

CNS Seeks Status Change for Admiralty Varsity

The Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Vice-Admiral, Awwal Zubair Gambo, penultimate Thursday, led a delegation of Senior hierarchy of the Naval Command in Nigeria on a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, to intimate him on the decision to change its Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State, owned by the Nigerian Navy, from being a Private University to a public Institution.

Admiral Gambo said the decision came as a result of a well thought-out process by stakeholders of the institution to give back to the good people of Nigeria.

He said it was the pleasure of the Nigerian Navy to come up with this proposal at this time judging from the immense support the university has enjoyed from the NUC over the years to get it to this level of acceptance by the public.

He said it was pertinent that they

come to seek counsel from their mentors in order to avoid grave mistakes before finalizing their proposal.

stressing that, the force would continue to render its unalloyed support to the development of tertiary education in the country.



Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, receiving a souvenir from the visiting Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Vice-Admiral, Awwal Zubair Gambo, who led a delegation of Senior hierarchy of the Naval Command in Nigeria to the commission

The Chief of Naval Staff expressed pleasure over the warm welcome received from the NUC and expressed optimism that the advice being sought from the Commission would put the Admiralty University on better track,

He also informed professor Rasheed of the President's ascent to the request for the transition, noting that the visit was in line with the due process needed to achieve a smooth conversion of the University to its new status.

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Admiral Gambo requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the change of Admiralty University's Permanent operating license to a public one. He also

Admiralty University in its list of beneficiaries for their intervention Funds.

He said that the University was

In his welcome address, the Executive Secretary expressed his delight for having one of the leading lights in the armed forces as a strategic partner of the



Professor Rasheed at the meeting with the Senior hierarchy of the Naval Command in Nigeria

requested the Commission advice the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and

set to embark on running additional academic programmes since it would open

National Universities Commission.



A cross session of the Senior Naval Officers at the meeting

other stakeholders on the new status of the University, including the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) so as to include

its gates to the public, adding that the request for approval had earlier been submitted to the Commission.

He revealed that all the leading arms of the Armed forces of Nigeria were major stakeholders in the education sector and the

Nigerian Navy was the only arm that uniquely opted to operate a privately owned university.

He informed the gathering of the constitutional role the National Universities Commission played as the only regulator of university education in the Country which was majorly concerned about the quality assurance mechanisms in universities and other degree awarding institutions to ensure comparability amongst

institutions, stressing that of the private institutions, Admiralty University was the most unique since it was owned by a very large public institution like the Nigerian Navy.

He recalled that Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State was established in 2017 through the Naval Holdings Limited and by the year 2021 it had obtained its full license to operate as a private University in Nigeria.

transition to a new status for the University and cited specific areas that public universities have to comply with which differed from private owned universities.

Such areas included admission structure pertaining to certain admission requirements; merits, catchment areas and educationally less developed states would be considered by JAMB due to the change in



Some of the members of NUC Management and other stakeholders

universities in the country and even abroad.

He added that the first set of graduates from Admiralty University, no doubt, would fit in perfectly in any top university in the world.

The Executive Secretary mentioned that, NUC now boasted of 222 approved universities in the country under its regulatory watch among which 111 were private owned

The Institution, he added had maintained an enviable standard among its peers and boast of over 600 students and 11 academic programmes.

Based on this, he said, since the university had been considered one of the best private universities in the country by the Commission, its transition to a public owned university would be somewhat seamless.

Professor Rasheed assured that NUC would ensure a smooth

status.

He, therefore, promised to facilitate the capturing of the University in the Tertiary Education Trust Fund's (TETFund) 2023 budget as a beneficiary.

The NUC Scribe also informed them that 30% student population quota was usually reserved for the Armed Force in charge of the Institution, while the rest was left for the public.

He advised that the university be run as semi-private for the meantime since the election year might stall the process a bit until the new government settled fully into office.

While outlining the changes in leadership dynamics of the University, Professor Rasheed told the team that the Chairman of Council could be a former Chief of Naval Staff nominated by the Nigerian Navy for consideration and approval by the President.

In the CNS entourage were the Chief of Policy and Plans, Rear Admiral S.S Garba mni; Group Managing Director, Navy Holdings limited, Rear Admiral S. Lassa; Chief of Training and Operations, Rear Admiral S. Agada; Chief of Accounts and Publicity, Commodore N.

Katagum; Rear Admiral Bushi, Director Lessons Learnt, Rear Admiral Ogala; Director of Information, Commodore Adedotun Ayo-Vaughan; Commander Naval Unit, Abuja, Commodore Abdurrahman Mohammed; and representative of the Director of Legal services, Commodore Ugochukwu.

Others included Vice Chancellor, Admiralty University, Professor Paul Omojo Omaji; Coordinator of the University activities, Commodore Kpou Amatare and Retired Commodore and Registrar of the University, Dr. Isaac Mankilik.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, DES, (Administration), Mr.

Chris J Maiyaki; Directors of: Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Director, Open Distance and E-Learning, Engineer Kayode Odedina; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahamadu; Acting Directors of: Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Lawal M. Farouk, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan; Public Affairs (DPA), Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Students (DoS), Mrs. Rita Okonjo; Finance and Accounts, Mrs. Hauwa Amos as well as Visiting Professor to the NUC and immediate past Vice-Chancellor University of Lagos, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe.



Professor Rasheed and Vice-Admiral Gambo (6th and 7th left); NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration), Mr. Chris J Maiyaki (3rd left) in a group photograph with other Senior Hierarchy of the Navy and some members of NUC management

“Medical PhD Cannot Replace Fellowship” –Prof Rasheed

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has reiterated that the recently introduced Doctor of Medicine programme (MD by publication) was introduced for an entirely different purpose from the original medicine by fellowship programme and therefore, submitted that one can never replace the other.

He gave this clarification at a meeting with the leadership of the National Postgraduate Medical College (NPMC), led by the President, Professor Akinsunya Osibogun, penultimate Wednesday, in his office.

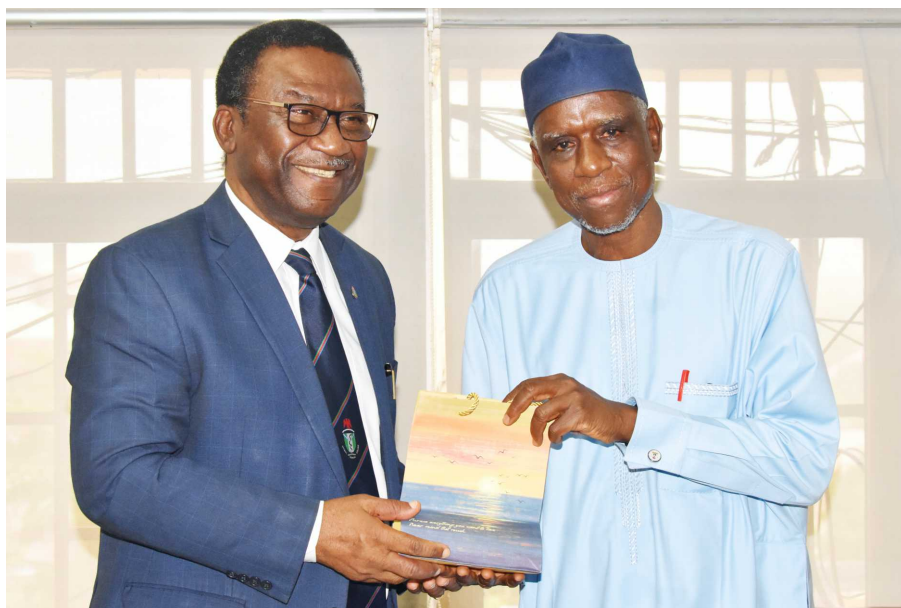
Professor Rasheed explained that based on current trends, there must be a way to encourage research in clinical sciences by professionals like medical scientists, pathologists, non-clinical dermatologists, non clinical medical laboratory scientists, biochemists, medical microbiologists and professions that go under the cover of health science to be allowed to make publications from their research capable of bringing about solutions to our revolutionary health issues.

Due to the discovery, he said there was a strong relationship between PhD and quality services in every sector. The researchers should be awarded doctorate degree based on quality publications from research

made in any specific core clinical area. This, he said, was more important where a clinical sample could be used to make astounding breakthroughs that would assist in overcoming most of the health challenges in the country.

current trends in order to ensure that young ones coming behind find a robust health sector that would give them the best skills to operate effectively within the country and internationally.

Professor Rasheed stressed on the need to have a comprehensive



The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and the President, National Postgraduate Medical College (NPMC), Professor Akinsunya Osibogun displaying the souvenir received from the College

While wishing the President of the College a successful tenure, he assured the team of NUC’s commitment to strengthening the already existing relationship between them, noting that the Commission at present does not have any qualified medical personnel in its services but, had through sabbatical scheme procured three doctors who are helping in matters regarding to health.

He commended the President and the College in particular for continuously bridging the gap in the profession in line with

picture of the status of medical education in the country, which, he said, had triggered the urgent need for an inspection visit to medical universities by the Commission, to ascertain their current state.

He indicated that all pending medical universities’ committee reports shall be looked at by a committee of medical experts and non-medics while the position on the matters as taken by the Commission would be communicated to the concerned universities.

He said, even though the Commission's relationship with the association had been very fruitful for a while, there were various gaps that existed due to lack of adequate information by the NUC and the universities that needed to be bridged.

The NUC, he said, would keep itself abreast with the modus operandi of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, while the most elevated in the medical field should get themselves acquainted with the

Standard (CCMAS) and the Commission's resolve to not restrict the MBBS and Dental programmes to the 30% freedom for innovation given to the other 16 disciplines.

This, according to him, was to grant them the flexibility of uniformity and variations because human environments differ.

He suggested that due to the peculiarities of each

would be a gradual shift to the modern approach to designing curriculums but for now NUC still maintained 70% uniformity in the new CCMAS.

The President, National Postgraduate Medical College, in his address, thanked the Executive Secretary for granting them audience and commended him for the great innovations he had brought to university education in the country. He said the transition in the education



The Meeting of the Executive Secretary with the NPMC delegation in session

workings of the Commission's regulatory role and desist from having a fixed mindset on how to run their programmes. This, he said, would go a long way in impacting more positively on medical education in the country.

The Executive Secretary said just last week he received the Provost of the Colleges of Medicine in West Africa and the highlight of their discussion was the new Core Curriculum Minimum Academic

environment, the medical professionals should be adventurous in creating some differences to justify the social and economic peculiarities of the environment the programme were taught.

He said for 44 years now, Nigeria remained one of the few countries that still operated a regimented approach to how its university curriculum was designed, adding that there

sector was very necessary in order to keep education relevant to its benefactors.

He commended the NUC scribe for his support for the introduction of (doctor of Medicine) MD programme, which, he explained, was not equivalent to medical fellowship because the postgraduate medical programme in Nigeria had already been designed to include doctoral training. He explained

the doctoral training to mean having the ability to acquire the context of knowledge in addition to vocational training and leadership.

Professor Osibogun said it was necessary to understand the current realities and environment in which we operate, explaining that although Nigeria followed the footsteps of the Western way of practicing medicine, the NUC saw the need to design the Doctor of Medicine programme to respond to the Nigerian situation due to its peculiarities.

He said the MD by publication programme was not awarded in Nigeria alone as it was achieved through a residency training programme and then meeting some course requirements. He also revealed that since its advent, the programme had enjoyed very wide acceptability.

Giving update about the programme, the NPMC President said there were additional courses

that they intended to bring on board to the programme which the academy was seeking for NUC's guidance and support in developing them, he added, would improve Postgraduate medical education in Nigeria.

Lending his voice, the immediate past President of the College, Professor Musa Borodo, appreciated the Executive Secretary for granting them the approval to run such a unique programme which had been widely accepted with many students applying to have an MD before their fellowship.

He said the programme had been clearly established with existing handbooks which guide its operation to keep the students sufficiently informed in line with the approval of the NUC.

He added that there was a very good academic relationship between the College and NUC and prayed that more innovations

would come on board that would put NUC at par with its counterparts in the World.

Also on the NPMC team was Registrar Emeritus of the College. Professor Oluwale Atoyebi.

At the meeting were the NUC Directors of: the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Directorate of the Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi, Directorate of Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Odum; Acting Directors of: Directorate of Research Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Malam Lawal M. Farouk, Directorate of Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Lydia T. Imoroa; Directorate of Public Affairs (DPA), Malam Haruna Lawal Ajo and NUC Visiting Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe.



Professors Rasheed and Osibogun (6th and 7th right) in a group photograph with other members of the NPMC delegation and some members of NUC management

Newly Appointed VC Fountain University Visits NUC

The newly-appointed first female Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Osun State, Professor Olayinka Ramota Karim, a Professor of Food Science and Technology on Wednesday, paid a familiarisation visit to the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor

Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, across the country, less than 20 of them were female Vice-Chancellors, he said. He noted that Fountain University remained one of the Private Universities rated high by the Commission and encouraged the new Vice-Chancellor to be proactive in running the University.

Chancellor for achieving her dreams and for passing through the mentoring of the first renowned first female Vice-Chancellor of UNIBEN, Professor Alele Williams.

She wished her well and encouraged her to make the female folks proud.



New female Vice-Chancellor, Fountain University, Osogbo, Professor Olayinka Ramota Karim with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, during her familiarisation visit to the Commission

Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, Mni, FNAL, in his office.

Welcoming the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rasheed congratulated her for achieving this feat, stating that among the six first generation Universities in the country only the University of Lagos (UNILAG) and the University of Benin (UNIBEN) have been able to produce female Vice-Chancellors, while University of Calabar (UNICAL), as a second generation university recently also produced a female Vice-Chancellor.

Inspite of having 222 universities

The Executive Secretary mentioned to the Vice-Chancellor that he was aware of the infrastructural development that had taken place in the institution. In dealing with the Commission, he advised her to liaise with the Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO) Mr. John Marafi, on any matter regarding the University.

Similarly, the Director, Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi congratulated the Vice-

In her remarks, Professor Karim said she was delighted to be at the NUC Secretariat to seek for support as she begins her five year tenure.

She disclosed that Fountain University was established by Nasrul-lahi-Il-Faith Society (NASFAT) in 2007 and has four Colleges.

Professor Ramota promised to give her best and set a pace in the growth of the University and recounted how Professor Alele William blazed the trail as the first



L-R: Professors Karim and Rasheed, with the University Registrar, Mr. Sheriff Adenekan after the visit

female Vice-Chancellor, describing her as an inspiration during her days as a student.

The Vice-Chancellor said the university has about 1000 students and pledged to adhere to all NUC guidelines

She said the results of four programmes of the last accreditation exercise was released to her and expressed

appreciation to God and the Commission.

Professor Ramota further expressed her commitment to the ideals of Fountain University and extended her hand of friendship to the NUC by resolving to maintain a close relationship with the Commission.

Also, the Registrar of the University, Mr Adulkareem

Sheriff reiterated that the University would abide by the directives of the NUC and would not go against the law governing Private Universities.

At the meeting were the Director, Human Resource, Mr. Boniface C. Odum and the Acting Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo.



The Newly Appointed female Vice-Chancellor, Fountain University, Osogbo, Professor Karim (fourth left) and Professor Rasheed (fifth Left) with the University Registrar and some members of NUC Management

Prof Rasheed Pledges NUC's Support to AWAU

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last week, Thursday, reiterated that the Commission would do everything possible to support the

universities in West Africa, irrespective of their language leaning- Anglo-phone or Francophone.

He expressed his strong believe in the mission of AWAU and advocated the need to build a

organization that did not fulfill its full potential. He summed it up by describing him as the father of modern AWAU.

He further informed the delegation that NUC would soon host a joint conference with the



The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL and the Chairman of Association of West African Universities (AWAU), Professor Johnson Nyarko Boampong

Association of West African Universities (AWAU) to achieve its aims and objectives, in addition to using its powers to attract and galvanize support to Universities in the sub region and in Nigeria in particular.

Professor Rasheed gave this hint when he received a delegation from AWAU to the NUC on a courtesy call, in his office.

He commended them for their commitment and resilience, describing the Association as vital and active.

He further averred that the AWAU should be supported by all

strong organization that could galvanize efforts aimed at solving problems on the subcontinent and the continent at large.

The Executive Secretary noted with appreciation, the great strides of Professor Ishaq Oloyede, the current Registrar of JAMB, Nigeria, who worked tirelessly to give AWAU a pride of place and expressed gratitude to him in absentia for having great faith in the AWAU vision.

He stated that without Professor Oloyede, the sub-regional Association would have gone down in history as a failed

European Union (EU) also comprising Harvard University and the Sahelian Institute for Social and Economic Research.

The joint conference would bring together scholars from some countries in the sub regions: Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger Republic, Chad and Ghana sub-region.

According to him, during the slated conference more awareness would be created about the expected roles of the universities in solving some of the African challenges.

The NUC Scribe decried the fact

that many of Nigeria's counterparts and indeed other countries across the world were beginning to question the relevance of the University system in Africa.

This, he said, was not the case in the 1980s and 1990s, but had since become the norm with the crumbling state structure in many African countries.

university system in Africa had been through the organization of interactions with sister agencies across the continent, whether Francophone or Anglophone countries.

One of such efforts, he said, had been championed by the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, Dr Noel B. Saliu who had been instrumental to

Ghana both shared boundaries with Francophone countries and as such, a lot of effort must be made to synergize with the universities in those francophone countries.

One of the areas where such synergy has been evidently harnessed, he averred, was in the management of the Africa Centers of Excellence project.



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He stated that the African University system must not allow itself to be swallowed up by the misdeeds of their countries, but must instead find itself on the right side of history where the scholars lead the change process to redeem the image of the continent.

Responding to the issues raised, the Executive Secretary informed the meeting that one of the ways in which the Commission had tried to harmonize efforts at Quality Assurance and development of the

bringing together the Quality Assurance Agencies of Francophone Africa, under the auspices of CAMES to a meeting at the NUC.

He had also represented the Commission at many other such meetings across Africa including the most recent at Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso, where the interests of the system came to the fore.

He stated that Nigeria and

Another way of involving the Francophone counterparts, he added, would be to give them a higher sense of belonging in AWAU through leadership roles, noting that AWAU should be allowed to be led by a prominent Francophone member.

He stressed that a stronger AWAU would have a knock-on effect on the ranking of African Universities because any ranking methodology championed by AWAU should definitely take

into account the uniqueness of the African economic, social and political environments and also the higher education needs of the continent.

It would again adequately enrich the ranking of these universities; afford the sub-region opportunity to speak in its own unique voice.

Contributing his quota, the DES, Academics, Dr. Saliu specified that the major challenge with the

Agencies in the sub region, with the full leadership of AWAU and selected Vice-Chancellors from the 16 West Africa Countries participating.

To lend further impetus to the idea, the Executive Secretary said that there would be further discussions at the next NUC Management meeting on the logistics of convening the said meeting.

Head of Special Duties, Ulonna Inyama in the correspondences who would serve as an assistant to the DES (Academics) on the matter.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Chairman of AWAU, Professor Johnson Nyarko Boampong, expressed his gratitude to the Executive Secretary for the warm reception and extended the warm felicitations of other colleagues from Ghana and the rest of the



L-R: Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel B. Saliu and the Director, Human Resource, Mr. Boniface C. Odum

West African University System had been that of integration of the West African sub-region, and this integration of Anglophone and Francophone would require a lot of effort and synergy. Though daunting, it was a surmountable challenge, particularly where stakeholders express the will to do so.

At the end, the Executive Secretary initiated a proposal and both parties agreed that there should be a stakeholder meeting of all the Quality Assurance

He called on the AWAU team to develop the concept note around this idea which would more clearly articulate the agenda and objectives of the meeting.

The Executive Secretary further stated that the NUC in collaboration with JAMB would explore ways of financing the tickets and accommodation of most of the participants.

He urged the AWAU team to liaise with Dr. Saliu for all related issues and also copy the

region.

He informed the meeting that the objective of his visit were four-fold to express gratitude to the Commission for the support through the years; introduce the new leadership of AWAU; solicit for the continued support of the Commission; and rub minds with the Commission on how best to reposition the West African University system for economic independence and relevance to the solution of African problems. Professor Boampong further told

the Executive Secretary that the new AWAU Executives were selected in Gambia during their last meeting to take a leadership role in the association and attain the objectives of AWAU.

He agreed with the Executive Secretary that West African Universities have great roles to play in ensuring that higher education become more relevant and the system functional, stressing the importance of Human Capital Development in addressing the challenge.

The Chairman of AWAU noted that with the existence of the Association, West African Countries would be able to cooperate better in a peaceful environment. He added that the Association might need to lobby the political class and ECOWAS to recognize them and also seek

their support in order to achieve their aim.

Lending their voices, Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and Administrative Secretary of AWAU, Professor Adenike Oladiji; Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin and Secretary General of AWAU, Professor Wahab Egbewole, SAN; and Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, Professor Akeem Olawale Lasisi, in their words, appreciated the leadership of NUC and its nurturing role to AWAU over the years.

They also stated that the visit was meant to showcase the willingness and determination of the leadership team to

consolidate on the gains of AWAU, and to ensure through the unification of universities in the subcontinent that all stakeholders together build capacity in the West Africa sub-region.

In the AWAU team included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Technology, Innovation & Partnership, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, Dr. David Phaho.

At the meeting were: the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Acting Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo and the Head of Special Duties, Ms. Ulonna Inyama.



Professors Rasheed and Boampong (6th and 7th right) in a group photograph with other members of the AWAU delegation and some members of NUC management



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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

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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, Oke-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, Galiċee, 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			



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
PASCHAL	AIDOGHEDA	ERUAGA	10 April
ODEGUA	FLORA	ONI	10 April
GABRIEL	TIJANI	SALIFU	10 April
PETER	OTAMERE	TOBRISE	11 April
IDACHUMA	SAMUEL	ATOKALA	11 April
HAUWA		AMOS	12 April
TREASURE	AGBENU	OSAKWE	12 April
SALIHU	AZARE	MUSTAPHA	12 April
CHIANU	AKA	EDEMODOU	12 April
ALEX	TERUNGWA	UVAH	13 April
MUNET	MARY	IBADIN	14 April
ROSEMARY	EGO	ALU	14 April
DANIEL	OJO	AYENI	14 April
OCHUDO	AGBENU	AYI	14 April
SUNDAY	EMMANUEL	YAKUBU	14 April
MOSES		YARO	15 April
NAFISATU	MUSA	HASSAN	16 April

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