko	2005	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	55	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012	56	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	38	Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	57	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022
						58	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022



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., Owthode, 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, Owo, Ondo State	2007	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016	99	Anan University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016			
32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016			
			69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017			



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List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act 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 Udosu 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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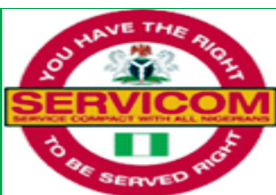
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CHINYERE		EZEKWESILI	06 APRIL
UGWUANYA	VICTOR	ONUOHA	08 APRIL
TEMITOPE	CHRISTIANA	OLAOYE	09 APRIL
PASCHAL	AIDOGHEDA	ERUAGA	10 APRIL
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ODEGUA	FLORA	ONI	10 APRIL
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