

## 2023 Commonwealth Day: Mal. Adamu Sues for Peace

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu has said prosperity, peace and security remained a collective

the 2023 Commonwealth day celebration with the theme: “Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future,” at the National Universities

Education (FME), Mr. Andrew Adejo, said the event was an opportunity to reawaken the essence of unity, love, peace and prosperity among the



L-R: Representative of the Honourable Minister of FCT, Mallam Mohammed Musa Bello and Director in the FCTA, Mr. Sani Dahiru; Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Zubairu Dada; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Goodluck Nana Opiah and the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. Andrew Adejo

responsibility and perseverance of all citizens of the world and sued for the sustenance of peace in Nigeria in particular, describing it as the foundation of development for the country.

This was the Minister’s message last Monday while declaring open

Commission (NUC) Auditorium, Abuja, which Nigeria joined 55 other commonwealth-nations to commemorate.

The Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of

Commonwealth nations, noting that the existence of peace in any space of human aggregation or nation translated to progress, wealth and tranquility for any nation.

He added that a peaceful atmosphere enhances positive

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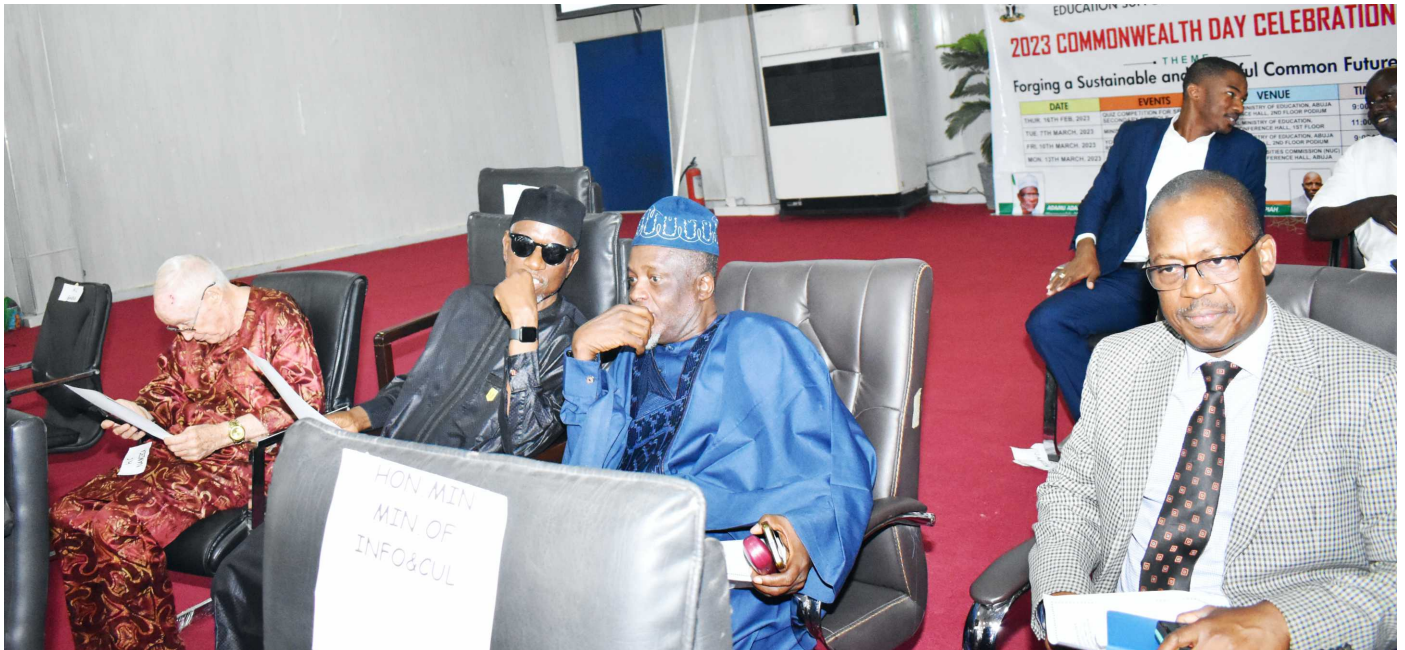
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outcomes in trade, investment, human rights, democratic governance quality education and digitized learning. Most

Commonwealth charter remains invaluable in uniting member nations towards a common value and aspirations.

world.

The Minister of State disclosed that this year's commemoration



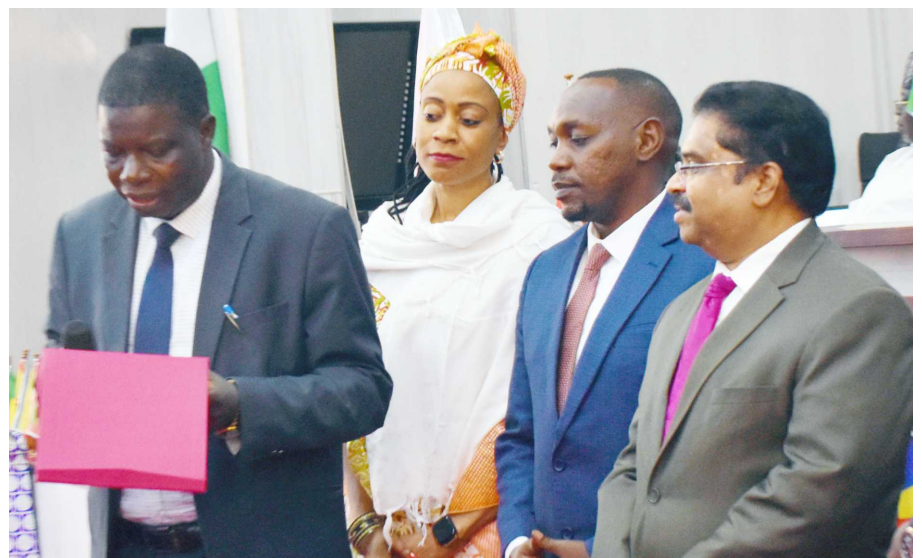
L-R: Professor Emeritus of English and Linguistics, University of Jos, David Roger Jowitz; Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede and the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris J Maiyaki

importantly, it also entrenches equity and equality, which in Nigeria and most commonwealth countries brings about the empowerment of youths, women and the girl-child.

He said that the Commonwealth platform had remained a consistent tool in the pursuit of sustainable friendship, enduring peace, freedom, perseverance,

was significant because it coincided with a decade of signing the commonwealth charter on 11th March 2013 by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Harping on the essence of peace, he said Nigeria and its citizens should always remember that the sustenance of peace and determination to make life better for one and all through collaboration and harmonious co-existence remained the fundamental DNA of the commonwealth group of nations.



The Secretary General, Royal Commonwealth Society, Nigeria, Mr. Olaseni Bayewumi Blackson along with the High Commissioners of Namibia, Rwanda and the Deputy High Commissioner of India at the Commonwealth Day celebration

In a keynote address, the Minister of State for Education, Honourable Goodluck Nana Opiah, noted that the continuous co-existence of the commonwealth member-nations and the yearly commemoration amidst other activities demonstrates that the

strength as well as unity in diversity not only for its 2.5 billion people but the rest of the

He explained that the Commonwealth Charter enlisted the commitment of member-states



towards the development of free and democratic societies and the promotion of peace and prosperity in order to improve the lives of all

President who had demonstrated so much commitment and kept faith with bequeathing a democratic society to Nigeria

network together to uphold sustainable peace and harmony that will guarantee a better brighter future for the common good of their citizens, especially the youth as well as the adolescents and young people.



Professor Rasheed exchanging pleasantries with the heads of National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Professor Paulinus C Okwelle and Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) Professor Josiah Olusegun Ajiboye

the people of the commonwealth. According to the Minister, Nigerian citizens should be proud of the significance of the Charter being a decade old and which also coincides with the last days of

with his evident significant improvement of the country's electoral processes.

He reminded the gathering that this year's theme like others

He expressed joy that Nigeria was joining the rest of the member nations of Commonwealth to celebrate the youths in line with the Principle 13th of the Charter which recognizes the importance of young people to the Commonwealth.

He said that this reaffirmed the recognition of the positive and active role and contributions of young people in promoting development, peace, democracy and promoting other Commonwealth values, such as tolerance and understanding including respect for other cultures.

The Director, Education Support Services in the Ministry, Dr. L.I



A cross section of guests at the Commonwealth Day celebration

President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration.

He said this was more so for a

before it was all- encompassing, reiterating the need for the people and member states of the Commonwealth to continually

Giginna, in her welcome address, said that this year's commemoration was quite unique being the first after His Majesty,

Prince Charles III, acceded to the throne as King of the United Kingdom following the demise of

citizens.

The Director said that the

and all, a virtue worthy of emulation by adolescents and young people for sustainable peace and harmony to prevail.

Dr. Giginna asserted that Nigeria has the largest population of Youth in the world with about 70% of the population under 30 and 42% under the age of 15, stressing that the education sector promoted and appreciates collaboration with development partners and will exploit all available aids for the promotion of the health and well-being of children and young people nationwide.

The King of England, Prince Charles III, in his message read at the event by Master Nnalue George Tobechukwu, said that the myriad & connections between the member-nations have sustained and enriched all the



Honourable Dr. Goodluck Nana Opiah  
Honourable Minister of State for Education

the venerated Queen Elizabeth II. She reiterated that the commonwealth day marked a decade of signing the Commonwealth Charter that positioned the member-nations as the golden globe and with the year being declared specially for the youth by the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

Dr. Giginna pointed out that the significance of the dove on the flag emphasizes that with peace and harmony, Economic growth and creation of wealth for the future is assured.

The Director Education Support Services also stressed the need to promote and strive towards sustainable as well as harmonious coexistence with one and all. She emphasised engagement in fruitful activities that will create wealth so as to secure a better future for young people and improve the lives of all Commonwealth

Ministry of Education wants to forge a common future devoid of tribalism, violence, incessant attacks on students and teachers,



Mr. Andrew Adejo  
Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education

destruction of education infrastructure.

She noted that the vision of the Commonwealth projects included mutual respect for one

countries for more than seven decades, adding that commitment to peace, progress and opportunity would sustain commonwealth nations for many years.



The King said that the Commonwealth day was an occasion of particular pride for the Late Queen, a treasured opportunity to celebrate our

peace and justice, tolerance, respect and solidarity, care for the environment, and the most venerable among the nations. He concluded by saying that in each

Onyeama, who was ably represented by Ambassador Zubairu Dada; Minister for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Mal. Mohammed Musa Bello, represented by Saliu Dahiru and the India High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr. VSDL Surandrah.

Highlight of the event was the conferment of the 2023 Commonwealth Award of Excellence on the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu by the representative of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Nigeria, Mr. Olaseni Bayewumi Blankson.

At the event were the Executive Secretaries of: National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL; National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Prof. Paulinus Chijioke Okwelle; Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, among others.



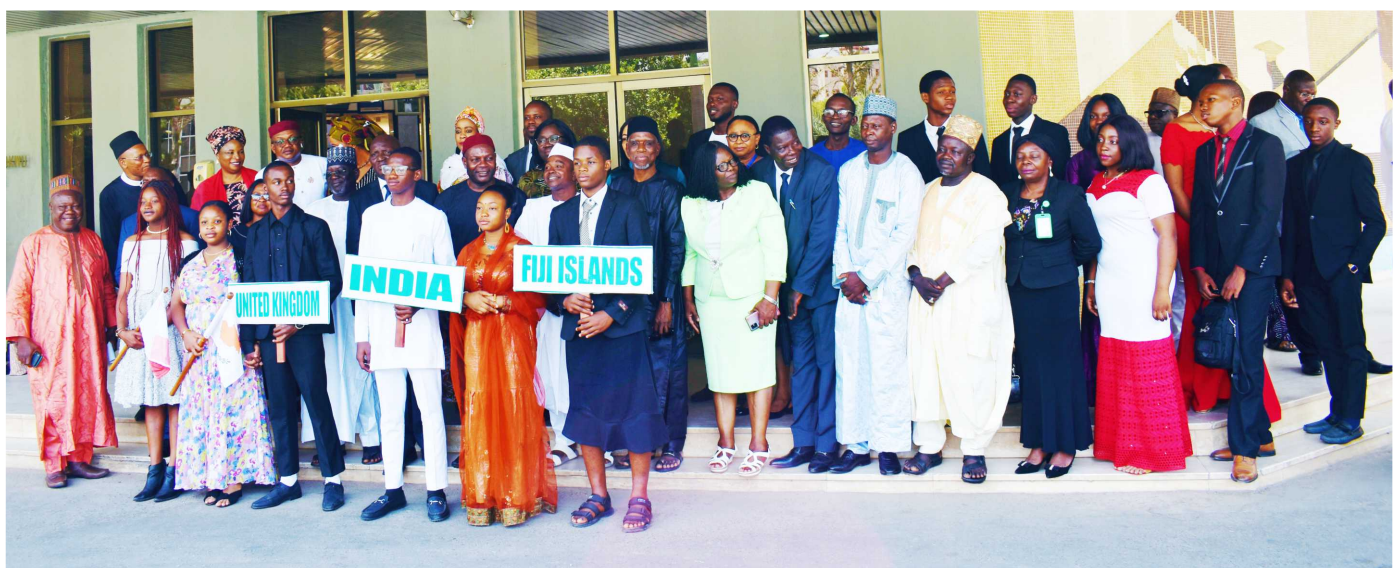
Master Nnalue George Tobeckukwu  
Reading Prince Charles the UK King's message

commonwealth family, to whose service she dedicated her long and remarkable life.

Prince Charles stressed that the event marked the 10th Anniversary of the Commonwealth, which gave expression to its defining values,

lies an imperative to act, and to make a practical difference in the lives of the 2.6 billion people who call the Commonwealth home.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief Geoffrey



Some students representatives from the Commonwealth Nations with the dignitaries (pose for photograph) after the event

## Dr. Noel Saliu Appointed DES Academics

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, while exercising his powers in the absence of a substantive Board for the National Universities Commission (NUC), has approved the appointment of Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu as Deputy Executive Secretary, (Academics), with effect from 1st February, 2023, sequel to his recommendation by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL.

In his letter of appointment signed by the Executive Secretary, it reads inter alia, “The appointment is in recognition of your performance, loyalty and commitment to duty.

“While congratulating you on the appointment, I look forward to your continued, efficient and dedicated service in the collective effort at moving the Nigerian University System forward.” The letter said.

Until his new position, Dr. Saliu was the Director, Academic Planning (DAP), a position he held since August 2019 and doubles as Supervising Director Accreditation (DA), following the demise of the substantive Director, Mrs. Maryam Sali.

The new Deputy Executive Secretary DES (Academics) holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Biochemistry (1987), Master of Science in Biochemistry (1990) and a Doctorate in Biochemistry with bias in Biochemical Toxicology (2000) from the University of Ilorin, Nigeria.

Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu started his working career in June, 1990 as a Research Officer II at the National

Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria. He grew through the ranks to become a Deputy Director, in 2009 and was appointed Head, Research Administration and Monitoring, where he served until September 2011.



Dr. Biodun Noel Saliu  
The new Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics)

Following the routine manning exercise in NUC, he was drafted to the Directorate of Accreditation where he served as Deputy Director in-charge of Institutional Accreditation Division as well as Head of Institutional Accreditation Division between September, 2011 and October, 2013 before his elevation as Director, Inspection and Monitoring Department (DIM) in October 2013.

Dr. Saliu’s working experience in NUC cut across different positions of responsibilities of Research and Postgraduate Development; Quality Assurance; Inspections and Monitoring; Research and

Innovation; and Academic Planning. He has successfully accomplished different assignments in the Commission ranging from Commission-wide duties to special projects.

He was the Officer in charge of EEC (now EU) projects based in

Nigerian Universities where there had to be constant liaison with the development partner and the Universities. The success recorded in these projects (17 of them) engendered the confidence of his superiors to entrust sensitive jobs to him, which were accomplished very successfully. He was awarded the Departmental Best Worker of the year of NUC Department of Research and Postgraduate Development in 1995. He actively participated in the monitoring and evaluation of World Bank assisted \$120 million Federal Universities Development Sector Adjustment Operation in 20 Nigerian Universities that participated.



In 2004, Dr. Saliu played a prominent role as member and Secretary of the Task Force that was saddled with the responsibility of coordinating the review of curriculum of programmes taught in Nigerian Universities.

The review process involved a needs assessment survey of the labour market on Nigerian graduates in order to address their weaknesses in the curriculum. It also involved the development of entrepreneurial studies curriculum for Nigerian universities.

As a quality assurance expert, Dr. Saliu coordinated programme and institutional accreditation in the Nigerian University System since 2011 as a Deputy Director in the Quality Assurance Department of the National Universities Commission. He is adept in the development and review of accreditation (programme and Institutional) instrument as he coordinated from inception the introduction of institutional accreditation in the Nigerian University Accreditation System. As the Director, Inspection and Monitoring in 2013, he was in-charge of post-accreditation monitoring.

His in-depth knowledge in quality assurance resulted in his redeployment to the Directorate of Accreditation in 2014 and the Directorate of Academic Planning in July 2019 as Director.

Dr. Saliu has been involved in the training of staff of Universities and Quality Assurance Agencies at the national and international levels. He is a member of the African Union-European Union Partnership initiative, Harmonisation of African Higher Education Quality

Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) Technical Working Group (TWG) and has served as resource person in many Quality Assurance Conference and Workshop.

He was the Vice-President of the African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) from 2017 to 2021.

Dr. Saliu has served as Rapporteur General for many years for the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa (ICQAHEA). He also served as Expert/Technical Assistant on the Namibian National Council for Higher Education project for the Training of Peer Reviewers in Quality Assurance in Higher Education; member, Review Panel to the Mozambique National Council on Quality Assurance in Higher Education; and member, Review Panel to the American University of Cairo.

The new Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics) is very proficient in the use of the computer, which informed his appointment as one of the assessors of the NUC-UNESCO Virtual Institute for Higher Education in Africa HIV/AIDS education for basic and higher education teachers and teacher trainers.

In addition to serving as UNESCO consultants on several occasions, his experience with UNESCO includes desk officer for the Nigeria-UNESCO Science Reformation project and the UNESCO project on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS education into the Faculties of Science and Engineering

Curriculum in Nigerian Universities.

He was also the Anchorman for the publication of Nigerian Universities Inaugural Lectures Series – a serial that has wide readership within and outside the shores of Nigeria.

Dr. Saliu is a member of the Nigerian National Council on Biological Weapons and Toxins Convention as well as that on Chemical Weapons. It was in this capacity that he presented one of the country's papers on Capacity Building on Biosafety and Biosecurity at the 2008 Biological Weapons and Toxins Convention (BTWC) meeting of experts in Geneva, Switzerland.

He is a member of the Governing Councils of Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Nigeria and Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Nigeria as well as the Governing Board of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC).

He has on a number of occasions participated in the review of Environmental Impact Assessment reports of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria and had attended many conferences, workshops and seminars.

His humility, qualifications, influence and expertise in quality assurance within the Nigerian University System (NUS) had remained unparalleled. Dr. Saliu is married and the union is blessed with four children.

The NUC Monday Bulletin congratulates the New DES for his deserved elevation.

# FUTA Lecturer Emerges Best Mathematics Scientist in Nigeria

An Associate Professor with the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Dr Kolade Owolabi, has emerged the Best Mathematics Scientist in Nigeria in the Ranking of Research.com for 2022.

Owolabi and Professor Charles E. Chidume of the African Institute of Science and Technology, who was ranked in the Second Position, are the only two Nigerians on the current global ranking.

The 2nd edition of Research.com ranking of the best scientists in the arena of Mathematics was based on data consolidated from various data sources including OpenAlex and CrossRef.

The bibliometric data for estimating the citation-based metrics were gathered on December 21st, 2022.

Position in the ranking is based on a scientist's D-index (Discipline H-index), which only includes papers and citation values for an examined discipline.

Apart from the number of citations, "Position in the ranking is based on each scientist's D-index using data compiled from OpenAlex and CrossRef, which are the most prominent and well-established

bibliometric databases of this type available to the scientific community."

The Ranking organisation says its, "best scientists ranking is a reliable list of leading scientists

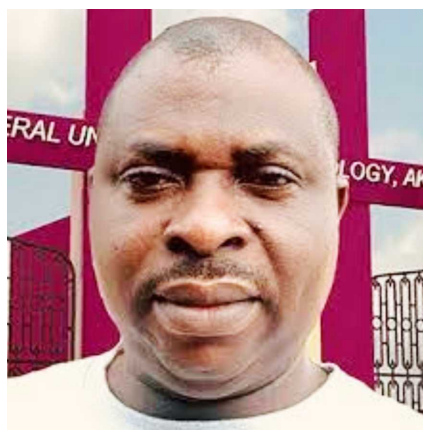
Mathematics, over 6,262 were examined."

And the, "aim is to inspire scholars, entrepreneurs, and decision-makers worldwide to explore where leading experts



Prof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji  
Vice-Chancellor FUTA

from the area of Mathematics, based on a meticulous examination of 166,880



Dr Kolade Owolabi

scientists discovered from various bibliometric data sources. For the discipline of

are heading and to provide an opportunity for the entire scientific community to discover who the leading experts in specific fields of research, in different countries, or even within research institutions are."

Meanwhile, in his congratulatory message to Dr. Owolabi, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Adenike Oladiji said his feat exemplified FUTA's niche as a research intensive University with global reach.



## Deputy Director Audit, Mr. Sadiq Exits from NUC

The Deputy Director Audit Division, in the Directorate of Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Philip Sadiq, last Friday, bowed out of the National Universities Commission (NUC) after 29 years of service.

The brief ceremony was hosted by the Audit Division and the staff of his immediate Directorate, (DESO), where he served last while in NUC, as the Head of Audit Unit. The event took place at the NUC new Boardroom.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Adamu Abubakar Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, graced the occasion and thanked God for the time the celebrant spent in the NUC and admonished him to acknowledge it as a gift rarely enjoyed by a privileged few from God.

He remarked that Mr. Sadiq was a dedicated staff of the Commission who always pay attention to details and very meticulous in the discharge of his work as the Head of Audit.

Prof Rasheed noted that since he joined the NUC as Executive Secretary, he had continued to recommend staff of the Commission to the Nigerian University System (NUS), explaining that Mr. Sadiq had joined this league of staff and was therefore not retiring but transferring his services to the Federal University, Lokoja (FUL), Kogi State.

He called on him to be a good Ambassador of the Commission while at FUL and ensure that he carried his wealth of experience gathered from his years of service to the Commission and make it count while in the University.

The NUC Scribe congratulated the staff of Audit Division particularly for honouring their Head and saying it

was well-deserving for a man who had poured out himself to NUC all through the greater part of his life career and prayed that God would keep him in good health and sound mind even as he embarks on a new endeavour in his lifetime.

to foster unity and harmony.

She, therefore, prayed that God shall continue to strengthen him as he ventures into other things in life.

In a prayer for the celebrant, the Deputy Executive Secretary



Mr. Philip Sadiq

The Celebrant and former Deputy Director, Audit

Similarly, the Director of Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi appreciated the contributions of the celebrant to the growth of NUC, which he said, also earned him the position of a Deputy Director in charge of Audit Division.

He noted that Mr. Sadiq would surely be remembered for his hard work, commitment and dedication to his job as well as innovations he brought to bear in NUC all through his career and that he would be missed in service by friends and colleagues.

The Deputy Director, Treasury Division, Ms. Hauwa Ibrahim, described the celebrant as 'humility personified' stressing that Mr. Sadiq was a bridge builder amongst staff in all level, recognising the unrelentless effort he made to bring staff from his tribal origin together

Academics and supervising Director of Academic Planning (DAP), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu prayed for his continued good health and God's protection even as he leaves the Commission for other ventures.

In his response, Mr. Sadiq, who was visibly overjoyed with emotions, appreciated 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 29 years of his stay in NUC had impacted on his career and journey in life.

Mr. Sadiq described his journey as very good and pleasant with fond memories that could hardly be erased, acknowledging that God had also been kind by helping him to exit

the Commission in good health and sound mind.

Other highlights of the ceremony included the cutting of a cake and toast by two staff of the Audit Division, Mrs. Amaka and Mr. Babatunde

Razaki, for God’s continued good health, sustenance and God’s mercies in his future endeavours.

Mr. Sadiq was posted to the Audit Division as Deputy Director in September 18th, 2022, a position

he held until his exit from NUC on the 14th of March, 2023.

Monday Bulletin wishes Mr. Philip Sadiq good health and success wherever he finds himself.

## Photo Gallery

Images from the sendforth of Deputy Director Audit in the ES Office, Mr Philip Sadiq



Professor Rasheed making his remarks at the sendforth organised in honour of Mr. Philip Sadiq by staff of the Audit Division, while the top management of the NUC watch on



The celebrant Mr. Sadiq receiving a souvenir from the staff of the Audit Division



Mr. Sadiq cutting his commemorative cake assisted by his wife and some Directors of the Commission



A toast in celebration of the celebrant



Some staff of the Commission at the event



Some of the celebrant’s friends and colleagues Deputy Directors at the sendforth



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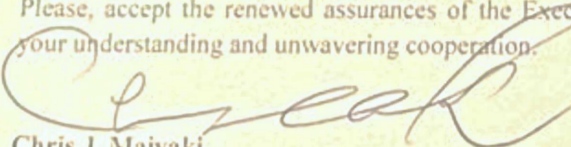
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Inter University Centres

### MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE ON THE CLOSURE OF ALL UNIVERSITIES AND INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRES DURING THE UPCOMING 2023 GENERAL ELECTIONS

As Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and Directors/Chief Executive of Inter University Centres are quite aware, the 2023 General Elections have been scheduled to hold on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023, for the Presidential and National Assembly, and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for Gubernatorial and State Assembly, respectively. In view of the foregoing and concerns expressed on the security of staff, students and properties of our respective institutions, the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu has following extensive consultations with the relevant security agencies, directed that all Universities and Inter University Centres be shut down and academic activities be suspended between 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

Consequently, Vice-Chancellors, as well as Directors/Chief Executives of inter-university centres, are by this Circular requested to shut down their respective Institutions from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Please, accept the renewed assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards for your understanding and unwavering cooperation.

  
Chris J. Maiyaki  
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### Unapproved Regional Office of AAU in the United States of America

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

Professor Olusola B. Oyewole  
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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 Okerekokoko, 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	Aliko Dangote 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
						61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023





## 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, Evbuobanosa, 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 Adegboyegea University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	82	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	45	Mepheron 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, Owerrinta, 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, Galilee, 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 Stat	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 Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
RITA	NNEKA	OKONJO	20 March
IHINOLEN	KIKELEMO	ALUFOHAI	20 March
HAJIA	GANA	MAINA	20 March
ZAKARAYAH	IMAM	AHMED	20 March
STEVE		ODEGAH	21 March
STEVEN	ODIO	IREKPITA	22 March
JOSEPH	NTE	BISONG	23 March
NURUDDEEN		MUSA-UMAR	23 March
CHINWEOGO	CHIOMA	TUKURA	23 March
AWUA	WASHIMA	YAAYA	23 March
MARIA	I	AIDEYONBA	23 March
ANTHONY	ANTHONY	ONYEMA	23 March
OBIECHEFU	THEODORE	UKWUAGU	25 March
OGECHI	CHIDIMMA	EZEANYIKA	26 March

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
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*Courtesy: Directorate of Human Resources*

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