

## Mallam Adamu Challenges Stakeholders in NUS @ Training Workshop for Varsity Staff as he Unveils CCMAS Book Series 1

*...Presents Book Written in His Honour*

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Mallam Adamu Adamu, has said that all relevant stakeholders in the Nigerian University System (NUS) must ensure that graduates of the

He said this last Tuesday when the National Universities Commission (NUC), hosted an elaborate programme that witnessed the public presentation of Core Curriculum Minimum Academic

and Nimi Briggs and capacity building (training) programme for implementing the CCMAS for University Staff, held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, Abuja.



L-R: Former Executive Secretary, NUC, Emeritus Professor Peter Okebukola; Acting Coordinator, CCMAS Implementation, Professor Eytotope Ogunbodede; ES, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu; Former Chairman INEC, Professor Attahiru Jaga; Former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayattu Ahmed Rufa'i; Secretary General, AAU, Professor Olusola Oyewole; ES NCCE, Professor Paulinus C. Okwelle and ES TETFund, Arch. Sonny Echono at the unveiling of the CCMAS Book Series 1

system were fully equipped with the needed skills, knowledge and expertise to succeed in the 21st Century knowledge driven-economy.

Standards (CCMAS) Book Series 1; the launch of a book in honour of the Honourable Minister of Education; Tribute to late Professors Idris Abdulkadir

He said, Nigerian universities must continue to strive to improve and update their educational programmes in line with the global best practices, stating that the

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CCMAS book series being launched as well as the capacity building programme for the implementation of the CCMAS for University staff were major steps towards achieving such goal.

Mallam Adamu, who congratulated the leadership of the NUC for taking the bold step to develop a fit-for-purpose and globally competitive curriculum for 17 disciplines in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS), with emphases on 21st Century employability skills and entrepreneurship, reminded the stakeholders that, the 70% of core courses in the curriculum had been provided by the Commission, while the universities had been given the opportunity to innovate, input their peculiarities and uniqueness into the



Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC

remaining 30% as provided.

The Minister stressed that the implementation of the CCMAS required dedication, hard work and willingness to embrace change by everybody and noted that there was urgent need to invest in training academics with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the CCMAS.

He called on participants at the event

to take advantage of the training programme to equip themselves with the needed skills and by so doing transfer the knowledge



Malam Adamu Adamu  
Honourable Minister of Education

acquired to their various universities.

He assured the participants that the NUC had put up a very robust programme that promises to be comprehensive, interactive and geared to meet their needs as educators. He further highlighted that the programme would further equip university staff with details of the new curriculum as well as help them to embrace modern teaching methods. He, therefore, expressed the hope that the participants were ready to glean the new ways and prioritise their involvement in the training.

He explained that one other important reason why the stakeholders gathered was for the presentation of the book series meant to ensure the efficient delivery of the CCMAS which remained a reference document that contained innovative means of delivery of the 17 new disciplines, aimed at deepening their understanding in order to improve

teaching, learning and produce graduate that could compete with their counterparts globally.

He also paid glowing tributes to the life and times of late Professor Idris Abdulkadir, a former Executive Secretary of NUC and Professor Nimi Briggs, a member of the NUC Strategic Advisory Committee (NUCSTRADVCOM) who, both, passed on weeks before the launch of the new curriculum and called for a minute silence in their remembrance. While explaining that they left at a time when their contributions to the education section was yielding much fruit, he prayed for the repose of their souls and for God to grant them eternal rest.

In his address, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, congratulated the Minister of Education for his immense contributions to the



Emeritus Professor Peter Okebukola  
Former Executive Secretary, NUC

development of the NUS. He stated that with the intervention of the Honourable Minister, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) had approved the establishment of more federal universities of Agriculture

and Medical Sciences, one in each geo-political zones of the country, hinting that 37 private universities



Professor Olusola Oyewole  
Secretary General, Association of African Universities

had also received FEC approval raising the number of private universities in the country from 111 to 148.

Professor Rasheed who described Mallam Adamu Adamu as one of the longest serving Ministers in the country since the return to democratic rule in 1999, stated that since assumption of duty in 2015, the Honourable Minister had midwived the establishment of about 80 percent of the universities in Nigeria.



Dr. Noel Saliu  
Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), NUC

While harping on the training programme for the university staff on CCMAS, the NUC Scribe charged the participants to ensure active participation as they were key drivers of the CCMAS especially in ensuring its full implementation.

He assured that the NUC would continue to do its best to ensure robust reforms as it concerned the CCMAS, stating that it was to be implemented fully from the 2023/2024 academic session beginning with the year one students.

Delivering the Keynote Address, the Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (AAU), Professor Olusola Oyewole described the new CCMAS as a revolution which had come to rebrand the university system in Africa. He stressed that the curriculum being used during Colonial era were designed to meet the man-power needs for recruitment by the Colonial Masters into public service.

He stated that this was no longer the focus of the 21st century students as the demands of the present-day labour market take into consideration the global development of a new hi-tech and revolutionary market that had given rise to new methods of doing business, hence the need for a new curriculum to train 21st century student who can compete globally.

“The revolution that is evolving, the present day knowledge is flexible and that means that students should be able to learn, re-learn and unlearn, he said”. He therefore called for the decolonization of the African

curricula, a task he said the NUC has taken head on over the years from Minimum Requirements to Benchmark Minimum Academic



Arch. Sonny Echono  
Executive Secretary, TETFund

Standards (BMAS) and now to a revolutionized Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS).

Professor Oyewole stated that the new CCMAS would among other things, change the system from



Professor Segun Ajiyoye  
Registrar/CEO, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria

being teacher-centred to being learner-centred as teachers would teach pre-identified learning outcomes, while flexible learning would be promoted; life-long

learning would be encouraged; and learners would be able to acquire and demonstrate some essential employability skills.

The high-point of the event was the public unveiling of the CCMAS Book Series and Book in honour of the Honourable Minister of

Planning (DAP), Dr. Biodun Saliu extended his special thanks to the HME, ES NUC and the Facilitator-General of the CCMAS, Professor



Some of the Participating Universities Staff at the Capacity Building Programme for Implementing the CCMAS

For adequate implementation of the CCMAS, the Secretary-General called for an improved welfare for academics, adding that with better welfare system in place, academics

Education, both coordinated by a former Executive Secretary of NUC and Chairman of STRADVCOM, Emeritus Professor Peter Okebukola, OFR.

Okebukola for their untiring efforts which led to the development of the new curriculum. He also appreciated the committee of experts from the various disciplines



Other Participants at the Capacity Training Programme

that stand at the core of delivering the new CCMAS would be able to effectively deliver the new curriculum as required of them.

In a vote of thanks, the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, (Academics), who doubles as the Coordinating Director, Academic

of the NUS for the hard work, perseverance and dedication to the task and the staff of NUC, who participated in the review exercise,



Dignitaries at the High Table Unveiling the Book written in honour of the Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu

stating that posterity would be kind to all for their commitment to the task.

Goodwill messages were also delivered by some Heads of Parastatals and Agencies in the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), including Executive Secretary TETFund, Architect Sonny Echono; Executive Secretary, NCCE, Professor Paulinus; Registrar/CEO, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria

(TRCN), Professor Segun Ajiboye; among others.

At the elaborate event were former Minister of Education and member (NUC STRADVCOM), Professor Ruqayattu Ahmed Rufa’i; immediate past Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie; former Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and member of (NUC

STRADVCOM), Professor Attahiru Jega; NUC’s Deputy Executive Secretary of Administration, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Chairperson, Association of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities, Serving and Former Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Directors of Academic Planning, Chairmen of the Curriculum review committees, among others.



Aerial view of copies of the CCMS for the 17 disciplines of the NUS

## Tributes Pour in for Late Professors Idris Abdulkadir, Nimi Briggs

**A**t the sideline of the elaborate event organised by the National Universities Commission NUC to train Universities Staff on the implementation of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic

Leading the pack in the tributes was Chairman of the (NUC STRADVCOM), Emeritus Professor Peter Okebukola, OFR, said the Late Professor Idris Abdulkadir was the first Executive Secretary to lay down the

simultaneously, the Lagos Office and the NUC Auditorium.

Former Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr Bode Agbaoye, who served as the Personal Assistant to the late Executive Secretary



Mallam Adamu Adamu leading others to observe one minute silence in honour of the two fallen heroes of the NUS

Standards (CCMAS) was a tribute session in honour of former Executive Secretary of the Commission, Late Professor Idris Abdulkadir and Former Vice-Chancellor, University

framework for quality assurance in the Nigerian University System. He recalled with nostalgia that when he was appointed ES of the NUC, he was advised by the late Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano) to seek advice from the late sage and to collect his blue print to work for him to succeed during his tenure.

recounted that he was the first ES to introduce the Accreditation Exercise to the Commission and demands detailed report for every assignment sent to staff.



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

Professor Okebukola also described him as a man of high principle, recounting that it was the rationale behind his push for the naming of the NUC Auditorium in his honour.

The Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, NUC, Dr. Abiodun Saliu said the late Professor Idris Abdulkadir was the one that interviewed and employed him in the NUC.



Dr. Noel Saliu  
Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), NUC

of Port-Harcourt (UNIPOINT) and Chairman, FG/ ASUU 2009 Renegotiation team, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs.

Dr. Saliu called him a man of impeccable character, who is selfless and a manager of resources and the only Chief Executive that carried out two major projects

He also remembered him for his sense of accountability and transparency and was able to acquire the Okoi-Aripko House and the NUC



Mallam Ibrahim Dan'iyah  
Former DES, NUC

London Office properties from savings received from NUC subventions.

He said he was a reward and epitome of hard work devoid of tribe and religion, highlighting that it was unfortunate that he was not given a national Honor when people of questionable characters were given National Honours. He commended Professor Okebukola for naming the NUC Auditorium after him.

Another Former DES, Mallam Ibrahim Dan'iyah in his tribute eulogized the late sage as a very committed and dedicated person, noting that one of his greatest contributions was ensuring that NUC did not end as a Toothless Bulldog.

He stated that Late Abdulkadir implemented the core mandate of the NUC.

He also extolled his virtues as a perfect gentle man and someone of good work ethics as well as one of the brightest stars in Veterinary Medicine in the country.

The son of the late ES, Yusuf Abdulkadir said NUC had done tremendously well in keeping in touch with the family despite the many years after the end of his service in the Commission and raised a question as to how many Parastatal had kept such faith with their CEO three Decades after leaving office like the NUC.

He thanked every staff of the NUC for the love and affection shown to the family.

He also extended his deep condolences to the family of Late Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs.

Tributes were also poured to the life and time of Professor Emeritus Nimi Briggs, one time Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port-Harcourt (UNIPOINT), who many described as a consummate administrator, a dependable ally and one of Nigeria's finest

Professor of Medicine, who God had used to save several lines in the course of his medical practice in Nigeria. He was credited by many eminent scholars including the Minister of Education, Professors Rasheed and Okebukola, former Vice-Chancellors and other members of the academia as one of the brains behind the success of the unveiling of



Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye  
Former DES, NUC

the CCMAS.

Until his demise, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs also served as the Chairman Committee of Pro-Chancellors of Federal Universities, NUC STRADVCOM and was the last Chair of the FG/ASUU 2009 Renegotiation team.



L-R: Former DES, NUC, Professor Chiedu Mafiana; Director Open Distance and e-Learning, Engr. Kayode Odedina; One of the deceased Wife and former DES, NUC, Dr. Suleiman Raymon-Yusuf (front row) with other participants at the Tribute session

## Benue State Governor's Wife Visits NUC

Her Excellency, the wife of the Executive Governor of Benue State, Dr. (Mrs) Eunice Ortom and her entourage, last Monday, paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, in his office.

Receiving the entourage, Professor Rasheed commended Dr. Ortom for her vision of establishing a university in Benue State, highlighting that NUC is a government agency saddled with the responsibility of regulating and promoting quality university education in Nigeria.

He said that the future of Private University is bright and since the emergence of Private universities in Nigeria, it has helped to fill the gap in terms of students seeking for admission into the university.

He said, Benue State is known for education and it will be a good idea if another private university gets established to join the University of Mkar since Mkar remained the only private enterprise in Benue State.

The Executive Secretary informed her that there is a 14-step process for the establishment of a university

initiative of establishing a university as very good, promising that NUC would work with the promoters as



Her Excellency, the wife of the Executive Governor of Benue State Dr. (Mrs) Eunice Ortom receiving copies of the Application Form for the Establishment of a Private University from the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL

which must be strictly adhered to before a license could be issued.

He encouraged them to take issues of facilities very seriously and promised to send a fact-finding and advisory team to see the structures and facilities that are on ground for the take-off of the proposed university.

He lauded her for thinking in this direction, describing the

well as support and advise them appropriately as the Commission expects to see a world class university with world class facilities.

Professor Rasheed also reminded them that NUC has a strong passion for health, urging them to make Medicine one of the priorities while starting the university.

Responding, Her Excellency thanked the Executive



Secretary for granting her request to establish NancyAnn Spring University in Benue State.

She said that the university would provide access to quality education for the indigenes of

concerning the university's evolving.

Her Excellency spoke glowingly about her foundation, the Eunice Spring of Life Foundation (ESLF) and highlighted that the Spring

therefore, the focus had been on fighting breast cancer, among women.

She also explained that her foundation has given out 320 JAMB/UTME scholarships to high school students to enable



The meeting of the Executive Secretary with the Benue State Wife's Entourage in session

the state and non-indigenes, stressing that it's going to be an inclusive affair where women and children would be well catered for. She also expressed her desire to bring development to the immediate community where the University is located, the state and country in general.

Dr. Ortom said that structures were already been built citing the example of two 120-capacity seat-Auditorium, while some private initiative approach had taken off with professionals in various fields of Arts and sciences also helping out

of Life Foundation had been accelerating progress steadily towards the adoption of the SDG No. 3, aimed at providing access to quality healthcare and promote wellbeing for all ages by the year 2030.

According to her, the Foundation had through its free Medical outreach at different rural locations and intervals reached out to a lot of indigent persons. She said that the health programme was motivated by the fact that her mother died of breast cancer,

them successfully secure university admission with the priority targets being female students.

She told the Executive Secretary that due to high demand among students it was opened to their male counterparts as well and that same gesture was also extended to the less privileged in Benue State to access tertiary education.

In her entourage were the Technical Adviser on ESLF, Professor Irene Maguty; and



L-R: Dr. (Mrs) Ortom, Professor Rasheed and the Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin), NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

Technical Adviser/Partner, Engr. Stephen Akange; Implementing Partner, Marius Aondon and ICT Manager, Mr. Ben Agbobo.

At the meeting included: the

NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Administration, Mr. Christopher Maiyaki; Directors of: Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi; Open,

Distance and e-Learning (DoDel) Engr. Kayode Odedina and Director of Tertiary Education (DTE), Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Hajia Rakiya Gambo Ilyasu.



Professor Rasheed (middle) and Dr. (Mrs) Ortom (5th left) in a group photograph with her entourage and some members of NUC Management

## ES Receives NAL Delegation

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last Monday, received a delegation from the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), led by its President, Professor Duro Oni, in

for over 50 years in the Nigerian University System (NUS), with indelible trademark, congratulating him for clocking 91 years this year.

Responding to the Academy's request, Professor Rasheed pledged to support the NAL in

warm reception accorded them by the NUC management and the Commission's interest and participation in the activities of the Academy and programmes.

He particularly thanked Professor Rasheed and also lauded the NUC management for their unwavering



The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL with the Grand Father of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), Professor Ayo Bamgbose

his office.

Welcoming the guests, Professor Rasheed said that he was very proud of the Academy as he described it as the best managed association with probity, accountability and transparency as well as merit in all its dealings and engagements.

He extolled the virtues of the Academy's founding President, Professor Ayo Bamgbose, whom, he said, had been holding a Chair

the best way by reaching out to the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu and other well-meaning individuals to render assistance to the Academy to be able to sustain its noble activities and programmes.

Earlier, while briefing the Executive Secretary on the mission of the delegation and reason for the courtesy visit, the NAL President, Professor Duro Oni, expressed delight at the

supports towards the Academy's successes and achievements.

Professor Oni informed the Executive Secretary that the Academy was presently facing some challenges which would require moral and financial support from its members so as to be able to continue with its programmes and activities including training of members, granting of academic awards and sponsorship, book launch and presentations, as well as other



The meeting of the Executive Secretary with the NAL delegation ongoing

activities towards assisting the Nigerian citizens.

In the delegation included the Founding President, Professor Ayo Bamgbose; former President, Professor Olu Obafemi; Vice

President, Professor Sola Akinrinade; Secretary, Professor Ayobami Kehinde; Financial Secretary, Professor Victor Ariole; Rep. of Classics, Professor Folake Onayemi,; and NAL Bulletin Editor, Emanuel

Dandaura as well as Classics, Professor Olakunbi Olosope.

At the meeting was the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Administration, Mr. Chris Maiyaki.



Professors Rasheed, Bamgbose and the President, NAL, Professor Duro Oni ( 6th, 7th and 8th right ) in a group photograph with some members of the NAL delegation and some members of NUC Mangement

## 63 Bag First Class Degrees as MAU Yola Holds 27th Convocation

**M**odibbo Adamawa University (MAU) Yola last week Saturday graduated a total of 4,638 students with 63 bagging first class at the 27th combined convocation ceremony for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic sessions of the Institution.

In other categories of degrees were 1,069 Second Class Upper, 1,783 Second Class Lower, 552 Third Class, 40 Pass, 72 Postgraduate Diploma, 480 Masters and 80 Doctors of Philosophy.

At the event held at the Convocation Square of the University, the Visitor to the University, President Muhammadu Buhari who was represented by NUC Visiting Professor Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu said the federal government was aware of the infrastructural deficit facing the universities in the country.

He stated that the present government had been committed to improving the welfare of the university workforce as captured in the 2023 budget and therefore, urged university lecturers to be creative so as to sustain their livelihood.

In his remarks, Adamawa State Governor, Rt. Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri congratulated the university for holding the ceremony and noted with appreciation that having Professor Abdullah Liman Tukur steering the affairs of the institution was indeed a great fortune for the country.

Governor Fintiri who took his time

to reel out the pedigree of the awardees of honorary doctorate degrees, described them as people of proven integrity who have contributed immensely to the

its conversion to include establishment of College of Medicine which had since commenced operation with 100 students.



Professor Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu  
Representative of the Visitor to the University and NUC Visiting Professor

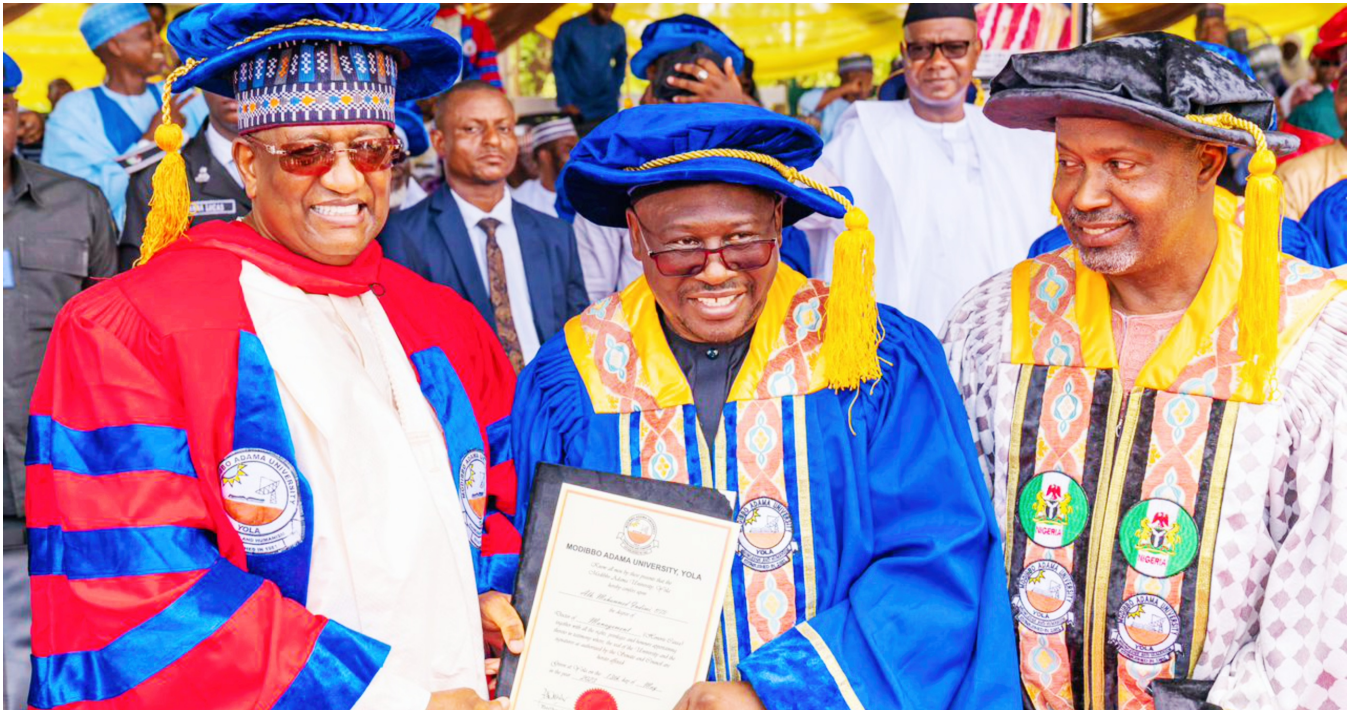
development of the country.

Also speaking, Governor of Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum while appreciating the University for honouring one of their own sons, Alhaji Muhammad Indimi, urged the institution to invest more in science and technology in order to create jobs for youths in Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor of MAU, Yola, Professor Abdullahi Liman Tukur, revealed the milestones achieved by the University after

He added that apart from restoring management and social science courses, the university had added two new programmes, announcing that the new faculty of law will take off in the next admission exercise.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of MAU, Yola, Alh Bashir Muhammad Dalhatu thanked the Adamawa State Government for its support and cooperation to the institution, especially during the struggles towards converting the University



One of the recipients of the Honorary Degree Awards, Alhaji Mohammed Indimi receiving his Award from the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the University, Alhaji Bashir Muhammad Dalhatu while Professor Ribadu watches on

from technology-based to conventional one. respectively at the event.

The Sultan of Sokoto, Alh Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar (III), Alhaji Muhammad Indimi, former Governor of Adamawa State, Mr. Boni Haruna and Alhaji Dahiru Bobbo were recipients of the honorary doctorate degrees of law, management, science and letters,

Delivering an acceptance speech on behalf of the awardees, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alh Sa'ad Abubakar who went down memory lane on the history of the founder of Fombina Kingdom, Modibbo Adama, thanked the university for finding them worthy of the awards.

He noted that knowledge remained the source of all hope while ignorance was the source of all evils and therefore, saluted lecturers of MAU, Yola for their dedication to educate the younger ones towards getting the country a brighter future generation.



The Governors of Adamawa and Borno States, Rt. Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri and Professor Babagana Umara Zulum; Alhaji Dalhatu; Professor Ribadu; Alhaji Dahiru Bobbo and former Governor of Adamawa State, Mr. Boni Haruna (front row) backed by other members of the University Community



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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".

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Necessary legal actions are being initiated to terminate the illegal incorporation of the 'AAU-NA'. In addition, the Directors and the Board Members of the AAU-NA do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities and no approval has been given to them to act on behalf of the Association of African Universities.

The Association of African Universities will continue to be committed to its Regional Offices program through its North America Office (NAMO) in North America, the North Africa Office (NARO) and the East Africa Regional Office (EARO)

Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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## 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			

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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, Oto/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 Adegboyege 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, 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			



# 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
MAIMUNAT		YAHAYA	22 May
PATRICK	EGBE	UKA	23 May
OLANREWAJU	SAHEED	LANIHUN	23 May
ABUBAKAR	USMAN	YAKUBU	23 May
EJOVWOKE	GLORIA	ODUDU	24 May
FAVOUR	CHIOMA	UNUIGBE	25 May
NASIRU	EPLONG	TANKO	25 May
EKENE	PRAISE	OJEI	25 May
IBINABO	INE	AKINBODE	26 May
MANSUR	BUNZA	UMAR	27 May
FATIMA	YAHAYA	AKURKI	27 May
DAVID		IHEUKWUMERE	27 May
OSARO		OMOZUSI	27 May
BABA	GANA	SHETIMA	27 May
ENUMA	JONATHAN	IKWUEKEME	27 May
YUSUF	JIBRIN	BAWA	27 May
AZIBAOLANARI	COMFORT	IKEGIMA	28 May
EFEOISE		ISINUGBEN	28 May

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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