

Federal University of Transportation Daura Submits Statutory Documents

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last week Friday, received a high-powered delegation of the Interim Management Committee (IMC) of the Federal University of Transportation (FUT) Daura, Katsina State.

The team came to the Commission to submit the statutory documents, which included the Academic Brief, Physical Master Plan and the University Law, in fulfilment of the requirements for the establishment of Universities in Nigeria.

Welcoming the delegation, Mr. Mayaki said, NUC, has being a Maternity ward, where the birth of new Universities was always celebrated, it act as a catalyst in bridging the existing gap due to the challenges of access.

He extended his warm regards to the Honourable Minister of Transportation, Alh. Saidu Alkali, especially for seeking advice from NUC, on where the University

should be domiciled as well as other critical academic matters.

The Ag. Executive Secretary said, only NUC has the powers

achieving stable academic calendar, as well as uninterrupted university activities.

The Acting Executive Secretary



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Mayaki and Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State, Professor Umar Adam

by law, to lay down minimum academic standards, regulate and monitor compliance of standard by all universities in Nigeria, irrespective of their proprietorship, with a view to

said that the Ministry of Transportation was not mandated by law to oversee education matters, as only NUC was empowered with the mandate to regulate University education in

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Nigeria, stressing the need for the University of Transportation to be left in the ambit of the Ministry of Education.

He said the University of

University of Ibadan as University College, London 1948, to the establishment of the first indigenous University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) among others in 1962, and the

has the mandate to lay down minimum academic standards, conduct resource verification visits, as well as advise the Government on the establishment of private universities, among



The Meeting of the NUC Management team with FUT, Daura delegation

Agriculture now knew better as regards the issues of funding, co-ordination and international development as well as partnerships, including the overlapping nature of the activities of the FME.

He said NUC would continue to partner with Ministry of Transportation, to ensure that the University become well nurtured and supported to be a centre of excellence of global recognition.

Mr. Mayaki gave a rundown of the evolution of the Commission, which was established in 1962, as an advisory Unit in the cabinet office, which later metamorphosed into a full -fledged Parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Education.

He highlighted on the emergence of University education in the Country, beginning with

University of Benin (UNIBEN), which was established in 1970, all these were regarded as the First Generation Universities.

The Second Generation Universities he stated, seven of them were established between 1975-1980, while more Universities had evolved overtime. Among them include the emergence of private universities, leading to a total of 262, with 52 Federal, 63 states and 147 private universities, respectively.

He said since 1988, the law that kick-started accreditation was put in place, which strengthened the Commission's role of the co-ordination of the orderly development of the university system in the country.

He informed the team that NUC

other mandates.

Mr. Mayaki commended the Interim Management Committee (IMC) of the University, comprising of Academia, Technocrats and Civil Servants, for proper running of the affairs of the Institution.

He advised them to always revert back to the Commission for proper guidance, in order for the University to commence its activities on a sound footing for global competitiveness.

In his presentation, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Umar Adam said, the idea of establishing the University was conceived by the Federal Government of Nigeria vis-a-vis renegotiation of the construction of the Railway from Lagos-Kano in 2018, looking at the huge

infrastructure of about 10 billion US dollars, not only on railway, but also on Water, Roads and Aviation.

Professor Adam explained that the idea was conceived in order for the country to build capacity, knowledge and technical know-how, noting however that it was unfortunate that the NUC and Ministry of Education were not involved at the beginning of the process.

He added that recently when the IMC was constituted by the immediate past Minister of Transport, Alh. Muazu Sambo, he was appointed the Chairman of the Committee .

The Vice-Chancellor explained further that the Committee deemed it fit to put together the statutory requirements; the Academic Brief, Physical Master Plan and the University Law, before approaching the NUC, as without the documents, the establishment of a university would remain without fruition.

As the Committee opened a channel of communication with NUC, within a period of five months, the



Dr. Noel B. Saliu
Deputy ES (Academics)

Committee was glad to have presented the gazetted statutory documents for the establishment of the Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State.

He informed the NUC management that the Law was passed by the Senate in April 2022, and concurrently by the House of Representatives in November 2022, respectively.

He added that in 2023, the immediate past Federal Executive Council (FEC) passed it to Law, stressing that they had come to the Commission with the gazetted copy, the Academic

Brief, Physical Master Plan, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), as well as the general Soil Investigation Report, to enable the University take-off, in the 2023/2024 academic session.

While submitting a request for the NUC to conduct a resource verification visit to the University; he informed the meeting that all the recommendations and advice were taken into recognition before their visit.

Responding, the Acting Executive Secretary, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the briefing which, he said, was very insightful, saying that the Commission would use this opportunity to reconfirm its commitment to the smooth take-off of the University.

He said: “for us it is a win-win situation because it will add to our tally as the specialized university that has huge potentials.”

He expressed confidence in the personality of the Vice-Chancellor and hoped to work together amicably to uphold the sanctity of quality in the system, saying that



Some NUC Directors at the meeting

quality was the only capital and resource that would determine reputation of a university.

The NUC scribe said the relevant arms of NUC would look into the documents and that if there were any missing elements, the attention of the university would be drawn for adjustment. He said, with the establishment of the University, Daura community would witness array of developments.

Lending his voice, a community leader from Daura, Alh. Nura Kakira said, it was a thing of joy for the community to finally witness NUC's support for the establishment of the University.

He lamented that it was regrettable that NUC was not consulted at the beginning, noted that, "it is not too late." He said the community is peaceful and ready to host the University and asked for continued support and mentoring from the NUC.

In his remarks, the Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics),

Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu stated that any time the Commission increased the frontiers of education it calls for celebration as it was meant to expand access in NUS.

He said, the University was unique as it focused on transportation, which according to him, covered the Land, Water and Air.

Also, speaking, a member of the IMC and NUC Visiting Professor Hafiz Abubakar thanked members of the committee for working assiduously for the smooth take-off of the University.

He also decried the notion that the University be domiciled in the Ministry of Transportation because there were specific roles the NUC played being the sole agency empowered by law to oversee the affairs of the NUS.

He advised that the culture of civil-service and the culture of the university system was different

and should be separated and treated accordingly.

At the meeting were the NUC Directors of Human Resources (DHR), Mr. Boniface Odum; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Ag. Directors of Public Affairs (DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Abubakar Mohammed Girei; Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan; as well as Research Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Lawal Mohammed Faruk.



Group Photograph

Ag. ES Meets With WB Practice Manager on SPESSE

The World Bank (WB) Practice Manager on the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement Project (SPESSE), Ms. Nazaneen Ismaili and Senior Procurement Specialist, WB, Barbara Zioukowska, last week, paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, in his office.

Welcoming his guests, the Ag. Executive Secretary briefed them on the transformation of the Nigerian University System (NUS), from the inception of the NUC till date, harping on the series of reforms that had been introduced in recent times, all with a view to improving standard in the University System.

He emphasised on the statutory roles of NUC in the management of university education in Nigeria, as the priority of the Commission, being the sole regulatory body empowered by the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Mr. Maiyaki further explained that the university system continued to expand, in the 70s and 80s when more universities were established by the Federal and State governments, including specialized universities.

He noted that as at today, Nigeria has 262 universities, across board and still counting, with about 2

million Students' Enrollment, eighty thousand (80,000) Academic Staff and two hundred thousand (200,000) Non-Teaching Staff.



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with The World Bank (WB) Practice Manager on the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement Project (SPESSE), Ms. Nazaneen Ismaili

He said, there was a huge gap in demand and supply, noting that many students were seeking for admission but the universities were still not adequate to cater for the demand.

The Acting Executive Secretary told the WB guests that the Commission celebrated recently the introduction of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS).

As a regulatory agency, its law empowered it to lay down the minimum academic standard and to also review the

curriculum periodically for relevance and global competitiveness.

He added that the Commission has the power to license private

universities, after scaling through the hurdles of the fourteen-step processes, as the requirements for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

Mr. Maiyaki said that SPESSE was very important since the project's objective was to develop sustainable capacity in managing procurement, environment and social standards in the public sector.

He alluded to the fact that procurement was a very serious business and that the WB should be commended for their



The Meeting of the NUC Management with the World Bank team in session

assistance and untiring efforts geared towards the success of the project.

He agreed that the implementing agencies surely had their challenges, which caused serious delay in the execution of the projects, noting that Covid-19 was one of the reasons most of the projects were not quickly completed.

Others included the Academic Staff Union of universities (ASUU)'s strike and Central Bank

of Nigeria (CBN) bureaucracy being the factors that had slowed down the projects.

The Ag. Executive Secretary raised the issue of sustainability with respect to the project, asking what would be the succeeding arrangement after the WB funding dried out.

He expressed the hope that the outcome of the WB visit would be favorable, productive and fruitful.

Responding, Ms Nazaneen said that she was happy to be in NUC and was impressed with what she had seen on ground, expressing her satisfaction with NUC's success story.

She said that the project was about human resources and capacity building of which procurement stood as the heartbeat, stressing that, as good procurement kills corruption, human resource remained essential for the success of the project.



L-R: DES (Acad), Dr. Noel B. Saliu; Director, DESO, Mr. John Mairafi; Ag. Director, DSDE, Mal. Ashafa Ladan; DD, (Affiliate Accreditation), Engr. Abraham Chundusu

She acknowledged that there were challenges with projects of this nature but, argued that failure could not be an excuse as the WB would only associate with success of any of its project, no matter how long it took.

She told the Ag. Executive Secretary that her team would also visit the other implementing agencies such as the Ministries of Finance, Environment, Women Affairs as well as Bureau of Public Procurement.

She mentioned other objectives to include; highlighting 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.

In the World Bank and SPESSE Team included Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank (WB), Barbara Zioukowska; Procurement Specialist WB, Akin Oniwole; Procurement Specialist WB, Akeem Bello; WB, Daniel Kajang; Task Team Leader (TTL/SPESSE), Ikechukwu Nweje, Co-TTL/SPESSE, Michael Ilesanmi as well as the Coordinator of SPESSE Project at NUC, Dr. Joshua Atah.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Director, Executive Secretary's Office

(DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Ag. Director, Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan; Ag. Director, Directorate of Research Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Lawal Mohammed Faruk, Ag. Director, Directorate of Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Okonjo. In attendance was the Deputy Director, Affiliate Accreditation, Engr. Abraham Chundusu.



Mr. Maiyaki and Ms. Ismali (9th and 10th left) in a group photograph with the SPESSE team and some members of NUC Management

Promoters of Proposed Greenland University, Jalingo Visit NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC), last Friday, received in audience the promoters of the proposed Greenland University, Jalingo, Taraba State, who visited the Commission to register their intention to establish a new private university.

While addressing the delegation, the NUC Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, noted that the Commission currently regulates about 269 Universities across different proprietorship. He added that, despite the exponential increase in the number of universities in the last decade, more still needed to be done to expand access and provide the much needed space for the ever increasing number of youths in the Country who are seeking to gain admission into the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Mr. Maiyaki stated that Taraba State ranked among states described as educationally less developed, adding that the choice to locate the proposed University in the State was one that would boost access to university education in the area.

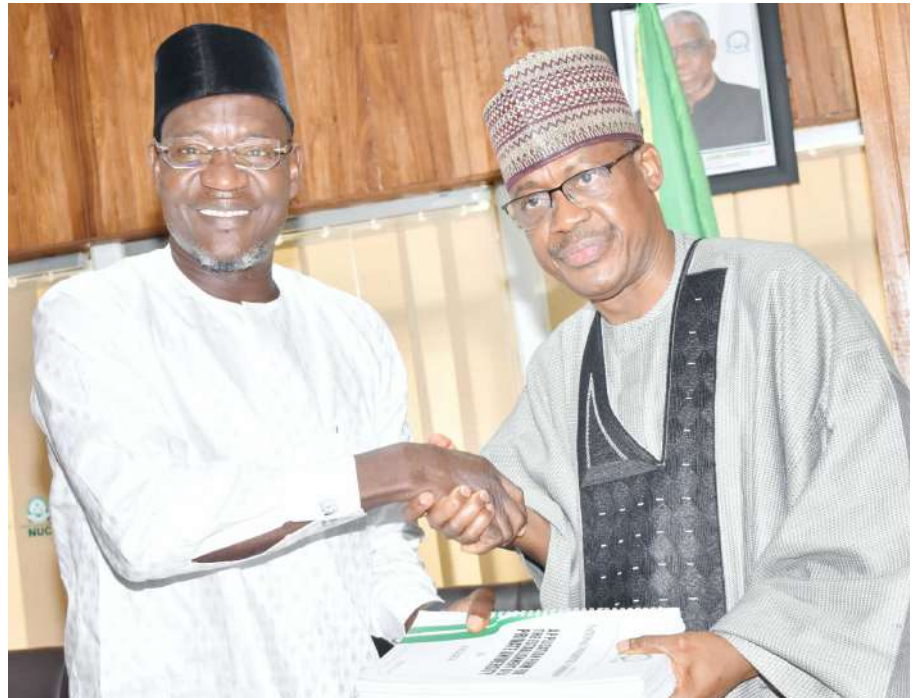
He stressed that the NUC would continue to support and encourage well meaning Nigerians to invest in the sector, while congratulating the proprietor for his immense contributions, to the development of the education sector in Nigeria.

He called on the promoters to strictly adhere to the Commission's guidelines for the establishment of private universities.

He added that the NUC would

development of university education.

He stated that the proprietor's desire to establish a private University was conceived after a huge success was recorded in



The Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with leader of the delegation, Professor Mustapha Baba Ibi during the visit to the Commission

continue to uphold the sanctity and quality of the NUS and would ensure strict compliance to all extant rules guiding the establishment of private universities in Nigeria.

Responding, the leader of the team, Professor Mustapha Baba Ibi, congratulated the NUC for complimenting the efforts of Government in ensuring accessible and quality university education in the country and for also giving private individuals the opportunity to contribute in the

providing basic education both primary and secondary that the proprietor, through the management of Yagai Academic and team of accomplished professionals in the field of education, set up a committee to kick-start the process for the establishment of the proposed Greenland University.

Professor Ibi, stated that the proprietor has commenced the process of licensing the proposed University by developing the necessary infrastructure for its



The Meeting of the Acting ES with the Proposed Greenland University Delegation in session

take-off and assured the NUC that the proprietor was willing to work with the Commission to bring the idea for the establishment of the proposed University to fruition.

The high point of the event was the presentation of all official documents including duly completed application forms, Academic Brief (Volume 1 and 11), Draft Master Plan, Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Subject Investigations Report and Draft University Law to the Acting

Executive Secretary of the NUC.

Others in the delegation of the proposed Greenland University, included Professor Solomon Iyekekpor, Mr. Relwanu Dauda, Arc. (Dr.) Al-Ameen Ibraheem, Mr. Shuaibu Aliyu, Mr. Albert A. Senge, Mr. Abubakar Bako Joda and Pst. Stephen Othaniel.

Present at the event was the Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Nuel B. Saliu,

Director of Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, Ag. Directors of Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Lydia T. Imorua, Public Affairs, Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo, Finance and Account, Mrs. Hauwa Amos, Directorate of Students, Ms. Rita Okonjo, Academic Planning, Mr. Abubakar M. Girei and representative of the Director of Establishment of Private Universities, Barr. Samuel Adejo.



Mr. Maiyaki and Prof. Ibi (5th and 6th left) in a group photograph with Greenland University delegation and some members of NUC Management

NUC Welcomes International Collaborations in NUS - Ag. ES

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is now open for International collaborations and partnerships on university education with the launch of its Transnational Education (TNE) policy, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has said.

He stated this last Tuesday, when the proprietor of Sudan International University (SIU), paid a courtesy visit to the NUC, to seek partnership with Usman Danfodio University (UDUS), in other to enable the transfer of 291 medical Nigerian students studying in Sudan complete their studies in Nigeria, due to the conflict in Sudan.

Mr. Maiyaki, in a brief history of the NUC, stated that the Commission started as an advisory body in the Cabinet office in 1962, and within same year, Nigeria witnessed the establishment of five new universities, otherwise known as the first generation universities.

Going down the memory lane, he informed his guests that the University College Ibadan was an affiliate of University of London which started in 1948, which became a full fledged university in 1962, while others that emerged subsequently included University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN), in 1960; Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; the University of Lagos, (UNILAG), 1962 while the University of

Benin, (UNIBEN) came later in 1970 to meet the yearnings of the people of mid-west region who agitated for a university to be established in the region all making the list of first generation Universities.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission

He stressed that from this number, the Commission now superintended over about 262 universities among which were 52 Federal, 63 State, and 147 Private Universities respectively.

He added that the Commission was also saddled with the responsibility of ensuring the orderly development of universities in the country, laying down minimum academic standards, and granting approval for the take-off of new academic

programmes, among others. He noted that the Commission had carried out various activities in the recent past aimed at improving university education which included the launch of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic

Standards (CCMAS) for all academic programmes in the NUS, in line with the global best practices, and the development of a Transnational Education (TNE) Policy, to open the Nigeria University System (NUS)'s space for foreign partnership.

Mr. Maiyaki said that the demand from the SIU proprietor was a new development which was hitherto not envisaged by the NUC, but that the Commission, through its TNE policy, would adjust to the new trend. "We understand that your desire to bring back these

Nigerian students studying in your University in Sudan to complete their studies is necessitated by the crisis in the region. I assure you that we will do everything within the powers of the Commission to ensure that your mission to Nigeria comes to fruition.” He stated.

He warned that the Commission would not bend its rules or reduce the standard of the NUS to benefit the foreign returning students, but must ensure that the students met the national minimum entry requirements, as well as other guidelines that might be laid down, upon approval of the MoU.

He added that, while the NUC took the lead, the Commission would also work in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), as well as the Medical and Dental Council, to ensure adherence to all extant rules.

The Acting Executive Secretary emphasized that the move to bring back the foreign students to complete their studies in Nigeria was one that required an inter-agency collaborative approach.

He assured them that the NUC through, its relevant directorates, would liaise with UDUS to fine-tune the MoU, in line with the Commission’s TNE policy.

In her remarks, the Institute’s Secretary of Academic Affairs (ISAA), Sudan International University, Professor Ishraga Bashir Mohammed, stated that



Professor Ishraga Bashir Mohammed
Institute's Secretary of Academic Affairs (ISAA),
Sudan International University

there were about 700 Nigerian students in Sudan wishing to return to Nigeria to complete their studies, due to the crisis, adding that among these, SIU had 291 students, both in Medicine and Dentistry, Pharmacy and Medical Laboratory Science, which it intended to transfer to UDUS.

She stated that while UDUS was to provide manpower and infrastructural facilities, the SIU was poised to share its wealth of experience in medicine and medical engineering, noting that these programmes might be new to the NUS.

The Proprietor of Hayat University College, Sudan also noted that, due to her passion for university education, SIU entered into a consortium with the Association of African Universities(AAU) to expand the frontiers of university education in the region, hoping that the

MoU with UDUS would provide the needed opportunity to invest in the Nigeria’s education system.

Professor Ishraga stated that the intention of SIU was to establish a branch Campus in Nigeria to enable the returning foreign students to complete their studies, but were open to working with the NUC, in terms of meeting the guidelines of the Commission, as it concerned the TNE.

In the SIU delegation were: Professor Yahaya Kuta, Permanent Secretary, Kebbi State Ministry of Budget, Mrs. Aisha Usman, and SIU Country Coordinator, Mr. Mohammed Jazuli Musa.

Present at the event were the NUC Directors of Human Resources(DHR), Mr. Boniface C. Odum; Open, Distance and E-Learning(DODEL), Engr. Kayode Odedina; Establishment of Private Universities(DEPU), Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Executive Secretary’s Office(DES), Mr. John Mairafi.

Others were the Ag. Directors of Inspection and Monitoring(DIM), Mrs. Lydia T. Imoroa; Research, Innovation, and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mr. Lawal M. Farouk; Public Affairs(DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos and Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Okonjo.



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Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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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	52	Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State,	2023
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	63	Niger State University of Education, Minna, Niger State	2023		

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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, Mkpataka, 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 Rabi 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						



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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
SULEMAN	ARI	MAISULE	02 October
BLESSING	NGOZI	CHUKWU	02 October
HAPPINESS	OZICHI	MADU	02 October
PROSPER		ESUME	03 October
HELLAMADA		ILIYA	03 October
OLUMUYIWA	KOLADE	AYENI	04 October
HABIBA	DANIMOH	JIMOH	05 October
AIRUDULU	LULU	UDOKA	05 October
JOE	IMANA	ELESO	06 October
SARAH		SULEIMAN	06 October
NURUDEEN	OLAJIDE	LAMIDI	07 October
GLORIA	CHIMECHEFULAM	OPARA- EMEKA	08 October
IRENE		OFANGBON	08 October
CHINEDU		IFEMADU	08 October

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