

NUC Picks Hole on 100 Percent Online Varsities in Nigeria

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, last Tuesday, raised the Commission's concern over allowing the existence of a 100 percent online University without a guarantee of its quality in the country, explaining that for this purpose it had only approved an ICT-enabled supported blended learning in the Nigerian higher education system.

Represented by the Director, Finance and Accounts (DFA), the Executive Secretary gave this position while receiving in audience a two-man delegation from the International Open University (IOU), Gambia, (formerly Islamic Online University), led by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Cherno Omar Barry, who paid a working visit to the Commission.

The visit centred on collaborations with Nigerian Universities on setting up supported structures

within the Nigerian University System (NUS) for cross-border education offering of IOU. The

system, upon completion of their studies in that institution.

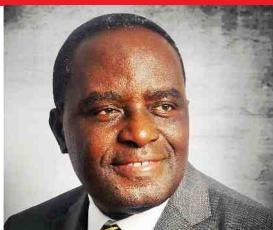


The ES representative and Director, Finance and Accounts, MR Sam Onazi, presenting copies of the NUC Monday Bulletin to the Visiting Vice-Chancellor, Int'l Open University (IOU), Gambia, Dr. Cherno Omar Barry

discussions also was to seek for recognition and integration of its Nigerian graduates into the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Scheme, employment market and higher education

He apologized for the absence of Prof. Rasheed, who is on national assignment with the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu to UNESCO Conference in Paris. He informed the visitors

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that the Management was in the know that the meeting was meant to thoroughly clarify to the Institution about the models that could suit their mode of education. He stated that there was the possibility of establishing an open distance learning model but not an online study as contained in the original letter of intent.

He said it was not surprising that Nigerians form the fulcrum of the volume of students totaling about 70 studying through IOU, noting that the stringent admission policy as well as the restricted quota was

within the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) framework created by the NUC.

He pointed out that only accreditation guaranteed and make university a brand whether offline or the hybrid type, explaining that it was the definite sanctions against unaccredited programmes in the NUS that make NUC so unique. He called on the Vice-Chancellor, who also was a former Minister of Higher Education and Health in Gambia to use his goodwill to

towards blended education where students could obtain Joint or Dual degree options.

He informed the delegation that the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) was established with the older population in mind as a flagship Open University in Nigeria, enabling its graduates to be given a National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) exemption certificate upon completion regardless of age. He stated that this model will apply and suit the proposed graduates of the Gambian Institution.



The NUC Management Team at the meeting with the IOU delegation from The Gambia

responsible for the increasing number of Nigerians pursuing education elsewhere.

He told them that there was currently no approval for online education in the NUS, to this vein their proposed collaborations must be tailored in line with any of the existing models approved in Nigeria.

He expressed the Commission's willingness to work with institutions around the world, provided they were willing to stay

ensure that IOU runs its programmes in line with the Trans National Education (TNE) Policy guidelines in their education delivery.

In a brief presentation on the NUC approved guidelines for running TNE Policy in Nigeria, Director, Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Engr. Kayode Adedina explained that there are several avenues divided into six models that could be explored and that there had been robust development

Earlier, in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the International Open University, Dr. Barry expressed appreciation to the NUC Management for the warm reception accorded them. He recalled that his first visit to the Commission was as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher Education in The Gambia, in company of then President, Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Jonathan Mba, when African Centres of Excellence (ACE)

Project was launched in 2013 at the NUC Auditorium by the World Bank.

He added that the second one was shortly when he assumed the role of Vice-Chancellor of IOU when he came with the Chancellor and Founder then, Prof. Bilal Philips to glean from the NOUN how it was running its institution, before the current visit.

He informed the NUC Management team that he was actually on temporary leave from the Gambian Government and on secondment as the Consultant and Vice Chancellor, having successfully midwived the Gambian National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), akin to that of Nigeria.

He noted that he understood the education system so well in West Africa, having occupied the highest position in governance and being an academic himself, and came because the IOU needed the support of Nigeria in its efforts towards the provision of affordable and low cost online education across the world.

He recounted that the vision was to bring higher education to the doorstep of every child, with the high poverty rate in Sub-Saharan Africa mainly and the youths that had remained frustrated and desolate and taking risky paths to success. He said the Open University had the major concern of seeing that opportunities were provided to as many African youths as possible who were desirous to have education but were limited because of distance

and lack of access due to financial constraints.

Dr. Berry explained that though the structure of the University had initially been set up as a non-degree awarding



Mr Sam Onazi
Director, Finance and Accounts,
delivering his remarks

institution, being that it was established as an Islamic awareness school, It had gradually grown to accommodate a lot more courses on request and spread through word of mouth.

This, he said, had facilitated the need for the institution to stay online to accommodate the population of students around the world. He went on to explain that the Institution was willing to make efforts and had been in talks with the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which would help them understand the existing structure of an approved similar Institution.

Dr. Barry said that in ideal situation, societies that had internet connections had

nothing to worry, but coming from the part of the world where both internet and electricity still remained a great challenge make it difficult for students to participate actively. He said IOU was opened to working in agreement with universities in Nigeria and elsewhere to deploy technology so as to make them serve as teaching institutions to enable students of the Open University have unhindered access to learning. He noted that when the University started in The Gambia, there were apprehensions as to whether its programmes would meet both national and international standards.

He said with regards to identity management, technology had really not advanced to the level where everything could be full-proofed as per deploying camera in learning. He said the University had continued to explore various strategies to minimize the issues of identity theft. According to him, students who come for examinations are captured through biometrics registrations. He argued that even the traditional brick and mortar system still had its own challenge of how best to conduct assessments and evaluations just like in every process in the world.

He disclosed that IOU had been supporting governments to embrace the change that created a paradigm shift in education delivery system across the world by ensuring that universities within the country change their prejudices regarding online

education.

The IOU, he said, did not preach that offline education system should be completely jettisoned but that there was need to give more room for online education as it had proofed that more students could be reached at lesser costs who otherwise would not have had access to university education.

He said IOU had made advanced progress towards getting both national and international accreditations. He noted that three principles upon which the Gambian Open University had advanced its course include making technology accessible so that those who have data could receive internet connectivity; there was also need to enhance learning through improved gadgets, while IOU also intend to reach out to universities with an agreement to serve as learning centres.

He restated that the challenge of Open University education in the African context had been the lack of well-equipped technology devices for learning centres made accessible to the communities and connected to the internet with enough data and sustainable energy. There was also the constraint of travels for most of the students who could hardly afford to move long distances due to high costs, so the IOU developed a programme where everything was run online.

He explained that even when Covid-19 hit Africa, the Pandemic showed the vulnerability and state of unpreparedness of the continent

with regard to education delivery, while it took a lot of resources and quite some time for African universities to adapt to online education.

He said Africa has attained 70 percent success in education at



Dr. Cherno Omar Barry
VC, Int'l Open University, Gambia

the primary and basic levels, while tertiary education was still at a growing stage. He also said issues of harmonization of quality of education across Africa had been a major hub of discussion at the level of African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) and the African Union (AU) 2063 Agenda. He noted that IOU needed to be supported by Nigeria in the provision of online education.

He used the forum to highlight that Nigerian graduates of the Open University have been complaining of not being given due consideration in terms of career building and advancement as well as the NYSC. He reiterated that most of the students targeted by IOU were of poor background and hardly could afford tuition fees.

To this end, he disclosed that the institution had an “I am African Scholarship Programme,” which was aimed at ensuring that every African child have an opportunity.

He informed the meeting that IOU was willing to foster collaborations with the likes of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria and Bayero University Kano (BUK) by entering Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the use of the institutions as learning centres.

At the end of the interactions, Vice Chancellor hinted the NUC Management team that they had been deeply encouraged and would pay more working visits to Institutions within the country to see what was feasible.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied by the Representative of the University in Nigeria, Mr. Akindele Abdullahi.

At the meeting were the Directors of: Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Open Distance and e-learning (DODE), Engr. Kayode Odedina; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi. Others were the Acting Directors of Research Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Faruk Lawan; while that of Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Lydia Imorua, was represented by Deputy Director, Private Universities, Mrs. Ali-Sabatu Balogun.

Nigeria Requires Over 600,000 Varsity Lecturers by 2050 – Prof. Okebukola

Former Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission and Chairman of the Strategy NUC Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM), Emeritus Prof. Peter Okebukola, OFR, has said the nation would have to increase the current number of academic staff in higher institutions to at least 600,000 with half of them being for the university system.

He also said the number of teachers in primary and secondary schools had to quadruple by 2050 to be able to cope with the demands of that time.

Prof. Okebukola, who is the first distinguished as well as the first Emeritus Professor at the Lagos State University (LASU), said this on Tuesday while delivering the keynote address at the seventh international conference of the Faculty of Education of the university, with the theme “*Empowering Education: Building the Future.*”

Prof. Okebukola noted that by the said year, the population of Nigeria was expected to have doubled to about 400 million.

He added that majority of students around the world might no longer have to physically go to school in order to get education by the said year.

Speaking on what the future being planned for would look like, he postulated that by making use of the Regression Model, and setting the predicted future at 2050, there would be population explosion, increase in poverty, crime,

corruption, high debt burden among others.

He therefore called for concerted efforts at planning



Prof. Peter Okebukola OFR
NUC Chairman STRADVCOM

ahead and meeting the expectations of the time.

“It is estimated that by 2050, Nigeria will need at least 320,210 doctors, and 781, 353 nurses. Five times the number of pharmacists will be needed. With food production less than a tenth of capacity to address zero hunger, and more than 400 million mouths to feed, we will need to hike production of different personnel in the agriculture sector by factor of ten with greater emphasis on mechanisation and the use of technologies,” he stated.

He submitted that education in the country would have to be strengthened in the areas of access, relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and equity.

“Let me take the opportunity of the theme of the conference “Empowering Education: Building the Future,” to suggest that in building a great future for the Lagos State University, our Vice Chancellor should empower the Faculty of Education! This suggestion rests on a very simple logic.

All human resources which Lagos State and other states in Nigeria will require for building a glorious future will be taught directly or indirectly but teachers from a Faculty of Education of a university in Nigeria or elsewhere in the world,” he added.

In her speech, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mrs Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, whose speech was delivered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Wahab Elias said education is for a sustainable future and must not be toyed with.

She reiterated the commitment of her administration to repositioning LASU and making it one of the best on the continent. The Chairperson of the occasion, former Lagos Deputy Governor, Dr. Idiat Adebule urged youths not to see schooling as just a means to acquire certificates, but to see it as how to navigate life successfully.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof.

Tunde Owolabi, emphasised the need to position education to produce graduates that would be relevant to the needs of the

society.

The International Conference attracted the crème de la crème

in the University System and stakeholders from all walks of life.

NIS Pays NUC Condolence over Loss of Dr. Maryam Sali

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, last week Wednesday, received a two man delegation from the National Institute of Sports (NIS) Surelere, Lagos, led by the Chairman, Alhaji Ibrahim Galadima, which came to pay a condolence visit to the Commission on the loss of a serving Director, Dr. Maryam Sali.

Receiving the delegation on behalf of the Executive Secretary, the Director, Finance and Accounts (DFA) Mr. Sam Onazi said, that though death eventually comes to all, the death of the NUC Director of Accreditation, Dr. Maryam Sali, was least expected and a great loss not only to the Commission, but the entire Nigerian University System (NUS) and the country at large.

Mr. Onazi stated that Late Dr. Sali due to her personality was a great contributor to the system and the Commission had been thrown into a state of confusion and mourning due to her passage.

He told the delegation that most activities of NUC for the week had been pushed back in her honour while colleagues from the Commission had paid courtesy visits to the family to support and commiserate with them at this trying time.

The DFA explained that the

Commission was just coming to terms with what had happened knowing that it was the will of the Almighty God as the creator and giver of life. He expressed

Director, the NIS Council convened and although all the members could not come it was agreed that the DG and the Chairman should immediately



The Director, Finance and Accounts receiving the condolence letter on behalf of the NUC family from the Director General, National Institute of Sports, Prof. Oluwale A. Moronkola

gratitude to God that she lived an exemplary life and left a lasting impact, especially on those who worked closely with her.

He thanked the NIS team deeply for making time to pay a visit to the Commission to sympathise with the Executive Secretary, Management and its entire Staff.

While addressing the NUC Management team, Director General of the Institute, Prof. Oluwale A. Moronkola told them that on hearing the news of the passing away of the

come to commensurate with the Commission.

Prof. Moronkola said the Director of Accreditation had been a very gentle, amiable and humble woman, who had proven herself, to be a highly cerebral individual in the course of their working relationship. He said that the news of her sudden demise had come as a shock to their Institution, having communicated with her just a few weeks prior to the news.

He noted that though she confirmed she was ill, but in her usual humble nature they were hopeful that based on the updates

everything would be positive only to hear about her passage a few days after.

In his remarks at the condolence visit, the Chairman of NIS, Alhaji Galadima said their deepest sympathy goes to the NUC, knowing that the Commission had lost a hardworking staff and one of its finest and dependable officers. He recounted that he had the opportunity to work closely with her because of his position as the Chairman of the NIS Council.

Alhaji Galadima said he found Dr. Sali to be very resourceful, humble and supportive in the course of carrying out her job. He requested the NUC team to extend their heartfelt condolences to her family. He told the gathering that the Inspector General of Police would have loved to pay his respects in person but he had to be in Lagos for an engagement.

The highlight of the visit was the presentation of a letter of

condolence to the NUC on behalf of the NIS Council by the Chairman. He used the forum to commend the members of NUC Management for receiving

ready for their accreditation exercise, a core mandate of the Commission.

At the ceremony were the



The meeting in session

them warmly despite the short notice.

Meanwhile, Dr. Maryam Sali, until her death had been working with the NIS to ensure they were

Director of Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Odum and the Deputy Director, Undergraduate Accreditation, Architect Samuel Ikani.



L-R: Deputy Director, Undergraduate Accreditation, Arch. Samuel Ikani; Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. John Mairafi, DG, NIS, Prof. Moronkola; Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi, Chairman, NIS, Alh. Ibrahim Galadima and Director, Human Resources, Mr. Boniface Odum



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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ICESCO TURATHY PHOTOGRAPHY 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.

Dr. (Mrs.) Ogochuku Ufoegbune
Director, Educational Planning, Research and Development
For: Honourable Minister



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

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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

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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

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



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

| S/N | INSTITUTIONS | Year Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS | Year Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS | Year Est. |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | University of Ibadan, Ibadan | 1948 | 18 | Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 1985 | 35 | Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2011 |
| 2 | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | 1960 | 19 | University of Abuja, Abuja | 1988 | 36 | Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa | 2011 |
| 3 | Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | 1962 | 20 | Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 1988 | 37 | The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State | 2012 |
| 4 | Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 1962 | 21 | Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State | 1988 | 38 | Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi | 2013 |
| 5 | University of Lagos, Lagos | 1962 | 22 | Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta | 1988 | 39 | Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara | 2013 |
| 6 | University of Benin, Benin City | 1970 | 23 | University of Uyo, Uyo | 1991 | 40 | Federal University, Gashua, Yobe | 2013 |
| 7 | Bayero University, Kano | 1975 | 24 | Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 1992 | 41 | Nigeria Maritime University Okerekenkoko, 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, Otuokpo, 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 | 21 | Kaduna State University, Kaduna | 2004 | 41 | Edo University, Iyamho | 2016 |
| 2 | Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 1980 | 22 | Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 2004 | 42 | Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State | 2016 |
| 3 | Abia State University, Uturu | 1981 | 23 | Plateau State University, Boko | 2005 | 43 | University of Africa, Toru-Orua | 2016 |
| 4 | Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu | 1982 | 24 | Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State | 2008 | 44 | Borno State University | 2016 |
| 5 | Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye | 1982 | 25 | Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State | 2005 | 45 | Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta | 2017 |
| 6 | Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti) | 1982 | 26 | Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagan | 2005 | 46 | Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo | 2017 |
| 7 | Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos | 1983 | 27 | Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina | 2006 | 47 | Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara | 2018 |
| 8 | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso | 1990 | 28 | Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State | 2006 | 48 | Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State | 2019 |
| 9 | Imo State University, Owerri | 1992 | 29 | Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero | 2006 | 49 | University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State | 2019 |
| 10 | Benue State University, Makurdi | 1992 | 30 | Osun State University, Osogbo | 2006 | 50 | Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State | 2020 |
| 11 | Delta State University, Abraka | 1992 | 31 | Taraba State University, Jalingo | 2008 | 51 | Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State | 2020 |
| 12 | Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko | 1999 | 32 | Kwara State University, Ilorin | 2009 | 52 | University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State | 2021 |
| 13 | Kogi State University, Anyigba | 1999 | 33 | Sokoto State University, Sokoto | 2009 | 53 | University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State | 2021 |
| 14 | Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa | 2000 | 34 | Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden | 2010 | 54 | Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State | 2021 |
| 15 | Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli | 2000 | 35 | Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni | 2010 | 55 | King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State | 2021 |
| 16 | Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil | 2000 | 36 | Bauchi State University, Gadau | 2011 | 56 | Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Ijanikin, Lagos State | 2022 |
| 17 | Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 2000 | 37 | Maitama Sule University, Kano | 2012 | 57 | Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State | 2022 |
| 18 | Nasarawa State University, Keffi | 2002 | 38 | Technical University, Ibadan. | 2012 | 58 | Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 |
| 19 | Adamawa State University, Mubi | 2002 | 39 | Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa | 2013 | 59 | Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State | 2022 |
| 20 | Gombe State University, Gombe | 2004 | 40 | Ondo State University of Medical Sciences | 2015 | | | |



PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

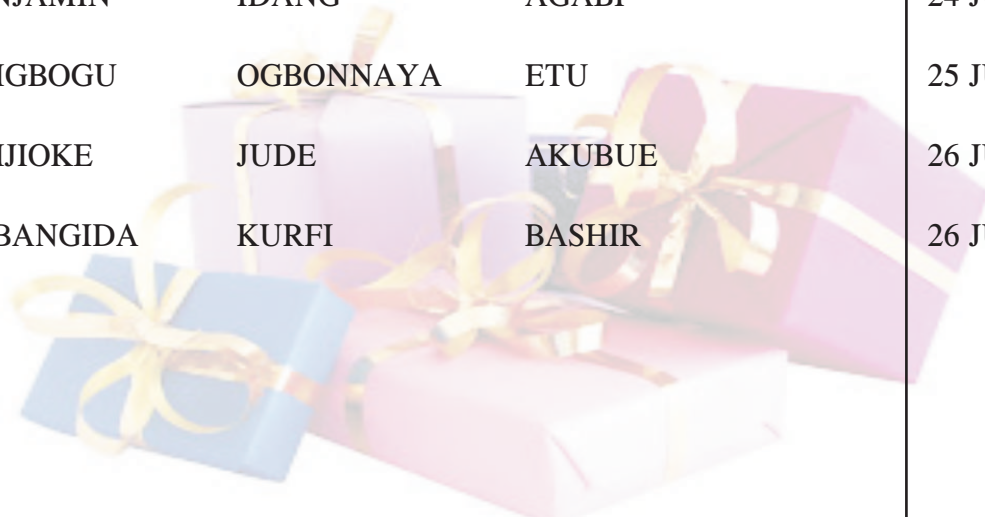
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This Week's Birthdays



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| CHIGBOGU | OGBONNAYA | ETU | 25 JUNE |
| CHIJOKE | JUDE | AKUBUE | 26 JUNE |
| BABANGIDA | KURFI | BASHIR | 26 JUNE |



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