

It's Time for Nigerian Varsities to Embrace TNE- ES ...Lists Achievements

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, has said the inauguration of the Nigeria-United Kingdom (UK) National Steering Committee on Transnational Education (TNE) by the Chief of Staff to Mr. President, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, during the NUC@60 Diamond Jubilee Anniversary was aimed at broadening the scope of University education in Nigeria.

In his usual New Year message, Prof. Rasheed expressed profound appreciation to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari; GCFR, His Chief of Staff; the National Assembly; Federal Ministry of Education (FME); the Nigerian University System (NUS) as well as other stakeholders in the education sector for the various achievements recorded by the Commission in 2022.

He revealed that the Commission had made significant progress in the discharge of its mandates. One

of such giant stride was the conclusion of the comprehensive review of the University

as part of highlight of activities at the NUC @ 60 Celebrations, which showed that the NUS had



Muhammadu Buhari
President and Commander in Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Curricula whose process commenced in 2018, with its eventual unveiling and launch as Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards CCMAS,

been making steady progress in its match towards remaining globally competitive.

He also gave glory to God that the

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much dreaded Covid-19 pandemic and its recent variant- Omicron virus had virtually been surmounted, causing the NUS to bounce back to academic eminence against all predictions. He, however, lamented that while the system was celebrating the return to academic activities, the gain was cut short by the avoidable 8-months strike of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and other University-based unions which led to disruptions of academic calendar in most public universities in the country.

He called on the university-based unions to seek for other creative alternative means to ventilate their demands against Government, noting that strikes had become old-fashioned so as to avoid total collapse of the system.

While reviewing the activities of the Commission in the past year, Prof. Rasheed recalled that with the well-laid down Blueprint for the Revitalisation of University Education in Nigeria, regarded as the 2018-2023 repositioning agenda of NUC, the university system had in the past six years, witnessed series of reforms aimed at revitalising it.

In achieving the set goals, he said that the Commission had continued to stay focused on reforming the system through curriculum reengineering, introduction of new programmes, unbundling of some programmes and undertaking routine accreditation exercise and resource verification visits, ensuring improvement in universities' global ranking as well as research and innovation.

To ensure improvement in universities' local and global rankings, a National University Ranking Advisory Committee (NURAC), under the chairmanship of Prof. Emeritus Peter A. Okebukola, was reconstituted in the out-gone year. Following the outcome of

of university education in Nigeria to foster national development.

Under the curriculum reengineering project, the Commission, he said, had thrown open the CCMAS to the universities after developing the 70% content, with a bid for the universities to fill the intended gap



Mallam Adamu Adamu
Minister of Education

the 2021 ranking report, the Committee was composed to provide the required leadership for the sustenance of the exercise as well as sensitize stakeholders to stimulate a healthy competition among Nigerian universities.

While listing some other ongoing reforms in the university system, the Executive Secretary reassured that the Commission would continue to bring more innovations in the development

with their local peculiarities by implanting the remaining 30%, on which premise the CCMAS was conceived.

The goal of the Commission by the end of 2023, as envisaged that the new curriculum of the NUS would be rated among the best three in Africa, if not the best, in terms of its relevance to producing nationally and regionally-relevant graduates with high level human resources for delivering on Africa's Vision 2063 and

addressing global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Buttressing further, Prof. Rasheed said, in a bid to meet the global trend in technology and other emerging areas, the Commission had introduced Allied Medical Sciences, Architecture, Computing as well as Communication Studies, as additional Disciplines in the NUS, making it a total of 17 Disciplines in the system.

Worth mentioning were the Commission's unbundling of Mass Communication undergraduate programme into seven separate namely: Journalism and Media Studies; Public Relations; Advertising; Broadcasting; Film and Multimedia studies; Information and media as well as Development Communication studies. There were high expectations that more innovations would be introduced

towards the end of the year inaugurated a high-powered committee to reinvent Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) which was renamed Nigerian Universities Research and Innovation Expo (NURIEX) and enlighten Universities in the country on what the Fair would become. He maintained that the essence was to rejuvenate the universities to re-invent themselves to avoid a replication of what beset the public primary and secondary schools.

To sanitise the system, the Executive Secretary inaugurated two other Committees namely- Committee on the Review of Submission on the Procedures, Criteria and Records of Professorial Promotion by some Non-Degree Awarding Institutions in Nigeria as well as the Committee on the Development of Guidelines for Mentoring New Universities to check the recklessness upon which some academics, who had become desperate to be addressed as Professors and also close the door on the undue pressure mounted on private universities by their mentoring institutions.

In the area of collaboration and partnership, the Commission collaborated with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) by organising a workshop for Directors of Research and Development in public universities in Nigeria, with the outcome leading to the federal government, through TETFund, increasing the seed fund for research from N3billion to N8.5 billion, for the conduct of ground-



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

In its contribution to meet the National manpower need, some new programmes were introduced into the NUS and the Commission has currently developed BMAS for some new undergraduate programmes in the NUS. Some of the programmes included: Artificial and Robotic Engineering, Software Engineering; Cyber Security; Information and Communication Technology; Forensic Science; Agricultural Extension and Community Development as well as Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering.

in the academic delivery of these programmes in the coming years.

Similarly, Architecture which used to be in Environmental Sciences has been separated as a distinct discipline, while Allied Medical Sciences has also being introduced to meet the needs of emerging trends and changing world of knowledge.

Research remained one of the tripartite mandates of the University System and cardinal to national development. In order to promote cutting-edge research in the NUS, the Commission

breaking research in medicine and other areas within the year, under review.

As part of efforts towards ameliorating and subsequently addressing the daunting issue of access to quality university education in Nigeria, the Commission had continued to encourage and professionally guide the expansion of the NUS through establishment of more universities. The current administration under the leadership of Prof. Rasheed identified also as daunting the low carrying capacity of the existing universities as against the growing number of qualified candidates who annually sit for the entrance examination into university but could not gain admission as a result of limited available space.

In formulating its reform strategies towards repositioning the NUS, the Commission has been engaging in some activities including management retreats and through the constituted Strategy Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM), headed by former NUC Executive Secretary, Prof. Peter Okebukola, worked out a roadmap for revitalising the NUS.

The Committee, had besides, publishing the Blueprint on the Rapid Revitalisation of University Education (2019-2023); Directory of full professors in Nigerian University System, some monographs on different subjects in university education and Statistical Digest for Nigerian universities, also, embarked upon a comprehensive rating of the quality of the academic staff on the professorial level which was considered the Zenith of academic

quality. The Blueprint covers some specific areas such as inadequacies in facilities for teaching, learning and research; deficits in teacher quality and quantity including quality of professors, Ranking of universities as well as governance.

In the area of Quality Assurance and ensuring standards in the NUS, the Commission has consistently and successfully conducted the routine programmes accreditation of old programmes and Resource verification for new programmes to ensure that the requisite manpower and material resources



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

Within the year 2022, the NUC approved and recommended to the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), the establishment of twelve additional private universities, making it one of the largest ever in a single year.

Again, the federal government in an effort to guarantee more access, achieve balance and equity, had through the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in October 2022, approved the take-over of the King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State and renamed it David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi, State.

in the universities were in line with laid down academic standards. Both exercises had now been structured towards standardisation of Nigerian universities for global competitiveness.

The first accreditation exercise to be conducted on the various programmes of the ten (10) pioneer Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs), a World Bank-funded project, revealed impressive performances by the special Centres which earned them three million, eight hundred and twenty nine thousand (\$3,829,000) dollars grant from World Bank for their outstanding performances.

Similar Resource Verification exercises were conducted on new ACE-Impact programmes and the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project in the universities.

The Universities, had concluded plans to commence a sustained

advisory roles of parent universities to affiliate institutions; evaluating the quality of governance and management practices in Nigerian private universities.

To ensure professionalism in the NUS in line with global trend and best practices, the Commission recently besides inaugurating a joint Nigeria-UK National

the pedagogical knowledge, skills and competence of Nigerian academics, in line with contemporary competitive Higher education sector review.

The Commission has also in partnership with University of London (UoL), embarked on developing strategies towards expanding capacity on widening access to Open and Distance



L-R: Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai; Prof. Peter Okebukola; Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; the representative of the Vice president and secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Mr. Boss Mustapha; ES NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Fmr. ES, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; Sir. Steve Smith; Prof. Shehu Galadanchi and Douglas Blackstock at the unveiling of the CCMAS

implementation of the two project ACE-Impact for Development and the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project, regarded as the first of its kind in higher education in Nigeria.

During the year under review, the Commission also embarked on a new phase of quality assurance assessment visits to Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions; evaluation and monitoring of students support facilities and services in selected universities; supervision of

Steering Committee to regulate the Transnational Education (TNE) Policies had also continued to sign Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with some foreign universities on series of trainings and sensitisation workshops and seminars for academic staff of Nigerian Universities.

The Commission in collaboration with the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, had been organising professional development courses for Nigerian faculty. The intensive training was aimed at improving

Learning (ODL) to meet the increasing demand for university education in Nigeria as well as assuring quality in ODL. It had continued to promote the blended learning mode in the NUS, which now boasts of 17 degree awarding distance learning institutions (the National Open University of Nigeria, NOUN, and 17 dual mode universities).

To further expand access through Open Distance and e-Learning (ODEL), the Commission recently fine-tuned the guidelines for both the adoption of e-learning and the establishment of private

open universities in Nigeria for release to the public.

To also professionally reposition staff of the NUC, the management had continued to partner the Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI), Israel, to train the workforce on management principles on university governance to bring them at par on the cutting-edge knowledge required to administer the system.

The Commission also collaborated with World Bank Supervision Mission in Nigeria to kick-start the review of the SPESSE Projects, to ascertain the level of their performance to the Disbursement-Linked Indicators DLIs as well as provide them support and guide.

The Commission also recently convened an all Stakeholder Summit on Entrepreneurship Wealth Creation in Nigerian universities in partnership with the British Council (BC) which had reinforced the need for industry and university collaborations and linkages to deepen their partnerships in developing a draft National policy that would leverage on entrepreneurship education to promote entrepreneurial spirit of the youths for self-reliance.

To mitigate against the upsurge in the proliferation of unapproved degree-awarding institutions, the reconstituted Committee on Degree Mills had been working against their proliferations, with a hope to fight and win the growing incidence that had continued to give unsavory image to the system.

To enhance policy decision

making, the Commission last year also constituted a National Advisory Committee on Technology Universities, to checkmate the incoherent manners through which these specialised universities had operated as well as to advise government on the need for technical inputs of experts so as to streamline their emerging process.

The Commission was also part of the support team for the proposed French Development Agency (AFD) workshop for Vice-chancellors and Directors of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Component of the Blueprint for the Rapid Revitalisation of University Education, which was organised in December, 2022, with the aim of ensuring ICT development in Nigerian Universities.

Other activities towards the promotion of research in the NUS included: the Nigerian Universities Distinguished Professor's Award (NUDPA), a reward system instituted by the Commission to identify and reward retired and serving Professors who have demonstrated outstanding academic leadership in inspiring colleagues and mentoring junior academics and students and Nigerian Universities Doctoral Thesis Awards Scheme (NUDTAS), aimed at encouraging academic excellence in Postgraduate research projects.

In its renewed determination to improve the standard of the

NUS, the Commission had continued to encourage and support universities towards achieving quality and standards, which had led to global recognition of some Nigerian universities. The University of Ibadan (UI), Covenant University Ota, and University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN), were ranked among the top 1000 universities in the world and 7th, 8th and 23rd in Africa respectively, in the 2020/2021 Times Higher Education (THE) report.

The recent outflux of Nigerian students to foreign countries for university education also came to the fore at the seminars on TNE organised to celebrate NUC@60, which in most cases, such qualifications were being obtained from unaccredited institutions remained a major challenge to the NUS.

The Commission, in performing its statutory regulatory functions of ensuring the orderly development of the NUS, has continued to ensure and maintain quality and standards in university education. As the activities of the Commission have been progressively expanding in a bid to effectively meet the emerging trends in higher education, it has equally led to the phenomenal growth of the University System in Nigeria.

On the way forward, Prof. Rasheed reassured that NUC would continue to leverage on statutory mandates to ensure orderly development of the university system in Nigeria and push for the NUS greater visibility globally.

NUC Recognises University of Education Oyo, Oyo State

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has issued a letter of recognition to the new Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, in Oyo State.

During the exercise, which held penultimate Friday, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Mni, MFR, FNAL, presented the letter of recognition of the new University to the State Governor, Engr. Seyi Abiodun Makinde, in his office.

He commended the Oyo State Governor for his role in the sharing of assets with the Osun State and for still working to correct the remaining ills associated with the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso.

He also applauded the Governor for his interest in promoting the course of First Technical University Ibadan, with his background as an Engineer and who has technical specialty in Fluid Mechanics.

Prof. Rasheed said the NUC would have questioned the rationale behind the conversion of the Emmanuel Alayande College of Education to a University of Education if not for the way it had seen the Oyo State Government shown exemplary leadership in running education across the state.

He added that the Commission would also need to have a special discussion with the Oyo State Government on the structure and dynamics of the new university to

avoid being converted for the sake of assuming a new name as a University.

The NUC Scribe advised the State Government to think in the direction of Science Education

would be fully conveyed to the National Youth Service Corps, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to accord the university all the necessary



Governor of Oyo State, His Excellency, Engr. Seyi Abiodun Makinde receiving the Letter of Recognition for the Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo from the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

and Technical and Vocational Education as this was one of the missing links in the nation's education system.

He said the University of Education also if properly articulated could be a training ground for the best of teachers in the teaching profession who would acquire degrees in their chosen field of endeavours.

Speaking further, Prof Rasheed said the University of Education was now fully recognised as the 60th State University and 221 in the country having met the statutory requirements for the establishment of a State University in Nigeria.

He stated that the approval

recognitions.

“With effect from Friday 16th December 2022, the University of Education, Oyo has been recognised as the 60th state-owned university and 221 universities, respectively, in the Nigerian University System (NUS)”, he stated.

“This university is among the few specialised universities of education in Nigeria. With the copy of this recognition letter, the JAMB, TETFund and the National Youth Service Corps NYSC have been notified of the recognition of the university”.

He added that the new university was the fourth university of education in the country, by

joining the likes of Tai Solarin University of Education in Ogun State, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolemini, Rivers State, as well as the Lagos State University of Education (LASUED), which were also established to build capacity and cover the skill gap in the teaching profession.

While congratulating the

the support extended to the existing new State University of Education.

He said the new university, which was an upgrade of the College of Education, Oyo, was put in place to meet the serious human resource needs of the state in the area of education and by extension reverse the trend whereby the Government was

could be actualized. He pursued same through a draft bill which was passed into law by the Oyo State Executive Council.

Governor Makinde noted that after due diligence was done, the committees report and other relevant documents were sent to the State Executive Council for approval and the draft bill was subsequently passed into law.



The meeting of the Executive Secretary with the Governor's entourage

Governor and the good people of Oyo State for the feat, he pledged the support of the NUC to the University. He enjoined the State Government to take full advantage of the Professional and technical advice that the Commission was statutorily required to provide in taking decisions on the running, funding and operation of the University.

While responding, His Excellency, the Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Abiodun Makinde expressed delight over the approval, and thanked NUC for

spending money on training its graduate through affiliation of the College of Education with Ekiti State University.

“It will be an entrepreneurial base. It is a special kind of university that will focus on functional and effective education”, Gov. Makinde said.

He explained that the government under his watch set up panel headed by the Pro-Chancellor of LAUTECH Ogbomoso, Prof. Deji Omole, who studied how the objectives

In the Governor's entourage include; Senator Monsurat Sunmonu; the Honourable Commissioner of Education, Science and Technology, Barr. Rahman Abiodun Abdu-Raheem; the Pro-Chancellor of LAUTECH, Ogbomoso, Prof. Deji Omole and Chairman, Oyo State Water Cooperation, Hon. Morooof Akinwande.

Present at the event was the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Management Services, Mr. Sam Onazi; Directors of: Academic Planning (DAP), Dr.

Noel Biodun Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Human Resources (DHR), Mr.

Boniface C. Odum; Open, Distance and e- Learning (DODEL), Engr. Kayode Odedina; and Executive

Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu.



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

AUST Holds 9th Convocation, as 145 Graduates from 11 Countries

A total of 145 graduands from the class of 2021 and 2022 received various degrees including 2 PGD, 105 Masters and 38 Doctorate degrees at the auspicious 9th convocation ceremony of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, which held on the 3rd of December, 2022 at the University premises.

Welcoming distinguished guests and the graduands to the occasion, the Acting President, of the University, Professor Azikiwe Peter Onwualu said, the graduating students were from 11 African countries namely Benin, Chad, Cameroun, Kenya, Ghana, Liberia Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Uganda. He commended the graduands for their diligence and discipline during the course of their study, including involvement in cutting-

edge researches which have solved challenges in several economic sectors such as healthcare, water, oil and gas,

University attained in 2021, as part of its process to expand to include the approval of the National Universities



Front row, right: The Representative of the Executive Secretary and Director, Executive Secretary's Office, John Mairafi Ahmadu with other Principal Officers of the University at the Convocation ceremony.

energy, ICT, housing among several others.

He highlighted the milestones the

Commission to offer undergraduate programmes in addition to its postgraduate programmes. He said the

University's programmes have been expanded to include Architecture, Health Sciences, Management and Business Sciences and Law which will start from 2023. He added that undergraduate programmes that have already taken off include Computer Science, Software Engineering, Accounting, Business Administration, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering and Petroleum and Energy Resources Engineering.

Professor Onwualu said the development of the new academic programmes necessitated the introduction of innovation and entrepreneurship programmes to ensure that research results produced by the University are commercialized and that it produces industry ready graduates with digital skills. The University has also established AUSTInspire hub, with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences and Engineering (PASET), a World Bank initiative.

He stated that the University had renamed its Mathematics Institute as 'Charles Ejike Chidume Mathematics Institute' in honour of its late Acting President, while the Auditorium of AfDB Laboratory shall henceforth be known as the "Oye Ibidapo-Obe Auditorium".

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, who was represented by the Director,

Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, felicitated with the University for its immense contribution to the growth and development of university education in the country.

He commended AUST's performance in the provision of



Acting President, of the African University of Science and Technology, Prof. Azikiwe Peter Onwualu delivering his convocation speech

necessary infrastructure and facilities required for a peaceful and conducive learning environment as the first in the network of the Nelson Mandela African Institutes of Science and Technology (NM-AISTs) since its establishment in 2007 despite challenging economic times.

The Executive Secretary stated that the University, as one of the African Centres of Excellence (ACE), and being a member of the Pan African Material Science Institute (PAMI) was quite reassuring.

He revealed that the Commission had concluded the comprehensive review of the University Curricula whose process commenced in 2018. He

said the public presentation of the document would be done on Monday, 5th December, 2022 as part of the activities for the NUC @60 celebrations. He highlighted that the National University Ranking Advisory Committee (NURAC), under the chairmanship of Prof. Emeritus Peter A. Okebukola, had been

reconstituted following the outcome of the 2021 ranking report to provide the required leadership for the sustenance of the exercise as well as sensitize stakeholders to stimulate a healthy competition among Nigerian universities. "We are pleased with improved local and international ranking of Nigerian universities in 2022", he added.

The Commencement Speech at the convocation was given by Engineer Professor Muhammad Maiwalima Sani Haruna, the Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASeni) on the Power of Sustained Confidence. Professor Maiwalima charged the graduands to apply the knowledge they have gained from their stay at

AUST to think innovatively and provide new ideas that will proffer solutions to hunger starvation, poverty, diseases, self-inflicted wars, poor and deteriorating infrastructure, drug addiction, joblessness and security challenges in their various countries.

He said the African continent was

still bedeviled by so many vices that need prompt solutions and was optimistic they were the right people to bring about that change by leaving their comfort zones and starting something. “The formula for greatness is to hope, think and believe by trying with the tenacity purpose” he said.

Present at the convocation ceremony include top Government functionaries, captains of industries and oil magnates, Senators and members of the House of Reps, Royal Fathers, the university’s staff and students, parents, friends and well-wishers and the graduands.



The Representative of Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu and Principal Officers of African University of Science Technology pose for photograph with some of the graduands

Mr. Onazi Bows Out from NUC

The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Management Services, who also served as the supervising Director of the Directorate of Finance and Accounts (DFA) Mr. Sam Onazi, last Friday, bowed out after 24 years of service to the National Universities Commission (NUC) and attaining the mandatory retirement age of 60.

At a brief ceremony hosted by the staff of his immediate Directorate, (DFA) at the NUC new Boardroom, which was attended by the Executive Secretary, Administration,



Mr. Samuel M. Onazi
The celebrant and retiring Deputy Executive Secretary, Management Services

NUC, Prof. Adamu Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, described Mr. Onazi as a financial guru, smart and intelligent, who used his great influence to mentor the younger officers on financial management and policies within the Nigerian University System (NUS). He recalled that the retiring DES has reason to be grateful to God for working as a Director for 11 years and eventually got elevated

Academic Planning (DAP), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi, Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Odum; Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Engr. Kayode Odedina; Acting Directors of Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Faruk Lawan

and friends unanimously described him as a great mentor who was conversant with financial regulations. They all prayed for his good health and God's protection as he leaves the Commission.

In his response, Mr. Onazi, who was visibly overjoyed with emotions, thanked the staff for considering it appropriate to celebrate his last day in the office, praying that the goodwill they had shown him will continue to follow them in their own time.

He recalled that God had within the last 24 years of his stay in NUC gave him the singular opportunity to contribute his quota to the Management of NUC and progress of Nigerian University System

Mr. Onazi described his journey as very good and pleasant with fond memories that could hardly be erased, acknowledging that God had also been kind to him helping him to exit the Commission in good health and sound mind.

Other highlights of the ceremony include the cutting of a cake supervised by NUC Deputy Director, IPSAS, Mrs. Anthonia Bawa and a toast by Head of Special Duties in the ES Office, Ms. Ulonna Inyama, for God's continued good health, sustenance and enlarged riches for the celebrant and the reading



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC delivering his address

to the enviable rank of Deputy Executive Secretary, which was also a testament that anyone in the Commission could aspire to any position.

He congratulated the staff of DFA for honouring their Head and saying it was well-deserving for a man who had poured out himself to them in terms of mentoring and prayed that God would keep him in good health and sound mind in his future endeavours.

Similarly, the Directors of

and Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imorua, in their separate remarks, noted that Mr. Onazi would be remembered for his hard work, commitment and financial sagacity and mastery of his job as well as innovations he brought to bear in NUC all through his career and that he would be solely missed by his colleagues and mentees.

Many others who spoke, including his immediate staff, Deputy Director, Budget Division, Mrs Hauwa Amos

of his citation by the Deputy Director, Asset Management, Mr. Femi Yeye.

Until his retirement, Mr. Onazi was the Deputy Executive Secretary, Management Services, a position he held since 7 September, 2022

The retiring Deputy Executive Secretary, Management Services, was born on the 17th of December, 1962, and graduated

After his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in 1986, Mr. Onazi started work as a banker in 1988 with Nigerian International Bank (Citibank), Lagos, in the International Operations Department, and later the Head of International Operations at the erstwhile Diamond Bank Plc, and was the pioneer Manager of MoneyGram (International Money Transfer) Operations at

and manuals. He also worked in the oil industry in various capacities including internal auditor and marketing manager. He later engaged in financial and management consulting with JBH International Associates, West Africa Regional Office, Lagos. He developed and carried out training programmes for several banks.

By 1998, he left the private sector having served in various



Prof. Rasheed (middle) with the Celebrant, Mr. Onazi (4th left) with other Management staff assisting in cutting the cake anchored by the Deputy Director, IPSAS, Mrs. Anthonia Bawa

from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) with B.Sc Accounting, and was Winner of Coopers & Lybrand (Chartered Accountants) Prize for the best graduating student in Auditing and Investigation (1987). He later attended the Post Graduate Nigerian College of Accountancy, Jos, and also Nasarawa State University for his Master's Degree in Finance and Accounting.

United Bank for Africa Plc in 1997. While in the banking industry, he superintended the management of the foreign exchange/operations including Letters of Credit, Bills for Collection, Form A - Invisible trade transactions.

He supervised Customer Services, funds transfers – Local and International, development of operations/control procedures

areas spanning the Banking, Oil Industry and consultancy in a career that is now an impressive 33 years at the helms of affairs at the private sector, prior to joining the public sector at the National Universities Commission (NUC), precisely in 1998 as Principal Finance Officer and rose through the ranks to become the Director of Finance and Accounts in 2011.

During the course of his career, he had attended several management courses and workshops at top institutions across the globe including Change Management in Higher Education (UK); Management of Higher Education Institutes (Israel); Project & Resources Management (UK), PRINCE2 Project Management (UK); Total Project Management (Ghana); Efficient Finance & Accounting Operations (Dubai, UAE); Public Procurement, Supply Chain and Stakeholders Management; Service Excellence, Managing People, Banking Operations, Credit Administration; Network & Internet Operations; Sage ERP Accounting System; World Bank Trainings/ Workshops on Procurement, Professional Selling Skills and Foreign Exchange Operations, among others.

A Professional Accountant, who

is also Fellow of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (FCNA) and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). Mr. Onazi is a recipient of several awards of excellence and commendation due to his outstanding performance and hard work. He was responsible for the transformation of the manual accounting processes of the Commission to computerised accounting system, using SAGE ERP 1000, a job that attracted accolades and promotions by the Federal Government as well as Professional and Management Institutions.

He particularly received a Presidential Letter of Appreciation (2001) for Providing Effective Support for the Success of the 2001 Negotiations with University-Based Staff Unions, and NUC

Executive Secretary Letter of Commendation (2017) for participation in Quality Assurance Accreditation Activity.

A widely travelled person and was exposed in the course of his training and career; among the countries visited include USA, UK, Canada, China, France, Ghana, Gambia, Senegal and a host of others.

His humility, qualifications, influence, in-depth knowledge of finance and accounting had remained unparalleled.

Mr. Sam Onazi is married and the union is blessed with children.

The NUC Monday Bulletin wishes him well in his future endeavours in good health, as he exits the Commission.



Cross section of the Management staff and other colleagues of the celebrant

Photo Gallery of the Sentforth for Mr. Onazi



Prof Raheed and Mr. Onazi, having a tete-a-tete, at the event.



Director, Academic Planning (DAP) Dr Noel Saliu, giving his remarks about the celebrant.



Friends and Colleagues toasting for good health and life in retirement.



The Acting Supervisor, Directorate of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos speaking on behalf of the Directorate.



The Deputy Director Asset Management, Mrs Anthonia Bawa describing the cake presented to the celebrant.



Deputy Director, Treasury, Mrs Hauwa Ibrahim and another staff of the DFA, presenting gift to the celebrant..

Photo Gallery of the Sentforth for Mr. Onazi



Another staff of the DFA presenting gift to the celebrant.



A friend of the celebrant presenting him a gift.



Mrs Egwumba giving a vote of thanks on behalf of the Directorate..



.Acting Director, Public Affairs, Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo with other colleagues, cheering the celebrant while his citation was being read.



The celebrant, Mr. Onazi responding after receiving his gifts.



A cross section of the Management staff at the send-forth organised in honour of Mr. Onazi



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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.

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".

The Association of African Universities has not given any authorization to the said "AAU-NA" to solicit for funds, organize activities in the name of AAU, or represent its interests in the United States of America. Whoever is involving in whatever activity under that name of AAU-NA is doing so illegally and with no knowledge of the Association of African Universities and without the permission, or authority of the Association of African Universities.

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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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, Seventeen Universities in the NUS, 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.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education..

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, Otukpo, Benue State	2020
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
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	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012	57	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	38	Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	58	Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022
20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022



PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	77	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	40	Wellspring University, Egbuobanososa, Edo State	2009	78	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State	2001	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	79	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	80	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran., Kwara State	2011	81	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboye University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	82	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	45	Mpherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, State	2012	83	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	84	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	85	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	86	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom Cross River State	2021
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	87	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	88	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	89	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	90	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, 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	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	93	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	94	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015	95	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	96	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	59	Edwin Clerk 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	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT 2006	2006	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015	99	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	100	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerri, Abia State	2016	101	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016	102	Margaret Lawrence University, Gali, Delta State	2022
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	65	Crown-Hill University Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016	103	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022
29	Obong University, Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	104	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022
30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	105	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State	2022
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016	106	Saisa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017	107	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022
33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017	108	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022
34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2007	71	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017	109	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022
35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2007	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017	110	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022
36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT 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	2017			
			75	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018			



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udosu Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays



NAMES		DATE OF BIRTH
MINASIGHA	BLUEJACK	2 JANUARY
MOHAMMED	AMIN	2 JANUARY
ABIODUN	ISRAEL	2 JANUARY
BARATUNDE	WILLIAMS	2 JANUARY
SAMUEL	SULE	4 JANUARY
HOPE	CHISOM	5 JANUARY
ENE	GRACE	5 JANUARY
PETER	ABOH	6 JANUARY
PAULINA	UMOLE	7 JANUARY

Wishing You Many happy returns!

Best Wishes for the week



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