

## Education Family Welcomes New Ministers

The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, recently nominated new Cabinet Ministers to serve in his Government, with Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, and

Dr. Tanko Yusuf Sununu, emerging as the Honourable Ministers of Education and that of State, respectively in the Education Ministry.

Following their swearing-in ceremony, both Ministers also swiftly assumed their positions

and were received with joy by the entire education family.

The Monday Bulletin presents the profiles of both Ministers saddled with the responsibilities of administering the Education sector.

### Profile of Professor Tahir Mamman

Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, is a distinguished member of the legal community, born in Mubi Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Northeast Nigeria. His life journey began when he obtained his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) Degree from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in 1983. A year later, he graduated from the Nigerian Law School, solidifying his foundation in the legal field.

His academic prowess paved the way for a remarkable career that would leave an indelible mark on Nigeria's legal landscape.

Entering the academic sphere,



Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN  
Honourable Minister of Education

Professor Mamman embarked on a path of influence and contribution.

He joined the University of Maiduguri where he taught Law, rising to the esteemed

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position of the Dean of the Faculty of Law. His dedication to legal education was further underscored by his pursuit of a Master's Degree from the University of Warwick and, subsequently, a Ph.D., reinforcing his commitment to continuous learning and academic growth.

In 2005, Professor Mamman assumed the role of Director-General of the Nigerian Law School after serving as Deputy Director-General of the Kano Campus, marking a pivotal phase in his career. Over the course of his eight-year tenure, his leadership led to transformative growth and infrastructural development within the institution.

His visionary approach and unwavering dedication played a significant role in shaping the future of legal education in Nigeria.

Beyond his national impact, Professor Mamman's reputation expanded, earning him a place as a recognized member of the prestigious Body of Benchers. His dedication to legal education extended to the global arena, as he served as a board member of the International Association of Law Schools based in Washington.

In September 2015, Professor Mamman was conferred with the esteemed title of the Senior

Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), as a recognition for his exceptional contributions within the legal realm. This recognition underscored his standing as a legal luminary and his profound impact on the legal profession.

Professor Mamman's last position before his nomination as Minister was Vice-Chancellor of Baze University, in the the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja. His role as an academic leader continues to shape the minds of future legal professionals, instilling in them the values of integrity, excellence, and ethical practice.

In recognition of his exceptional contributions, the Federal Government of Nigeria bestowed upon Professor Mamman the National Honor of Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON), a testament to his commitment to nation-building and the advancement of legal education. Professor Mamman's academic and professional journey is a testament to his unwavering commitment to the legal field.

His practice areas include Arbitration and Mediation, and Corporate and Commercial Law. As an esteemed member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association, Professor Mamman remained at the

forefront of legal discourse and innovation.

Professor Mamman stands as a paragon of excellence, leadership, and unwavering dedication.

His journey is an inspiration to aspiring legal professionals and a testament to the transformative power of education, integrity, and a commitment to positive change.

President Tinubu's astute decision to appoint Professor Tahir Mamman as the Honourable Minister of Education on the 16th of August, 2023, reflects wisdom and foresight that can significantly contribute to Nigeria's development. With a distinguished academic background, leadership experience, and legal acumen.

Professor Mamman's strategic placement in the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) is a move in the right direction, as the education sector stands to witness many fortunes that will reshape the future of the country and the citizenry.

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME) is happily married with children and is blessed with a large and caring family.

## Profile of Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu

**D**r. Yusuf Tanko Sununu was born on 2 February 1967 in Kebbi State, North West Nigeria. He was a member of the House of Representatives from the Yauri/Shanga/Ngaski Federal Constituency.

He is an obstetrician and gynaecologist and a Minimal Access Surgeon at the Federal Medical Centre, Birnin Kebbi where he has served since October 2012.

He is the Head of the Laparoscopic Surgical Unit. Dr. Sununu also served as the personal physician to the governor of Kebbi State at Government House Clinic Birnin Kebbi from May 2003 to Apr 2005 and as Medical Officer at General Hospital Argungu from Jan 2000 to Mar 2003.

Dr. Sununu holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), FWACS, FMAS, DMAS Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Minimal Access Surgery and is a Member of the Nigerian Medical Association

(NMA), Member of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (SOGON), Life Member of the World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons



Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu  
The Honourable Minister of State for Education (HMSE)

(WALS), and Member of the Medical and Dental Consultants of Nigeria.

He was a Member of the Management Board of the Federal Medical Centre, Katsina

(2013), and a Member of the Management Board of Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto (2018).

The Honourable Minister of State for Education (HMSE) is happily married with children.

*Monday Bulletin wishes both Ministers successful tenure in office.*

## Stakeholders Advocate for Strengthening of Education Through STEAM

**S**takeholders in the Education sector, including the Nigeria Academy of Science (NAS), Nigeria Academy of Letters (NAL), Nigeria Young Academy (NYA), Joint Admissions and

Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Science and Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), have advocated for the strengthening of educational system in Nigeria, through

STEAM. They made this known, last week, when they visited the National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja.

Receiving the delegation, the Ag. Executive Secretary, Mr.

Chris J. Maiyaki told the visitors that the Commission had always engaged policy makers and professional bodies, including the industries to add value to tertiary education in Nigeria.

reviewed curriculum with professional bodies.

He stressed that curriculum development was about review, and the universities had been

Council (WAEC), National Examinations Council (NECO), National Business and Technical Examination Board (NABTEB) and the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki Flanked by Prof. Andrew Haruna and the President, Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS), Professor Ekanem Braide

He said that NUC had reviewed the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) to Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS).

Mr. Maiyaki explained that today, the NUC, the Universities, Nigeria, Africa and indeed the world are celebrating the CCMAS, saying that as the world was evolving, the Commission had to be dynamic by rolling out the CCMAS document to meet the expectations of the industries and the global community.

He said that since 1974 to date, NUC had always carried out its mandates, laid down the minimum academic standard and

given the liberty to contribute 30% of its own quota to the CCMAS document, according to the peculiarities of their environment. He said that NUC was open to criticism and that the professional bodies were free to meet the Commission in the spirit of a win win situation.

In her remarks, the Chairperson, STEAM Education, Professor Obioma Nwaorgu, argued that the weak education system in Nigeria, especially at the pre-tertiary level conspicuously reflected in the poor performance of students who sat for the examinations conducted by the West African Examinations

Professor Nwaorgu said that the grievous consequences of the failing education system included shortage of skilled personnel, high unemployment, national insecurity and poor economic prospects.

She canvassed for the need to intervene at the sub national levels to improve the quality of pre-tertiary education, to enable Nigeria to prosper in an increasingly competitive world, driven by scientific innovation and advanced technology.

She highlighted that over the past 25 years, STEM education had been evolving globally from an integration of four overlapping disciplines –



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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to learning and skill development, where rigorous academic concepts were coupled with practical applications.

She said that STEM education continued to broaden and deepen in scope, by transcending the fields of performing Arts, English, Literature, History, Religious Studies, Philosophy and Languages.

She stressed that STEAM education continued to be a significant national priority for driving technological change, economic prosperity and security. She, however, noted that STEAM education in Nigeria did not have the desired national priority status it required.

She advocated for STEAM knowledge and literacy to be learnt at an early age in Primary and Secondary schools as essential pre requisites to

tertiary education (technical training to advance college level and graduate study) and increased technical skills at the workplace.

Professor Nwaorgu said that NAS, NAL, NYA, in conjunction with JAMB had proposed ways to advance STEAM education at the Primary and Secondary education in Nigeria, with a view to contributing to the uptake and quality of STEAM education in



Some members of the delegation and some NUC Management members during the meeting

the country.

She said, the specific objectives of the project were to, among other things, advocate and mainstream the implementation of locally- appropriate STEAM education policies into the curriculum and extra curriculum activities in schools; strengthen the capacity of pre-school, Primary and Secondary teachers in STEAM educational strategies and approaches.

She mentioned other objectives to include; highlight career development matters, through the development and testing of innovative concepts and ideas for employment and cultural understanding, among the next generation of Nigerians.

She noted that increasing awareness would stimulate interest and foster STEAM literacy among students in pre-tertiary schools.

Members of the NUC management at the meeting included the Director, Directorate for the Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Mrs. Constance GoddyNnadi; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi as well as the Ag. Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo.

Members of the delegation from NAS, NAL, NYA and JAMB included the President,

Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS), Professor Ekanem Braide; representative of the Nigeria Academy of Letters (NAL), Audits Vice President, Professor Andrew Haruna; Professor Angela F. Miri; the President, Nigeria Young Academy (NYA), Dr. Mohammed Auwal Ibrahim. Others were, Professor Duro Oni; Vice President NYA, Dr. Abubakar Khaleed; Ms Gertrude Ogieguata; Professor Sylvester M. Vicky; from the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Dr. Aminat Egberongbe; Professor Mabel Enwierhoma; Professor Andrew Haruna; Professor Ekanola and Gloria Anyaegbu.



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki (9th right) in a group photograph with the delegation and some NUC Directors

## Nutrition Society of Nigeria Visits NUC

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last week, received a delegation from the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN), in collaboration with grand challenges to secure a commitment with NUC for tangible support and possible co-funding, to ensure the sustainability of the 'Grand Challenge' initiative in Nigeria.

Welcoming the delegation, the Acting Executive Secretary commended them for such a laudable initiative and assured them that the National Universities Commission was always ready to partner with any group or individual that sought to develop university education in Nigeria.

He said, the Commission was always preoccupied with the business of knowledge production, to know in what way it could collaborate or initiate ways through which the relevance of the NUS would not be relegated to the background.

He noted that the meeting was taking place at a time when expectations on the University system were very high and the demand for re-imagination and invention was obvious, to help

proffer solutions to the ever changing times that came with their attending challenges.

He commended the Association for their unending contributions to the

at par with their counterparts in other parts of the world.

He assured the delegation that when a more comprehensive breakdown of their request would be presented, the



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and President, Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN) Professor Wasiu Afolabi in a hand shake during the visit

development of the Nigerian University System (NUS) and encouraged them to keep leaving their memorable footprints in the sands of time.

He said, NUC would remain the official gateway to all degree awarding institutions in the country and expressed his pleasure on the newly launched CCMAS, which he said, was very inclusive, innovative, and would ensure Nigerian graduates were kept

Commission shall extend its hand of fellowship, in respect to the co-funding request and juxtapose with the already set goals for the project.

In his remarks, the President of the Association, Professor Wasiu Afolabi expressed the team's gratitude for the opportunity accorded them to bring their request before the Commission, adding that it was a cause for the benefit of a system which they belonged to

and want to contribute in their own way towards its benefits.

He promised that the Association would always keep the bond tight with the NUC, to ensure all matters relating to the positive impact it could make on the NUC would be done, while receiving proper guidance from the Commission.

and Senegal, which was forthcoming.

She informed the Acting Executive Secretary and his team that, in the coming months, Nigeria would join the family, as Grand Challenges Nigeria, which would bring a country context in ways that complement the

She added that NSN was beyond just core nutrition but more diverse and inclusive in its partnerships, collaborations and stakeholder engagements and now entrusted with the responsibility to lead the Grand Challenge initiative in Nigeria.

“The Grand Challenge Nigeria will be a multi stakeholder and



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In her presentation about the Grand Challenges initiative, Dr. Folake Samuel, explained that it was a cluster of initiatives established to foster innovation to solve key global health and development problems, mainly funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

It sought to find innovative solutions to challenges that were ‘grand’ and notified the NUC of several existing grand challenges programmes such as Grand Challenges Global, Grand Challenges Canada, Israel, India, Ethiopia, Rwanda

global and regional platforms. “It also hopes to serve as a strategic way to advance impactful innovations in the country, while building local capacity and promoting diversity”.

She further stated that the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, as the largest convening body for nutrition professionals and allied partners in Nigeria, was poised to further engage widely, to mobilize and inspire change for health and development through innovation in Nigeria.

multidisciplinary research partnership framework, coordinated by the NSN in strong collaboration with key stakeholders, such as the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology and others”, she stated. “Its purpose is to catalyse a network of local researchers and development practitioners that are capacitated to innovate for impact, scalability, sustainability and gender equity around key public health, science and technology,



agriculture, food systems, nutrition and climate change related priorities in Nigeria.” She added.

“It also seeks to create innovative interventions that are designed with a significant understanding of the local context which is important for addressing multi-sectoral health related challenges in Nigeria.

It will also contribute to improve health, quality of life and broader development in Nigeria and accelerate the nation’s achievement of its national development plan and the Sustainable Development Goals. Establishing innovation and cooperation within and across the GC family of initiatives, particularly in Africa to accelerate impact and

learning in addressing Nigeria’s challenges is a significant part of the initiative.”

Dr. Folake Samuel explained further that it was imperative to note that the engagement of the Nigerian government was key to the sustainability of Grand Challenge Nigeria.

Therefore, over the past months, NSN had activated its networks and partnerships for high level in-country interactions with government and non-government agencies.

She said that NSN recognized the strategic and foundational role of the NUC in advancing cross-sectoral research initiatives and innovations in Nigeria, which would ensure

the impact of Research and Development results in the Nigerian economy, through the promotion of indigenous research capacity to facilitate technology transfer.

In the NUC team were Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi, Director, Executive Secretary’s Office; Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo, Ag Director, Public Affairs; Miss Rita Okonjo, Ag, Director of Students; Mr. Boniface Odum, Director, Human Resource and Professor Ekanola, a visiting Professor at the NUC.

Others on the NSN team were, Dr. Bartholomew I.C Brai, the immediate past president and Dr. Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, an ex-officio.



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki (4th right) in a group photograph with the NSN delegation and some NUC Directors during the visit

## Ag. ES Receives Country Director, British Council

The Country Director, British Council, Lucy Pearson and the Director of Programmes, Chukudi Onyemela, last week paid a courtesy call on the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Mr. Chris J. Mayaki in his Office.

The team was received by the Ag. ES and were in NUC to facilitate the UK-Nigeria Steering Committee's planning on bringing a delegation of UK Universities to Abuja and Lagos, scheduled to hold from 6th -10th November, 2023.

The main objective of the visit was to enable the UK and the Nigerian universities to discuss areas in which they could partner and develop long term relationships.

The Ag. Executive Secretary, while welcoming the team, said that, over the years, NUC had worked assiduously to build a very successful and impact-full collaboration with the British Council. He said that the visit was timely at a time when NUC resolved to deepen the excellent relationship between the two countries.

Mr. Mayaki said, Lucy Peewson had been an outstanding Ambassador of the UK, with deep knowledge of international relations which could be of immense benefits to the NUS, stressing that there was so much to tap from her wealth of experience.

The Ag Executive Secretary informed the meeting that Nigeria had 260 Universities with Federal 51, State 62 and Private 147, respectively, adding that the country had the fastest growing universities' landscape in Africa.

accommodate their peculiarities. "This is happening for the first time in the history of University Education in the Country."

Mr. Mayaki paid tribute to the former Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Mayaki in a hand shake with the Country Director, British Council, Lucy Pearson during her visit to the Commission

Nigerians, he said, attached a lot of value to university education, informing the team that the new Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mammman, OON, SAN, had been briefed about the past, present and future of education in Nigeria.

He also told the team about the new CCMASS which took a painstaking task of experts and stakeholders from the NUS, saying that the beauty of the new CCMAS was that the NUC set 70% of the content, while the universities contributed 30% to

Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, for his excellent performance, regretting that he had to take a difficult decision to step down, when his expertise was still needed in the system. He said one of his greatest partners, whom he made his position known to, was Lucy Pearson.

"We are happy to partner with the British Council especially when it comes to the issue of gender and empowerment of women education, among other key areas."

In her remarks, the Country Director of British Council, Lucy Pearson, thanked the Ag Executive Secretary, on his recent

as Kingston University, among others.

She informed the meeting that

they were in NUC to cement the existing cordiality between UK and Nigeria, to allow the Nigerian universities to be mentored by



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participation in the International Conference which was successful.

She also thanked the NUC for sharing the TNE hard copy of the guidelines. She congratulated Mr. Maiyaki on his nomination for the 2023 Edinburgh Conference.

She said, 12 UK universities had been selected for the collaboration, including University of Leicester, West England, Queen’s, KC London, Leeds University, Robert Gold University, Scotland as well

the UK Government would come up with a statement about the collaboration, in the coming weeks.

Lucy Pearson further explained that mutual priority, subject matters and curricular would be discussed, while she outlined series of programmes in which the NUC would be participating.

Lending his voice, the Director of Programmes, British Council, Chukudi Onyemeela, said that

their UK counterparts with a view to exchanging ideas in line with the global best practices.

In his remarks, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Noel B. Saliu said the NUC was delighted with the collaboration with the British Council, which according to him, had been impactful. He expressed hope that the meeting would build on the previous meetings.



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki and the Country Director, British Council, Lucy Pearson (3rd and 4th right); Deputy ES, NUC, Dr. Noel B. Saliu; Director, Open Distance and e-Learning, Engr. Kayode Odedina; Director, Executive Secretary’s Office, Mr. John Mairafi; Head of Advancement and Special Duties, Dr. Abubakar Tanko Mohammed and Director of Programmes, Chukudi Onyemela in a group photograph



## 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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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

### Open Universities in Nigeria

List of approved Open Universities in Nigeria, Five Open Universities currently operating in the NUS are as follows:

1. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide
2. Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT
3. Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State
4. West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twenty 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.
18. Usmanu Danfodio University Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), Sokoto
19. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Agbani
20. University of Benin Centre for Distance Learning, Edo State

### 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

**Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki**  
Acting 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	University of Cross River State, 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					

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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, Osun 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 Adegboye 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, Ogun 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, Oke-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	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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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 State	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, Birnin 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, Mbaize, 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, Arochuku, 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
MAUREEN		ABBEY	25 September
EMIKE	H	OSINERE	25 September
DANLADI		ABIMIKU	26 September
OLAYEMI		DADA	26 September
AROME	JOSEPH	WADA	26 September
THEOPHILUS		OGBOR	27 September
NSE-ABASI		UDOH-NNAH	27 September
JOYCE	EMUAIBHI	IWOBHO	28 September
OLUFEMI	OYELEYE	ALOA	29 September
CHINASA	NKECHI	OKOKO	29 September
NWAKAEGO	CHARITY	MADU	30 September
OLANIKE	ABIODUN	EZEKIEL	01 October
OLORUNTOMI	A.O	JULIUS	01 October
ADEBAYO	SAADU	SULEIMAN	01 October
MATTHEW		OCHÉ	01 October
ISAH	IBRAHIM	BASHIR	01 October
SAIDU	KAMAL	YAHAYA	01 October

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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

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