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NUC Recognises Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has granted recognition to Enugu State Government for the establishment of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Igbo-Eno, which makes it now the 59th State University and 219th in the country.

The approval issued to Executive Governor of the State, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, on Thursday, 17th June, 2022, at NUC headquarters, Abuja, was sequel to the enactment of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Law, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, on April 13, 2022.

Presenting the Letter of Recognition, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, congratulated Gov. Ugwuanyi and the people of the state "on the establishment of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences to be located in Igbo-Eno of Enugu State".

The Letter recognized SUMAS as the second Enugu State owned University. With the final stage of granting the license, Enugu State will now have a brand new, full-fledged, State-owned University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Igbo-Eno, Enugu State.

Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with the Governor of Enugu State, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Uguwanyi

The Law establishing SUMAS was presented to NUC by Enugu State governor alongside the Academic brief and Master Plan of the new University.

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the 59th State University in Nigeria. Enugu State with two State-owned Universities has now joined the league of states with more than one state University.

He commended the Governor for his passion for the development of the education sector and as a bridge-builder. He informed the entourage that NUC remained the sole regulatory agency in the country responsible for the establishment and development of university education in Nigeria.

He stated that NUC supervised three different sets of institutions, comprising federal, state and private universities, noting that from the first which started in 1948, there was now about 218 universities, with some states having more than one federal university. He used the forum to notify his guests that the Federal Government had taken over the King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences in Ebonyi State.

He acknowledged that Enugu State was hosting one of the oldest and most prestigious university in the country, which is the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) and out of 111 privately owned universities in Nigeria, Enugu State has its own fair share of same.

He argued that although the number of Universities in Nigeria had increased significantly to 218 (49 Federal, 58 State-owned and 111 privately owned), compared to population index, the number was still too inadequate to accommodate the teaming Nigerian youths who were desirous of having university education. He said that for instance in 2020, out of 1,949,983 candidates that applied for admission into tertiary institutions, only about 422,445 candidates were offered admission into decree- awarding institutions.

He applauded the Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi led-administration for its commitment to education and industries and for also constructing good roads that links universities and industries.

He assured the governor of NUC's assistance concerning the new University and advised that proprietors must understand what it meant to establish a university, remarking that more private universities would soon spring up in Enugu State and

Some Members of the NUC Management at the event

pleaded with him to assist them by creating enabling environment for more investors to come into the state.

Prof. Rasheed stated that Enugu State had joined other States in Nigeria with Medical University as SUMAS was now the third State owned Medical University and the first to be called Medical and Applied Sciences in the country.

He added that as far as Medicine course was concerned the country was in a crisis situation and that it was the reason Nigerian students travel to other countries to read medicine, insisting that there must be a programme on Genetics, while a Centre of Genetics must be established to promote research.

He thanked the governor for creating a specialized University that harps not only on medical but applied sciences, stressing that stakeholders must join hands to transform medical education in Nigeria.

He said with the approval, National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) would accord the university necessary recognitions.

His Excellency, Gov. Ugwuanyi and Prof. Rasheed (5th and 6th left) in a group photograph with some members of NUC Management and the Governor's entourage

In his remarks, His Excellency, Governor Ifeanyi Ugwanyi, said that his administration was aware of the great job the Commission was doing to increase access to quality Education in Nigeria under the Executive Secretary's Leadership. He said, one could only imagine what the State of University education would have become in Nigeria without the significant role of NUC as the regulatory body towards ensuring standardization of quality in our Universities.

The Governor enquired and found that about 1.4 million candidates seek for admission into degree programmes without success. He described the socio-economic implications of this data as not just enormous but grave.

Out of that, he explained that Enugu State remained one of the States with very high number of candidates applying for admission but with only a very small percentage of the applicants gaining admission, stating that this also applied to medical and allied courses.

He cited an example that 1,000 candidates applied to study

Medicine in Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT) for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 admission session but the maximum number admitted was a paltry 50 candidates per session. He said that even at UNN, with more than 4,000 applicants desiring to study medicine, the quota still remained limited to only 180 candidates, bemoaning the situation despite the acute shortage of medical personnel in the state.

While handing over the instruments (Law) establishing the University, along with the University academic brief and master plan, the Governor assured the Executive Secretary of adequate funding of the new institution, pledging that his administration was irreversibly committed to ensuring that the University stood strong among its peers.

Reacting, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Government House, Enugu, Prof. Malachy Okwueze, who witnessed the presentation of the license to Gov. Ugwuanyi at the NUC headquarters, Abuja, said: "We can't thank the Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu State enough for achieving this goal of providing the platform for increased access to quality university education for our teeming youths who struggle year after year to gain admission into the university without fulfilling their desires and dreams for university education".

According to him "This is especially so for professional courses such as medicine. The existing Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT) get over 2, 000 applications from our youths to study medicine but only a paltry 50 applicants (candidates) are offered access to study medicine at the end.

"Even the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), the Federal University in Enugu State, offers only about 180 candidates admission into medicine leaving the dreams of thousands of our youths to study the course dashed year after year.

"This is despite the deficit in the number of medical doctors and nurses required to optimize medical and healthcare for our people".

Expressing the joy of the people of Enugu State over the feat recorded by Gov. Ugwuanyi's administration, Prof. Okwueze disclosed that the state government has made provision for sustainable funding of the new University.

He added that "the stage is getting set for the handover and the official commissioning of the flyover bridge at the popular T-Junction, Nike Lake Road, Enugu, where traffic gridlock became every road user's nightmare before His Excellency intervened with a befitting flyover bridge delivered in record time to ease all worries on the road".

In the Governor's entourage were the: Commissioner of Education, Enugu State, Professor Uche Eze; former Vice Chancellor, ESUT, Prof. James Ogbonna; Chairman of the State Local Government Commission, Prof. Osita Okeanya and Legal Practitioner, Barrister Charles Ugwu.

At the ceremony were NUC Directors of: Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi; Human Resource (DHR) Mr. Boniface Odum; Open and Distance E-Learning (DODeL), Eng. Kayode Odedina; Students (DoS), Mr. Sunday Essien as well as the Ag Directors of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Umoroa and Deputy Director, Audit Division, in the Directorate of the Executive Secretary's Office (DESO).

Present were also former Director of Research and Innovations, NUC, Prof Valentine Ekechukwu and former Vice Chancellor Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa and NUC Visiting Prof. Joseph Ahaneku.

NUC Warehouses 2m Repository of Resources for NUS

…ES @High-level Workshop on Mainstreaming OER in HEIs in Nigeria

No fewer than two million resources deposited in form of courseware, lecture notes, textbooks, videos, maps, podcasts as well as conference presentations and journals are currently being warehoused as repositories for Nigerian Universities, established by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in 2017, the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has disclosed.

He made the disclosure in his address last Tuesday in Abuja, at the two-day High Level Sensitisation Workshop organised by the NUC in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), aimed at Mainstreaming OER in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nigeria.

Represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Mr. Chris Maiyaki, the Executive Secretary stated that the OER repository was established as part of efforts to revitalise the academic content of the nation's universities as well as improve the quality of teaching and learning, adding that workshop was conceived and carefully designed to bring to the fore, the benefits of OER in Higher Education.

He said that the repository facility which is maintained by the Commission, currently hoisted by 153 Nigerian Universities and was named the Nigerian University System (NUS) Open Education Resources, (NUSOER), in its bid to fully encourage the institutionalisation of OER.

He explained that the repository was being maintained by the Commission, to among others, serve as a gateway to Open Resources held by 153 Universities in Nigeria since 2017, remarking that in the course of the workshop, the National OER Repository would be formally unveiled and presented.

He said NUC, in its effort to galvanize the Universities and assess their full commitment to the OER movement, would continue to evaluate and rank Nigeria's HEIs, as part of efforts to give them visibility and place them on the world OER map.

The Executive Secretary expressed NUC's readiness to always organize and collaborate with relevant agencies to engage in capacity programmes to improve the executive capacities of top University Leaders and ensure that all higher education

L-R: Director, Human Resources (DHR), NUC, Mr. B.C. Odum; Resource Fellow, Prof. Francis Egbokhare; Vice Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Prof. Olufemi Peters; Director of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi; Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Vice President, Common Wealth of Learning (COL), Dr. Venkataraman Balaji; Emeritus Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede; Rep., National Board for Technology Education (NBTE), Mrs. Bilkisu Salihijo; Director, Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODeL), Engr. Kayode Odedina and Director of Students (DoS), Mr. Sunday Essien

institution were seen to be operating at full strength with some considerable reputational capital.

Harping more on the benefits of OER, Prof Rasheed said that its use would no doubt enhance the quality of academic content available to learners at little or no

Mr. Chris Maiyaki
Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC

cost, stressing that it would also motivate the students to become content creators themselves.

On the part of the teachers, he said that it is hoped that through the use of OER, they would be able to adapt to new methods of teaching and learning, facilitate more interactive learning processes and improve curricula with the most recent developments in their respective fields.

He expressed the Commission's unwavering commitment to increasing access to quality University education to the generality of Nigerians.

The Chairman of the occasion, Professor Olusegun Bamiro gave a brief historical background on the Open Education Resources (OER) and highlighted that the concept of OER was first mooted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and cultural organization (UNESCO) at a meeting on the impact of open courseware for higher education in developing countries held in July, 2002.

He defined OER as education resources and other materials that have been designed for use in teaching and learning which were openly available for use by educators and students, without the accompanying need to pay royalties or license fees.

He said that the main attribute of OER lie in the ability to use education resources for free, noting that with the support of the Commonwealth of learning (COL), NUC championed the development of an OER policy for higher education in Nigeria in 2017.

He said that the Policy was presented to the global community at the second world OER Congress in Ljubljana in September 2017 and subsequently approved the implementation during the Ministerial Session of the 63rd National Council on Education (NCE) in August 2018.

He posited that this is an achievement of considerable merit and clear evidence of the purposeful leadership of the NUC in championing innovative policies in the Nigeria Education System. He said that the importance of OER had been clearly recognized in Nigeria's National Policy statements, hence the establishment of a national implementation committee at the NUC.

In an online presentation of goodwill message, former Executive Secretary NUC, Prof. Peter Okebukola said that the credit of OER must be given to Prof Rasheed for his foresightedness concerning University education in Nigeria. He further stated that the Policy guiding OER provided for the creation and use of same to increase access to and support

Emeritus Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede

quality teaching learning and research in Nigeria higher education system.

According to him, in so doing, the policy sought to strengthen OER commitments by HEIs and all concerned stakeholders.

He explained that the advantages or goals of OER include the ranking of Nigerian Universities based on OER. The ranking, he said, would stimulate competition

among Universities and urged the stakeholders to take bold steps to expand the OER message.

The Vice-Chancellor of NOUN, Prof. Olufemi Peters congratulated NUC for the sensitization workshop which, he explained, demonstrated the Commission's role in the development of Nigerian Universities. He said that digital learning was now a must for any educational system to move forward.

Dr. Venkataraman Balaji
Vice President, COL

He argued that OER is an integral part of open solutions to learning which had facilitated access to proper learning materials for both teaching and learning at reduced cost.

The Vice-Chancellor elaborated that the resources have been of immense support to students not just in our local universities but also from within and without the country.

Prof. Peters stated that the OER play a key role in the implementation of academic policies, and in the case of NOUN in collaboration with COL, it played a facilitating role in the evolvement of the current National Policy on OER, making Nigeria one of the only two African countries to have an OER Policy.

In his remarks, the Vice-President, Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Dr. Venkataraman Balaji said the COL was a member-country driven organization as well as an inter-governmental organization which Nigeria had been a member since its inception. He said, Nigeria had remained a member of the permanent set up of COL comprising six permanent members, and had been both a great contributor to COL as well as a recipient of many partnership and services from COL.

He mentioned that the relationship had been working in both ways; with COL's contribution to Nigerian consisting of: advocacy for Open learning, advocacy for distance learning and advocacy for online learning. He said that COL had been working with NUC, in particular, to promote policies that benefit open learning, offer more open education resources and offer improved faculty capacity to work with technology in learning.

Speaking via Zoom, Professor Jane-Frances Agbu said that OER helped to advance knowledge by opening up communication and had democratized knowledge, reduce cost, improve quality, promote life-long learning and share indigenous knowledge. She noted that OER was encouraged to build capacity, develop gender sensitive materials, and promote collaboration and partnership.

She said that the policies of OER include: teaching and learning, capacity building, material development, quality assurance, infrastructure and connectivity, implementation strategy and institutional arrangement. She further explained that OER was always embedded in other policies and could be used in different languages as research was important to discovering new trends.

Prof. Olufemi Peters
VC, NOUN

In a technical presentation, lecturer with the University of Ibadan, Professor Francis Egbokhare, laid more emphasis on accessibility and inclusiveness for people with disability. He said that out of, 195 million Nigerians, 29 million have one disability or the other, while 7.5 million Children were living with

disability and the institution does not have facilities to cater for people in that category. He said that people with disability does not have access to information; inadequate learning aids, limited career opportunities and negative attitude among teachers and peers.

He, however, gave kudos to the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), as according to him, statistics from JAMB admission indicated that the Board really catered for people with disabilities.

Other goodwill messages were delivered by the representatives of agencies including the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund), Nigerian Teachers Institute (NTI), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and National Board for Technical Education (NBTE).

In a vote of thanks, Deputy Director, Open Distance and e-Learning, NUC, Hajia Hadiza Ramallan thanked the DES for the successful coordination of the programme, the COL representative from Vancouver Canada, Vice Chancellors that were present and Professor Olugbemiro Jegede for the brief historical background on OER.

The High-level meeting witnessed a hands-on skill delivery on the use of the OER for Directors of Information Technology (DICTs), Directors of Academic Planning (DAPs) and Librarians of Nigerian Universities.

A draft communiqué was expected at the end of the two-day event on ways and how to mainstream OER in HEIs in Nigeria.

Meeting in session at the NUC new Boardroom

Mr. Maiyaki (middle) and some other NUC officials in a group photograph with dignitaries at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC Abuja.

AFD Holds Supervisory Mission on ACE Impact and Blueprint Projects

An operational and financial follow-up on the African Centres of Excellence (ACE) Impact and Blueprint Projects was conducted by the French Development Agency- Agence Françoise de Development (AFD), who were on a supervisory mission in Nigeria, as a prelude to the second tranche of disbursement for the project expected to be released soon.

Other objectives of the mission include: determining the results and impact for the ACEs even though only 34% of the results were achieved as at May 2022, which indicated a low utilization rate of the project and finally identifying the main areas of improvement which are in areas of accreditation and internship.

At the event held on the 9th and 10th June, 2022, at the National Universities Commission's (NUC's) Secretariat, the Coordinator, Directorate of Special projects, Dr. Joshua Atah informed the gathering that over the last months there had been series of preparations to come up with a project that would support some aspects of the blueprint for the revitalization of university education in Nigeria. He expressed delight that the AFD shared the same vision with the Commission which facilitated the Agency to come on board and had been working with the Strategy Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM) over the last couple of months to identify the scope of the reform.

Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed during the AFD supervisory Mission on ACE impact meeting

He added that there had been series of engagements while a couple of consultants have been engaged to prepare some aspects of the project, the board of the AFD has given approval for the commencement of the project and actually at the stage of negotiation between the Nigerian government and the AFD and upon reaching an agreement, the project will move to project implementation stage. He said that the meeting was part of AFD's mission in Nigeria to look at the level of preparation so far, assess the progress that had been made in terms of project preparation and other on-going work on reform in the sector as well as the ACE impact project.

"The mission will also prepare the implementation and negotiation of the subvention regarding the blueprint project in respect to the 40 million dollars that AFD will be contributing, the World bank has also been approached to contribute another 250 million dollars funds" to support the project, he added.

According to the Project Coordinator, only 30 universities

will be chosen for now to participate in the project based on their type and capacity to engage fully. He expressed worry over the delay in obtaining the financial intervention from the Ministry of Finance (MoF) due to the pressure from other sectors and advised that all those obstacles would be easily surmounted if the education sector is given utmost priority.

He, therefore, charged the STRADVCOM team to ensure that the project was captured as a priority project in this out-going administration, adding that soft pedaling might stall its execution and stop it from seeing the light of the day. He disclosed that though there is a 5 billion dollars grant earmarked by the World Bank for Nigeria proposals, to the excess of 20 billion dollars have been received from many sectors of the country, which necessitated a follow-up by the Commission to facilitate approval for the disbursement of funds for the prompt commencement of the project.

The AFD Paris TTL responsible for the Higher Education Research Portfolio in Nigeria, Mr. Quentin Delpech, while addressing the STRADVCOM team expressed his delight for having another opportunity to work with Nigeria on providing support for reforms in the education sector and discuss the blueprints for the projects for students' accommodation. He added that the objective of the intervention was to improve access to affordable housing for students with quality and eco-friendly building norms while solely focusing on affordability and quality.

He said that their mission is expected to last for a week and briefly explained how AFD was going to handle the four main projects that were appraised which are NAPTIN (2016), ACE Impact (2019), Blueprint (2021) and i-DICE (2022), and the 2 under review which are the Sustainable Student Housing (2022) and ATVET (2023).

For the Blueprint Project, the AFD intends to push for MoF credit financial agreement negotiation, finalize and launch as soon as possible the call for proposal for ICT development for eligible universities to keep on track with schedule as well as strengthen operational oversight with formal staff nomination (condition precedent for disbursement).

For the Sustainable Student

The meeting in session with NUC and the AFD Officials

Housing – FHFL, AFD's mission objective includes agreeing with FHFL on key project objectives and implementation scheme, make a student market analysis (800 students in 4 universities namely (UNIABUJA, UNIPORT, UNIBADAN and UNICAL).

According to the survey, the findings that informed the support to the project are: dissatisfaction with current housing options because the current accommodation as seen by the students were poor in quality and did not give any good value for their money. It indicated that the vast majority of students in the 4 universities the projects were commencing pay less than 10,000 naira for in-campus student accommodation and were willing to pay more for qualitative in-campus hostel options.

The key services to be upgraded by order of priority include clean water and electricity supply, Wi-Fi and internet services and adequate space. Among other objectives noted was that the AFD Group needed to conclude on a financial model for the students' housing initiative to reconcile affordability and sustainability.

Mr. Quentin gave a broad overview on AFD's support to the development of higher education and research in Nigeria and explained that the mission had a very broad portfolio and worked with the private sector as well,. It also engaged in providing students' accommodation for polytechnics with 10 years of commitment to the tune of 2.6 billion euros for the whole AFD group (AFD and PROPARCO).

For the last 10 years, the group had supported 40 projects for key sectors such as energy, small and medium enterprises, sustainable cities as well as education and training. He said that from 2016, the 4 projects were appraised for a total of 246 MUSD, 2 projects were under review for 2022/2023 appraisal, for an additional amount of 84 MUSD and 330 MUSD as a whole. He informed the team that Nigeria is now the first country in terms of financial support in Higher education sector for AFD (ahead of Ivory Coast, Lebanon and Kenya).

The scope of intervention across Nigeria involves all states and a large scope of the institutions supported; Vocational Education Training centres, universities (public/private: state/federal); polytechnics among others as well as skills development for key sectors such as agriculture, digital creative industry, health, STEM and energy.

At the meeting, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Aadmu Rasheed was represented by the Director, Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi.

Members of STRADVCOM at the event were Former Minister for Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'I; Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Abuja, Professor Laraba Gambo Abdullahi; former NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Prof. Chiedu F. Mafiana; Mr. Abraham Chundusu, representing Director Accreditation, Mrs. Maryam Sali; Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi and NUC STRADVCOM Assistant, Mr. Ibukun Olagbamiro.

Also present via zoom were Chairman, STRADVCOM, Prof. Peter Okebukola and Former NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Dr. Suleiman B. Ramon-Yusuf.

Mr. Kenechi Orajiaka,is a programme officer with the AFD.

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ANNOUNCEMET OF ICESCO TURATHY PHOTOGRAPY IN EGYPT AND COUNTRIES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

I am directed to inform you that the Nigerian National Commission for ICESCO (NATCOM-ICESCO) is in receipt of a correspondence from the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ICESCO) headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, inviting applications for the ICESCO launched **Turathy Photography Competition in Egypt and Countries of the Islamic World** from interested participants to submit their entries.

2. The objective of the competition is to encourage photographers in the Islamic world to monitor and document heritage buildings and areas in Cairo as well as in cities in countries of the Islamic world that are members of ICESCO through a creative vision.

3. As the Regulatory Agency overseeing the affairs of University Education in Nigeria, you are kindly requested to publicise widely, the announcement of the prize, using your network among the relevant departments, institutions and agencies under your purview for interested participants to submit their entries, no later than **18th September, 2022.**

4. All interested participants are expected to fill their information in the special registration and participation form via this link: www.urbanharmony.org/turathy2022.html www.icesco.org and all entries must be attached to an email and sent to the following email addresses: turathy@urbanharmony.org , turathy444@gmail.com. Participants should also send copies of their submissions to the Secretary General, Nigerian National Commission for ICESCO: nigeria.natcomicesco@gmail.com, Ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com.

5. Enclosed herewith are the detailed information sheet and conditions booklet of the competition, for your guidance and further necessary action.

6. Please, accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's best regards.

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For: Honourable Minister

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

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

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

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

Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

Professor Olusola B. Oyewole
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FME SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

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

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

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

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, 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

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LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

STATE UNIVERSITIES

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

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

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

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
13) Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria`
18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
27) Atlas University, Ikot 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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ANNOUNCER

This Week's Birthdays

NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
UHUNOMA		AIMIENWANWU	21 JUNE
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CHIGBOGU	OGBONNAYA	ETU	25 JUNE
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BABANGIDA	KURFI	BASHIR	26 JUNE

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