

FIAU Conference, Opportunity for African Varsities to Reinvent Teaching Methods-Perm Sec FME

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. Andrew Adejoh, last Friday, said that the Forum for Innovation in

He said this in his address at the FIAU 3rd Annual Global Conference and Meeting held at the Ladi Kwali Hall, Abuja Continental Hotel (Former

Education in a Post COVID-19 World,” speaks to the contemporary issue and opportunity which the COVID era presented.



L-R (front row): The Director-General/CEO, Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Sir Joseph N. Ari; African Union Commissioner for Education, Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor; the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. Andrew David Adejo and Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, with other participants at the FIAU Conference held at Sheraton Hotels, Abuja.

African Universities (FIAU) presents another opportunity for African Universities to reinvent and adapt to the new trend in the use of technology occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic across the world.

Sheraton Hotel), Abuja, where he stressed that universities world over now leverage technology in teaching and learning.

The Permanent Secretary noted that the theme of the conference, “Strengthening Africa’s Higher

He added that the prospect of technology making significant improvement in higher education in Africa and indeed the Nigerian Universities held great promise towards Africa’s drive to becoming the future destination choice for higher education.

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Mr. Andrew David Adejo
Permanent Secretary, FME

He said: “I understand that the technical session would be dominated by discussion on the African Union Agenda 2063, which drives the African education system for now, this conference, coming at this time is very strategic.

“We are aware that when COVID-19 started, there were these apocalyptic predictions that the street of Africa would be littered with corpses, but we were lucky and also strategic, whether you like it or not, because we put in place measures that help us tackle the health aspect of the pandemic.

“What we were not able to do effectively was to devise how to deal with the socio-economic impact of the pandemic and specifically for the education sector. We did not have the necessary infrastructure that would have enabled us to adopt the blended educational system that was put to use by most developing nations and that gave us a push back”, he stated.

Mr. Adejoh explained that most African universities, especially public ones, remained shut down for almost a year which led to the

disruption of academic calendar as well as the expected output of graduates, adding that in Nigeria, some universities were still running their 2021/2022 academic session, with other back-log of academic activities.

He described as germane the rationale behind establishing the FIAU in 2019, which was a direct response to the adverse effect of the COVID-19 on Africa’s education sector, adding that the forum encouraged intellectual debates and knowledge exchange while working with highly reputable regional and global partners to pull resources to support African Universities.

He stated that the push was what the Continent needed in the post pandemic era to enable it overcome the challenges occasioned by the pandemic.

The Permanent Secretary called on all participants to take advantage of the rich topics discussed in the conference and to use them to the benefits of their respective institutions and the Nigerian University System (NUS) at large.

He also assured that the FME would continue to work closely with the Forum and ensure that its recommendations were implemented at all levels of education in Nigeria.

Presenting the Keynote Address, the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, stated that higher education which form the vital pillar of societies, faced unprecedented challenges due to

Covid-19.

He pointed out that institutions had to swiftly adapt to the new modes of teaching and learning, grapple with remote education and navigate the digital divide, with very limited resources.

He said that the resilience and resourcefulness displayed by educators and students in navigating these obstacles had been commendable.

Mr. Chris Maiyaki, who also spoke on behalf of the Former Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni., MFR, FNAL, stated that leaders of the education sector must ensure that graduates of the Continent were fully equipped with the required skills and knowledge to succeed in the 21st Century.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

He urged them to constantly strive to improve and update the educational programmes in line with global best practices.

While acknowledging that it was during this time of adversity, that universities were stretched beyond their limits, occasioned by limited

resources and the Covid-19 pandemic, but further argued that it was precisely during these same period of adversity that innovation and collaboration had flourished.

He also informed participants that one of such innovative steps, taken recently, by the NUC, as part of its efforts to reposition the Nigerian University System (NUS), for excellence and global competitiveness, was the launch of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for the 17 disciplines in the NUS with emphasis on the acquisition of 21st Century employability skills.

He stressed that in preparing the CCMAS, the NUC, through a multi-stakeholder collegiate, discussed extensively with the Academia, Nigerian Professionals Bodies as well as the private sector, involved via the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG).



Sir Dirk Klaus
CO-Founder, Rohde and Schwartz, Germany

The essence was to develop curricula that was fit-for-purpose for the training of 21st Century graduates and to especially cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset amongst students, with the hope to foster a



Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor
African Union Commissioner for Education

culture of innovation, creativity, and problem-solving that would drive economic growth and social development.

He told the gathering that all programmes in the 17 disciplines in the re-engineered curricula had programme-specific entrepreneurship courses that were compulsory and obligatory as it sought to create in the students the mindset of innovation and self-employability, upon graduation.

Speaking in his position as Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki mentioned that the Commission had transcended traditional boundaries to harness the power of collaboration and foster sustainable university-industry partnership which had enabled the Commission to align the new CCMAS with the evolving needs of the job market and create graduates that would be well-versed in theory and also possess the practical skills demanded by employers.

He added that the collaboration with industries would enable

universities conduct impact researches that addressed real-world challenges by continuing to impact mankind so as to secure tangible socio-economic development.

Mr. Maiyaki also stated that the Covid-19 pandemic had imposed new obligations on both learning and administrative cultures.

By this, virtual learning, zoom meetings, seminars and workshops had become the imperatives of the medical necessities of the pandemic, adding that administrators must be on top of these new developments as well as conversant with and master the technology and techniques of the virtual interactions, including developing new mindset.



Sir Joseph N. Ari
Director-General/CEO, ITF

He highlighted that the NUC had taken some significant steps towards developing a draft National Policy for the implementation of Open Education Resources (OER), noting that embracing the global emergence of OER presented a promising solution to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education that would promote

lifelong learning opportunities for all, reduce costs, facilitate the use of ICT in education, and improve access to learning in Nigeria.



Mr. Klaus Schneider
Co-Founder, FIAU

He added that OER hold immense potentials for the realisation of Sustainable Development Goal 4(SDG4), which aims to advance lifelong learning and promote equitable and inclusive education.

He explained that it was done with the hope that a repeat of the complete shutdown of teaching and learning experienced by many Nigerian Universities during the pandemic would be a thing of the past as Universities could now sustain their academic activities.

He charged the participants to harness the spirit of innovation, collaboration and resilience in order to build a future where universities would be thriving centres of knowledge, and foster leaders/change makers that the African Continent needed.

While providing background on the emergence of the Forum, the Director General / Chief Executive, Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Sir Joseph N. Ari, KSM, KSS, OON, noted that the path to the collaboration of ITF

which commenced full engagement with the Rohde and Schwartz, who has become one of the partners in the organisation of the Forum.



Mr. Paschal Anosike
Co-Founder, FIAU

Sir Joseph noted that the initial contact was restricted to correspondences, and was taken further in April by the visit of representatives from Rohde and Schwartz during which they carried



The NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel B. Saliu assisting the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki to hand over a souvenir in appreciation of one of the lead sponsors of the 3rd FIAU Conference and President/COO, Rohde and Schwartz of Germany, Mr. Peter Riedel

The Acting ES added that the NUC had adopted the global practice of integrating E-learning in the delivery of teaching and learning, noting that the Commission produced a framework and developed guidelines for the orderly integration of E-learning into teaching and learning in the NUS.

with the German Government under the German Dual Vocational Training (DVT), which the Fund had adopted came about as a result of interaction following the launch of the framework for the implementation of the National Apprenticeship and Traineeship System by the ITF

out assessment tours and held discussions.

The discussions he mentioned touched on several issues including assistance to tertiary institutions through the deployment of high-level electronic equipment to some universities, which had already

commenced with Covenant University as its beneficiary while the Student Exchange programme that was still in the works within the Forum programmes.

Loan Act.

He stated that the Act, which was canvassed by many actors in the tertiary education sector in

between the FIAU as well as Rohde and Schwartz, based in Munchen, Germany and for collaborating with the ITF and the NUC, to host the Forum, which was intended to



A cross section of other participants at the 3rd FIAU Conference

The Chief Executive of ITF noted that the Forum was timely for Nigeria as the resolutions that would emerge from the conference would greatly assist the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu,

Nigeria for years, would no doubt, open up access to loans and help students to fund their higher education. This, he said, would boost school enrolment even for the less privileged members of the

bring together leading figures in the academics, the industry and other relevant stakeholders to push forward ideas and harness strategies to strengthen Africa's Higher Education System.



The NUC Directors of: Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi (1st left) and Open Distance and e-Learning (DODel), Engr. Kayode Odedina (2nd) front row with other participants at the Conference

GCFR, that had already shown a commendable willingness to reform tertiary education in Nigeria, by signing into law the Access to Higher Education Act, 2023 otherwise known as the Student

society that were previously denied such opportunities on account of lack of finance.

Mr. Ari expressed his profound appreciation to the partnership

He revealed that the ITF in all of its 50 years of existence had been at the forefront of innovation in Nigeria, adding that the impact of its efforts had transcended the Human Resources Development



L-R (front row): Acting Directors of, Accreditation (DA), Architect Samuel Ikani; Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Malam Mohammed Farouk Lawal; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO) Mr. John Mairafi; Acting Directors of Academic Planning (DAP) and Public Affairs (DPA), Malam Haruna Lawal Ajo, with others at the Conference

(HRD) sector with varying degrees of impact on the sectors of the economy, including Higher Education.

In his address, the representative of Rohde and Schwartz and Munchen, Germany, Mr. Steve Joshua stressed that their organisation had been in the forefront of providing ground-breaking ICT equipment to organisations and tertiary institutions around the World.

He added that the Forum and the ITF had provided another opportunity for his organisation to step into

Africa and contribute to the ICT revolution in the education sector in the continent, using Nigeria as its gateway.

Also, African Union Commissioner for Education (2017-22), Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor presented a paper on: African Union Agenda 2063 and FIAU.

The event was coordinated by the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu.

At the Conference included the FIAU Founders, Professor Paschal Anosike and Klaus Schneider; Co-Chair FIAU, Professor William Qurix; Vice-Chancellor, Bingham University, Karu, Nasarawa State.

Others participants included the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, NUC Directors and Acting Directors as well as some Academics and students from the NUS, the private sector, among others.



Mr. Maiyaki and Professor Sarah Agbor, 7th and 8th left (seated) in a group photograph with other participants at the 3rd FIAU Conference in Abuja, Nigeria.

BUK Celebrates Return of Ex-ES NUC, Prof Rasheed

Bayero University, Kano on Saturday, 8th July, 2023 celebrated the return of the immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed to the University after spending seven years in the commission.

BUK.

He said Bayero University would benefit immensely from the wealth of experience of Prof Rasheed especially now that the University has focused its attention towards attaining excellence.

former Vice-Chancellor of BUK, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said the university was excited to formally welcome Prof Rasheed to its fold having spent 7 years in NUC.

He said Prof Rasheed had during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor made indelible footprints in



The Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University Kano (BUK) handing over a plaque to immediate past Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, in celebration and commemoration of his return to the University after seven year sojourn in the Commission.

The University organized a grand reception to celebrate his home coming as a large gathering comprising former Vice-Chancellors, current Principal Officers, Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department and other members of the University came together at the famous BUK's Convocation Arena.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the university was indeed pleased to welcome the immediate past NUC Executive Secretary whom he described as a trail blazer and architect of modern

In his remarks, the celebrant, Professor Abubakar Rasheed said he was moved by the positive encomiums showered on him by members of the University management. He explained that he still had 3 years and one month to complete his tenure in office but decided to withdraw and return to classroom. "I have missed classroom greatly and now that I am back, I will continue to render my services to the University," said Prof Rasheed

Earlier in his welcome address, Chairman of the occasion and

almost all facets of the University and impacted positively on the university system in Nigeria while in NUC.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Chief Imam of Kano and a former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen,, Vice-Chancellor, Al-Istiqama University, Professor Salisu Shehu, former ASUU National President, Dr Nasiru Isa Fagge, former Registrar, Dr. Sani Amin Ibrahim, Secretary to the Kano State Government, Dr Abdullahi Bichi and.. Prof S.B Ahmad.

NUC Appoints Three New Acting Directors

In order to provide stable leadership to three Directorates of the National Universities Commission and sequel the vacuum in the positions, the trio of Mallam Abubakar Muhammad Girei; Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo and Architect Samuel Sule Ikani have been appointed Acting Directors of Academic Planning, Students and Accreditation, respectively.

The appointments followed their recommendations by the Management Committee chaired by the out-gone, Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL.

Mallam Abubakar Muhammad Girei graduated from the University of Maiduguri with a (B.Sc) Biochemistry) in 1995 and later obtained a Master of Science Degree in biochemistry from the Usumanu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto in 2018.

He joined the services of the National Universities Commission in November 1997 as Research Officer II, in the then Department of Research and Postgraduate Development. While in the Research and Postgraduate Development Department, he gained vast experience, traversing the various administrative departments and units.

While in the then Research Department his responsibilities included coordination of postgraduate research activities in the Department as well as liaising

Their separate letters of appointment signed by the then Deputy Executive Secretary and now Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki dated 26th June, 2023, reads inter alia, “The appointment is in recognition of your performance, loyalty, commitment to duty and high sense of responsibility.

“While congratulating them on their appointments, the letter further read: “the Executive Secretary look forward to your continued, efficient and dedicated service in the collective effort at moving the Nigerian University System

forward.”

In the letter of assignment, Mr. Girei is the new Acting Director of Academic Planning (DAP); Ms. Okonjo would oversee the Directorate of Students (DoS), while Architect Ikani is to take charge of the Directorate of Accreditation (DA).

The release signed by the then Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration and now Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, declared that their positing takes effect from 26th of June, 2023.

... Profile of Mr. Girei

with the universities on their programmes and was part of the team that managed the Nigerian Universities Research and



Mallam Abubakar Mohammed Girei
Acting Director, Academic Planning

Development Fair (NURESDEF), which celebrated universities research efforts and outputs through the Fairs on behalf of the

Commission.

In the course of this duty, he received extensive specialized trainings relevant to the performance of his core duties such as in areas of Team Building for Peak Performance, Basic Research Analysis and participated actively in the NURESDEF Programme Planning and Management.

Following his dedication and loyalty to the course of his assignments and the experience garnered, he was at some point deployed to the Academic Planning Directorate as a Chief Academic Planning Officer and later to the Directorate for Establishment of Private Universities.

He rose steadily through the ranks culminating in his promotion to

the rank of Deputy Director in 2019, he was then posted to the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU) as Head of Academic Matters, a duty he discharged quite creditably.

While in the Directorate of Establishment of Private

Universities, he was saddled with coordination of activities and issues pertaining to Analysis of Academic Briefs of proposed Private Universities in Nigeria, until his new elevation as Acting Director, Academic Planning on the 26th of June, 2023.

The new Acting Director Academic Planning, Mr. Girei is an associate member of the Nigerian Institute of Management and was born at Girei in Girei LGA of Adamawa State on 13th September, 1966 and blessed with children.

---Profile of Ms. Okonjo

Rita Nneka Okonjo, graduated from the Lagos State University, Ojo, with a Bachelor of Arts/Education (BA.Ed) degree in English Language, in 1990 and later obtained a Master of Public Administration (MPA), from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 2004.

She began her working career in the Private sector where she worked in various capacities ranging from administrative duties and technical services before joining the services of the NUC in April 2002 as a Senior Personnel Officer, in the then Department of Finance and Administration.

While in the Personnel unit, she served as Senior Officer between 2002 and 2004, and was charged with the responsibilities of identification of skill gap through training needs analysis for various departments of the Commission, identification of relevant courses for various categories of staff for in-house and external training, as well as short and long-term training and assisted in the organization of in-house seminars and workshops for staff.

She gained vast experience in the course of traversing the various

administrative departments and units and was later redeployed to the Department of Physical Planning and Development as the Personnel Officer from 2004-2007, in-charge of the general administration of the Department, which also entailed working directly with the Director and advising him on administrative matters.



Ms Rita Nneka Okonjo
Acting Director, Students

By dint of hard work, she was promoted to the rank of Chief and deployed to the Directorate of Inspection and Monitoring as Chief Inspection and Monitoring Officer in the Private Universities Division, 2014 which she occupied and

subsequently got promoted to Deputy Director, in charge of the same Division in 2016.

She was later redeployed to head the Affiliate Division of the Directorate in 2017 and was to later move to Student Welfare Division in the Directorate of Students, a position she held until the retirement of the substantive Director in October 2022 and was directed to oversee the Directorate until this new appointment as the Acting Director, Directorate of Students.

Her work experience covers the entire gamut of the Commission's administrative duties including several Ad-Hoc Assignments such as Chairman, on Review of Staff condition of Service for the Directorate of Students; Representation on the Board of Higher Institutions Sports League (HISL) in collaboration with NUGA; Monitoring Team on the Presidential Scholarship for Innovation and Development (PRESSID) Scholars at the Imperial College and University College, London as well as Secretary, UC Management Committee on Student Advisory Group Framework, among others.

The new Acting Director of Students, who hails from Ogwashi-Uku, Delta State, is a

member of Teachers Registration Council (TRCN) Nigeria and also Associate

Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered).

---Profile of Architect Ikani

Architect Ikani, started his educational career in 1972 from LGEA/RCMT School, Okpachala, Idah, Kogi State, and holds a National Diploma (ND) of Federal Polytechnic, Idah, Kogi State, in Civil Engineering with Upper Credit in 1985 and later obtained a B.Sc and M.Sc degrees in Architecture in 1989 and 1991, respectively, of the University of Jos (UNIJOS), Jos, Plateau State.

He had a brief stint in the private sector and specifically with Ibrahim Ahmed and Associates, (Zone 2, Wuse, Abuja) from 1992 to first quarter of 1993, as Project Architect in the Architectural Firm and later joined the services of the National Universities Commission in March, 1993 as an Academic Planning Officer 1.

He was then designated as the Discipline Officer for Environmental Sciences Discipline and Programme Officer for Architecture in Nigerian universities and rose through the ranks to become Deputy Director, Resource and Strategic Planning in 2011, as well as the Coordinator, University System Annual Review Meetings (USARM).

In the course of his services in the Commission, Arc. Ikani had worked and traversed the Department of Academic Planning between 1993 to 2011 and to then Department of Open

and Distance Education as Head of Cross Border Education Division until his deployment in 2017 to the Directorate of Accreditation as Head of Part-time Accreditation Division.

He became the Head of Programme Accreditation Division in 2019, a position he held until his recent elevation to Acting Director of Accreditation at the National Universities Commission.



Architect Samuel Sule Ikani
Acting Director, Accreditation

He has held so many ad-hoc positions in the course of his public service career, including Chairman, NUC Committee that drew up the Proposal on Environmental Management Technology Programme for Nigerian Universities in 1994; Secretary, NUC Committee that developed Guidelines for Drawing up an Academic Brief 1994; Secretary, Committee on Monitoring of Private Universities (COMPU), 2003-

2009; Membership of other NUC Committees such as Standing Committee on Movement to Abuja (SCOMA), 1994-1995 and Environmental Maintenance Committee (EMC), June, 1996-September, 1996.

The new Acting Director, Accreditation, had also served as NUC representative in the Governing Councils of Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State from 2007-Date; NUC representative on the Visitation Panel to Bells University of Technology, Ota, (January-February, 2012); NUC representative on the Governing Council of Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State (2012-Date); Member, NIA Abuja Practice Sub-Committee (2014-2016) and Secretary, Presidential Visitation Panel to University of Abuja (April-June, 2021).

He has attended several workshops, seminars, conferences and short courses within and outside Nigeria.

Arc. Ikani, Born on 4th January, 1964 at Iddah, Kogi State is currently a Chartered Architect, a Full Member of the Nigerian Institute of Architects (NIA) and a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration, is married with Children.

Monday Bulletin wishes the new Acting Directors success in their new assignments.

BW, Oxfam Nigeria Propose New Curriculum for Nigerian Varsities

Butterfly Works (BW), a company based in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in collaboration with Oxfam Nigeria has embarked on a project tagged 'Work in progress programme' to provide a potential integration of digital labs to universities through the utilisation of the 30 % elective window provided by the newly developed CCMAS.

The collaborating firms gave this hint when they paid a visit to the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last Wednesday, in the Commission.

This, they hope would help improve the economic prospects of the ever teeming Nigerian population in the country through empowering the youth age with digital skills.

While welcoming members of the team, the Acting Executive Secretary informed them that the NUC remained the only official gateway to the Nigerian higher education space and had been so since 1962.

He said starting with the establishment of an indigenous University in 1948, before the independence, the University of

Nigeria Nsukka and another institution called the University College Ibadan, which was an offshoot of the University College London came on board, the Nigerian government ensured the latter

He told the guests that the Commission just celebrated its 60th year in existence in a grand way last December, having come this far with numerous feathers to its cap and still striving.



The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with the Team Leader, Butterfly Works, Based in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Ms. Jojanneke Henduks during their visit to the Commission.

gained autonomy in 1960 in order to provide University education in the country.

Thereafter, the first generation universities were birthed in 1962, followed by the popular seven sisters in (Lagos, Kano, Ilorin, Jos, Calabar, Sokoto and Maiduguri in 1975 and now the Commission regulates about 260 Universities under its motherly care in all nooks and crannies of Nigeria.

He added that the Commission would not rest on its oars provided there remained upward demand for tertiary education and the need existed to supply a well-coordinated University education to the Nigerian society through granting access and equity in higher education.

Mr. Maiyaki further highlighted that the NUC had been empowered by law to regulate and coordinate

University education which it does through instruments like the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), recently developed by a multi-stakeholder approach.

formulation and implementation in respect to university education, recommending the licensing of private Universities in the country.

place to seek its partnership with the University System and assured them that NUC would provide the necessary guidance they need to achieve their purpose.



The Meeting of the Acting Executive Secretary and some members of the NUC Management with the delegation in session.

Through this process, he disclosed that seasoned experts, not resident in the Commission, were brought on board to bring to bare their wealth of experience on the specifics of various disciplines and since the Curriculum had always evolved with the times, the Commission also had to keep on fine tuning it to serve this purpose.

He mentioned other functions of the Commission to include, resource planning and verification, accreditation of the already established programmes, assisting the government in policy

Others highlighted were stimulating and sustaining the research culture in institutions of higher learning and paying inspection visits to monitor the conduct and level of conformity to its extant laws by all institutions in its care.

He said the Commission values the power of partnership and collaboration and therefore, serves as a channel for external aid to the Universities.

The Acting Executive Secretary commended the team for coming to the right

He admitted that the Commission had reached a trajectory where it must and had deemed it fit to open its doors to the international community to foster a mutually beneficial and trustworthy partnership through the development of guidelines for Transnational Education (TNE).

The essence was to enable establishment of branch campuses and twinning arrangements between Universities provided the regulatory regulations spelt out would be adhered to.

In his speech, the leader of the team, and Butterfly Works Programme Manager, Ms. Jojanneke Henduks thanked the Acting Executive Secretary and his team for the opportunity accorded them and informed the meeting that her organisation in collaboration with Oxfam Nigeria and funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs had recently conducted extensive research on the digital lab programme over a four-year interval to provide quality digital skills to ECs and TVETs

explore into the rich digital world.

Ms. Henduks listed pioneer Universities that were already members of the ECs like Usman danfodio University, Sokoto (UDUS) and Obong University, Akwa Ibom and Nassarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK), the three in continual partnership with Butterfly Works have worked to define their curriculum better to serve the needs of their institutions.

curriculum has four modules and each module contains seven sessions. Module one is basically focused on digital literacy and continuous learning, it entails aspects on what digital devices are, what the internet does, what is safe information and what is not, how one can learn and critically absorb information through the best sources available.

Module two is about online collaboration and problem solving which entails working



The Deputy Director, Programme Accreditation, Dr. Chinelo Nwosu (extreme right, front row), with others at the meeting.

which would improve labour opportunities locally and internationally.

She said it was necessary to support the ECs and TVETs on how to adopt digital skills into their current way of teaching in order to build a bridge for the new generation of trained professionals to be able to

She said the completed curriculum had been finalised with the end users (teachers and students) in mind and could serve as a stand alone curriculum to be launched independently or be integrated in the current curriculum which could be easily accessed even through a mobile phone. According to her, the

on projects and doing some research, how to also use resources on the internet to solve everyday life problem.

Module three is about creative thinking and online content production, which dwelt basically on how to be educated to be a certain professional and add digital skills to what one is

learning to enable the prospective users to market themselves on what to do while module four is about a more professional approach that will aid anyone in networking through a professional field which will help to show your professional profile online and how you can be found.

She added that the modules have a resource library which can be found online, there is also an online community for students to communicate and exchange their experiences through experiential learning where they can work on actual projects through the use of digital tools and methods to enhance the project they are researching on.

There is also provision for the guidance of a facilitator on how to teach the modules before imparting the knowledge to their students.

In the delegation included: the Director, CED, (UDUS), Professor Maryam A. Koko; the Training Coordinator, UDUS, Mr. Agosu D. Joshua; Director, EDC Obong University, Dr. Harrison Ataide; as well as the University's Project Manager, Mr. Prince Ogbodo.

At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary DES (Academics), Dr. Noel B Saliu; Directors of,

Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Open Distance ad E-Learning (DODEL), Engineer Kayode Odedina; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Acting Directors of, Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawan; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; as well as Deputy Director, Undergraduate Accreditation in the Directorate of Accreditation, Mrs. Chinelo Nwosu.



Mr. Maiyaki (6th left), NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel Saliu, (4th from right), and Ms Henduks (5th left) in a group photograph with other members of the visiting team and some members of the NUC Management

NECO Unveils e-Verify Platform for Result Confirmation, Verification

The National Examinations Council (NECO) has unveiled an electronic verification Platform codded e-Verify for online result verification and confirming solution.

the unveiling, NECO was aligning itself with global best practices, while commending the examination body for the efforts in creating the platform.

“This is another way of

“All Vice Chancellors of universities, rectors of polytechnics, provosts of colleges of education, head of other tertiary institutions, including Innovation Enterprises Institutions are therefore



L-R: The Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Rep of the Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Professor Paulinus Okwelle; Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Registrar and CEO, National Examinations Council (NECO), Professor Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. Andrew David Adejo at the unveiling of NECO e-Verify Platform.

Unveiling the e-Verify Platform last Thursday, at the event held at the Professor Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, National Universities Commission (NUC), Secretariat, Abuja, the Acting Minister of Education and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. David Adejoh Andrew said the Platform would ease out the cumbersomeness of the process of checking examination results and other NECO related official matters.

The Permanent Secretary described the platform as a game changing initiative. He said with

discouraging fraud and ensuring transparency in the system.

Mr. Adejo, who expressed delight that NECO is ensuring its activities is aligning with global best practices, said the platform would go a long way in fishing out fake results, especially during the admission process.

He said: “Arising from the fact that tertiary institutions must verify and confirm results of candidates to be admitted into their schools, the need for recertification for results becomes very necessary.

mandated to make use of NECO e-Verify software for verifying all candidates that will be admitted who sat in NECO exam.”

In his goodwill message, the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris .J. Maiyaki, informed the gathering of the NUC’s activities as the agency of the Federal Government, charged with the mandate of ensuring the orderly development of university education in Nigeria, for national development and global competitiveness.



Mr. Andrew David Adejo
Permanent Secretary, FME

He stated that the Commission coordinates the activities of two hundred and sixty (260) universities and still counting, providers of quality and world-class university education in Nigeria.

The Acting Executive Secretary explained that the Commission and its management were pleased to be associated with NECO as a key strategic partner, among many others, in ensuring that candidates, who applied to be admitted into Nigerian universities to advance their desired careers, were given the opportunity based on carefully verified and authenticated qualifying Senior Secondary School Examination (SSCE) results.

He commended NECO for its giant strides in effectively delivering examinations whose results were trusted the world over for their credibility as a response to the yearly increase in the number of candidates presented by various secondary schools to sit for the qualifying examination.

Mr. Maiyaki stated that the ceremony was very significant not only to the NUC, other regulatory agencies in the tertiary education sub-sector, but tertiary institutions in Nigeria and abroad, expressing hope that the NECO e-Verify software being launched would further simplify the processes for result verification by individuals, institutions and employers alike.

The Acting Executive Secretary urged the Council to ensure that the software would stand the required integrity tests, especially against modern cyber warfare.

He congratulated the management of the Council for the laudable initiative, wishing them more successes in their quest to ensure quality in the production of manpower for the development of the Nigerian economy.

Also speaking, the Chairperson of the occasion and the Deputy Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Dr. Akon Etim Eyakenyi, said



Dr. Akon Etim Eyakenyi
Deputy Governor of Akwa Ibom State

the software was a product of a good thinking and implementation and was a good step in right direction.

She said ICT has revolutionised human interaction, redefine learning and transform government operations, hence the need for the software.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

“We are on a world where robot are effectively replacing humans. This is the era of e-learning, e-commerce and e-government and Nigeria needs to double up and that is what NECO is trying to do today,” she stated.

She charged NECO to work towards full automation of its operations while encouraging schools to embrace technology, adding that the platform will go a long way to help students and Nigerians in general.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Registrar of NECO, Professor Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi, said that the occasion was a milestone in the history of NECO as it presented the introduction of the Portal for verification and

confirmation of results (NECO E-Verify).

He highlighted that prior to this time, all requests for verification and or confirmation of results were routed through the Council's Headquarters in Minna, which took longer time to process.

He said the platform is designed to perform dual result verification purposes like the instant result verification and institutional bulk verification.

The main goal is to prevent educational institutions, employers, and other agencies from granting admission or hiring unqualified persons that may hinder the ease of achieving set goals, helping organisations to seamlessly verify the authenticity of NECO results presented to them for admission or recruitment anywhere around the globe.

At the unveiling, Wushishi noted that the platform will bring a great deal of relief to millions of



Professor Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi
Registrar and CEO, National Examinations Council (NECO)

examination candidates, educational institutions and other stakeholders.

“Due to the growing need for verification and confirmation of results by institutions both home and abroad, the Council decided that now was the best time to introduce the e-Verify platform.

The ‘NECO e-Verify’ is an Online Result Verification solution that guarantees instant authentication of academic and basic information about prospective candidates for

admission and employment into academic institutions and work places respectively.

“Result verification is an important process that helps to ensure the accuracy of academic credentials.

“By verifying the authenticity of candidates’ results, academic institutions and employers will be more confident that they are admitting and hiring persons who have the required qualification for further studies and specific job schedules,” he said.

Speaking on its benefits, he said it increased confidence, reduce the risk of admitting/hiring unqualified persons that can lead to a number of risk such as poor academic performance, decreased productivity, low morale and improved efficiency.

“With proper verification of candidates results, institutions and businesses will run more efficiently as they will be able to recruit the best applicants that are



The Deputy Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Dr. Eyakenyi assisted by the Permanent Secretary FME, Mr. Adejo and the Registrar of NECO, Professor Wushishi, to cut the tape to signal the unveiling of the NECO e-verify Platform



A cross section of dignitaries at the Unveiling of the NECO e-Verify Platform

capable of learning faster and employees that can carry out their duties without or with minimal supervision.

“This also places universities and other tertiary institutions on a good pedestal as candidates with questionable results would not dare to apply for admission,” he added.

In their separate goodwill messages, the Majority Leader, House of Representatives,

Professor Julius Ihonvbere and his counterpart at the Senate, Distinguished Senator Suleiman Sadiq Umar, congratulated NECO for what they described as groundbreaking feat that would reshape the workings of the Council and authenticate its results, thereby making it more acceptable both home and abroad. They urged the Registrar to continue to bring more developmental strides to bear in NECO to actualize the functions of the Council and realize its

goals.

Other goodwill messages were delivered by the representatives of the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Army Staff; the Executive Secretaries, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), as well as other parastatals under the Federal Ministry of Education (FME).



Mr. Adejo and Dr. Eyakenyi 6th and 7th, from right; Mr. Maiyaki and Professor Wushishi, 4th and 5th from left), with some representatives of the Armed Forces and Para-Military Agencies at the event



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

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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	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	43	Nigerian Army University, Biu	2018
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011			
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011			
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011			
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011			
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012			
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013			

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	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	38	Technical University, Ibadan	2012
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikeru - Ekiti State	2020
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
						55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022



56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022		
57	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023		
58	Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022	62	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023		
59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022					

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2007	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2007	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State	2001	36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	69	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyege University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	45	Mcperson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, State	2012	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	79	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	82	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	83	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	84	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	87	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT 2006	2006	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015	90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	59	Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
29	Obong University. Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016			
			65	Crown-Hill University Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016			

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S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023			
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra Stat	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birmin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023						
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023						
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						
120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023						
121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023						
122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023						
123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023						
124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023						
126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023						
127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023						
128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023						
129	Wigwe University, Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023						
130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						
131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023						
132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023						
133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						



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 Udo 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
HABIBA	JIBRIL	JUBRIL	11 July
GRACE	AINA	ALEGBELEYE	12 July
ZAHRAU		MAHMOOD	12 July
JOSEPHINE	CHIOMA	EZEMA	12 July
ZAKARI		MOHAMMED	12 July
SADA	AWAYAU	HASSAN	12 July
EMMANUEL		ANAWO	12 July
ZULAIHATU		ZUBAIR	13 July
DAVID	OGBUDU	EJEN	13 July
EMMANUEL	ITSENAKHE	ANAVHE	15 July
ADAMU	DANJUMA	USMAN	15 July

Wishing You Many happy returns!

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