

## President CIBN Seeks Academics-Banking Industry Synergy

The President and Chairman of Council, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Ken Opara, Ph.D, FCIB, has advocated the fostering of closer collaboration between university academics and those in the banking industry. This, he said would enable cross fertilization of ideas and in turn entrench professionalism in the banking system.

He made the call last Tuesday, when he led members of the Institute on a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, with the mission to bridge the gap between students, those in the academics and the banking industry.

The President, represented by the first Vice President, Professor Deji Olanrewaju also said that CIBN was committed to instilling professionalism in the way Banking activities were carried out

in Nigeria.

Professor Olanrewaju revealed that the Institute, amongst its

amongst countries, created the much needed jobs as well as burst economic growth.



Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed displaying the souvenir from the President and Chairman of Council, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Dr. Ken Opara after his visit to the Commission

numerous achievements had led the campaign for a central payment system in the African sub-region, noting that this had helped to foster improved trade

He further stated that the regulatory institute, as part of its activities to ensure professionalism in the banking system, had continued to train as

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well as provide certification to members within Nigeria, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra-Leone.

The Vice President informed the Executive Secretary that as part of its give back to the society project, CIBN had donated facilities to six higher institutions across the six geo-political zones with the construction of lecture theatres and equipping them with modern

structural and staff development so as to merge industrial experience with theoretical knowledge in the system.

He also called on the Commission to adopt the curriculum of the Institute to teach students in the universities as the document had been tested and found very rich in content by experts in the field and same was

members as resource persons during the NUC accreditation exercise.

The CIBN Vice Chairman congratulated the leadership of the Commission for the fit achieved in the review and launch of a brand new curriculum, the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for the university system, acknowledging



The meeting of the Executive Secretary with the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria delegation in session

furniture and internet facilities.

The Institute, he added, organised essay competition amongst students with substantial amounts as prizes given to winners and also entered into partnership with Bangole University, Wales, to award scholarship to deserving students, as well as developed a new syllabus for teaching banking as a profession in line with global best practices.

The CIBN first Vice Chairman stressed that the Institute would ensure continued partnership with the Commission in the area of

being put to use by other African Countries where CIBN provides training and certification.

He appealed that the Commission should prevail on the Nigerian University System (NUS), to grant access to lecturers to key into the CIBN sabbatical programme, so as to enable teachers in tertiary institution deploy their wealth of knowledge to the industry and vice-versa.

He also requested that the Commission include its

that it would put the NUS on the same pedestal with their counterpart all over the world.

He pledged that the CIBN would continue to partner with the NUC to advance the cause of Banking generally and the Institute.

In his remarks, Professor Rasheed thanked the CIBN for recognising the NUC as strategic partners in their bid to chart a solid path for the development of the Institute.

He acknowledged that the diverse innovative payment system

recently developed by the banking system was a testament to the fact that the Institute through its professionals were working to build a financial system that works for all.

On the efforts of the CIBN in bridging knowledge gap in the NUS, the Executive Secretary said the NUC commend its commitment towards closing the gap between the academics and the banking industry as well as its immense contributions in the development of a new curriculum and the donations of lecture theatres to six higher institutions in the six geo-political zones of the country and award of scholarships to deserving students.

The NUC Scribe assured the delegation that the Commission would consider the request to include its members in the NUC's accreditation exercise and also try to bring those in the academics and the professionals in the banking industry to discuss such possible

collaborations that would help to advance the cause of the profession as well as the proposed academics - industry sabbatical and vice-versa.

He also stressed that the Institute should develop a strong postgraduate system that would guarantee professionalism.

Professor Rasheed used the forum to caution that professional bodies should see the NUC as partners in progress and desist from unhealthy competition, as the Commission was willing to work with all professional bodies to achieve their set goal.

In the CIBN delegation were the Registrar/CEO; Mr. Akin Morakinyo, Director CBC, Mr. Babatunde Apena; Professors Uche Uwaleke and Dele Oloru; FCIB, MD, Aso Savings, Hajia Risikat Ahmed; Mr. Emmanuel Mogbolu, Mr. Aliyu Yusuf, Dm, CIBN, Abuja, Mr. Iliyasu

Jemilu and Dm, CIBN, Abuja, Mr. Richard Ayika .

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Administration, Mr Chris Maiyaki; Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Directors of Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Odum, Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODE) Engr. Kayode Odedina; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi and Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi as well as the. Ag Directors of Public Affairs (DPA), Mr. Haruna Ajo and Finance and Account (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos.

In attendance were the Vice Chancellors of: Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare; Professor Mohammed B. Audu and Federal University of Technology, Minna, Professor Farauk A. Kuta;



Professor Rasheed and Dr. Opara (9th and 10th right) along with other members of the CIBN delegation and some members of NUC management pose for photograph



## Dr. Lashima Presents Book on Forensic Criminology

**A** book entitled: ‘Intelligent Systems and Technologies for Forensic Criminology and Counter-Terrorism,’ was presented last week Tuesday to the public, written by former staff of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Abuja and Senior Lecturer at the Nigerian Army University Bui, Borno State,

to tackle them.

Represented at the event by NUC Visiting Professor Enefiok Essien, the Executive Secretary agreed with the author’s view that the answers to tackling security challenges transcend traditional methods and theories but effectively and efficiently entailed the use of 21st century

analyze evidence during the course of investigation. He explained that with intelligent systems and technologies, students in the field of security studies would further be exposed to 21st century methods and skills in countering terrorism, thereby enabling them become nationally relevant and globally competitive.



(L-R) The Dean Faculty of Environmental Science, Nigerian Army University, Bui and Chief Launcher, Brig-General Ali Butu; Representative of the Executive Secretary and NUC visiting Professor Enefiok Essien; Author of the book, Dr. Cletus Lashima; the Chairman of the Book Launch, Professor Adam Ahmed and the author’s PhD supervisor, Professor P. J. Ezeh

Dr. Cletus A. Lanshima.

Speaking at the book presentation as the Special Guest of Honour held at the NUC Professor Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, Abuja, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Mni, MFR, FNAL, acknowledged the author’s well-researched work on the area of insecurity that the nation was in dire need of practicable solutions

intelligent systems and technologies for forensic criminology and counter-terrorism.

He commended him for the effort of enriching the scholarly work in this field, stating that the intelligent systems and technologies advocated in the book will no doubt assist students in their practical work as they collect, preserve and

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Adam Ahmed who could not hide his feeling about the attitude of Nigerians to intellectual issues, noted that such a book presentation if it was for what he described as political praise singing would have been graced by the high and the mighty.

He, however, called on the author of the book not to despair as

writers have their names engraved in the sands of time when the time of reviews come calling and was one thing that can open doors for him to everything desirable in life.

The author's project supervisor at

militancy, corruption and financial crimes, highway robbery, burglary, examination malpractice, cybercrime and organized crimes without comprising democratic principles, norms and values.

Nigerian Army, the Military as well as the nation.

He informed his audience that the book took six years to be published, split into two years of thorough research and four years



(L-R) Representative of the Chief of Air Staff, Air Commodore Raymond Nwankwo; Brig-General Butu; Professor Ahmed; Professor Essien; Professor Ezeh and one other guest at the book presentation

the postgraduate level, Professor P. J. Ezeh, expressed his immense gratitude to God for energizing his mentee to come up with such a dogged work and pledged to continue to do his best to mentor him into stardom.

He said the academic book was of those novel and innovative ones that will bring solutions to security professionals and agencies involved in counter-terrorism.

While giving out the idea behind the book, the author, Dr. Lashima stated that the book was written to provide practical solutions to the security challenges occasioned by terrorism, insurgency, banditry, kidnapping, smuggling, human trafficking, substances and drug trafficking, illegal exploration of minerals, illegal trade in organs,

He added that the book was in line with the vision of my employer to become a solution centre in technology, research and development for the



Dr. Esther Mmeka reading the Citation of the Author

promotion of self-reliance, creativity and innovation in addressing the challenges of the

of teaching Forensic Criminology, also known as Practicals in Criminology and Security Studies.

Among other strong points the author raised as the rationale behind the work was to: Provide a standard text for the conduct of Forensic Criminology Practicals in the universities offering Criminology and Security Studies; Add value, promote and sustain Forensic Criminology in Nigeria, Africa, and globally because this is the surest way to succeed in tackling insecurity as well as Provide cutting edge solutions to the challenges of terrorism, insurgency, hostage taking, abduction, kidnapping, banditry, suicide bombing, organs trafficking, human trafficking, rape, corruption and

financial crimes, porching, illegal migration and passport racketeering, illegal exploration of minerals, oil bunkering,



Barr. Pascal Eruaga (DD Legal Services, NUC) commenting on the Author's work

substances and drug trafficking, burglary, shoplifting, smuggling, proliferation of arms, and cross-

of the existence of intelligent systems and technologies that may be deployed in gathering intelligence in the present 21st century and use same to tackle security challenges in Nigeria.

He said that Nigeria must key into the 21st century intelligent systems and technologies in providing solutions to its insecurity as Primitive methods and theories would not do it any good.

He submitted that his research interest was to bridge the gap between crime and Forensic Science. According to him, Forensic Science is reactive to crime while Forensic Criminology is proactive to crime. Forensic scientists, he stressed, only attempt to unravel

was the gap.

While going on the emotional trail, the author lamented that his greatest regrets was missing out some personalities that helped shaped his life on such a momentous day including his late parents.

He said: "Today should be one of my happiest days, however, I have mixed feelings."

This, he said, were feelings of parents, Mr. Linus and Mrs Franca Lanshima Suswam, his in-laws and academic mentors such as Professor Femi Odekunle, the First Professor of Criminology in Nigeria; the Former Deputy Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Ignatius Uvah and other staff of the NUC, including Dr.



The ES Representative, Prof. Essein unveiling the Book along with the Chairman of the Occasion, Prof. Ahmed

border crimes.

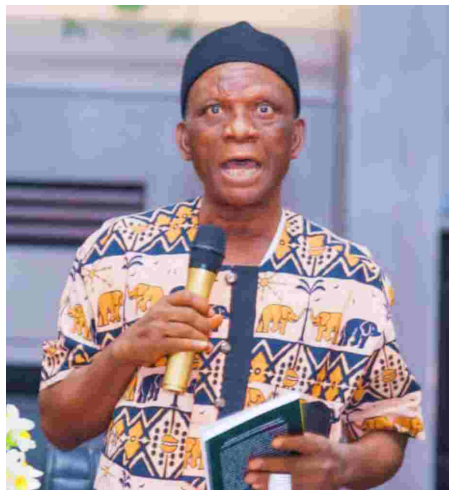
Dr. Lashima explained that there was the need to create awareness

the mystery behind crimes while Forensic Scientists go into action only after the crime must have been committed. This, he stated,

Laraba Alfa, Dr. Rose Anekwe; Mrs. H. A. Shaibu; Arc. Mrs. Florence Obi, Alh. Ahmed Dukawa, Mr. Sonny Ehiohae,



Prof. Celestine Onwuliri, Mr. F.O. Olaniyan, Mr. Gabriel Odama, Mr. Dennis Tumba, Mr. Jonathan Enuma Ikwukeme, and Dr. Maryam Sali.



Prof. Ezech making remarks on the Book

He also paid glowing tributes to some of the young soldiers and police whose life was sacrificed in the course of securing the nation on the battlefield of fighting terrorists, insurgents, bandits, kidnapers, drug barons, human traffickers, smugglers and

robbers.

He recounted how he lost two of his colleagues last January 2022 at the Tukur Buratai Institute for War and Peace, an Institute of the Nigerian Army University Biu., stating that they were shot dead by Boko Haram terrorists.

In her foreword, Former Acting Vice-Chancellor, Nigerian Army University, Biu, and current Vice-Chancellor, Bauchi State University, Gadau, Professor Fatimah Ja'afar Tahir, stated that apart from its use by security professionals for counter-terrorism, these intelligent systems and technologies mentioned in the book will provide an avenue for the students of Criminology and Security Studies to know what equipment exists and master the usage in security operations in the laboratory before graduating from the university.

A citation of the author was read by NUC Deputy Director, Curriculum Development, Dr. Esther Mmeka.



Air Commodore Nwankwo making remarks on the Book

The book launch was attended by some Directors and staff of the NUC as well as representatives of the Military High Command as well as staff of the Nigerian Army University, Biu, among others.



The Author, Dr. Lashima in a group photograph with his former colleagues at the NUC after the Book presentation

## ES Receives Interim Report from the Committee on Status of Medical Education

The recently-inaugurated Committee on the Status of Medical Education in Nigerian Universities last week Wednesday, met with the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL, to present to him an Interim Report on their assigned task in his office.

those salient issues that would restore the pride of medical education especially by looking into whether the nation's available medical colleges have training facilities for students and if the students are also properly trained? He told the team that the Commission needed to have all this data so as to know the advice to give

Curriculum.

He stressed that medical education had to change and expressed his delight about the changes brought into the Medical Curriculum.

The Executive Secretary said that NUC had initially wanted to disassociate itself with the



Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics) and Co-ordinator of NUC Committee on the Status of Medical Education in Nigerian Universities, Dr. Neol Saliu sandwiched from left by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki listening to the Executive Secretary when he led the committee to present their interim report

Receiving the team which was led by the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Abiodun Saliu, the Executive Secretary stated that Committee still has much work to do in areas such as: Basic Medical, Allied Health, Dentistry as well as Basic Clinical and Clinical Sciences as they were all part of medicine.

Professor Rasheed urged them to work assiduously to generate a reliable record and status of medical education in Nigeria.

He charged them to dig deep into

government and other institutions in the country.

The NUC Scribe explained that since he assumed duties in NUC, he had fought hard to deal with medically related issues almost on a yearly basis because of the fractions in medicine.

He gave kudos to Medical Doctors who had refused to be adulterated by engaging in unsavory issues, remarking that it was through persistency that he was able to get medical doctors together to look at the Medical

Medical Postgraduate Institution that tried to exercise undue powers by awarding PhD's, arguing that people could become world class scholars in medicine but that a PhD in medicine makes it more complete.

While harping more on the PhD, Professor Rasheed said students on PhD should not be overloaded with course work like those doing Masters in Medicine, which is clinically-based.

He reiterated that PhD should be more of research and stated



categorically that without Masters (MD) and PhD, no one would emerge as a Professor in

the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities to submit the list of necessary documents required to

Secretary that the Committee's assignment would be completed by the end of the month of April.



The Committee on the Status of Medical Education in Nigerian Universities, with the Executive Secretary during the presentation of the committee's report

Medicine. He urged the committee to do their best to bring out a good document on the status of medicine in Nigeria.

help it fast track its assignment as well as build in the anticipated data that would show the state of the medical facilities in the

Others in the committee on the status of medical education in Nigeria included: Professors Ibrahim Yakasai; B.B. Shehu;



Acting Director, Public Affairs, Alhaji Haruna Lawal Ajo (middle) along with some members of the committee on the Status of Medical Education in Nigerian Universities

Responding on behalf of the team, Dr. Noel Abiodun Saliu promised that the Committee would compel

nation's universities. He assured the Executive

King David Yawe; Joseph Ahaneku, while a staff of the NUC Directorate of Academic



Other members of the Committee at the meeting

Planning (DAP), Saadiya Sambo would serve as the Secretary.

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

J. Maiyaki; Acting Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo as well as Deputy Director of NUC, Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; the Vice Chancellors of the University of

Lagos (UNILAG), Professor Folasade Ogunsola; University of Abuja (UniAbuja), Professor Abdul Rasheed Na' Allah; and Lagos State University (LASU), Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji Bello.



Professor Rasheed (7th left) in a group photograph with members of the committee on the Status of Medical Education in Nigerian Universities and some members of NUC Management



## Wife of Bauchi Governor Proposes Al-Muhibbah Open University

The Wife of Bauchi State Governor, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bala Mohammed, Penultimate Thursday, led a team to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu

the Nigerian University System (NUS) for delivery of quality university education. He also informed them that the country currently has a total of 50 Federal Universities, 61 state universities and 111 private universities.

and accessible learning opportunities to the teeming Nigerian population, especially women folk.

She said technology been the driver of development made her to opt for an Open University,



The Wife of Bauchi State Governor and promoter of Proposed Al-Muhibbah Open University, Nasarrawa, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bala Mohammed with the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed during her visit to the Commission

Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, to present a bid for the establishment of a proposed Al-Muhibbah Open University, Nasarrawa.

Receiving the team, Professor Rasheed informed them that NUC has the responsibility to ensure the orderly development of a productive university system that guarantees quality and relevant education for national development and global competitiveness.

He told the guests that one of the goals of NUC has been to upgrade and maintain physical facilities in

The Executive Secretary assured her that details of the guidelines and other modalities inherent for the establishment of universities would be given to her. While congratulating her for the noble project, he pledged that NUC will give her all the necessary support required to enable her achieve her aspiration and vision.

Responding, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bori Bala Mohammed said that the establishment of Al-Muhibbah Open University was grounded on the desire of the promoter to provide affordable

noting that the choice of Open Distance Learning (ODL) was aimed at breaking the barriers to continuous learning and to introduce flexibility and innovation in the mode of delivery of tertiary education.

She expressed delight that the idea aligned with the vision of the present leadership of the NUC under the leadership of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed whom she commended for his foresight.

She assured him of her readiness to comply and oblige with the required regulations in her



pursuit.

Dr. Aisha said that the vision of AL- Muhibbah Open University was to be a top-tier Open University and a hub of excellence for the provision of high quality, innovative, and accessible University education while the mission is to provide modern facilities, a supportive environment, and academic

knowledge and skill to the benefit of society.

She stated that the take-off site has ample provision for administrative state-of-the-art offices, Auditorium, conference rooms, audio visual studio, tutorial rooms, E-Library, sickbay, sporting facility, cafeteria and lightening facilities. While the Permanent

in the mixed media format by the course materials development team and would be submitted to the NUC in due course. She said worthy of mention was that the university was poised towards implementing the comprehensive Open Distance Learning (ODL) framework especially on matters related to training and retraining of staff.



The meeting of the Executive Secretary with the promoters of Proposed Al-Muhibbah Open University, Nasarrawa in session

personnel who should be competent to tutor and mentor its students in accordance with global standards.

The over-reaching objective, she said, is to enable the students acquire 21st century skills and become problem-solvers and provide service to humanity.

She further stressed that the objectives of the university among others included provision of an environment of international standards for learning, research, acquisition of specialized skills and comprehensive training of students empowering them to apply

site as could be seen in the university master plan are adequate to cater for future expansion of the proposed university.

Her Excellency sought the approval of the Commission to commence the following degree programmes: B . S c Entrepreneurship, B . S c Accounting and Finance, B . S c International Relations, B . S c Economics, B . S c Business Administration, B . S c Marketing and B . S c Project Management.

She explained that the course materials were being developed

Her Excellency on behalf of the planning and implementation committee and the promoter of AL-Muhibbah Open University thanked the Executive Secretary and NUC Management for the opportunity to interact with them and expressed her desire to secure a favourable consideration from the Commission.

In her entourage as the promoter of the AL-Muhibbah University included: Provost AL-Muhibba, Hajia Ladi Ibrahim; Chairperson, Planning and Implementation Committee PIC, Prof. Hindu J. Admin; Lecturer at the National Open University Dr. Eze E.



Some of the members of the NUC Management at the interactive meeting

Okauwa; Lecturer, Dr. Nkem Obaji, Programmer Engr. Aminu Aliyu; Lecturer, Prof Dele Olaolu; DVC Academics BASUG, Prof Salisu Ahmed and Registrar, Barrister Muslim Maigari.

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

Chris J. Maiyaki; Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) and Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Directors of the Establishment of Private University (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Executive Secretary Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Open Distance e-Learning, (DODEL) Engr.

Kayode Odedina; Acting Directors of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM) Mrs. Lydia Umoroa; Public Affairs (DPA), Alhaji Haruna Lawal Ajo.

In attendance were NUC Visiting Professors Abdullahi Ribadu; Ibrahim Yakasai; Joseph Ahaneku and. Francis Esbokhare.



Professor Rasheed and Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bala Mohammed (10th and 11th left) with other members of the Proposed Al-Muhibbah Open University, Nasarrawa and some members of NUC Management



*Happy  
Ed-el Fitr*

*Season's  
Greetings*



*The Executive Secretary NUC, on behalf of the Management and Staff as well as the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) wishes to felicitate with the Muslim Faithful's on the occasion of the Ed-el fitr celebration.*

*As we reflect on the significance of this solemn occasion, may Allah accept our prayers and reward us bountifully now and always. May the joy of the season be evident in our families and homes.*

*Barka Da Sallah.*

*Signed:*

*Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mmi, MFR, FNAL*

*Executive Secretary, NUC*





## DISCLAIMER:

### 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 Okerenkoko, 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, Owerinta, 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
JUMMAI	HANNAH	BUBA	17 April
CHINYERE	DYMPNA	EKECHUKWU	18 April
CHRISTOPHER	ONINYE	IYEOBOR	18 April
KAYODE	SUNDAY	ODEDINA	19 April
OLUWATOYIN	MISITURAT	OLUMODEJI	19 April
SOLOMON		YOHANNA	20 April
PATRICK	LAWRENCE	EWAH	20 April
ESTHER	UZOAMAKA	OGBONNAYA-ORJI	21 April
SHERIF-DEEN	KUNLE	ADEDEJI	21 April
JUBRIL	ABU	MOMOH	21 April
RAMATU		ACHIMUGU	21 April
CONSTANCE	NKEMJIKA	GODDY-NNADI	22 April
OGE	EUPHRASIA	OKAFOR	22 April
SA'ID	ADAMU	SA'ID	22 April
USMAN	KAITAFI	AHMED	22 April

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**  
DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE  
COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

*Dress Well and Earn  
Respect.*

*Courtesy: Directorate of Human Resources*

**SHUN CORRUPTION.**  
*It Does not Pay*

*Courtesy: Anti-corruption and Transparency Unit*